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February through
March 2026

new for 2026:

Puzzle Exchange

Saturday, February 21

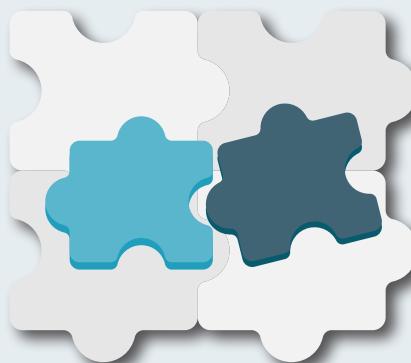
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Stop by the library and trade your used jigsaw puzzle for a “new-to-you” one!

You may drop off up to 10 gently used jigsaw puzzles (300+ pieces) at the Adult Reference Desk before the exchange Wednesday through Friday, February 18 – 20. Puzzles may also be dropped off on the day of the event.

For each puzzle dropped off, you will receive a coupon for a new-to-you puzzle to use on Saturday, February 21.

New or gently used puzzles must be in their original box and have all the pieces secured in a resealable plastic bag. Puzzles must be in good condition and odor-free.



Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library

Join the Friends in 2026!

Our quarterly meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

January 28 | April 22 | July 22 | October 28

You can support the Friends year-round by shopping the Perpetual Book Sale wall at BPL!

New books for all ages are added as they come in, so check back often!

Save the date for our



SPRING BOOK SALE

Saturday, April 25 | 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TAXtime

Federal and State Tax Forms

The library has common federal income tax forms available to the public. Other forms may be printed at the library.

To order additional federal forms, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 or download forms online at www.irs.gov/forms-instructions

To order state forms, call the Revenue Department at 1-800-356-6302 or download forms online at tax.illinois.gov

Calling all artists!

Did you know the library has an Artist of the Month program?

Artists interested in displaying their work can download the exhibition policies and necessary space request forms on our website at mybpl.org/artist.

Contact the Business Office at bdbo@mybpl.org or call 630-529-3120 ext. 0 with any questions.



Adult Programs



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

Puzzle Exchange

Saturday, February 21
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join us for a puzzle exchange!
See page 1 for details.



A Reluctant Cook Shares Tips on Preparing Plant-Based Meals While Minimizing Kitchen Time

Monday, March 2 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In this presentation, Joan Davis, RN, MS will share tips on how to cook healthier and faster. Pull together greens, grains, and beans for quick soups, salads, and main dishes. Samples will be provided!

Discover Your Inner Storyteller

Monday, March 9 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Did you know the Chicago area hosts 50 storytelling shows a month? Storytelling – a.k.a. true stories told live – is fun and open to everyone. Writing coach & teller Victoria Reeves will perform a *Moth*-style story and then show you how to write a true story about a memorable experience! No writing or performance experience necessary.

Ireland in the 21st Century

Tuesday, March 10 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Join Gene Flynn as he chronicles his travels in the Emerald Isle to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Go behind the scenes to understand how Ireland has changed over the past 50 years and the important role the United States played in this transformation.



The History of The Rolling Stones

Tuesday, March 24 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Rolling Stones are one of the most influential rock bands of all time. Their longevity, rebellious image, and musical evolution have cemented their status as rock legends. Using performance and interview video clips, we'll dig deep into the band that is the very definition of sex, drugs, and rock 'n roll! Presented by Gary Wenstrup.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, February 18* & March 18 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

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

*The February meeting will include a program about Ida B. Wells by Letra Bledsoe.

Great Decisions

Wednesdays, February 18 & March 18 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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



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book discussion groups

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

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



The Greatest Beer Run Ever: A Memoir of Friendship, Loyalty, and War

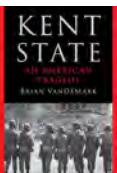
by John "Chick" Donohue and J.T. Molloy

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

Kent State: An American Tragedy

by Brian VanDeMark

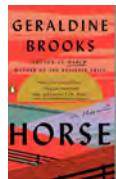
Tuesday, March 3 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



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.



Horse

by Geraldine Brooks

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



Frankie

by Graham Norton

Monday, March 16 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

bplmakerspace crafts

Registration Information:

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

Please sign up for one session only.

Beginner Machine Embroidery

4 per session. Registration is open now.

Monday, February 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Engraved Metal Bracelet

4 per session. Registration opens Monday, February 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Use our Cricut Maker to engrave a metal bracelet.

Depending on the design complexity, patrons may need pick up their bracelets on a later date.

Monday, March 9 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Custom Tote Bag

6 per session. Registration opens Monday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Create a custom tote bag using a sublimation printer.

Makes a great Mother's Day gift!

Wednesday, April 22 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Monday, April 27 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.



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.

FEBRUARY

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy

(rated R)

Wednesday, February 11
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



MARCH

Jojo Rabbit

(rated PG-13)

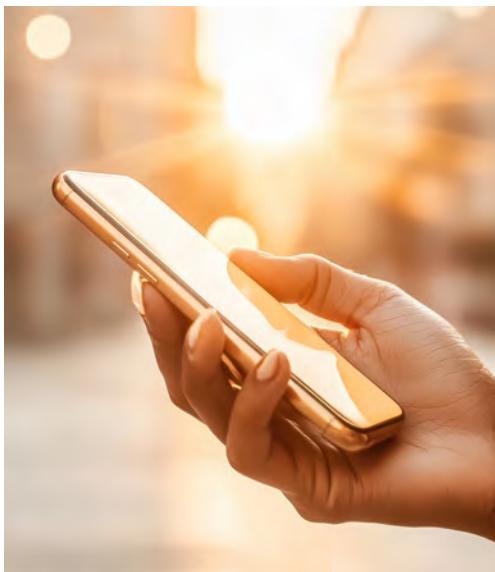
Wednesday, March 11
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Computer Classes



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



for your phone

Uber and Lyft for New Riders

Monday, February 23 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Christian

Uber and Lyft are modern transportation apps for appointments, trips, and grocery shopping. Learn how to download and use these popular rideshare apps.

iPhone Basics

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

Your iPhone is a computer in your pocket! Learn to use the most popular functions while keeping your phone organized.

Gardening Apps

Monday, March 9 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Christian

Whether on your balcony or your backyard, technology makes it even easier to be a successful gardener by identifying plants, creating care schedules, learning landscape design, and more. Discover popular free gardening apps and how to use them.

Free and Open Source Software for Windows

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

Learn about great free software and tools to enhance your experience on Windows, possibly replacing your paid and subscription services like Microsoft Office and Adobe with comparable software (e.g. LibreOffice and Affinity).

Excel 1

Monday, March 2 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Sean

Learn the basic concepts of creating and using spreadsheets. Formatting, designing, and sorting spreadsheets will be discussed along with the first steps towards creating formulas and using functions.

Graphic Design with Canva

Thursday, March 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Charlie

Discover how to use this popular, cloud-based graphic design application. Get started with digital creations (social media posts, presentations, and logos) and printables (planners and wall art, e-books, templates, and physical goods).

Getting Familiar with Apple Watch

Thursday, March 19 | 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.

Excel 2

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

Move on to intermediate topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs, and linking between multiple worksheets. After a thorough examination of basic formula design, take the next step into more advanced spreadsheets by learning about charts and complex functions like VLookup.

design for the BPL Makerspace

Intro to 3D Printing

Thursday, February 12 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Instructor: Charlie

Discuss the fundamentals of 3D printing, basic 3D modeling with Tinkercad, and how to submit projects to our 3D printing service.

Makerspace: Cricut Shirt Design

Thursday, March 12 | 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Instructor: Christian

Learn the Cricut Design Space process for heat-transfer vinyl projects, including software setup, material options, and heat press functionality. BPL cardholders with their own t-shirts can use the Makerspace immediately after class to make their own project!

VIRTUAL - Intro to Silhouette Studio

Thursday, March 26 | 7:00 p.m. Instructor: Charlie

Learn to use this free application to create custom vinyl decals, iron-on designs, intricate paper crafts, stencils, and more!

Watch this program on our YouTube channel.

bpl makerspace

For people interested in DIY, crafting, and making, the BPL Makerspace is a place where you can gather to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge.

We've designed a space suitable for learning, crafting, and collaborating. The Makerspace is open to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders ages 12 to adult.

Open Use Hours:

Thursday, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Visit <https://mybpl.org/makerspace> for full details.



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. Registration begins Monday, January 19.

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

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.



DIY Miniature Cozy Bear Cabin

Kit Pickup begins Monday, February 9 (limit 12 teens)

Pack your bags for a cozy retreat! This bear family is ready for a vacation with all the amenities. Put it all together with paper craft furnishings in a cabin-like scene, complete with miniature books, a tiny faux fire pit, and much more.

Mushroom Wood Plaque Diamond Art

Kit Pickup begins Monday, March 9 (limit 12 teens)

Create a shimmering work of art for your wall with this diamond painting kit. This colorful mushroom and flower design is created by placing tiny diamond-like pieces on a printed plaque. It even includes a cord for hanging, so you can show off your project when finished.

Teen Craft Club

The Teen Craft Club is on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise noted.

Loom Woven Heart Art

Wednesday, February 11 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. (limit 8 teens)

Learn the basics of loom weaving to design a one-of-a-kind woven heart tapestry!



Build a Birdhouse

Wednesday, March 11 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. (limit 10 teens)

Welcome spring and migrating creatures by creating a birdhouse. Add some birdseed to encourage visits from winged friends.

Mindful Skills

Mindful Skills are the 1st Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted.

Kindness Project

Monday, February 23 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (limit 12 teens)

Spread some love to the people in your community! Decorate compliment cards to hand out, leave in random places, or save for a special occasion.



Self-Care Stations

Monday, March 2 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. (limit 12 teens)

Make your own products for a self-care night. Stop and try out each of the stations from DIY perfume to create your own facial mask.

Teen Book Reviews

Teens who enjoy reading, audiobooks, or writing can write book reviews for [volunteer service hours!](#)

Check out the details at mybpl.org/teenbookreviews.

Teen Bookish Boxes

Sign up to receive a teen subscription box full of specially curated books and goodies each month!

For details and to register, visit mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes.

Teen Territory Fun!

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

Love Your Library Letter (February)

Create a handwritten letter expressing your love for the library - what it means to you, what your favorite memories are, or a thank you note to the librarians.

Friendship Bracelets (March)

Channel your inner Taylor Swift or just create something fun for yourself or a friend.



More Teen Programs

Polar Vortex: Teen Escape Room

Thursday, February 19 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (limit 10 teens)

A polar vortex hit the library! Work together to solve puzzles, find hidden clues, and restore power before the snow piles up.

When your team escapes, you can celebrate with a hot cocoa bar reward!

Let's Cook: Mini Pies

Thursday, March 19 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (limit 10 teens)

Let's celebrate "pie day" by making some delicious no-bake pies. Decorate a themed pie box to carry your treat home.



Youth Programs



Registration required for some youth programs (noted with).

Registration for February programs begins Monday, January 19. Registration for March programs begins Monday, February 16.
Register online, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org. Please have your library card when you register.

Preschool Programs

Come Together (Drop-In)

Up to 24 months

Wednesdays | 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 Come Together on April 1.

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

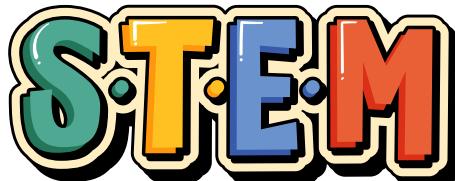
Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, February 10 & March 10
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.

February: Air March: Music

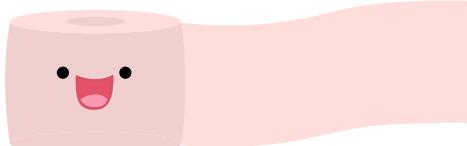


Potty Party

Ages 1-5

Friday, February 20 | 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.



Messy Fingers

Ages 2-4

Tuesday, February 24 | 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!

Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, February 26 & March 26
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.



Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5

Saturday, March 7 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

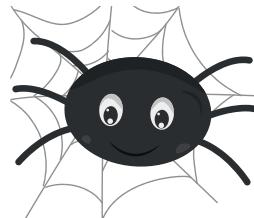
Little hands, but big creativity! Pop in to the Makerspace to try this month's artsy activity.

Out Came the Sun

Ages 3-6

Tuesday, March 17
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Join us for the *Itsy, Bitsy Spider* and other spring stories, games, crafts, and more!



Toddler Dance Party (Drop-In)

18-36 months

Wednesday, April 1 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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

Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers

Friday, April 3 | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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

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.

New Year Session:
January 5 through February 13

Spring Session:
March 3 through April 17

(no storytimes the week of March 30 – April 3)

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5

Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.



Evening Storytime

All ages with caregiver
Mondays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Baby Tales & Tunes

0-24 months with caregiver
Wednesdays

10:00 – 10:20 a.m. OR 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 early literacy skills development.



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.





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School-Age Programs

Sit and Stitch (Drop-In)

Grades 3 and up

Sunday, February 1 | 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Calling all crochet enthusiasts. Join us for some fun with yarn. Bring your own project and share social time with other stitchers.

Culture Connections Club (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Wednesdays, February 4 & March 25
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Visit faraway countries through stories, songs, snacks, and activities.

February: Thailand March: Portugal

Valentine Yarn Wrapped Tree

Grades 3-6

Thursday, February 5 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

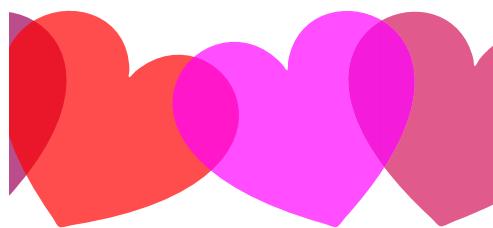
Trees aren't just for Christmas. Join us in making this fun Valentine decoration.

I Heart You

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, February 10 | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Craft a variety of hearts to give to your special someone or keep for yourself.



Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, February 12 & March 12
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

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

February: LED dance glove
March: moon phases

Edible Slime

Grades K-2

Monday, February 16 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Make slime with various recipes. All are safe to taste test. *Please let us know of any allergies at the time of registration.*

Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8

Mondays, February 16 & 23 | 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.

Mardi Gras Masks (Drop-In)

Grades 2-6

Tuesday, February 17 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Celebrate Mardi Gras by making your own mask.

Happy Birthday, Mo Willems! (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Wednesday, February 18 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

It's Mo Willems' birthday month. Come enjoy his famous stories and enjoy activities that Elephant and Piggie would even enjoy!

Octo-party

Grades K-6

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

Stories, science, and crafts all about one of the earth's smartest non-mammals.



Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Tuesday, February 24 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

How to Train Your Dragon Book Party

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, February 25 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Calling all dragon lovers! Come enjoy crafts and activities based on this popular series.

Minute to Win It Olympics

Grades 4-8

Thursday, February 26 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Step up against other middle-grade kids and smash fun and silly challenges to win prizes and bragging rights!

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, March 3 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

OREO® Day

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, March 4 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Come celebrate the famous sandwich cookie! We will learn about the cookie's history and taste test some flavors.

Please let us know of any allergies at the time of registration.

Wild About Owls

Grades K-2

Thursday, March 5 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Come in to enjoy crafts and stories about magnificent owls.



Beeswax Candles

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, March 18 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Make a pair of unique rolled beeswax candles to light up winter's dark days.

Sprout Heads

Grades K-2

Thursday, March 19 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Spring is just around the corner, so get a head start on your garden by planting your own sprouting head.

Melted Quilt (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Thursday, March 26 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Piece together mini pixel squares then combine them to make colorful creative masterpieces.

Paint a Spring Magnet

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, April 1 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Create a pretty refrigerator magnet with springtime colors.



BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY for learning...for life

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.

For updates to hours/services offered:

- Call (630) 529-3120
- Email bdref@mybpl.org
- Visit our website at mybpl.org

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.

eNewsletters

Sign up to get programming and materials information right in your inbox! Visit mybpl.info/enews-signup and [mybpl.org/nnextreads](http://mybpl.org/nextreads) to select which information you'd like to receive.

Family Programs

A Love Letter to Our Library (Drop-In)

Families

Tuesday, February 3 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Join us for a reading of *A Love Letter to My Library* and then we will make letters that will be used for a library love display!

Homeschool Hangout Series

Families

Wednesdays, February 11 & March 11

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.

Peeps® Family Challenge

Families

Sunday, March 29 | 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. *Please register as a family.*

KPop Demon Hunters Bookmarks (Drop-In)

Families

Tuesday, March 31 | 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Be golden and create some *KPop Demon Hunters* bookmarks!

Fairy Tale Ball

Families

Sunday, March 8
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Every prince, princess, knight, and jester are invited to join!

Wear your shiny suit of armor, ball gown, or your favorite fairy tale creature. Join us for an afternoon of fun, crafts, and games.

Please register one time per family.



Find your next great read with NoveList or NoveList K-8!

NoveList contains information on over 260,000 fiction and nonfiction titles. The database features lists of award-winning books, book discussion guides, read-alike recommendations, and complete series information. Also included are reader ratings and reviews. You can create your own reading wish list right in your account!

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Get started today at <https://www.mybpl.org/databases#lit> and click the **NoveList** or **NoveList K-8** links.

NoveList

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.

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