Bloomingdale Public Library
News & Events



Spring Break Programs

Between blanket forts and tons of colorful crafts, we're ready to have lots of fun with you while you're on spring break! Turn to the Kids Programs section to see our full events list.

Need even more ideas to keep your kiddos busy? Check out one of our science or music kits to bring home, or borrow a Museum Adventure Pass to explore some amazing places throughout the Chicago suburbs. Come to the Youth Services department for more information!



Photo Credit: Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club

LEGO FUN COMES TO BPL

Don't miss the Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club's one-weekend-only exhibition at our Library on February 23 and 24! Turn to the Kids Programs sections for more details.

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 for 10 cents per page.

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 *www.tax.illinois.gov*.



101 Fairfield Way
(630) 529-3120 *www.mybpl.org*
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.

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Adult Programs

DIY String Art Heart
Tuesday, February 5
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with us by learning how to make string art in the shape of a heart! All materials provided. *Registration opens January 2nd and is limited to 20 adults.*

Meditation as Medication
Tuesday, February 12
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

In this practical workshop, Dr. Tim Fior will clarify the many benefits of meditation as described in the medical research literature, and will give every participant a personal, instructed demonstration of meditation.

Cahokia
Monday, February 18
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site used to be a major Native American city. What happened to the large population that once lived there and what clues have been uncovered in its iconic earthen mounds? Dr. John Staeck shares the history behind this famous Native American site and the people who built it.

Senior Housing 101
Tuesday, February 19
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Rick Graffagna of Senior Solutions explains types of senior housing, things to consider when looking, funding for senior housing, and how to find senior properties.

Chef Maddox Presents: Mardi Gras!
Monday, March 4
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy an evening traveling through the culinary world of Cajun/New Orleans cuisine! *Registration opens February 1st and is limited to 50 adults.*

Finding the Novel Inside of You
Tuesday, March 5
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

William Hazelgrove tells the secrets to getting started on that novel idea and maintaining your writing momentum. He will also review the "ins-and-outs" of getting published and share stories of his own publishing journey.

Identity Fraud
Tuesday, March 12
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Skip Gonsoulin, Senior Community Relations Liaison for the Illinois State Office of the Attorney General, will be here to teach us how to avoid the latest scams and prevent identity fraud.

Coco Chanel
Monday, March 25
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

History's most influential designer returns in a spirited historical portrayal. "Coco" shares the story of her rise to fame, her fashion theories and innovations, and the creation of her most famous fragrance, Chanel No. 5.



Need eBook Help?

We can help you get started with eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines! Contact the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730 to schedule a 45 minute appointment.

Want to try downloading on your own? That's OK, too! Visit *mybpl.org/ebooks* to see all the different services you can use to enjoy downloadable materials and read our instruction guides on how to use them.

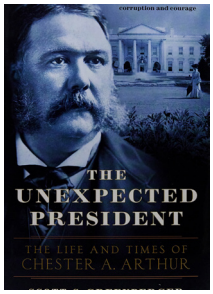
= Registration required. Register for programs online at *www.mybpl.org*, at the Adult Services Desk, or by calling (630) 924-2730.

Book Discussion Groups

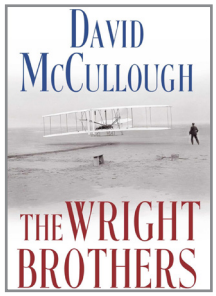
Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion.

Historical Book Group

The Unexpected President: The Life and Times of Chester A. Arthur
by Scott S. Greenberger
Tues., February 5
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

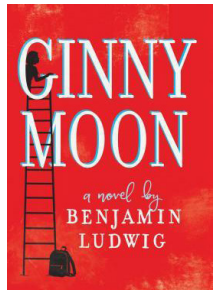


The Wright Brothers
by David McCullough
Tues., March 5
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

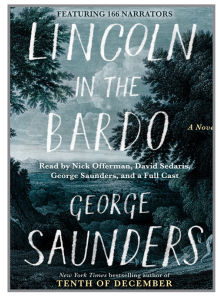


Monday Night Page Turners

Ginny Moon
by Benjamin Ludwig
Mon., February 18
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Lincoln in the Bardo
by George Saunders
Mon., March 18
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.



Drop-In Movie Matinee

We'll supply the popcorn! Enter for a chance to win a copy of the movie on DVD. *Must be present to win.*

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again
Wednesday, February 20
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
PG-13 1 hr. 54 min.



Crazy Rich Asians
Wednesday, March 27
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
PG-13 2 hrs.



Coming Soon!

Mark your calendar for these exciting events:

Organic Vegetable Container Gardening
Tuesday, April 9
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Life and Legacy of Chicago's Jane Byrne
Monday, April 15
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Ongoing Events

Bloomingdale Seniors' Club (Drop-In)
Tuesdays, February 12 & March 12
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Play cards and meet other seniors who share your interests!

Scrabble Club (Drop-In)
Thursdays, February 14 & March 14
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

All skill levels are welcome!

Great Decisions
Weds., February 20 & March 20
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

This discussion program is a civic education program administered by the Foreign Policy Association. Reading selections to be discussed at meetings are available in the Great Decisions briefing book.

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)
Thursdays, February 28 & March 28
6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Share search strategies and explore Library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.

DId You Know...
March is Women's History Month! Learn all about the women in your family tree by exploring our genealogy resources.

Visit *mybpl.org/genealogy* to start your search online, or ask for help at the Library!

Kids Corner

For Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

Potty Party
Ages 1-5 with caregiver
Tuesday, February 12
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Toddlers of all stages of potty training are invited to a party with stories and songs to encourage and motivate potty training.

Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)
9 months-2 years with caregiver
Thursdays, February 14, 21 & 28
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun as we explore the world of sound using an array of musical instruments.

Shake, Rattle, & Roll
Ages 3-5 years
Friday, February 22
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Do you love to make some noise? We will make a fun musical instrument, then we'll wiggle and giggle to our favorite songs.

Doodlebugs
2-3 years old with caregiver
Monday, February 25
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking, and creating while developing fine motor skills.

Spring Storytimes

There will be no storytimes during Spring Break week (March 24-30).

Drop-In Storytimes

Family Storytime
All ages with caregiver
Fridays, March 8 - April 19
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Limited Storytimes
(Drop-In, Limited to 20 Children)

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3-5 years
Tuesdays, March 5 - April16
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Toddler Storytime
Ages 2-3 years w/ caregiver
Wednesdays, March 6 - April 17
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

More Storytimes

Financial Planning Storytime
Ages 4-8
Tuesday, February 12
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

This unique storytime helps children learn about money and savings. Presented by State of Illinois.

Registered Storytimes

Happy Books, Happy Cooks
Ages 3-5
Mondays, March 4 - April 15
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Romper Rhymes
Ages 3-15 months w/ caregiver
Thursdays, March 7 - April 18
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Budding Readers
Ages 16-23 months w/caregiver
Thursdays, March 7 - April 18
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Leprechaun Stories (Drop-In)
All ages
Friday, March 15
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

It's almost St. Patrick's Day! Join us for this special family storytime in a world full of leprechauns, where everyone wears green!

Community Storytimes

Storytime with a Surprise at Stratford Square Mall (Drop-In)
All ages w/ caregiver
Thursdays, February 7 & March 7
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Meet by the Cafe Court and receive a treat for being a good listener!

Storytime, Milk, and Cookies at Panera (Drop-In)
All ages
Mon., February 11 & March 11
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
Panera Bread on Army Trail Road

Enjoy a special storytime and nibble on some yummy cookies and milk from Panera!

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Science & Technology

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead

Grades K-2
Mon., February 11 & 25, March 11
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Each month we will cover a STEAM subject while incorporating fundamental skills of reading, writing, computation, coding, and problem solving.

Build a Project with Little Bits

Grade 3-5
Thurs., February 14 & March 14
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Little Bits are toys that make building and inventing electronic gadgets for kids fun and easy. Join us as we talk about the basics and start building a gadget. *Provided through a generous donation from the Friends of the Library.*

Scrub-A-Dub SCIENCE

Grades 3-6
Wednesday, March 6
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Make bubbly play-dough, jiggly jelly soap, and more, just like you see in fancy shops in the mall!

Let's Make Something

Craft Time (Drop-In)

All ages
Thursdays, February 7 & March 7
3:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Stop by to make a fun craft. We'll supply all the materials needed.

Make it Take it (Drop-In)

All ages
Sunday, February 10
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Stop in and make a fun Valentine's day craft!

Little Luminaries

Grades K-2
Wednesday, March 20
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Make your own special night-light with markers, lights, and fantastic details.

Spring Break Programs

Fort Night

Families
Monday, March 25
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bring a blanket and your imagination! Build a cool fort with friends, then cozy up with a snack and your favorite books.

Sponge Painting Soiree (Drop-In)

All ages
Tuesday, March 26
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Roll back your sleeves and create your own sponge paint scene! Dress for mess.

Spring Break Coloring (Drop-In)

All ages
Wednesday, March 27
All day

Color our large murals covering several tables in the Youth Services department.

Perler-palooza! (Drop-In)

Grades 3-6
Wednesday, March 27
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Stop by any time between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. to take your fuse bead designs to the next level!

Drop-In Movie

All ages
Thursday, March 28
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy the matinee with some popcorn! *Children 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Movie to be announced in March.*

Save the Date!



Wonderful Wacky Juggler Andy Head (Drop-In)

All ages
Monday, February 18
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Two-time juggling champion Andy Head's wacky mix of juggling and comedy will have you laughing 'til your face hurts!

Kids Corner

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More Upcoming Events

NEW! Sensory Time

Ages 3-8 with caregiver
Saturdays, February 9 & March 9
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

A new monthly program for children with special needs, filled with stories, songs, games, sensory stations, and more!

Please email us at *bdys@mybpl.org* if your child has needs and interests that we should know about to serve them better.

Homeschool Meetup (Drop-In)

Families
Thursday, February 14
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Meet other homeschooling and unschooling families as you discover new resources, learn about ways the Library can support your curriculum, and share ideas for improving your family's homeschool experience.

LEGO FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Featured Attractions

Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club

All ages
Saturday, February 23 — 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 24 — 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club will exhibit a one-of-a-kind LEGO train display at the library for one weekend only! LEGO lovers of all ages will be amazed as custom LEGO trains whizz past cities and towns all made out of LEGO bricks! You'll see pop culture references, scenes out of your favorite movies, and plenty of hilarious LEGO Minifigure shenanigans!

Free Build with LEGO (Drop-In)

Families
Saturday, February 23 — 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 24 — 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Explore your creativity with the Library's LEGOs!

More Programs

Learn with LEGOs

Ages 3-5
Tuesday, February 19
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Build with LEGOs and build your child's school readiness, too!

I Love LEGO Day

Grades K-2
Thursday, February 21
4:15-5:15 p.m.

The new LEGO movie is out and we want to celebrate with all things LEGO!

Teen Territory

= Registration required. Programs open to grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted. Register at the Adult Reference Desk, online at *www.mybpl.org*, or by phone at (630) 924-2730.

Let's Make Something

DIY Painted Light Bulb
Wednesday, February 20
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Brighten up your room with a custom light bulb! Paint fun designs on a light bulb and watch as your art is projected onto the walls. *Limit 10.*

3D Print Club (Drop-In)
Weds., February 27 & March 27
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Learn how to create your own designs and print them out.

DIY Vinyl Tote Bags
Wednesday, March 6
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Create a custom tote bag! Choose an image, cut it out using our vinyl machine, and iron it on to make a completely unique bag. *Limit 10*

Play a Game

Dungeons and Dragons Club (Drop-In)
Ages 13 & up
Thursdays, February 7 & March 7
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Looking for some place to run your D&D campaign? Grab your twenty-sided die, eat some snacks, and embark on an adventure. Newbies and long-time players are welcome.

Game Night (Drop-In)
Thursdays, February 14 & 28, March 14 & 28
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join other teens for gaming on our big screens or a tabletop! Check out the new Nintendo Switch, race in Mario Kart 8, battle in Super Smash Bros. or Overwatch, or discover your new favorite board game!

Just for Fun

Cupcake Wars!
Wednesday, February 13
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for our second annual Cupcake Wars contest! Show off your decorating skills by frosting the perfect cupcake. Bring in your own unfrosted cupcakes or use the ones we provide. Toppings and frosting will also be provided. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative and tastiest looking cupcakes! *Limit 12.*

Ace Your Tests!

SAT Practice Test
Saturday, February 23
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Take a practice test to ward off test day jitters and see how you may score on the SAT. A representative from C2 Education will provide a proctored practice test and contact you with scores and analyzed results. Bring pencils, your calculator, and a snack!

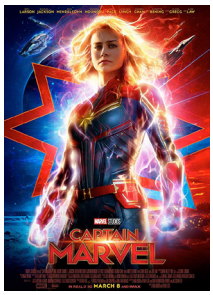
Watch a Movie

Teen Movie Night: *The Hate U Give* (Drop-In)
Wednesday, March 13
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Watch the film with us, then stick around for a chance to win a copy of the movie!

Meet Me at the Movies: *Captain Marvel*
Friday, March 29
Meeting Time TBA



Movie tickets and snacks will be provided. Meet at Cinemark Century Stratford Square. *Limit 10.*

Make a Difference

TAB: Teen Advisory Board (Drop-In)
Thursday, March 21
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Make your voice heard! Meet over pizza to help plan programs for teens, make decisions for the Library's teen space, play games, promote the Library, earn volunteer hours, and more.

Computer Classes

= Registration required. Register at the Adult Reference Desk, online at *www.mybpl.org*, or by phone at (630) 924-2730. Registration opens February 1.

Classes For Seniors

In these friendly, introductory classes, we'll give you lots of guided hands-on practice and time to ask questions.

Seniors Course: Session 1

Tuesday, March 5
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Daniel

Learn about word processing and the basics of dealing with Windows.

Seniors Course: Session 2

Tuesday, March 12
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Daniel

We'll explore browsing the web, email questions and concerns, the cloud, and avoiding viruses.

Seniors Course: Session 3

Tuesday, March 19
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Daniel

Get familiar with tablets and smartphones. Bring your own device, or borrow one of the ibrary's iPads.

Photography & Video

Photo Editing

Thursday, February 14
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Learn basic skills for working with pictures using the popular and free GIMP tool. We'll cover basics like editing and cropping photos, creating slideshows, saving pictures off the web, and more.

Digital Photography

Thursday, March 7
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Daniel

Improve your photography skills, learn how to transfer and print photos, and get a clearer understanding of photography terms and digital camera features in this class. You are welcome to bring your own camera to class!

Video Editing & Sharing

Monday March 11
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn how to use desktop applications and phone apps to edit and improve your videos.

Using Your Device

Basic Tablet Skills

Thursday, February 21
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Become more comfortable working with apps, the touch-screen interface, and navigating the settings and tools that can make your iPad, Android, Kindle or other device as fun and useful as possible.

Basic Maintenance

Monday, March 4
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Gain basic knowledge of the parts that make up a computer and how to go about upgrading, repairing, and maintaining them.

More Tech Topics

Online Travel Planning

Monday, February 11
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Want to travel smarter? Learn how to save money, learn everything you need to know about your destination, and avoid unforunate mishaps by using the many online resources available to travelers.

Excel Formulas

Monday, February 25
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

In this class, students will learn to create and edit dynamic formulas using tools like logical (IF) functions, arrays, conditional formatting, data validation, and more.

Find a Job with Your Computer

Thursday, March 14
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

First, we'll cover designing and editing resumes in Microsoft Word, then we'll show you how to create accounts and perform searches with job finding websites like LinkedIn, Hotjobs, and Monster.

Intro to Python

Thursday, March 21
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Daniel

Learn the basics of this versatile and popular programming language.