

Research Essentials: One hour appointments are available to meet with a Reference Librarian. We can show you the basics of library research, including an introduction to our computer catalog and the electronic databases. This program is available for individuals or groups.

Local History Room: You will find archived Bloomingdale documents and photographs, and there are several special exhibits each year. This area can be used by students and teachers who are interested in more historical background on the settling and growth of Bloomingdale. The original Bloomingdale post office boxes are on permanent display in this area. Go to www.mybpl.org/localhistory for additional information and view photographs of old Bloomingdale. It is a great resource for local history projects.

Library tours: This is a great way for students to familiarize themselves with all of the library facilities. Upon request, tours will emphasize areas of special interest to each grade. Tours include information regarding the Adult and Youth Services Departments, computer labs, Local History Room, and Tech Services.

eBooks and Audiobooks: The library offers multiple resources for downloadable media, eBooks, and audiobooks through MyMediaMall, eRead Illinois, and Hoopla. To download an eBook or audiobook, you must have a Bloomingdale Public Library card and compatible laptop, tablet, or smartphone. These services are accessible from anywhere!



Online Access to the Library's Resources

Visit our library website at www.mybpl.org. There is information regarding the Bloomingdale community and agencies that serve our residents. Bloomingdale patrons also have access to our many databases including:

Brainfuse: Live online tutors for homework help in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies for students in grades K-12. 24/7 Writing Lab, Homework Question Center, and Skills Building available.

Britannica Online Kids: Two complete encyclopedias, learning materials and variety of student activities and features for mathematics, social studies, language arts and science. Animated charts, videos and animated maps are included.

NovelList K-8 Plus: Find books that meet almost any criteria, whether they be similar to your favorite novel, set in a particular country, or about a particular subject. NovelList's full-text book reviews let you determine if a particular title is right for you.

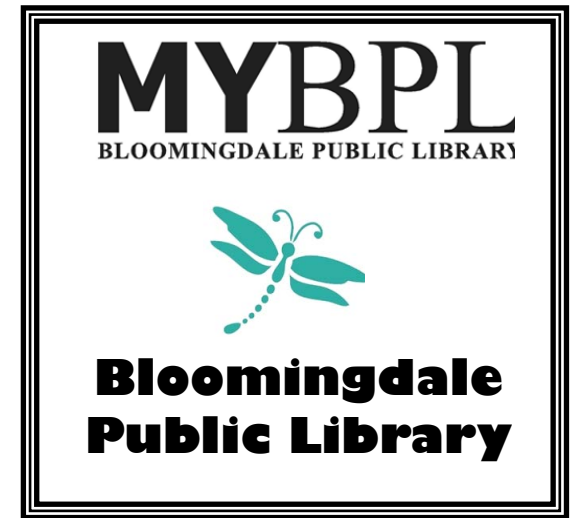
SIRS Discoverer: Contains four types of databases for reading levels ranging from grades one through nine. Includes full-text articles and images from newspapers, magazines, and government documents.

TumbleBooks: Library's collection of animated books, puzzles, quizzes, and games.

TumbleReadables: An online collection of read-along eBooks. The collection features picture books, early readers, chapter books, and middle school readers.

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School Services Guide

GRADES K - 6

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BPL has special programs for each grade level.

Kindergarten: Celebrate the lives and works of children's authors with an Author Celebration program. It includes a presentation on the author's life, sharing their work, and a craft. Suggested authors are Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, Lois Lowry, and Beverly Cleary. This program is available either in the classroom or at BPL and is suitable for children up to 3rd grade.



1st Grade: The Celebrate Reading Party is presented at BPL. Students enjoy a party with a craft, stories, treats, and a behind the scenes tour to celebrate the reading skills developed while in 1st grade. Special party invitations will be sent to all 1st grade classes in the spring of each school year.

2nd Grade: We will visit classrooms with books and stories. This is designed to be a follow-up to the Celebrate Reading Program.

3rd - 5th Grades: Programs including Genre Studies, Dewey Decimal System, and Electronic Databases are available to students who are beginning to do more library research. Many more topics are available and BPL looks forward to special requests.

Booktalks for Grades 1-8

A Youth Services staff member will do booktalks of the newest Rebecca Caudill (grades 4-8), Bluestem (grades 3-5) and Monarch (grades K-2) book award lists. We can also booktalk newly released titles that your students will enjoy.



Assignment Alerts: Teachers are encouraged to notify our library anytime they have special assignments that require students to do research. We like to be prepared in order to direct students to the information they need whether it be books or databases.

Collection Reserves: Teachers may request that books on a particular topic be made available to their students for in-library use only. Materials regarding a subject can also be set aside for check-out. The library reserves the right to limit the number of checkouts on a particular topic.

Bag of Books: Teachers may request books and other materials for use in their classrooms. Each Bag of Books will have up to 25 books that will be selected by library staff, checked out to the teacher, and delivered to the school's office on the requested date. Teachers must register with the school liaison and will then receive a program description and fax forms for their requests.



Storypacks: These backpacks are designed to provide finger-tip access to theme programs with books, puzzles, puppets, music, and DVDs. Themes include: alphabet, colors, shapes, birds, dinosaurs, fairy tales, school, and more. For grade levels Pre-K to 2nd grade.

Character Counts! Materials: Books, workbooks, CDs and DVDs are available to supplement the Character Counts program. Preschool - 12th grade.

Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection:

Books, DVDs, CDs, CD-ROMs, and kits on the study of foreign languages, cultures, folklore, ethnic recipes, music, poetry, literature, and history. An excellent multicultural resource collection in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indian languages, Italian, Polish, Russian, Spanish and many more. Preschool through 6th grade resources available.

Parent/Teacher

Collection: Books and kits that provide parents and teachers with information on child development, classroom support materials, and parenting issues.



Textbooks: Bloomington Public Library has non-circulating copies of textbooks from Bloomington School District 13, Marquardt School District 15, Consolidated School District 93, Elementary School District 20, St. Matthew School, and Lake Park High School.

For information regarding our programs or to make reservations, please contact the School Liaison, Kandy Jones:

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