

Celebrate BPL's 50th Anniversary at our end-of-summer events!



BLOOMINGDALE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

August &
September
2025

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Celebrate the end of
Summer Reading with
rides, games, music,
face painting, & more!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
5:30 – 8:30 PM

for details see mybpl.org/annualevents#ICS

Co-sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale



BPL Night @ Wintrust Field!

Join us for
BPL Night at
Wintrust Field!

Tickets are for the
game on
Wednesday, August 6
at 6:30 p.m. against
the Florence Y'Alls.



THE SARATOGAS

Friday, August 8 | 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

in the Ice Cream Social tent in the parking lot

Co-Sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale

Friends of the Bloomingdale 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 quarterly
at 6:30 p.m. at BPL.

Next meeting: October 22



VIRTUAL: Gustave Caillebotte and the Story of Impressionism

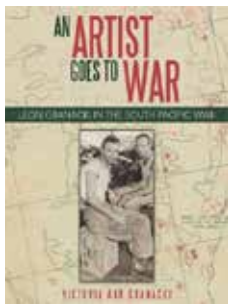
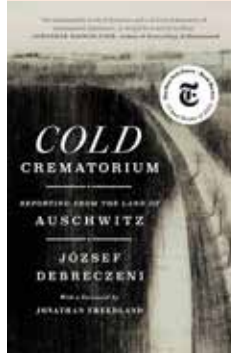
Monday, August 4 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

This lecture by art historian Jeff Mishur presents a number of important Caillebotte works and their historical context and is a great companion presentation to the major summer show “Gustave Caillebotte: Painting His World” at the Art Institute of Chicago.

VIRTUAL: Cold Crematorium Book Lecture & Presentation

Tuesday, August 5 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn about the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi death camps by joining us for a presentation on the book **Cold Crematorium** by Alex Bruner, the (deceased) author’s nephew. Bruner will review why his uncle wrote the book, how it was initially received, the reasons it was not translated into a world language (i.e. English) until now, and the lessons one can draw from the work.



An Artist Goes to War: Leon Granacki in the South Pacific WWII

Monday, August 18 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In **An Artist Goes to War**, author Victoria Ann Granacki paints a portrait of her father, Leon, through his original maps, jungle watercolors, journal illustrations, scrapbook photos, and letters home to his extended Polish-American family crowded together in a Chicago “six-flat” apartment building.

John Lennon: The Solo Years (1970-1980)

Tuesday, August 19 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Using audio and visual content, we’ll explore John Lennon’s music, his wild “lost weekend,” and the quiet househusband years culminating with the release of his final album **Double Fantasy**. Hosted by College of DuPage professor Gary Wenstrup.



VIRTUAL: Famous Self Portraits

Monday, September 8 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.


Explore several famous artists’ self-portraits and consider what an artist’s self-portrait says about the time they lived in, the style they painted in, and most importantly, how they viewed themselves. Hosted by art historian and educator Mallory Mortillaro.

Empowerment Dolls Workshop for Adults & Teens

Monday, September 22 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (limit 20)

Join Teaching Artist, Creativity Coach, and Doll Maker Victoria Reeves to learn how to design and hand-sew your own Empowerment Doll. Each doll has an inspirational message and intention. What (one word) message would you like your doll to express? Let’s brainstorm and create art together!

Adult

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.

Your Car: Bumper-to-Bumper

Tuesday, September 9
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

With all car-related costs going up, now more than ever it is important to know as much about your car as possible. Please join Triton College lecturer emeritus Bill O’Connell as he answers any and all your questions on car buying, maintenance, and repair.



ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, August 20 & September 17
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 17
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.

Registration Information:

Ages 12 to adult, BPL card and computer experience required.

Please sign up for one session only.

Vinyl Candle Wrap

Design and cut vinyl to make a custom candle wrap.

Registration opens Monday, August 18 at 9:00 a.m. (limit 4 per session)

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

Monday, September 29 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



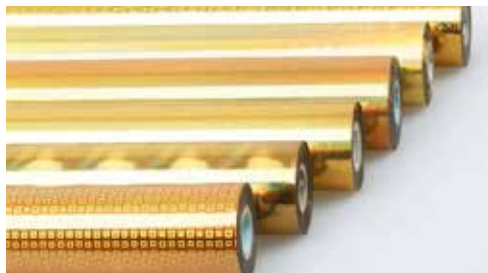
Halloween Gold Foil Art

Use heat reactive foil to make a Halloween-themed art print.

Registration opens Monday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m. (limit 6 per session)

Monday, October 6 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 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

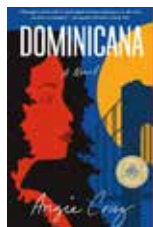
To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.

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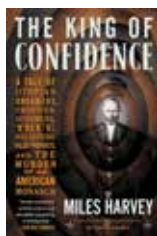
by Angie Cruz

Monday, September 15
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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



The King of Confidence

by Miles Harvey

Tuesday, August 5
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



The Summer of 1876

by Chris Wimmer

Tuesday, September 2
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Drop-In Movie

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.



Gladiator II (R)

Wednesday, August 13 | 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Years after witnessing the death of the revered hero Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius is forced to enter the Colosseum after his home is conquered by the tyrannical Emperors who now lead Rome with an iron fist.



Jojo Rabbit (PG-13)

Wednesday, September 10 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

All 10-year-old Jojo Betzler wants is to become a Nazi. He turns to his imagination and begins to befriend a wackier version of Nazi Germany's ruler, Adolf Hitler. When he finds out that his mother is hiding a Jewish girl, he has no choice but to keep quiet for his and his family's safety.



Deadpool & Wolverine (R)


Wednesday, September 24 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Deadpool is happily forgotten as Wade Wilson tries to live an ordinary but more peaceful life at least until the Time Variance Authority forces him on a mission to save his home universe from destruction.

Computer Programs

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 are noted with  and will be posted on our YouTube channel.



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Introduction to VLC Media Player

Thursday, August 14 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Learn the basics of using VLC Media Player, a free application for using your PC to watch DVDs, listen to CDs, and more.

Digitize Super8 and 8mm Film at BPL

Thursday, September 18 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Do you have old 8mm or Super8 movie reels that you would like to save to your computer or share digitally with family?

This video will show you how to digitize your reels at the library using our Wolverine Film2Digital Moviemaker Pro device.

Introduction to WinDirStat

Thursday, September 25 | 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Learn how to see exactly what is eating up your hard drive space with this free, easy-to-use, open-source Windows utility.

cricut design space

Intro to Cricut Design Space

Monday, September 29 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

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

Excel 3

Monday, August 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Get a deeper understanding of formulas, graphs, and formatting techniques in Excel. We'll take a more in-depth look at easy to use tricks hidden in the ribbon options, time-saving hot keys, more complex concepts like logical functions, and adding a secondary axis to charts.

Video Calls: Zoom, FaceTime, & More

Monday, August 25 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Whether you are connecting with friends and family, learning from video conferences, or participating in a remote medical appointment, video calls have become an important tool over the past several years. We will work with examples in popular applications Zoom and FaceTime to build our skills in class and discuss situations students might encounter on their own.



Excel Formulas

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

Learn to create and edit dynamic formulas using tools like logical (IF) functions, arrays, conditional formatting, data validation, and more. We begin with basic formulas and build up to more complicated examples.

Getting Started: WhatsApp

Monday, September 15 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

WhatsApp is a popular, free messaging platform for staying connected with friends and family. Get started by setting up an account, then learn how to message and call people. Bring your own device or use one of ours.



Smartphone Photography & Editing

Monday, September 22 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Take better photos and edit them with Android and iPhones. Learn to use free editing products to prepare photos and movies for sharing. As phones offer a wide range of camera features, we will focus on more generally available tools rather than some of the higher end options.

Digitize Everything

Tuesday, September 23 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Do you have printed photos or 35mm film; 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.

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.

Moon Lamp

Kit Pickup begins Monday, August 11 (limit 10 teens)

Create your own star, galaxy, space, or any other style lamp you can imagine!

Cozy Embroidery Kit

Kit Pickup begins Monday, September 8 (limit 12 teens)

This DIY embroidery set is simple, diverse, and suitable for beginners. Get cozy with these fun fall designs!

Teen Craft Club

Tie-Dye Tote Bags

Wednesday, August 13
3:00 – 4:30 p.m. (limit 12 teens)


Everyone could use a great tote bag and we've got the supplies to make your own! We will use a simple technique to create a fun tie-dye inspired tote bag.

Custom Buttons

Wednesday, September 10
5:00 – 6:30 p.m. (limit 8 teens)

Design, print, and create your own buttons. We'll walk through each step to design 10 buttons to take home.

Teen Programs

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with ). Registration begins Monday, July 28.



Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.

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

Teen Territory Fun!

Drop-in activity all month in the Teen Territory space, while supplies last.

Back to School Tips & Tricks (August)

Use post-it notes to add advice for the upcoming school year! What do you think your peers should know? What do you wish you had known before middle school or high school?

Match the Line (September)

Avid reader? Match the first line to the book and give your submission to a librarian at the reference desk. Get them all right and win a small prize.

Mindful Skills: Meditation

Monday, August 4 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (limit 10 teens)

Looking for a way to reset and relax? Calm your mind and expand your awareness through guided meditation. No prior experience is necessary.

Let's Cook: OREO® Balls

Thursday, August 28 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (limit 8 teens)

If you love OREO® Cookies, you are going to love this recipe. Ingredients supplied!

Mindful Skills: Mandala Coloring

Wednesday, September 3 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Let's learn about Mandala art: its origin and why people love to create them. Mandala coloring sheets and tea will be available for a relaxing afternoon.

Empowerment Dolls Workshop for Teens and Adults

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Game with BPL

Join us for an afternoon of gaming! Bring your friends and have a fun competition. Register to claim a spot to play; drop-ins welcome.

Mario Party

Thursday, August 21 | 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Super Smash

Thursday, September 18 | 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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 select titles based on your preference. Every month, participants will get new books and special surprises. And guess what? You get to keep everything in your box, including the book! The online registration form opens September 1. To sign up, visit mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes.



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. 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)

0-24 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.

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

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

0-24 months

Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, & 27
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 (Drop-In)

18 months to 36 months

Friday, August 8 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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



Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, August 12 & September 16
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.

August: ocean animals September: birds

Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4

Tuesday, August 19 | 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!

The Kissing Hand

Ages 3-6

Thursday, August 21 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Get ready to read *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn and other back to school stories. We will create a pocket heart for all to take home.

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers

Friday, August 22 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Library Block Party (Drop-In)

Ages 3-6

Monday, August 25 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Play and build with blocks of all sizes!

Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, August 28 & October 2
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 any allergies at the time of registration.*

Potty Party

Ages 1-5

Friday, September 5 | 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.

Celebrate National Teddy Bear Day

Ages 2-5

Tuesday, September 9 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

You and your teddy bear will enjoy a storytime and a parade. Leave your friend at the library for a sleepover and pick it up the next day to learn about all it did!



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.

Youth

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

Registration for **August** programs begins **Monday, July 21**.

Registration for **September** programs begins **Monday, August 18**.

It's Storytime!

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more.

Storytimes are drop-in and limited to the first 20 children to arrive.

Fall Session: September 8 – October 17

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.

Circle Park Storytime

All ages

Thursday, August 7 | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Meet us at the Homola Picnic Shelter for outdoor summer storytimes in Circle Park, weather permitting.

Programs

Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org.



for Families

National Book Lovers Craft (Drop-In)

Families

Saturday, August 9 | 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Drop in to make a cute bookmark while supplies last.

World Elephant Day (Drop-In)

Families

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

Join us for stories, songs, and dancing to celebrate elephants.

Dog Days of Summer Storytime (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, August 29 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Join us for a storytime and a dog craft!

Cereal Saturday

Families

Saturday, August 30 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Come enjoy a morning filled with cereal, a craft, and some Saturday morning cartoons!

Homeschool Hangout

Families

Wednesday, September 17 | 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.

Fort Night (Drop-In)

Families

Thursday, September 25 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Come to our ultimate fort building party. Bring a blanket and your imagination to create a space to read your favorite book.

Miniature Golf Day

Families

Sunday, September 28 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Putt around for five holes of miniature golf. Please sign up as a family. There will be a craft and a prize for all who participate.

School Age Programs

Grades K-6

Gear Up for Kindergarten

Incoming Kindergarteners

Wednesdays, July 30 and August 6
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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



Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8

Mondays, August 4 & 11 | 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.

DIY Hand Drum

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, August 12 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come have fun making your own little drum!



LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, August 19 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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



Culture Connections Club (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Tuesday, August 26 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Visit faraway countries through stories, songs, snacks, and activities. This month we'll focus on Poland.

Decorate a Pet Rock

Grades K-2

Wednesday, August 27 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Decorate a pet rock and make some accessories for it while we listen to stories about unusual pets.

Candy Sushi and Sci-Fi

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, September 3 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Create a plate of candy sushi while hearing about popular science fiction books.



Migration

Grades K-2

Monday, September 8 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Learn about why some animals migrate through stories, crafts, and activities.

Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursday, September 11 | 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.

Sand Bottle Art Keychain

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, September 16 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come create a sand art keychain personalized just for you!

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Tuesday, September 23 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

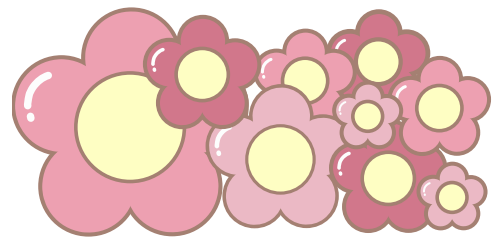
Drop by the Makerspace to try a new skill, make a fun craft, and hang out with friends.

Mini Edible Arrangements

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, September 30 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Learn how to turn simple ingredients into a show stopping small gift or a treat just for you!





BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Hours:

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

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

Sunday (starting September 7):
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Library Closings:

Sunday, August 31 last Sunday of
Summer Hours,
closed

Monday, September 1 closed for Labor 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 Bloomingtondale Public Library
at least 7 days prior to the program.
Call **(630) 924-2730** or email requests
to ADA@mybpl.org.

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