Dear High School Juniors and Parents:

The Baldwin Public Library Board in Birmingham supports student leadership development, community service and future citizen participation in local government. The BPL Board invites interested juniors who reside in the Villages of Beverly Hills or Bingham Farms, the City of Birmingham or the City of Bloomfield Hills to apply to be the **Student Representative to the Baldwin Public Library Board.** This opportunity requires a commitment to serve a one-year term on the Baldwin Public Library Board. The term of service runs from February 18, 2013 to February 17, 2014. Board meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Library's Rotary Room on the lower level. Packets for each Board meeting are available on the Library's website the Friday prior to the meeting. The commitment to this position requires that the BPL Student Representative review the monthly agenda, minutes and reports prior to the meeting.

The selected student will be appointed as a non-voting member on the Library Board, but will be asked to perform all other meeting duties of the elected City of Birmingham trustees. The Student Representative will receive all materials, participate in discussions and help shape decisions by lending a high school person's perspective.

This position requires that the appointed student will be comfortable speaking in public and appearing on cable television. Visit www.baldwinlib.org and the "About the Library" link to review past meetings and minutes.

The completed application, essay and two letters of recommendation are due back January 11, 2013 to Josh Rouan in the Baldwin Library, 300 West Merrill, Birmingham, MI 48009 or via email to volunteersbaldwinlibrary@gmail.com

We hope you will give serious consideration to this unique learning opportunity. This provides a wonderful way to develop leadership skills, earn community service hours, and to experience first-hand how local city government operates and libraries make decisions, as well as the chance to learn more about careers in libraries.

Sincerely,

Sheila Brice
Library Board Secretary

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Application Student Representative to Baldwin Library Board

Please print in ink or return via online delivery **Due Friday, January 11, 2013**

Name_____ Grade: _Junior Age: _____

Address_____

City or Village_____Zip Code:_____
(must be resident of Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms or City of Bloomfield Hills)
Email_____

Home phone:_____ Cell phone:_____

School:_____

What school activities and/or classes have you participated in which would qualify you to serve as the Student Representative?

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Please list your involvement in non-school activities:

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What personal skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good representative?

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How would you be able to schedule your time to function effectively as a student representative?

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From Principal or School Counselor:

I believe that this student would responsibly serve as a member of the Birmingham Baldwin Public Library Board for a one-year term.

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Principal's Signature Date

Guardian or Parent Permission:

I give my permission for my son/daughter to seek the position of Student Representative to the Birmingham Baldwin Public Library Board for a one -year term.

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Guardian or Parent(s) Signature(s) Date

Include a short essay (typed) to convince the selection committee that you should be chosen as a student representative to the Library Board. If selected, your essay will be a part of your introduction to the Library Board

Please **include two letters of recommendation.** One letter should be from a school staff member, and the other letter should be from an adult outside the school setting, who knows your activities outside of school.

Return application form, essay and letters by Friday , January 11, 2013

Deliver to :

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or to:

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300 West Merrill St.
Birmingham, MI 48009
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