

wrap up your summer @ BPL!

ice cream social



Thursday, August 1
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
in the Library Parking Lot

for details see mybpl.org/annualevents#ICS

or scan here:



ZYDECO VOODOO

Friday, August 9
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
in the Memorial Garden

BPL Community-Wide Survey

BPL is conducting a community-wide survey to help us with our strategic planning and goal setting. The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete. Thank you for your input!

Scan the QR code to begin the survey or visit bit.ly/mybpl-2024survey



Join the Friends of the Library as we celebrate 50 years of service!

50th Anniversary Fundraiser

Luncheon & Dance

Remembering The Way We Were in 1974

with a silent auction, raffles, and a 70s-themed costume contest.

Date/Time: Sunday, September 29, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Bloomingdale Golf Club
181 North Glen Ellyn Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108



for more information, visit our website
at mybpl.org/friends-50th
or by [scanning the QR code](#),
or email mybplf50@gmail.com

Adult Programs



Registration required for some adult programs (noted with 📅). Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org. For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.



📅 Medicare 101

Tuesday, August 6 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Learn the ins and outs of Medicare with Reverend Tom Perrucci, with Premier Medicare Benefits.

📅 VIRTUAL: Diving Florida's Wreck Trek

Monday, August 12 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Award-winning underwater ship photographer Cal Kothrade provides a detailed look at the shipwrecks that are the Florida Key's "Wreck Trek;" nine shipwrecks scattered from Key Largo in the north to Key West in the south that make up a string of beloved dive sites.



📅 VIRTUAL: Inventing the Florida Vacation

Monday, August 19 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Pop culture historian Leslie Goddard, who has thoroughly researched the rich history of Florida tourism from the 1940s up to 1971, explores the amusing and quirky attractions that helped the Sunshine State become America's favorite vacation destination.

📅 Coasting Through Maine

Tuesday, August 20 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Join us as we explore the sandy beaches of Southern Maine, tour the charming villages along the Mid-Coast, and see the natural beauty of the Acadia/Down East region. Presented by retired librarian and world-traveler Nancy McCully.

📅 The War in the South Pacific

Monday, September 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

In-Person Event

History entertainer Jim Gibbons discusses the events that took place in the South Pacific during World War II, including The Battle of Iwo Jima, The Battle of Okinawa, The Battle of the Coral Sea, The Battle of Midway, the attack on Pearl Harbor, and finally, how the war was ended by President Truman's dropping of the atomic bomb.



📅 30 Years of Friends

Tuesday, September 17 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the premiere of the television series *Friends*, communication scholar and Bloomingdale local Dr. Jennifer C. Dunn discusses cultural impacts of the series, and its continuing relevance today. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.

📅 VIRTUAL: Helping Homeless Pets

Monday, September 23 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

You've found a stray animal, now what? Understand the reasons that animals become lost or surrendered and what you can do to help homeless animals. Presented by Laura Winnie, DuPage County Animal Services Engagement Coordinator.

Drop-In Craft: No Sew Pet Bed

Tuesday, September 24 | 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Event

Drop in and make a comfy bed for a furry friend. We provide the fleece, scissors, and instructions. Keep the bed for your pet or donate it to an animal shelter for a pet in need.



📅 VIRTUAL: Comets and Asteroids

Monday, September 30 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Astroeducator Michelle Nichols showcases amazing close-up images and highlights what we currently know (and what we hope to find out) about these cosmic storytellers in the next several years.



Join BPL on **Goodreads!** Get reading suggestions and book reviews shared by library staff and Board.

www.goodreads.com/mybpl



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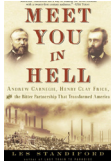


book discussion groups

Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
To register, email Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org.



Meet You In Hell: Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick, and the Bitter Partnership that Transformed America

by Les Standiford

Tuesday, August 6



The Big Scrum: How Teddy Roosevelt Saved Football

by John J. Miller

Tuesday, September 3

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

Meets on the third Monday of each month, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.
To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

No meeting in August



Hula

by Jasmin 'Iolani Hakes

Monday, September 16



DROP-IN MOVIES



Come enjoy a movie with us and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. You must be present to win.



The Color Purple

Wednesday, August 14 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A woman faces many hardships in her life, but ultimately finds extraordinary strength and hope in the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood.

Rated PG-13



Oppenheimer

Wednesday, September 11 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The story of American scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer and his role in the development of the atomic bomb.

Rated R

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, August 21 & September 18 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Join us in person to learn about internet and archival genealogy and research support. Members share strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.

Great Decisions

Wednesday, September 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. Contact Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org for more information.

bpl makerspace crafts

Learn how to use the library's Makerspace equipment to make creative crafts. Computer experience is required.

Registration Information:
4 per session, ages 12 to adult,
BPL card required

Please sign up for one session only.



Engraved Metal Bookmark

Registration opens September 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Register for one session:

Wednesday, September 18 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, September 23 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, October 14 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, October 28 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Computer Classes

Registration is encouraged for in-person computer classes to receive program updates. Register **online**, by phone at **(630) 924-2730**, or by email at **bdref@mybpl.org**. Virtual classes will be posted on our **YouTube channel**.

Google Docs & Cloud Backup

Monday, August 26 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn about cloud storage options to work collaboratively, access saved items anywhere in the world, and provide a backup in case of computer failure.

Office 365

Monday, September 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

See how Office 365 cloud computing works, both from a licensing perspective and day to day use. Become familiar with the advantages and disadvantages of working with OneDrive, SharePoint, and the online versions of classic Office programs like Word and Excel. Explore more obscure office programs like Teams, Forms, Power Automate, and more!



MASTER MICROSOFT EXCEL

Excel Formulas

Monday, September 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Create and edit dynamic formulas using tools like logical (IF) functions, arrays, conditional formatting, data validation, and more.

Excel Lookup

Monday, September 16 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn about popular Excel functions Vlookup, Xlookup, Search, Sort, and more. These powerful tools allow for the automatic filtering and organization of large amounts of data. Because of the many applications of these functions, they are frequently listed in job applications and often used in the workplace.

VIRTUAL: The Windows Snipping Tool

Thursday, September 12 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

The Windows Snipping Tool is a utility for capturing screen content. In this video, we learn how to use it in conjunction with Microsoft Paint for various common tasks.

Password Management

Thursday, September 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Discover password management tips through various online tools for organizing and storing your passwords. This class will explore options available and discuss potential benefits in everyday convenience while addressing security concerns.

DIGITAL DESIGN

Inkscape: Design Basics

Thursday, August 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Create Cricut Maker designs in Inkscape! Inkscape is a free drawing application for creating vector graphics, which import into Cricut Design Space cleaner and more easily than standard images.

VIRTUAL: Introduction to Microsoft Paint 3D

Thursday, August 29 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Paint 3D is a free, beginner-friendly application for creating 3D art. If you are looking for a quick and easy way to add another dimension to your drawings and photographs, this course is for you.

Introduction to Canva

Thursday, September 5 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn the basics of this free online graphic design and publishing tool. Canva can help you elevate your signs, presentations, posters, and social media posts. We will cover the basic steps from creating an account, to designing content, to sharing with collaborators.



Classes

for Seniors

In these friendly introductory classes, we'll give you lots of guided hands-on practice and time to ask questions.

Word Processing & Windows

Tuesday, September 10
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use and dealing with Windows.

Internet Use & Safety

Tuesday, September 17
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Discuss and learn about internet topics, such as browsing the web, email questions and concerns, how the cloud works, and how to avoid viruses.

Tablets & Smartphones

Tuesday, September 24
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Familiarize yourself with your smartphone or tablet. Use one of our iPads or bring your own smart device to class.



Teen Programs

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 📅). Register **online**, by phone at **(630) 924-2730**, or by email at **bdref@mybpl.org**. For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.

Teen Programs are open to 7th-12 graders unless otherwise noted.

Game Night (Drop-In)

Thursday, August 22 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Relax and enjoy some fun games with friends or meet new people at game night! Check out the Nintendo Switch, race in Mario Kart 8, brawl in Super Smash Bros., or discover your new favorite tabletop or board game! We provide the space and games, you bring the fun!

📅 SAT Practice Test

Saturday, September 14
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Stressing about taking the SAT? Take a full-length practice test to ward off test day jitters and see how you may score on the big test. Experience first-hand what test day will be like! A representative from C2 Education will provide a practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results.

📅 Teen Trivia Night

Thursday, September 19
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
registration begins Thursday, August 22

Test your knowledge in this back-to-school themed trivia night! Think you have what it takes to win? Show off your skills at trivia night and win a fabulous prize (more details to come). It will be a fun evening that you do not want to miss! Grades 7-12.

Teen Bookish Boxes

Sign up to receive a teen subscription box full of specially curated books and goodies each month! After filling out a registration form, the teen librarian will work to select titles based on your preference. And guess what? You get to keep everything in your box, including the books! Every month, participants will get new books and special surprises. Registration form will open September 1. Visit mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes for details.

Teen Book Reviews

Teens who enjoy reading, audiobooks, or writing can write book reviews for service hours! The reviews may appear in whole or part on the library's website, the Teen Territory, social media, or in print resources at the library. You may review fiction, non-fiction, comics/graphic novels/manga, and audiobooks. If you are interested, get started on the library website! Check out the details at mybpl.org/teenbookreviews.

Teen Crafts @ BPL

For Take & Make crafts, you will be contacted via email when your craft kit is ready to be picked up at the Adult Reference Desk.

📅 Personalized Notebook

Wednesday, August 7 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
*registration begins Monday, July 15
limit 10 teens*

Perfect for back to school! Personalize your new notebooks with washi tape, stickers, and more. Let your personality shine this school year!

📅 Crochet for Beginners: Axolotls (Take & Make)

Kit Pickup begins Monday, August 12
*registration begins Monday, July 15
limit 10 teens*

This all-in-one kit includes everything you need to create 4 mini axolotls! Perfect for room decor or individual gifts for family and friends.

📅 Sticker & Chill (Take & Make)

Kit Pickup begins Monday, September 9
*registration begins Monday, August 12
limit 12 teens*

Relax and unwind with this succulent and crystal themed Sticker & Chill book! Choose any of the ten scenes provided and design to your heart's content with over 700 possible sticker combinations. A no-stress activity where anyone can get creative!

📅 Build Your Own Zen Garden

Wednesday, September 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
*registration begins Monday, August 12
limit 10 teens*

A zen garden helps with mindfulness, raking the garden for a calming and meditative practice. Create one of your own during this program. Instructions and examples will be provided.



Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 🗓).

Registration for August programs begins Monday, July 22. Registration for September programs begins Monday, August 19. Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Please have your library card when you register.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Chalk It Up (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Friday, August 2 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Join us in the Froio Garden to create amazing works of art on the sidewalk. Chalk will be provided.

Celebrating Friendship (Drop-In)

Grades 2-6

Monday, August 5 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Celebrate U.S. Friendship Day by making funny food related cards to express how much your friends mean to you!



Crafternoon Fun (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Tuesday, August 6 | 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

We will be taking ordinary objects and creating picture frames.

🗓 Gear Up for Kindergarten

Incoming Kindergarteners

Wednesday, August 7 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Practice “circle time,” letters, numbers, and colors to get ready for kindergarten this fall.

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Thursdays, August 8 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore our new Makerspace as we create all sorts of fun and useful items like keychains, coasters, custom buttons, or jewelry. Crafts will take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour—drop by and see what’s new each month!

🗓 National Book Lovers Day Craft

Grades 3-6

Friday, August 9 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come make felt bird bookmarks and book bouquets to celebrate on this special day.

🗓 Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8

Mondays, August 19 and 26
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

This is a two session program.

Session 1- learn the basics: how to hold your yarn and hook and the single crochet stitch. Session 2 - learn how to start a project and read a pattern.

🗓 Craft Foundations Series

Grade K-2

Tuesdays, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.
August 20, August 27, and September 3

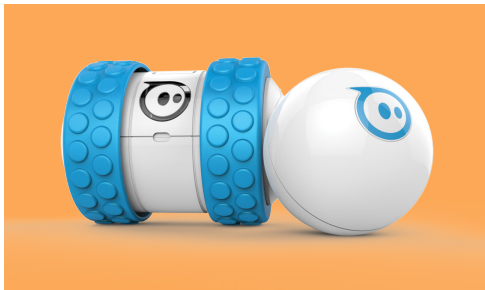
Build basic craft skills like folding, cutting, glueing, and more with this introductory series. Caregivers encouraged to attend.

Robot’s Day Out (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Wednesday, August 28 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come to the library to try out some of the robots we have in our science kit collection.



🗓 Paint Night

Grade 3-6

Thursday, August 29 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we create mosaic painting on canvases.

🗓 Narwhal and Jelly

Grades K-2

Wednesday, September 4 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Enjoy stories and crafts based on this popular series.

🗓 Cotton Ball Clouds

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, September 10 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

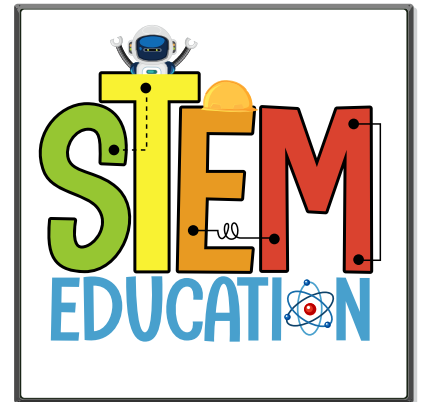
Take a moment and gaze at the clouds. Come in to create and learn about the various types of clouds.

🗓 Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursday, September 12 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Libraries are a great place to learn about science and technology while making cool stuff. Come join the fun!



Crochet Along with Miss Carol (Virtual)

Grades 3-8

Sunday, September 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the Library’s YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. A supply list and written instructions can be picked up at the library. New projects will be posted quarterly. September’s skill is to create a foundation chain and single crochet.

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, September 17 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Design and build with the library’s LEGO® supply to complete the challenge.

🗓 Elephants are Awesome

Grades K-2

Thursday, September 19 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Elephants are the largest land animals and one of the smartest. Come to this special program to learn more about these awesome creatures.

🗓 Bluestem Book Party

Grades 3-5

Sunday, September 22 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Get excited for this year’s nominees with crafts, snacks, and practice voting.



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Preschool Programs

Come Together (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. Weekly drop in event for ages 0-24 months.

Will be offered simultaneously with *Baby Tales and Tunes* when in session.

📅 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, August 13 and September 3
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Start your child in STEM early with our fun play to learn program.

August – magnets September – buildings

Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Wednesdays, August 14, 21, and 28
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of music and movement using an array of instruments, flannel stories, rhymes, and songs.

📅 Toddler Dance Party

18 months to 36 months

Friday, August 16 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Does your toddler love to move, groove, and wiggle? Join us for a morning of music and movement.



📅 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, August 22 and September 12
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

A storytime for all the budding chefs! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat.

📅 Potty Party

Ages 1-5

Friday, August 23 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

No more diapers, it's time to use the potty! Toddlers of all stages of potty training are invited to a party with stories, songs, and activities to encourage potty use.



Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5

Saturday, August 24 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Little hands, but big creativity! Pop in to the Makerspace to try this month's artsy activity.

📅 Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4

Tuesday, August 27 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Your little ones will have the opportunity to develop their fine motor skills through this hands-on messy art class. Join us for all the mess and lots of fun!

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers

Saturday, August 31 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Come participate in different activities designed to develop sensory processing skills. Explore texture, sound, smell, colors, and patterns.

Family Programs

Harold and the Purple Crayon Celebration (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, August 2 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Join us for a storytime followed by purple crafts to celebrate all things Harold.

Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families

Monday, August 26 | 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Dog day with a fun craft. While supplies last.

Collect Rocks Day (Drop-In)

Families

Saturday, September 14 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Drop in the library for Collect Rocks Day. We will look at samples, make a rock collection box, and maybe even find some rocks to take home.

📅 Homeschool Hangout Series

Families

Wednesday, September 18 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Join us to explore a new topic each month with books, crafts, and activities specially designed for each grade level.



Did you know that reading to your child is one of the most powerful ways to boost their brain power?

Join our **Born to Read** program and receive tips and support to begin your child's journey into the world of reading.

Sign up at the Youth Services desk to receive a gift for your new baby and discover all of the resources BPL has to offer you and your little one.

It's Storytime!

Children of all ages can join us for a storytime!
The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more.
Each program runs for six weeks.

Fall Session begins September 9

Drop-In Storytimes

limited to the first 20 children to arrive for storytime

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5

Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Evening Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

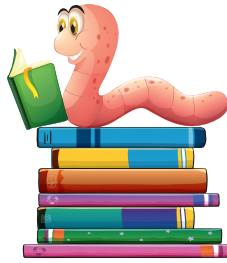
Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Family Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.



Introduce your baby to the world of music, movement, rhymes, and books that will aid in the development of early literacy skills.

Baby Tales & Tunes

Ages 0-24 months with caregiver

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. OR 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.

Come Together (Drop-In)

Ages 0-24 months

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday, meet and chat with other parents & caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys.

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Thank you to the following donors to our 2024 Summer Reading Challenge!

Their support helps our reading challenges succeed.

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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday:
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday:

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. through May 21
Closed Sundays through September 1

Library Closings:

Monday, September 2

Library Photos

Photos or videos taken at the library may be used for promotional purposes. If you do not want your image taken, please inform library staff.

Social Media

Follow us on social media for the latest information, virtual classes, and random fun!



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Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in a program should contact Bloomingdale Public Library at least 7 days prior to the program.

Call **(630) 924-2730** or email requests to **ADA@mybpl.org**.