



BLOOMINGDALE
PUBLIC LIBRARY



SUMMER
READING
2025

Celebrate 50 years of
Bloomingdale
Public Library
this summer!



From the Director:

Bloomington Public Library Celebrates 50 Years of Service

On June 9, 1975, the **Bloomington Public Library (BPL)** opened its doors in a 1,600-square-foot mobile classroom, housing 4,500 adult and juvenile books. Over the past five decades, BPL has grown significantly through multiple referendums, renovations, and a commitment to continuous improvement. Today, we add new materials daily and boast upgraded HVAC systems and modernized washrooms.

On behalf of the Library Board and Staff, I warmly invite all Bloomington residents to join us in celebrating 50 years of exceptional library service. Our expanded facility now offers a vast array of materials, programs, and amenities, reflecting our growth alongside the community.

While much has changed, the dedication of BPL's staff to providing outstanding materials and programs remains unwavering. We are privileged to serve a community that values its library, and we strive to deliver world-class customer service. A 2024 community survey revealed a 93% satisfaction rate, a testament to our efforts. Our elected Board of Trustees drives BPL's success by setting budgets, policies, and future plans. We are grateful for our collaboration with intergovernmental partners, especially the Village of Bloomington, and the steadfast support of the Friends of the Library, whose efforts since 1974 continue to enrich programs like our Summer Reading initiative. Explore our milestones and timeline at <https://www.mybpl.org/libraryhistory>.

In 2025, we will mark our 50th anniversary with a special logo, 70s-themed programming, and a highlight event on Saturday, June 7, featuring fun activities for all ages. Save the date, and join us in celebrating this milestone. Thank you for your enduring support.

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Library Director

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BLOOMINGDALE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

*50th Anniversary
Celebration*

Saturday, June 7, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Special Library Gift Dedication

Butterfly Tent • Caricature Artists • Music

Refreshments • Crafts • Gifts

*plus historical and fun displays
throughout the library*

*Celebrate 50 years of
Bloomingtondale Public Library
in our community!*

Youth Summer Reading Program



at Bloomingdale Public Library!

Monday, June 2 – Saturday, August 2

Join us as we celebrate our 50th anniversary this summer!

All participants can win prizes for reading! You can also enjoy the many programs and activities specially designed for the community this summer.

The Youth Summer Reading Program is open to infants through students entering sixth grade. Upon registration, each participant over age 2 receives a Summer Reading **"LEVEL UP"** t-shirt* and a reading log. Babies will receive a different age-appropriate gift.

Sign up starting Monday, June 2. Prizes are awarded for every 300 minutes (5 hours) of reading.* Children complete the program by reading 900 minutes (15 hours) and will receive a book and an entry into the Grand Prize Drawing.

The Summer Reading Program is open to Bloomingdale residents only.

**Prizes and t-shirts are available while supplies last. T-shirts are provided in partnership with the Friends of the Bloomingdale Library. Prizes are subject to change due to availability.*

Registration Information

Registration for Summer Reading begins on Monday, June 2.
Last day to check in reading logs for prizes is Saturday, August 2.

online:

mybpl.beanstack.org

by phone:

(630) 924-2740

by email:

bdys@mybpl.org

in person:

Youth Services Desk

in app:

Beanstack App
for Apple and Android

Track your progress in the Beanstack app or on paper.
Paper logs are available at the Youth Services desk.



Youth Prizes

300 minutes: Free Book

600 minutes: Light-Up Ball

900 minutes: Free Book

Grand Prizes: Winner's Choice - Bloomingdale Business Gift Card

\$100 Gift Card • \$50 Gift Card • \$25 Gift Card

SPECIAL SUMMER FUN!

☺ special BPL anniversary program

☺ Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles (Drop-In)

Families

Monday, June 9 | 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Celebrate the library's anniversary with this special reptile program. Learn about over a dozen different reptiles in this fun, interactive show for the whole family.

☺ Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color (Drop-In)

Families

Tuesday, June 24 | 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Join us for a show that uses hands-on experiments and interactive stories to engage kids in science, celebrating scientists who add color to our world, and focus on STEM fields.

☺ Bubble Stations (Drop-In)

All Ages

Tuesday, July 15 | 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Join Jason Kollum for this interactive bubble experience where kids of all ages and adults get to make bubbles of all shapes and sizes.

If weather is bad, join Jason for a juggling show in our meeting room!



YOUTH PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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.

📺👶 Little Tykes Drive-In

Ages 2-4

Tuesday, June 3 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Start your engines, grab a snack, and settle in as we watch some birthday shows in our own homemade drive-in movie theatre.

👶🕺 Toddler Disco Dance Party (Drop-In)

18-36 months

Friday, June 13 | 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, June 17, July 8, August 12 | 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. We will have different stations for kids to explore in each session.

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers

Tuesday, June 24 | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

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

📺👨🍳 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, June 26 and July 24 | 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.

📺🎸 Groovy Joe

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, July 29 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

If you love music, you'll love Groovy Joe.

He's a guitar playing dog who loves to sing and dance.

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

0-24 months

Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, and 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.

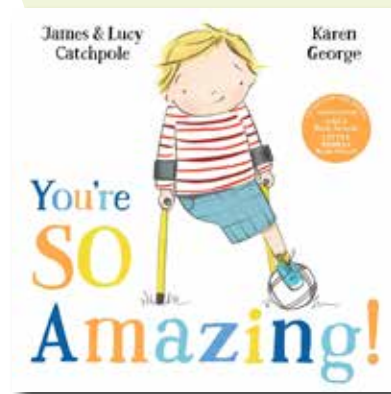
Wish you could walk and read at the same time?
You can! Take a stroll on the

storybook trail

Located around Circle Park, a story awaits your family as you walk the trail. A new story, ***You're So Amazing*** by James and Lucy Catchpole, is now available.

This lovely activity combines walking, reading, and family fun! The Storybook Trail is provided in partnership with the Bloomingdale Park District.

Come out and enjoy!



Registration for **June** programs begins **Monday, May 19**. Registration for **July** programs begins **Monday, June 16**. To register, visit our website at mybpl.org, stop by the **Youth Services Reference Desk**, or call us at **(630) 924-2740**. Drop-in: no registration required. Grades reflect the grade the child will be entering in fall 2025.

😊 special BPL anniversary program

📅 registration required

DROP-IN FAMILY FUN!

Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families

Monday, June 2 | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Come make a rainbow craft. While supplies last.

😊 1970s Storytime (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, June 6 | 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

As BPL celebrates its 50th birthday, let's take a trip down memory lane and enjoy classic stories that were popular in the 1970s.

Happy Sonic the Hedgehog Month (Drop-In)

Families

Tuesday, June 10 | 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

To celebrate the creation of Sonic the Hedgehog, we will create crafts and bookmarks.

Dads and Donuts Storytime (Drop-In)

Families

Wednesday, June 11 | 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

A special storytime all about dads (and includes donuts)!

Super Mario Brothers (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, June 20 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Come watch *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* with us! There will be some fun surprises while watching, including a snack.

Bingo Blast (Drop-In)

Families

Monday, July 21 | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Get ready to yell "BINGO!" We'll have a variety of fun themed cards and prizes!

😊 Post-It Note Crown (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, July 25 | 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Did you know that Post-it Notes were invented in 1974? Join us in decorating and making Post-it Note crowns!

Free Schaumburg Boomer Baseball Tickets!

Sign up for Summer Reading to earn free tickets for Bloomingdale Public Library Day at Wintrust Field!

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



YOUTH PROGRAMS

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Register your child for the grade they will enter in fall of 2025.

DIY Birthday Card Making

Grades 3-6

Monday, June 2 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Craft some special birthday cards for your friends and family.

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Tuesdays, June 3 and July 1 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

Bloomington Chess Club (Drop-In)

Grades 3 and up

Wednesdays, June 4 through July 30 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to play many games over the course of the summer and time will be given for questions and instruction. *Kids aged 8 to 18 are welcome.*

Dragon Lore

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, June 4 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Come hear stories of dragons, make a dragon egg, and play dragon games.

Level Up with the Field Museum (Drop-In)

Grades K-6

Thursday, June 5 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Drop in and experience games and cultures from another time including special exhibits on loan from the Field Museum.

Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, June 12 and July 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!

Decades of Games (Drop-In)

Grades 1-5 with adult participation

Friday, June 13 | 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Stop in to play games that are a blast from the past! Come with a special adult to put your skills to the test.

Drinks and Decals

Grades 4-8

Monday, June 16 | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Learn how to make basic decals on the Cricut machine and then customize a fun summer cup.

Read with a Buddy

Grades K-2

Mondays, June 16 through July 21

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. or 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Develop language comprehension by reading with a teen buddy. Each student will be paired with a trained teen buddy or librarian to share books for 20 minutes. The focus will be on building vocabulary, background knowledge, and enjoyment rather than decoding skills. *Sign up for each week individually.*

Paint with Me

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, June 18 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a step-by-step canvas painting.

BPL Birthday Crowns (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Thursday, June 19 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Join us for birthday songs, stories, and a special birthday crown craft that can be used for years to come!

Pizza and Taco Book Party

Grades K-2

Monday, June 23 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy crafts and activities based on this popular graphic novel series.

Sarabella's Thinking Cap

Grades K-2

Friday, June 27 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Celebrate the power and beauty of imagination in this program that centers on wonder and curiosity.

Life Size Sorry

Grades K-2

Saturday, June 28 | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Come play our life size game of Sorry! One lucky player will win a smaller version to keep!



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📅 Vision Boards

Grades 4-8

Monday, June 30 | 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Select your own colors and designs to create your very own hanging display board. We will have clips, pushpins, and accessories to jazz up our creations so you can show your style right away!

📅 Crochet a Stuffie (Amigurumi)

Grades 3-8 with an adult

Monday, July 7 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Make a simple crocheted stuffie. We will learn how to create a magic circle, increase, decrease, and sew pieces together. Must be comfortable working with a single crochet stitch.

📅 Tote Party

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, July 8 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Come design a tote bag and a pencil case!

😊 Shark Week (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Wednesday, July 9 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the movie *Jaws*, let's learn about sharks. There will be facts, crafts, and snacks to celebrate one of nature's most misunderstood creatures.

📅 😊 50 is Nifty

Grades K-2

Friday, July 11 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

50 years was a long time ago. Let's take it back to the 1970s and celebrate all things groovy!

📅 InvestiGators Book Party

Grades 1-4

Monday, July 14 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Come celebrate this popular graphic novel series with crafts and activities.

Crochet Along with Miss Carol (Virtual)

Grades 3-8

Tuesday, July 15

Learn to crochet along with Miss Carol. Check the library's YouTube channel for video tutorials for each skill and project. A supply list and written instructions can be picked up at the library. New projects will be posted quarterly. **JULY SKILL:** chainless foundation

📅 Let's Celebrate Emoji Day

Grades 1-6

Thursday, July 17 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Are you feeling happy, sad, or crazy? Join us as we celebrate Emoji Day with stories, crafts, games, and tons of fun.

📅 Escape Room

Grades 3-6

Friday, July 18 | 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. or 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Can you solve the puzzles and escape in time?

Please sign up for only one timeslot.

📅 Hero Kids! Tabletop Role Playing Game

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, July 22 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Giant rats have kidnapped the Innkeeper's son! Can you and your team of heroes rescue him in time?

📅 😊 Scooby-Doo Mystery Party

Grades K-2

Monday, July 28 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Solve a library mystery with characters who became popular in the 1970s and still are today.

LEGO® Club: Mazes and Marble Runs (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, July 29 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Can you get your marbles and minifigs through the twists, turns, and dead-ends to the finish? This LEGO® Club will focus on building mazes and marble runs.

📅 Gear Up for Kindergarten

Incoming Kindergarteners

Wednesday, 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.

📅 Coding Unplugged

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, July 30

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Use coding commands to solve puzzles and navigate mazes.

📅 Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8

Monday, August 4 & 11

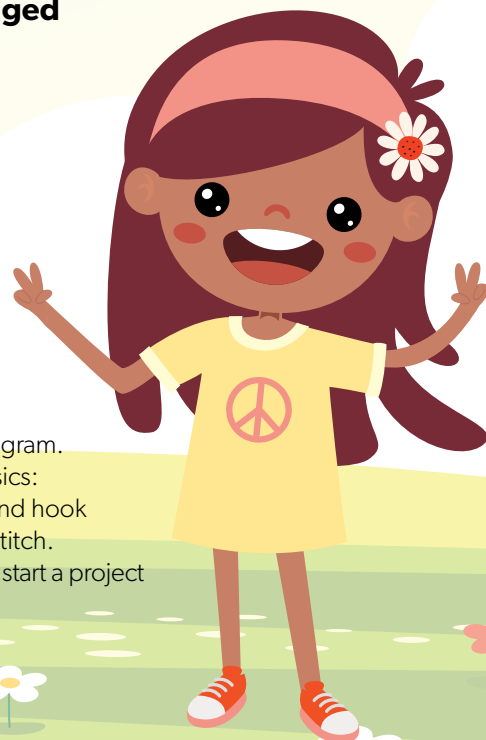
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

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.



SUMMER STORYTIMES

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. Our Summer session runs June 16 through July 25. Family Storytime will be held outside in the Froio Memorial Garden, weather permitting.

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 (Drop-In)

0-24 months with caregiver

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

Baby Tales & Tunes will 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 (Drop-In)

All ages

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

June 12, July 10, and August 7

Join us for outdoor summer storytimes in Circle Park at the Homola picnic shelter! Weather permitting.



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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
5:30 – 8:30 PM
@ THE LIBRARY

- ice cream, popcorn, and iced coffee available for purchase at the library tent
- free rides, games, music, balloon artists, face painting, and photo area!



Co-sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale



SUMMER FUN @ BPL

JUNE

SUMMER READING BEGINS!

Monday, June 2

DIY Birthday Card Making

Grades 3-6

Monday, June 2 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Little Tykes Drive-In

Ages 2-4

Tuesday, June 3 | 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

1970s Storytime (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, June 6 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

50TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

@ BPL

Saturday, June 7

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

BPL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Monday, June 9

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles (Drop-In)

Families

Monday, June 9 | 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

Teen Craft Night: Here Comes the Suncatcher

Wednesday, June 11

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Toddler Disco Dance Party

18 months to 36 months

Friday, June 13 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

SUMMER CONCERT - Centerfold

Friday, June 13 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

in the Dominic Froio Memorial
Garden

Decades of Games (Drop-In)

Grades 1-5 with adult participation

Friday, June 13 | 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

VIRTUAL: Jaws - The Story Behind the Story

Monday, June 16 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The History of Fleetwood Mac

Tuesday, June 17 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Drop-In Movie: Jaws (rated PG)

Wednesday, June 18 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Teen Drive-In(door) Movie Night (Drop-In)

Thursday, June 19 | 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color (Drop-In)

Families

Tuesday, June 24 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

1970s Candy Taste Test (Drop-In)

Tuesday, June 24 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Chef Maddox Presents: Spin on 70s Cuisine

Monday, June 30 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

ACTIVITY KEY:

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

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ADULT PROGRAMS – SEE PAGES 18-19



Check out programming themed around our 50th anniversary!

JULY

Golden Slime Time

Wednesday, July 2 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The History of the Band CHICAGO

Tuesday, July 8 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Teen Craft Night: Vinyl Record Painting

Wednesday, July 9 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Shark Week (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Wednesday, July 9 | 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

SUMMER CONCERT - Horizon

Friday, July 11 | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

50 is Nifty

Grades K-2

Friday, July 11 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Bubble Stations (Drop-In)

All Ages

Tuesday, July 15 | 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

From the Streets to the Runway: Fashion of the 1970s

Tuesday, July 15 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Drop-In Movie: *The Return of the Pink Panther* (rated G)

Wednesday, July 16 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

The Golden Age of Video Games – 1970s to Now (Drop-In)

Thursday, July 17 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Post-It Note Crown (Drop-In)

Families

Friday, July 25 | 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Scooby-Doo Mystery Party

Grades K-2

Monday, July 28 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Groovy Joe

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, July 29 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Bell-Bottoms, Disco, and Nixon: The 1970s

Tuesday, July 29 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

AUGUST

AUGUST 2 - END OF SUMMER READING

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS BASEBALL BPL NIGHT

August 6 | 6:30 at Wintrust Field

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

August 7 | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

SUMMER CONCERT - The Saratogas

Friday, August 8 | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
under the Ice Cream Social tent



**Celebrate Bloomingdale Public Library's
50th anniversary all summer long!**

Summer Concert Series

12:00–1:00 PM

in the Dominic Froio Memorial Garden

JUNE 13

CENTERFOLD

70s rock

JULY 11

HORIZON

70s rock, funk, soul, R&B, pop

AUGUST 8

THE SARATOGAS

70s yacht rock

this concert held in the ICE CREAM SOCIAL tent in the parking lot

for maximum comfort, please bring your own lawn chair if possible

Co-Sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale

Adult & Teen Summer Reading Program



at Bloomingdale
Public Library!

Monday, June 2 – Saturday, August 2

Join us as we celebrate our 50th anniversary this summer!

Adult & Teen Registration:

online:
mybpl.beanstack.org

by phone:
(630) 924-2730

by email:
bdref@mybpl.org

in person:
Adult Services Desk

in app:
**Beanstack App
for Apple and Android**

When you register, you'll receive our custom Summer Reading "**LEVEL UP**" t-shirt, compliments of BPL and the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library (while supplies last). They go fast, so sign up early!

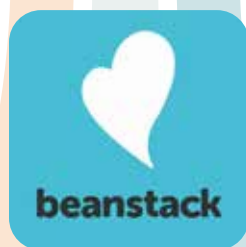
Highlights:

Using Previous Registrations: If you registered for any of BPL's recent reading programs, your login information is valid for 2025 Summer Reading and all future reading programs. If you do not remember your login info, a librarian can look it up.

Family Registration: New registrants can sign up all family members under one account. Start your family registration at either the Adult or Youth Services desks.

Logging Minutes: Kids, teens, and adults all log minutes. Reading to your child or sibling? Those minutes count for you, too!

Free Schaumburg Boomers Baseball Tickets: Sign up for Summer Reading to earn free tickets for Bloomingdale Public Library Night at Wintrust Field! Tickets are for the game on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. against the Florence Y'Alls.



Beanstack App: Download the optional app for Apple or Android to easily track minutes and stats like reading streaks. The app makes participating fun and easy! Paper logs remain available for those who prefer in-person tracking.

For every 300 minutes logged, receive an entry into the Grand Prize Drawing for a gift card of your choice. Earn extra entries by completing challenges. The more you read and participate, the better your chances to win! Final drawing winners will be announced at the Ice Cream Social in August.

Adults

Reading Prizes

300 minutes: BPL Canvas Tote Bag

Grand Prizes

Winners' Choice - Bloomingdale Business Gift Card

\$100 Gift Card • \$75 Gift Card
\$50 Gift Card • \$25 Gift Card

Teens (Entering Grades 7-12)

Reading Prizes

300 minutes: Candy Bar
600 minutes: BPL Canvas Tote Bag
900 minutes: Free Book

Grand Prizes

Winners' Choice - Bloomingdale Business Gift Card

\$75 Gift Card • \$50 Gift Card • \$25 Gift Card

TEEN PROGRAMS

☺ special BPL anniversary program

📅 registration required

TEEN *crafts*

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.

📅 **Take & Make: Diamond Art Bookmarks**

Kit Pickup begins Monday, June 9
registration begins Monday, May 19
limit 12 teens

Create shimmering keepsake bookmarks with this diamond art kit. Complete with everything you need to get started, the end result is something you're sure to want to share!

📅 ☺ **Teen Craft Night: Here Comes the Suncatcher**

Wednesday, June 11 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
registration begins Monday, May 19
limit 12 teens

Create a beautiful suncatcher for your favorite sunny spot in your home!

📅 **Take & Make: Reverse Coloring Book**

Kit Pickup begins Monday, July 7
registration begins Monday, June 16
limit 12 teens

Forget drawing inside the lines and unleash true creativity! Sophisticated or silly, patterns or pictures – how you fill in the page is up to your creative mind.

📅 ☺ **Teen Craft Night: Vinyl Record Painting**

Wednesday, July 9 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
registration begins Monday, June 16
limit 10 teens

Let's restore old vinyl records and turn them into modern works of art.

☺ **Teen Drive-In(door) Movie Night (Drop-In)**

Thursday, June 19 | 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Time to get cozy at the Bloomingdale Public Library (Indoor) Drive-In Theater! Enjoy a throwback film, have some movie theater snacks, and try to create a fleece blanket while you watch! Snacks & craft available while supplies last. Movie TBD.

☺ **1970s Candy Taste Test (Drop-In)**

Tuesday, June 24 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Try out an assortment of retro candies and vote for your favorite!

📅 ☺ **Golden Slime Time**

Wednesday, July 2 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (limit 10 teens)

Celebrate the golden anniversary of Bloomingdale Public Library by creating your own Golden Slime! Perfect stress-relieving creation or just for fun.

☺ **The Golden Age of Video Games – 1970s to Now (Drop-In)**

Thursday, July 17 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

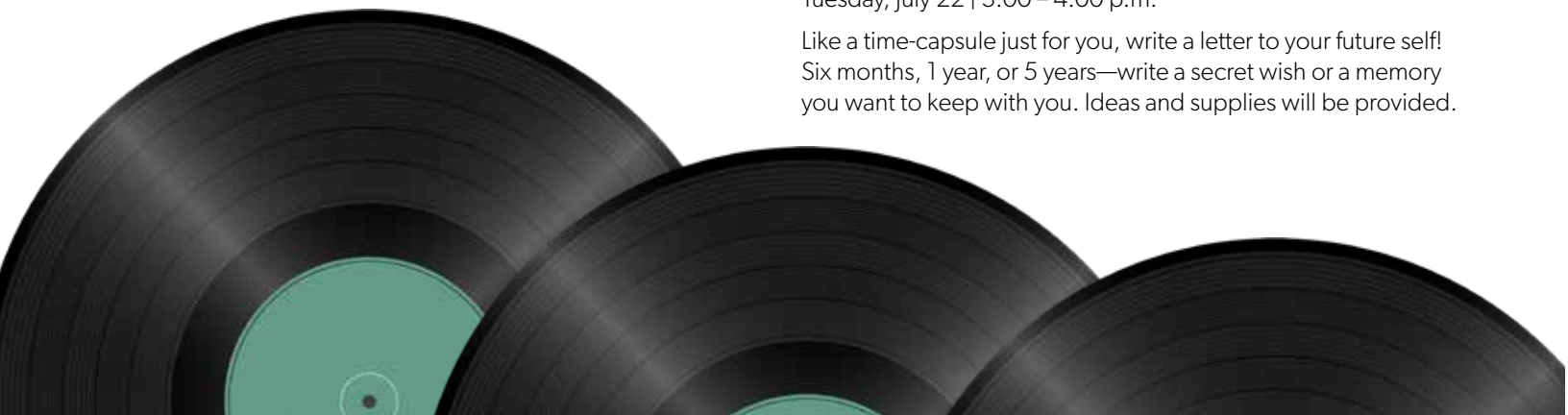
This program will focus on the history of 1970s-era video games compared to games of the modern age. Demonstrations of various games will be available for participants to engage in.



Dear Future Self (Drop-In)

Tuesday, July 22 | 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Like a time-capsule just for you, write a letter to your future self! Six months, 1 year, or 5 years—write a secret wish or a memory you want to keep with you. Ideas and supplies will be provided.



Register **online**, by phone at **(630) 924-2730**, or by email at **bdref@mybpl.org**. Programs are in-person unless stated otherwise in class description. *Teen programs are open to those entering grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted.*

Build Your Skills this Summer!

Improve your skills this summer with BPL's online resources and never be bored while learning something new to put on your resume or college application!

Check out our databases at
mybpl.org/onlinelearning
and see what you can learn this summer!

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Learn over 80 languages using **Pronunciator**, which includes courses, live conversation groups, and more. English language learners can learn using 50 non-English languages. Also includes downloadable phrasebooks for travel. Download the app for mobile use.



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

Teen Territory Fun!

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



SUMMER

BUCKET LIST

Make a list of your goals for Summer 2025! Learn a new language, practice a skill, or just hang out with friends; the options are endless! Supplies will be out all summer for you to get inspired.

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**.

ADULT PROGRAMS

VIRTUAL: Jaws - The Story Behind the Story

Monday, June 16 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Let's celebrate the 50th anniversary of this fun masterpiece! Hear fascinating stories and what audiences' reactions were like back in 1975 seeing glimpses of the monster on screen. Come enjoy fun stories and some thrilling scenes in this exciting program! Presented by retired teacher and film expert Steven Frenzel.

The History of Fleetwood Mac

Tuesday, June 17 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This modest blues band launched in the mid-1960s, achieved monumental success in the mid-1970s, and still makes headlines today. Using interview and performance clips, we'll trace the band's career with a focus on their blockbuster album *Rumours* and the band's members. Presented by College of DuPage professor Gary Wenstrup.

Chef Maddox Presents: Spin on 70s Cuisine

Monday, June 30 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In this cooking demonstration, Chef Maddox will share her spin on 70s cuisine. Recipes will be available to take home. Registration opens Monday, June 9 at 9:00 a.m. and is limited to 50 people.

The History of the Band CHICAGO

Tuesday, July 8 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Formed in 1967, the band Chicago produced a steady stream of hits throughout the 1970s and 1980s. *Billboard* magazine ranked Chicago 9th on the list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time in terms of chart success. Join us as we revisit their career from their early rock 'n' roll successes like "25 or 6 to 4" and "Saturday in the Park" to their softer hits like "If You Leave Me Now" and "Hard to Say I'm Sorry." Hosted by College of DuPage professor Gary Wenstrup.

From the Streets to the Runway: Fashion of the 1970s

Tuesday, July 15 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Historically, fashion influencers were among the social elite and the latest fashion designs were shown in exclusive runway shows, admired by the public from a distance. Social upheaval and changing social attitudes in the 1960s and 70s changed all that, when popular fashion found a vibrant home in the discos and streets of urban centers, changing the way we view and consume fashion. Presented by Nelson Cantada, an Assistant Professor and Chair of the Fashion Studies Program at College of DuPage.

Bell-Bottoms, Disco, and Nixon: The 1970s

Tuesday, July 29 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

The 1970s was a time of change in our history. It was a time of such styles as bell-bottom trousers, wide ties, flowered shirts, leisure suits, afro hairdos, and patent leather shoes. There were also presidential changes in the oval office from Nixon to Ford, and then to Carter. The '70s began with Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley and ended with Mayor Jane Byrne. Historian Jim Gibbons will show us why the 1970s will always be remembered as a time in history that shaped a different world for the future.



DROP-IN MOVIES

Come enjoy a movie with us at BPL's 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.



Jaws (rated PG)

Wednesday, June 18 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

When a massive killer shark unleashes chaos on a beach community off Long Island, it's up to a local sheriff, a marine biologist, and an old seafarer to hunt the beast down.



The Return of the Pink Panther (rated G)

Wednesday, July 16 | 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Join us for more 1975-themed fun as we watch the fourth film in the beloved *Pink Panther* series (the third starring Peter Sellers). This time the bumbling Inspector Clouseau is on the case of another missing diamond.

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, June 18 & July 16
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.

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🕒 special BPL anniversary program • 📅 registration required



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

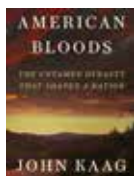
Meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

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

American Bloods: The Untamed Dynasty That Shaped a Nation

by John Kaag

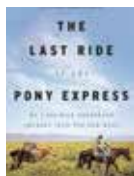
Tuesday, June 3 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



The Last Ride of the Pony Express: My 2,000 Mile Horseback Journey into the Old West

by Will Grant

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



MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

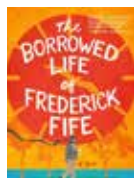
Meets on the third Monday of each month.

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

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife

by Anna Johnston

Monday, June 16 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



A Good Life

by Virginie Grimaldi

Monday, July 21 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



bpl makerspace crafts

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

For ages 12 to adult, BPL card and computer experience is required.

📅 Engraved Metal Bracelet

Use our Cricut Maker to engrave a metal bracelet. Depending on the design complexity, participants may need to pick up their bracelets on a later date.

Registration opens June 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for one session only (limit 4 per session):

Tuesday, June 10 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Monday, June 23 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, July 7 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, July 14 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.



📅 Fabric Pennant Banner

Use our Cricut Maker to design and cut iron-on vinyl to make a custom pennant banner.

Registration opens July 14 at 9:00 a.m. Register for one session only (limit 4 per session):

Tuesday, August 5 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Monday, August 18 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

TECH PROGRAMS

MICROSOFT

Excel 1

Monday, June 30 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Format, design, and sort spreadsheets, plus learn the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

Excel 2

Monday, July 7 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Take the next step in learning Excel! We'll cover intermediate topics such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets.

VIRTUAL: Windows 11 Task Manager

Thursday, July 10 | 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Charlie

Join us on YouTube as we look at the Windows Task Manager and discuss some basic functions we can perform with it.

VIRTUAL: Windows 11 Microsoft Store

Thursday, July 24 | 7:00 p.m. on YouTube

Instructor: Charlie

Learn the basics of installing and uninstalling applications, using the Windows Store, and setting system default applications.

GOOGLE

Google Docs & Cloud Backup

Monday, July 21 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Cloud tools offer more and more opportunities for computer users. Learn about cloud storage options to work collaboratively, access saved items anywhere in the world, and provide a backup in case of computer failure. Google's free applications will be used in class, but alternatives will also be discussed.

APPLE

iPhone Basics

Thursday, June 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Learn to download and run apps, organize your icons, configure your settings, find and use your pictures, play your music, synchronize your phone with other devices, and much more.

Getting Familiar with Apple Watch

Thursday, June 26 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Salvador

Smartwatches like the Apple Watch give us computers on our wrists! Discover how they can help you meet your fitness goals, keep track of important events, and even replace your phone for common tasks.

ONLINE FUN

Online Travel – Plan the Great Road Trip!

Monday, June 16 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn how to use online travel resources such as apps, forums, and review sites for navigation, roadside attractions, hotel discounts, and parking. Find ways to save money, learn about your destination, and avoid unfortunate mistakes.

Online Marketplace Shopping

Monday, July 14 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Christian

Learn how to use popular online marketplace sites like Facebook, eBay, and more. Account creation, item listing, payment methods, and how to spot fraud will be discussed.

DIGITAL FUN

Social Media Safety

Thursday, June 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Christian

Explore privacy settings for popular social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. Compare parental/privacy options across different platforms and discuss common social media scam tactics and learn how to avoid them.

The Golden Age of Video Games – 1970s to Now (Drop-In)

Thursday, July 17 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

This program will focus on the history of 1970s era video games compared to games of the modern age. Demonstrations of various games will be available for participants to engage in.

Cutting the Cord

Monday, July 28 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Explore entertainment options beyond paying for cable. We will discuss how to connect your TV or other devices to streaming services, what options are out there to replace or improve on current service, and how to determine what's right for you.

Makerspace: Cricut Shirt Design

Thursday, July 31 | 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.*

Registration is encouraged for computer classes to receive program updates.
Register **online**, by phone at **(630) 924-2730**, or by email at **bdref@mybpl.org**.

Classes are in-person unless stated otherwise in class description.

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, June 17 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Learn the basics of computer use
and dealing with Windows.

Internet Use & Safety

Friday, June 20 | 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, June 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.

Digital Safety

Friday, June 27 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Focus on non-technical, practical solutions to avoid
frauds, protect your personal information,
and better maintain your devices.

COMPUTER RESOURCES

ARCHIVE STATION

Convert your media to digital formats
using the equipment at our Archive
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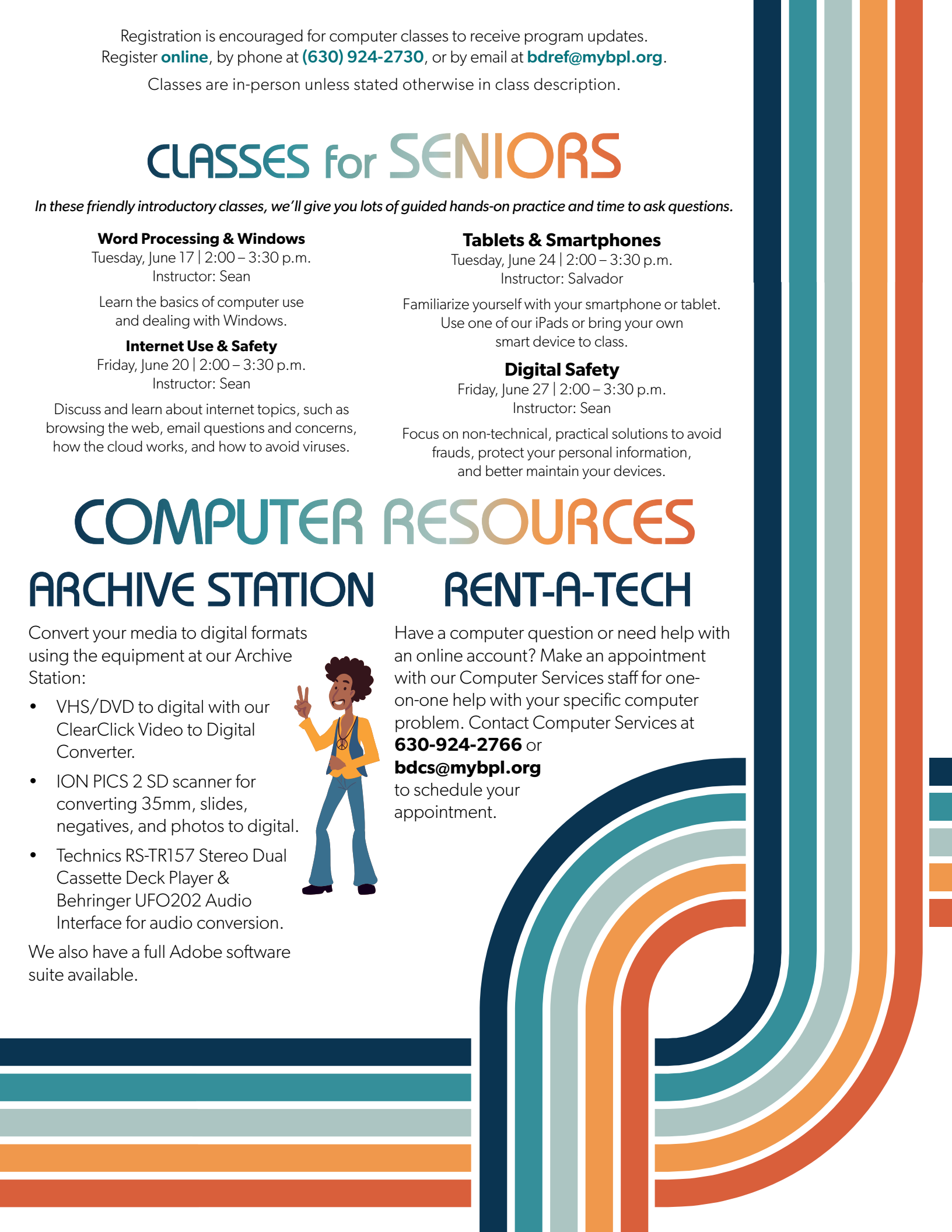
- VHS/DVD to digital with our
ClearClick Video to Digital
Converter.
- ION PICS 2 SD scanner for
converting 35mm, slides,
negatives, and photos to digital.
- Technics RS-TR157 Stereo Dual
Cassette Deck Player &
Behringer UFO202 Audio
Interface for audio conversion.

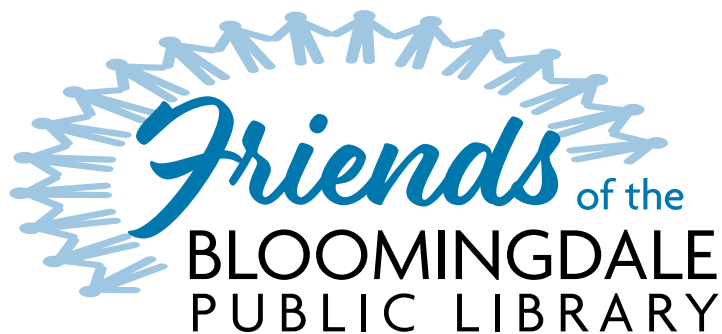


We also have a full Adobe software
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RENT-A-TECH

Have a computer question or need help with
an online account? Make an appointment
with our Computer Services staff for one-
on-one help with your specific computer
problem. Contact Computer Services at
630-924-2766 or
bdcs@mybpl.org
to schedule your
appointment.





Did you know?

The Friends of the Library accept donations of books to sell in the book sale as well as monetary donations that go directly to support BPL programs.

Donations are accepted year-round:

- Bring books in good condition into the library Circulation Desk and let them know the books are a donation.
- Monetary donations can be made via the **Perpetual Book Sale Wall** payment drop-box (cash or check), via **Paypal** (at mybpl.org/friends#donate), or via **Zelle** (under mybplfriends@gmail.com).

Visit mybpl.org/friends for more information, membership application, and donation opportunities.

BPL Holds Lockers

Access library materials even when the library is closed by picking up your holds at the new lockers, located to the right of our main entrance. Picking up holds at the lockers is both convenient and contactless.

Visit mybpl.org/lockers for more information.

Are you interested in getting involved in your community and supporting your library?

Then consider joining the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library!

The Friends is a group that raises funds and volunteers at special events at the library.

Save the Dates:

Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Quarterly Meeting in BPL Meeting Room C

Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Quarterly Meeting in BPL Meeting Room C

Saturday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m.
Fall Book Sale in BPL Meeting Rooms A & B

Planning a Vacation?

Don't forget to freeze your holds before you go! Holds that are frozen won't arrive at the library while you're gone, and you'll keep your place in line so you don't have to start over.

Contact BPL at 630-924-2730
or bdref@mybpl.org if you need assistance putting a freeze on your hold items.



with Gaming @ the Library!

Get your game on with the library's
video games and board games!

Video Games

From Minecraft to Pokémon, power up with the library's video games! We offer games to check out for current gen and older systems: Nintendo 3DS, Nintendo DS, Nintendo Switch, Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Xbox 360, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X. Our Teen Territory also has video game systems available for in-library use for 7th-12th graders. Gather your friends for a match in Super Smash Bros., EA FC, Mario Kart, and more!

Board Games

The Library carries numerous board games, puzzles, strategy games, card games, and learning games for check out in Youth Services and the Teen Territory.

Popular Board Games:

Apples to Apples • Bloomingdale-opoly • Bluey Scavenger Hunt Game • Catan | Dungeon & Dragons • Ticket to Ride • and many more!

Try Out the BPL Makerspace!

Summer is the perfect time to explore DIY, maker, and craft projects! The BPL Makerspace is open to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders and their guests for learning, crafting, and collaborating.

Makerspace Open Use Time Hours

Thursdays 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Saturdays Noon – 4:00 p.m

During **Open Use Time**, BPL cardholders can drop in to use popular equipment, including the Cricut Maker, Silhouette Cameo, button maker (1.5" and 2.25" buttons), sewing machines, AccuQuilt fabric cutter, and more! To see our full equipment list, check out our Makerspace equipment page – <https://mybpl.org/makerspaceequipment>

Book-A-Maker Appointments

Book-A-Maker appointments are one-on-one instructional sessions for BPL cardholders to learn how to use a specific piece of Makerspace equipment. After your appointment, you'll have the knowledge and experience necessary to independently work on our equipment during Makerspace Open Use Hours. Book an appointment – <https://mybpl.org/bookamaker>

3D Printing @ the Library

The Library's 3D printing services are available to all patrons. You can design your own files using 3D modeling software like Tinkercad, Blender, and Fusion, or you can find premade 3D files on websites like Printables, MakerWorld, and Thingiverse.

Once your file is ready, you can submit a 3D print request. 3D prints cost 5¢ per gram, and our full 3D printing specs and online form are available online – <https://mybpl.org/3dprint>



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Important Summer Dates:

May 19	Registration Opens for June Youth Services Programs	June 16	Registration Opens for July Youth Services Programs
May 25	Library Closed Sundays through Labor Day	July 4	Library Closed for Independence Day
May 26	Library Closed for Memorial Day	July 11	Summer Concert: Horizon
June 2	Registration Opens for the Summer Reading Program (for all ages)	August 2	Last Day to Check in Reading Logs for Prizes (for all ages)
June 7	50th Anniversary Party	August 6	Schaumburg Boomers Baseball - BPL Night at Wintrust Field
June 9	BPL's Anniversary Day	August 7	Ice Cream Social
June 13	Summer Concert: Centerfold	August 8	Summer Concert: The Saratogas

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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.

Social Media

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



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 May 26 through September 1

Library Closings:

Monday May 27 for Memorial Day
Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day