Drawn to the Library
National Library Week @ BPL!
April 6–12, 2025

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning.

At BPL, we invite the community to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone. Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, BPL is here to support your journey. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

Discover all we have to offer:

- BPL Makerspace
- 3D printing
- computer classes
- online courses

- books, DVDs, CDs, kits, & more
- eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines

- streaming movies and music
- museum passes for local attractions

- programs for all ages
- STEM and music kits
- video games and board games

This National Library Week, take time to rediscover the library and see how it draws us together as a community. Whether you're visiting for books, resources, or a place to connect, Bloomingdale Public Library is here for you!

Friends
of the Bloomingdale Public Library

spring book sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

visit mybpl.org/friends for details

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Thanks to Keith's Komix (528 S. Roselle Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60193) for their support!

Drop-In for All Ages
Saturday, May 3
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

exam cram

Exam Cram (Drop-In)
Tuesday, May 27 & Wednesday, May 28
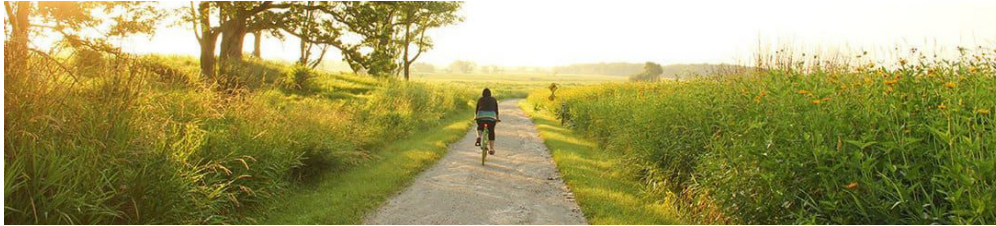4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Get ready for finals at the Exam Cram! We have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, de-stressing activities, and computers. The Teen Librarian will also be available for any reference help. FREE snacks and drinks provided, with pizza served at 7:00 p.m.

Henry Knox's Noble Train: How a Bookseller Saved the Revolution

Monday, April 7 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Local bestselling author William Hazelgrove is here to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the start of the Revolutionary War with a thrilling tale about Henry Knox, a Boston bookseller who saved the Revolution. Hazelgrove will have books to sell and sign for the audience.

VIRTUAL: The Best Bicycle Trails in Illinois

Tuesday, April 22 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

John Lynn has hiked, biked, and paddled more than 30,000 expedition miles of trails, roads, and rivers in North America and Britain. In this slide presentation, he highlights his favorite bicycle trails in and around his home state of Illinois, including the best of bike trails in neighboring Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, and Indiana.

VIRTUAL: Exploring Greece

Monday, April 28 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Most Americans know more about ancient Greece than modern Greece. This presentation will look at Athens, the Greek islands, and the rural Peloponnese area. Greece offers a warm southern welcome, many activities, and modest crowds for much of the year. Hosted by community college instructor and world traveler Gene Flynn.

Chef Maddox Presents: Cinco de Mayo

Monday, May 5 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join us on Cinco de Mayo to experience Mexican cuisine with Chef Maddox. This cooking demonstration is limited to 50 people. Registration begins on April 1st.

Paul McCartney: The Solo Years (1970-1980)

Tuesday, May 13 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Using interview and performance video clips, we'll trace the arc of Paul McCartney's first post-Beatles decade from "Maybe I'm Amazed" and "Live and Let Die" to "Band on the Run" and "Listen To What The Man Says." "Silly Love Songs" to some, but pop/rock masterpieces to most. Hosted by College of DuPage professor Gary Wenstrup.

Adult

Medicare 101

Tuesday, May 20 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Is your 65th birthday approaching? Medicare Solutions Network will be presenting a free educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and potential out of pocket exposure. Presented by Dave Wylly and Robin Dawson of Medicare Solutions Network.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, April 16 & May 21
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

Wednesdays, April 16 & May 21
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.

Programs

bpl makerspace crafts

Learn how to use BPL Makerspace equipment to make creative crafts.

📅 Beginner Machine Embroidery

Learn the basics of machine embroidery and create a small embroidered project.

Registration opens Monday, April 28 at 9:00 a.m. (limit 4 per session)

Monday, May 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

DROP-IN MOVIES

Conclave (PG)
Wednesday, April 16 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the center of a conspiracy that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church.

Enjoy our **Drop-In Movie** and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.
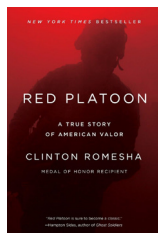
Wicked (PG)
Wednesday, May 14 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The untold story of the witches of Oz, stars Elphaba, a young woman misunderstood because of her green skin who has yet to discover her true power, and Glinda, a popular young woman gilded by privilege who has yet to discover her true heart.
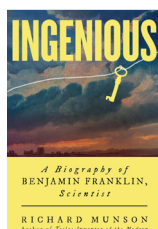

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSION

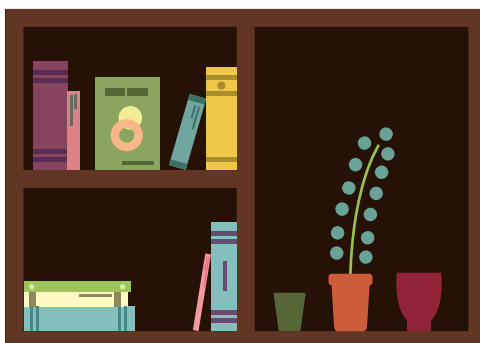To register, email Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org.

Red Platoon: A True Story of American Valor
by Clinton Romesha

Tuesday, April 1
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ingenious: A Biography of Benjamin Franklin
by Richard Munson

Tuesday, May 13
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

book discussion groups

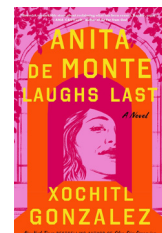Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

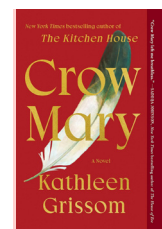To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

Anita de Monte Laughs Last
by Xochitl Gonzalez

Monday, April 21
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Crow Mary
by Kathleen Grissom

Monday, May 19
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Computer Programs

master MICROSOFT OFFICE

Excel Formulas
Monday, April 7 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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

Excel Lookup
Monday, April 21 | 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.

Office 365
Monday, May 19 | 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!

Digitize Everything
Thursday, April 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Do you have printed or 35mm photographs; movies on VHS, DVD, or other formats; or music on cassettes? Learn how to convert them all to digital files for free at the library! Demos and time for questions will be included.

Beginner's Internet Guide
Tuesday, April 29 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Join us to discuss the basics of using the Internet: learn how to browse, use search tools, and manage email and other accounts, while always focusing on security and minimizing risks.
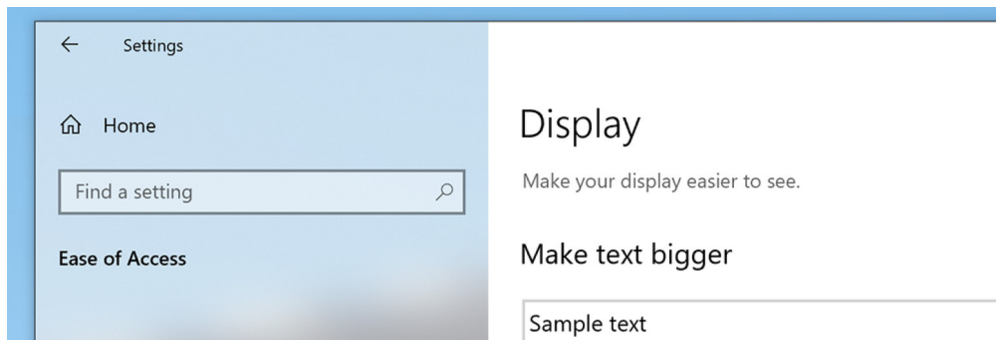
Free Audiobooks, eBooks, & More
Tuesday, May 6 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Looking for entertainment while driving, walking outside, or working around the house? Consider some of the free digital resources provided by the library. Learn how to download audiobooks, eBooks, and stream content on your phone, tablet, computer, or smart TV.

📹 VIRTUAL: Windows Accessibility Features
Thursday, May 8 | 7:00 p.m. on YouTube
Instructor: Charlie

Windows has many built-in options for those with disabilities, such as low vision or limited mobility. Join us on YouTube to explore some of these features.

AI Tools 101
Thursday, May 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn the basics of working with free generative AI tools. Utilize AI tools to rephrase a paragraph, transform written content into realistic speech, design simple infographics, or convert audio recordings into text.

Python Programming 1
Thursday, May 29 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Learn to code in this popular, easy-to-learn programming language! Use variables and conditional statements to create a simple program.

cricut® design space

Intro to Cricut Design Space
Monday, April 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Get started using Cricut Design Space, the free design software used with Cricut cutting machines. Learn the basics of using the software to create and edit your own designs.

Cricut Shirt Design
Monday, April 28 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Explore the Cricut Design Space process for heat transfer vinyl application. We will cover software setup, material options, and heat press usage.
Note: Demo only, no in-class project.

Books & Boba (Drop-In)
Monday, April 21 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Bring a book to chat about (one you're reading or one from your TBR list) while you drink some homemade boba tea!

exam cram

Exam Cram (Drop-In)
Tuesday, May 27 & Wednesday, May 28 | 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Get ready for finals at the Exam Cram! We have group and quiet study areas, Wi-Fi, stress-relieving activities, and computers. The Teen Librarian will also be available for any reference help. FREE snacks and drinks provided, with pizza served at 7:00 p.m.

Cozy Coloring (Drop-In)
Friday, May 9 | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

End of the school year got you feeling stressed? Stop by the library to enjoy fun coloring sheets, chill music, and snacks! We'll have popular TikTok trending coloring sheets including Coco Wyo, Bobbie Goods, and more.

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-12th graders unless otherwise noted.

Teen Territory Fun!

Drop-in activity all month in the Teen Territory space.
Supplies available throughout the month specified, while supplies last.

Blackout Poetry (April)
Tap into your creativity and celebrate National Poetry Month by creating some **Blackout Poetry** (*poetry that involves crossing out words from a text to create a new poem*).

Friendship Bracelets (May)
Channel your inner Taylor Swift or just create something fun for yourself or a friend.

Teen Crafts

Teen Craft Night

📅 DIY Fluffy Slime
Wednesday, April 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
registration begins Monday, March 31 (limit 10 teens)

Learn the science behind making your very own slime. We'll be using fun colors and ingredients to personalize your own slime to take home!

📅 Book Nook
Wednesday, May 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
registration begins Monday, April 21 (limit 8 teens)

Have a bookshelf at home that's in need of a refresh? Create your very own book nook. Pick from a variety of supplies to craft the perfect decorative piece.

Take & Make Crafts

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

📅 Beaded Charms
Kit Pickup begins Monday, April 14
registration begins Monday, March 31 (limit 10 teens)

It's an itty-bitty beaded bonanza! Kit comes with everything you need to turn your beadlings into charm bracelets, key chains, and more!

📅 Desktop Chicken Coop
Kit Pickup begins Monday, May 5
registration begins Monday, April 21 (limit 12 teens)

Perfect for your desktop or shelf, a build-your-own chicken coop!

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Drop-In for All Ages
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11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Teen Bookish Boxes
Bookish Box registrations are closed until the end of summer. Visit **mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes** in September 2025 to register for fall!

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 Space, 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**.

Preschool Programs

Ages 0-5

Come Together (Drop-In)

Up to 24 months
Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Meet and chat with other parents and caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. Weekly drop-in event for ages 0-24 months.
No session on April 2
Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session.

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers
Wednesday, April 2 & Friday, May 2
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

🗓 Toddler Dance Party

18 months to 36 months
Friday, April 4 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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

🗓 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5
Tuesdays, April 8 & May 6 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Start your child early with our fun play to learn program.
April: celebrate Earth Day
May: learn about robots

🗓 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5
Thursdays, April 10 & May 8
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

A storytime for all the budding chefs! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat.
Please let us know of any allergies at the time of registration.

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

Up to 24 months
Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, & 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.

🗓 Mother's Day Tea Party

Ages 3-6
Wednesday, May 7 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Bring your special adult to tea at the library. Enjoy some yummy snacks, play games, and decorate a beautiful card. *Please let us know of any allergies at the time of registration.*

Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5
Saturday, May 10 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

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

🗓 *Why Did the Monster Cross the Road?*

Ages 3-5
Tuesday, May 13 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Monsters can be so silly! Join us for monster stories and other silliness.

Youth

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

Registration for **April** programs begins **Monday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m.**
Registration for **May** programs begins **Monday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m.**

🗓 Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4
Tuesday, May 20 | 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!

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Family Programs

🗓 Peeps Family Challenge

Families
Sunday, April 6
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Come as a family to create a scene from a favorite children's book with Peeps. Peeps and some craft supplies provided.

🗓 Homeschool Hangout Series

Families
Wednesday, April 9
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.

Moana 2 (Drop-In)

Families
Friday, April 18
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Come watch *Moana 2* on this day off of school. There will be some fun surprises while watching, including a snack.

🗓 Teddy Bear Storytime

Families
Friday, April 25
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Bring your teddy bear or another stuffed animal and enjoy this storytime together.

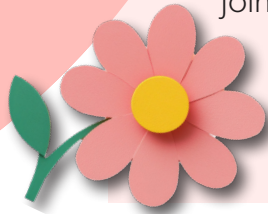### *Star Wars* Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families
Sunday, May 4
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Stop by Youth Services to make an out of this world craft, while supplies last.

Programs

School Age Programs

Grades K-6

📅 Mother's Day Crafts:

Join us to create a great gift for a special caregiver in your life!

📅 Canvas Painting
Grades K-2 | Thursday, April 24 | 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

📅 DIY Candle Decorating
Grades 3-6 | Saturday, May 3 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

📅 Explorer Bags
Grades 3-6

Register for a book experience bag curated just for you! Each bag will contain 1-3 books personally selected for you with teasers, a handwritten note, an activity idea, and some goodies. Books will be pre-checked out to your card, so just return them when you're done – you keep the treats!

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)
Grades 4-8
Tuesdays, April 1 & May 6
Thursdays, April 17 & May 15
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

NEW STATION FORMAT! Drop by to try a new skill, make a fun craft to take home, and hang out with friends.

Earth Friend (Drop-In)
Grades K-2
Tuesday, April 8 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Make an earth planet buddy.

📅 Makerspace Club: STEM Time
Grades 3-6
Thursday, April 10 | 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 as we make spring decorations with Squishy Circuits.

Space Meteor Shower Wreath (Drop-In)
Grades 3-6
Sunday, April 13 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

April showers, but in space! Come create a fun, decorative wreath filled with planets and stars.

📅 Middle Grade Fandom
Grades 4-8
Wednesday, April 16 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

What's your fandom: Marvel? Pokemon? Swiftie? We're putting together an extravaganza of crafts and activities for all sorts of interests!

📅 *Windblown*
Grades K-2
Tuesday, April 22 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Join us to hear how different animals emerge from windblown shapes and then we'll create our own breezy art.

📅 DIY Felt Succulents
Grades 3-6
Wednesday, April 30 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Create your own felt succulent garden to decorate your space in this fun craft activity.

📅 Rockin' Ramen
Grades 3-6
Monday, May 5 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Customize a classic snack with special toppings while we do a craft and explore how this dish became so popular.

📅 Spring into Reading Crafts
Grades K-2
Monday, May 12 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Get ready for summer reading by creating a DIY designed book bag and a flowered bookmark.

📅 Beginning Crochet
Grades 3-8
Mondays, May 12 & 19 | 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.

📅 Stress Relief Jars
Grades 3-6
Tuesday, May 13 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

De-stress by creating a jar of fun!

VIRTUAL: Crochet Along with Miss Carol
Grades 3-8
Thursday, May 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol! Check the BPL YouTube page for video tutorials for each project. Look for new projects quarterly.
May skill: Chainless beginning stitches

📅 Summer Sunshine
Grades 1-6
Sunday, May 18 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Summer is almost here, so come celebrate by creating three fun activities.
Please let us know of any food allergies at the time of registration.

📅 LEGO® Club (Drop-In)
Grades 1-6
Tuesday, May 20 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

📅 May Flower Art
Grades K-2
Tuesday, May 27 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Create a May flower bloom using paper plates and yarn.

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Entering Grades 7-12 in Fall 2025

Are you a student entering grades 7-12 in fall 2025? Are you looking for a fun way to get job experience, earn service hours, or make a difference in the community?
If so, the **Bloomingdale Public Library VolunTEENS** program is looking for you!

During your summer vacation, we'll develop a schedule to fit your availability and our programming needs. You'll work 10-15 hours over the 9-week program with the library's Youth Services staff preparing crafts, keeping the library tidy, and helping with special projects.

Summer volunteer openings are limited. Applications will be available from April 1 – May 11. Please turn in the completed application at the Youth Services desk.
Only applications received before Monday, May 12 will be considered.

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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.

Library Closings:

Sunday, April 20   Easter

Sunday, May 25   begin **Summer Hours**, closed on Sundays through August 31

Monday, May 26   Memorial Day

Social Media

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

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.

ADA Accommodations

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**.

Watch for events throughout 2025 celebrating our 50 years of service to Bloomingdale!

Subscribe to our BPL Bulletin eNews and never miss an event!

https://bit.ly/
mybpl-enews-signup

It's Storytime!

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more. Storytimes are drop-in (no registration necessary) and limited to the first 20 children to arrive.

Spring Session: March 3 through April 18
(no storytimes the week of March 31-April 4)

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.

Baby Tales & Tunes
Ages 0-24 months with caregiver
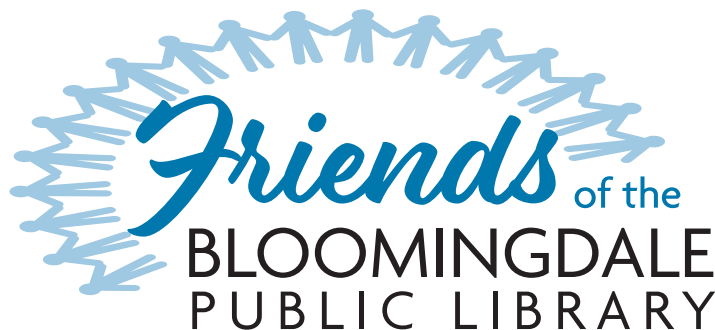Wednesdays,
10:00 – 10:20 a.m. OR
10:30 – 10:50 a.m.

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

goodreads

Join BPL on **Goodreads**! Get reading suggestions and book reviews shared by library staff and Board.
Visit www.goodreads.com/mybpl to get started!

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join the Friends in 2025 and help us support our wonderful community library! Fill out an application online and pay your dues on our website or bring them to an upcoming meeting. We'd love to have you!
Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at BPL
April 23 • July 23 • October 22