Baldwin Public Library
Library Board of Directors

Library Board Meeting

February 18, 2019

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Ashley Aidenbaum, Vice President
Melissa Mark, Secretary
Frank Pisano
James W. Suhay
David Underdown

Doug Koschik, Library Director
Baldwin Public Library

Mission
The Baldwin Public Library enriches Birmingham and participating communities by providing opportunities and resources for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to learn, connect and discover.

Vision
The Baldwin Public Library will be an essential resource for the community and its first choice for accessing the world's knowledge.

Core Values
We are committed to:
♦ Intellectual Freedom
♦ Equitable and Inclusive Access
♦ Education and Learning
♦ Welcoming Environment
♦ Integrity
♦ Partnerships
♦ Excellence

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AGENDA
Baldwin Public Library Board Meeting  
Monday, February 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.  
Rotary Tribute & Donor Rooms

Agenda

The full Board packet is available online at www.baldwinlib.org on the Friday preceding the meeting. This is an open meeting. All members of the public are invited to attend.

Call to order, pledge of allegiance, reading of the Library’s mission statement, and establishment of a quorum.

I. Consent Agenda  
All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and approved by a roll call vote. There will be no discussion of these items unless a Board member or a citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered as the last item under new business.

   A. Approval of January 23, 2019 minutes 
   B. Approval of January 2019 vendor payments in the amount of $97,845.60, including payments in excess of $6,000
   C. Approval of total expenses in the amount of $348,884.31.

II. Board Reports and Special Announcements

   A. President’s report
   B. Board comments
   C. Staff Introduction: Carri Fritz-Gvozdich, Circulation Supervisor
   D. New Student Representative introduction: Klea Ahmet
   E. Staff anniversaries
   F. Fundraising update (Melissa Mark)
   G. Upcoming events of interest (Rebekah Craft)

III. Board Committee Reports

   A. Finance Committee (Frank Pisano)
   B. Building Committee (Jim Suhay)

IV. Library Report

V. Liaisons
A. Report from Friends of the Baldwin Public Library (Pam DeWeese) p. 47
B. Beverly Hills (Lee Peddie, Mayor, Beverly Hills Village Council)
C. Bloomfield Hills (Susan McCarthy, Mayor, Bloomfield Hills City Commission)

VI. Unfinished Business
VII. New & Miscellaneous Business
VIII. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

IX. Information Only
A. Student Representative to the Library Board – Klea Ahmet Application p. 50
B. Learn Connect Discover Spring 2019 Issue p. 56
C. 2019 Book Clubs Bookmark p. 64
D. 2019 Book Clubs Brochure p. 66
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F. Downtown Publications article “Departments review long-range plans for city” p. 69
G. Eccentric article “Workshop at Baldwin Library” p. 73
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I. Eagle article “Library plans fun for midwinter break” p. 74
J. Upcoming events of interest p. 75

X. General Public Comment Period
The Library Board values public meetings and welcomes your comments on Library issues. The Board respectfully asks that comments be made as concisely as possible. We welcome your comments but cannot debate items not on the agenda.

XI. Adjournment
Next regular meeting of Library Board: Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Suggested motion: To adjourn the February 18 Board Meeting.

Persons with disabilities that may require assistance for effective participation in this public meeting should contact the Library at the number (248) 647-1700 or (248) 644-5115 (for the hearing impaired) at least one day before the meeting to request help in mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Tera at 7:30 p.m.

Library Board present: Jim Suhay, Bob Tera, David Underdown, Frank Pisano, Ashley Aidenbaum, Melissa Mark, and Student Representative Chelsea Schaufler.

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Doug Koschik, Director; Rebekah Craft, Associate Director; Rosemary Retford, Youth Librarian and Paul Gillin, Administrative Assistant.

Friends of the Library Liaison: Ryndee Carney.

Contract community representatives present: None.


Tera asked Schaufler to read aloud the Library’s mission statement.

2. **Consent Agenda**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda.**

1st Aidenbaum
2nd Mark

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Suhay, Tera, Underdown, Pisano, Aidenbaum, and Mark
Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Board Reports and Special Announcements:**

Tera mentioned the various programs that were held this week at both the Library and the Community House to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Library was very busy on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tera asked Retford, Youth Librarian, to introduce herself to the Board. She provided a brief summary of her education and work experience and was warmly welcomed by the Board.

Tera invited Carney to provide the Friends report. She reported that in calendar 2018, the Friends contributed over $48,000 to the Library, thanks to the success of its activities, including its successful new fundraising activity “Books, Bags and Bagels” which will be held again in March, 2019. The pop-up sales have been successful as well. Carney also highlighted some of the social media stats for the
Friends. At present, the Friends have 330 paid memberships and 600 total memberships. One goal for 2019 is to increase interest in members to serve on the FOBPL Board.

Next, Pisano announced the following staff anniversaries: Koschik (28 years); Poprafsky (23 years); Hildebrandt (25 years); and Salucci (14 years).

Craft thanked Schaufler for her past year of service and wished her well. Board members similarly expressed their appreciation for her participation.

Mark updated the Board on the fundraising activities to date, which have yielded approximately $184,000 (plus an additional $22,000 in pledges) for the Youth expansion and renovation project.

Craft highlighted a few upcoming events of interest, details of which can be found on page 119 of the January Board packet.

Board Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Pisano reported that the Committee met on January 15, 2019. Complete minutes of this meeting are on pages 14 – 16 of the January Board packet. The budget for FY 2018-2019 continues to track well. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Building Committee: Suhay welcomed the LZG representatives present at the meeting. He then reported that the working group met on January 11, 2019 and January 18, 2019. Complete minutes of these working sessions are on pages 17 - 19 of the January Board packet.

Koschik then presented the documents that have been sent to the City in preparation for its upcoming long-range planning session, which will be held on January 26, 2019. He highlighted some of the more salient features of the proposed project, all of which have been discussed during prior Board meetings. The Library continues to target a summer 2019 start date for the project. Koschik then invited Swanson to discuss with the Board the choices under consideration for the various sizes of tiles for the restrooms, which will be representative of books on shelves. Pisano and Aidenbaum expressed their approval of the design concept. In addition to the tile size consideration, we must evaluate and consider color combinations for the surfaces in the rest rooms. Suhay asked Swanson to consider tile options between 12 inches in width and eight inches in width and to develop drawings that illustrate those options.

Koschik briefly reviewed the cost and financing of the project. The cost has increased by nearly $100,000 (4.2%) over the past year for added items, like the children’s garden and automatic door openers. The additional millage the Library will receive for this project will cover approximately $2 million of the roughly $2.4 million that the project is now estimated to cost. Library funds from fundraising and the Trust will bridge the gap.

Suhay reviewed the cost elements in greater detail and explained the changes to the January 2018 estimates. The increase is due to additions to the project, as well as increasing construction costs resulting from the booming construction industry.

Koschik asked the Board to approve a motion approving the upcoming RFPs related to the project.
Motion: To authorize the approval of RFPs for construction, landscaping, and FFE (furniture, fixtures, and equipment) relating to the Youth Services expansion and renovation, contingent upon the approval of such RFPs by the Library’s legal counsel and Building Committee, and—in the case of construction and landscaping—also by the Birmingham City Commission.

1st Suhay
2nd Mark

Yeas: Suhay, Tera, Underdown, Aidenbaum, Pisano, and Mark.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.

4. Library Report:

Koschik highlighted key statistics from the dashboard on page 22 of the January Board packet and fielded a few questions from Board members. Koschik provided the Board an update on the customer service training recently undertaken at BPL. A review of it will occur in February. Koschik also mentioned the upcoming ZingTrain session for select staff and Board members.

Craft mentioned a few other items from the Library report. Aidenbaum suggested some possible ways to increase the visibility of the Idea Lab on social media. The complete Library Report can be found on pages 21 - 36 of the January Board packet.

5. Liaisons:

Friends of Baldwin Public Library: See the remarks from Carney made earlier under Board Reports and Special Announcements.

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

6. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

7. New and Miscellaneous Business: Koschik described the selection process for a new janitorial service for the Library.

Motion: To approve the selection of DM Burr Group to perform janitorial services at the Library, at a monthly rate of $3,221.32, for a four-year contract to be paid out of account 816.0100 Janitorial Contract.

1st Aidenbaum
2nd Pisano

Yeas: Suhay, Tera, Underdown, Aidenbaum, Pisano, and Mark.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.

Suhay inquired about the new outdoor sculpture. Koschik has sent an email to the Planning Department about it, but has not heard back yet. He presumes the installation will occur when the weather improves.
8. **Information Only:** See pages 93 - 119 of the January Board packet.

9. **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.
- 1st Underdown
- 2nd Suhay

Yeas: Suhay, Tera, Underdown, Aidenbaum, Pisano, and Mark.
Nays: None.
Absent and excused: None.
The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

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The Library Board of Directors of the Baldwin Public Library has examined the claims listed on the foregoing Register of claims and except for claims not allowed as shown on the Register such claims are hereby approved and dated in accordance with MCL 397.210a and the Birmingham City Charter.

Secretary of the Baldwin Public Library Board
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee
Building Committee
February Finance Committee Report

The Baldwin Public Library Board’s Finance Committee met on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. in the Delos Board Room. Present were Frank Pisano, Bob Tera, Doug Koschik, and Rebekah Craft.

- Koschik discussed the FY 2018-2019 budget. The budget is tracking well after seven months.
  - Personnel costs were higher this month due to three pay periods.
- Koschik will present the FY 2019-2020 budget to the Finance Committee on Thursday, February 21 at 4:30 p.m. He will meet with City Manager Joe Valentine and Finance Director Mark Gerber on March 1 to discuss the Library’s budget for FY 2019-2020.
- Craft discussed the January Trust expenditures with the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library’s funds.
- The next regular meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Monday, March 11, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.
FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY 2019

This report references the Revenue and Expense Report 2018-19, found on the following page. At 58.3% of the way through fiscal year 2018-2019, the Library has spent 61.6% of its budget and received 82.9% of its revenue. By this point of the year, the Library was budgeted to have spent 57.0% of its budget and to have received 81.3% of its revenue. The month included three pay periods.

Vendor payments in excess of $6,000:
Baker & Taylor Books $18,150.45
Linkedin Corporation $7,000.00
Midwest Tape $13,952.43
Overdrive, Inc. $6,398.07
Total vendor payments in excess of $6,000 $45,500.95
Balance of vendor payments less than $6,000 $52,344.65
Total vendor payments $97,845.60

City of Birmingham allocations:
Payroll Period 12/16-12/29 $77,258.04
Payroll Period 12/30-1/12 $77,040.22
Employee Health Care Payroll Deduction ($657.00)
Payroll Period 1/13-1/26 $77,758.46
Fixed Past Retirement Health Care Cost $6,929.92
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Credit Card Processing Fee $335.87
Beier Howlett P.C. $62.50
Total City of Birmingham allocations $251,326.53

Reconciling Adjustments:
Trust Program Credit Card Payments ($287.82)

Total expenses for the month $348,884.31
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<td>$3,540,287</td>
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<td>82.9%</td>
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| EXPENSES | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| PERSONNEL SERVICES | $2,273,420 | $247,000 | $241,558 | ($5,442) | $1,277,000 | $1,268,780 | ($8,220) | 55.8% | $1,135,656 | 54.1% |
| SUPPLIES | $75,500 | $8,000 | $12,238 | $4,238 | $45,746 | $51,381 | $5,635 | 68.1% | $39,952 | 53.3% |
| CONTRACTED SERVICES | $354,500 | $20,000 | $24,097 | $4,097 | $219,000 | $282,937 | $63,937 | 79.8% | $230,980 | 78.0% |
| TECHNOLOGY & MAINTENANCE | $150,000 | $5,000 | $3,018 | ($1,982) | $54,000 | $47,366 | ($6,634) | 31.6% | $38,513 | 28.3% |
| UTILITIES | $100,500 | $6,000 | $5,230 | ($770) | $55,000 | $55,057 | ($3,443) | 54.8% | $53,577 | 54.1% |
| OTHER CHARGES | $66,170 | $5,000 | $8,145 | $3,145 | $42,000 | $45,741 | $3,741 | 69.1% | $32,469 | 55.0% |
| BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS & FURNISHINGS | $122,000 | $50,000 | $54,598 | $4,598 | $358,975 | $363,113 | $4,138 | 61.8% | $307,746 | 54.9% |
| COLLECTIONS | $587,700 | $341,000 | $348,884 | $7,884 | $2,126,221 | $2,296,265 | $170,044 | 82.9% | $1,887,509 | 81.5% |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | $3,729,790 | $341,000 | $348,884 | $7,884 | $2,126,221 | $2,296,265 | $170,044 | 82.9% | $1,887,509 | 81.5% |
| VARIANCE | $625,980 | ($3,32,291) | ($3,36,144) | ($3,853) | $1,414,086 | $1,315,087 | ($98,979) | 81.5% | |
| FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR | $1,289,553 |
| FUND BALANCE-CURRENT | $2,604,640 |

The fund balance should be not less than 25% of annual operating expenditures and not more than 35% of annual expenditures, except when the Library is building a fund balance in support of specific non-recurring projects.

Note: Of the $3,249,870 in Birmingham tax revenue, $2,556,574 is for operating expenses, and $693,296 is for pre-funding the Youth Room expansion and renovation.
PHASE TWO: Expand & Renovate Youth Services

In 2016 Library presented 3-phase long-range building vision to Commission.
Phase 2 is Youth Room expansion & renovation.

PROGRESS:

1) Luckenbach Ziegelman Gardner (LZG) did conceptual/schematic design
2) Presented that one year ago
3) LZG did design development & construction drawings
4) I’m presenting that today
PHASE TWO: Details

• Renovate existing space
• Expand 40% toward north, east & south: 2,000 square feet
• Widen hallway to Youth Room
• Add aquarium
• Expand restrooms
• Increase: play area, story room & seating
PHASE TWO: Details

• Make fully ADA-compliant
• Honor 1927 building by exposing original brick
• Clad in heat- and glare-reducing glass from floor to ceiling
• Add youth terrace & garden on north
• Landscape exterior to improve connection to Shain Park

PHASE TWO: Aerial View
PHASE TWO: Exterior from East

PHASE TWO: Exterior from North
PHASE TWO: Widened Hallway

PHASE TWO: Play Area & Story Room
PHASE TWO: Picture Book Shelves

PHASE TWO: Exterior from South
### PHASE TWO: Cost Estimates

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<td>Construction costs for expansion &amp; renovation</td>
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<td>Furniture, fixtures &amp; equipment (FFE)</td>
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<td>Architectural &amp; engineering fees</td>
<td>168,498</td>
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<td>Landscaping, incl. terrace &amp; seating</td>
<td>109,114</td>
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<td>Computer wiring</td>
<td>7,323</td>
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<td>Owner’s contingency (5%)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,447,823</strong></td>
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<td>Library Trust funds, fundraising &amp; fund balance</td>
<td>-425,210</td>
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<td>Additional Library millage up to Headlee cap</td>
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(Additional millage is for three-year period, declining each year.)

### PHASE TWO: Next Steps

- Planning Dept. approves construction documents
- City Commission authorizes RFPs for construction & landscaping
- Library Board authorizes RFP for FFE
- Bids received & contracts awarded
- Construction begins summer 2019, ends spring 2020
PHASE THREE: Circulation, Entrance, Plaza

- Renovate lobby, Circulation area, Idea Lab
- Upgrade entrance
  - Enclose with glass
  - Install street-level doors
  - Re-do stairs
  - Install elevator
  - Put in café
  - Install skylight
- Upgrade plaza, make more people-friendly, integrate with Shain Park
PHASE THREE: Exterior from South
PHASE THREE: Aerial View

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## Key Metrics Dashboard: January 2019

### Financials

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<td>Circ (Charges &amp; Renewals)</td>
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<td>42,404</td>
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<td>% of Circ by Residents</td>
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<td>81</td>
<td>1,001</td>
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<td>11</td>
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### Gate Count

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<td>Volunteer Hours</td>
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<td>113</td>
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Strategic Plan Status Report

Comparisons of actual results to projections are made on a quarterly basis—in the months of October, January, April, and July.

Services and Programs

Strategic goal: Focus on fresh, dynamic services, and programs that meet Library users’ changing needs.

Battle of the Books

On Saturday, February 2, Baldwin Public Library hosted the second annual Birmingham Public School (BPS) district-wide Battle of the Books. There were 103 teams, and over 550 children competed in this event. Stephanie Klimmek’s event report can be found on page 37.

Everyone’s Reading

This year’s Everyone’s Reading program is hosting Adriana Trigiani. The featured title is her novel Kiss, Carlo.

Ms. Trigiani will be speaking on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills and on April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. Baldwin Library cardholders are eligible to receive one ticket to either talk and must pick up the ticket in person.

Baldwin has multiple copies of Kiss, Carlo available for checkout and will be hosting a book discussion of the novel on March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Financial Stability

Strategic goal: Develop and implement a solid financial plan that maximizes existing resources and actively pursues cost efficiencies and additional revenue streams.

Long-Range Planning Session

Koschik presented an overview of the proposed Youth Services expansion and renovation project at the City Commission’s long-range planning session on January 26. The presentation was well-received by both commissioners and attendees. Craft, Suhay, Mark, and Pisano
attended the meeting, along with architect Robert Ziegelman. His final presentation can be found on page 17.

FY 2019-20 Budget
Koschik will meet with City Manager Joe Valentine and Mark Gerber to discuss the FY 2019-20 budget on March 1.

Marketing and Public Relations
Strategic goal: Improve marketing tools to ensure that the community is more aware of what the Baldwin Library has to offer and comes to view the Library as its first choice for accessing the world’s knowledge.

eNewsletters
Bart Gioia, Computer Trainer, continues to compile and distribute the Library’s four monthly eNewsletters (Adult Events, Teen Events, Youth Events, and Library Board News).

Craft submitted press releases about programs and events to local media outlets. Press releases from the last month included:

- Library Hosts Midwinter Break Programs
- Elementary Students Battle It Out in Reading Trivia Contest

Marketing
Michelle Hollo continues to work with Rebekah Craft designing projects and marketing materials for the Library. She has completed or is working on the following:

- Spring Learn Connect Discover issue
- Idea Lab social media signage
- Technology classes flier
- Hallway posters for spring Youth programs
- “Book Clubs at Baldwin” brochure and bookmark
- Volunteer luncheon invitation

Birmingham Newsletter
Doug Koschik was interviewed by Ipsita K. for the Birmingham Newsletter, a publication from realtor Stuart Jeffares. The newsletter is scheduled to appear in the spring.
Personnel and Organization

Strategic goal: Provide the most effective governing framework, and maintain a flexible, efficiently organized management structure staffed by multi-talented professionals with active support from well-trained volunteers.

Volunteer Hours
210 volunteer hours were utilized in the month of January.

Communications with Staff
A staff talk was held on January 24 as a follow-up to the December Library Board meeting.

Staff Updates
Theresa Hart, Circulation Assistant I, reached 23 years of service on February 12.
Maria Williams, Head of Adult Services, reached 6 years of service on February 1.
Dennis Kabel, Circulation Assistant I, reached 6 years of service on February 4.
Syntha Green, Youth Librarian, will reach 3 years of service on February 28.
Wesleyann Johnson, Youth Librarian, will reach 2 years of service on February 26.

Staff Changes
We are currently in the process of interviewing and hiring Library Pages and Substitute Adult Services Librarians.

ZingTrain
Along with the Chamber of Commerce, the Community House, and the Birmingham Shopping District, Baldwin participated in customer service training through Zingerman’s ZingTrain program from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Monday, February 11, at the Community House. 14 staff members and Board member Missy Mark attended. A total of 100 people will be attending from the four organizations.

Everyone who attended found the training session to be extremely beneficial. Highlights included handling customer complaints, handling internal conflicts, measuring results, using positive language, carrying out effective telephone service, and employing calming phrases.
Community Relationships and Partnerships

_*Strategic goal: Strengthen relationships with stakeholders and expand partnership opportunities with community organizations for everyone’s mutual benefit._*

*City of Birmingham*
Koschik has attended weekly City of Birmingham staff meetings. Craft submitted content to the City of Birmingham for inclusion in its monthly *Around Town* email newsletter.

Somebody associated with the Library will participate in a City focus group to discuss the new City logo. Design firm Factory Detroit will be leading the focus group.

*Beverly Hills*
Craft submitted information to the Village of Beverly Hills for inclusion in its weekly email newsletter.

*Bingham Farms*
Koschik will speak at the March 25 Bingham Farms Village Council meeting.

*Birmingham Next*
Rebekah Craft continues to host the Popular Reads book club at Next. Bart Gioia, Technology Trainer, continues to teach one computer class per quarter at Next. We launched a new non-fiction book club at Next and had a successful first meeting. The book club will meet on the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. Books are available for checkout in the Next office.

*Birmingham Rotary Club*
Koschik has continued to attend Birmingham Rotary Club meetings.

*Birmingham All Seasons*
Lauren Ziolkowski, Adult Services librarian, is facilitating a monthly book club at All Seasons, the independent senior living facility in Birmingham.

*Friends of the Baldwin Public Library*
Rebekah Craft attended the FOL Board meeting on February 12. The Friends are preparing for their upcoming Books, Bags & Bagels fundraiser on March 24 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and for their annual meeting on April 14 at 1:30 p.m. A mailing about both events will be going out to FOBPL members on March 8.
**Birmingham Optimist Club**
Doug Koschik presented his lecture on the history of the Peabody family and Peabody’s Restaurant to the Birmingham Optimist Club on January 30.

**Birmingham Education Foundation (BEF)**
Doug Koschik attended the BEF’s Unabashed Bash event on February 9 at the Townsend Hotel. The event highlighted the makerspaces, funded by the BEF, that exist in all of Birmingham’s public schools. A short promotional video shown at the event featured Matthew Weerakoon, a Groves high school junior who works in Baldwin’s Idea Lab.

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**Facilities and Technology**

*Strategic goal: Adapt the existing facility for more flexible use and employ technology more effectively in order to improve internal operating efficiency and better serve Library patrons.*

**Polaris Migration**

We are now less than a month from going live on Polaris. Since last month, Library staff has focused on learning the new software and web interface and spot checking whether data migrated successfully to the new system. Trainers from III have visited Baldwin twice in the last month—once for three days of training and, on a second occasion, for a detailed workflow analysis. On Wednesday, February 13, Phoenix10 Technologies will pull all of our bibliographic data for cleanup work before it is sent to III to be loaded into our production database. This means that we cannot add new titles to the catalog until we go live on March 7, and starting February 19 patrons will not be able to place holds until March 7. We have ramped up our communication to patrons about the migration, and look forward to debuting the new system next month.

**Rotary Room Technology Upgrades**

We will be upgrading the Audio Visual equipment in the Rotary & Donor rooms at the end of February. This was made possible through a generous grant from the Birmingham Bloomfield Cable Board. The equipment used to record and broadcast board meetings and other events will also be upgraded at this time.

**New Cleaning Company**

Our contract with DM Burr cleaning company began on February 1. One member of their cleaning staff cleans the Library for six hours each night. So far staff have been impressed with the level of cleanliness and are satisfied with the service.
Youth Room Renovation

On February 15, Koschik met with Architect John Gardner, Birmingham Building Office Bruce Johnson, and Assistant Building Official Mike Morad to discuss plans for the Youth Room expansion and renovation. Johnson reported that the City prefers to have the construction and landscaping RFPs combined into one. There will be a separate RFP for furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Staff is currently in the process of making changes to the RFP, which will be ready for the City Commission meeting on February 25. The deadline for bids is now Wednesday, April 10. A decision on the contractor will be made by late May, with the contract to be awarded in June.
Battle of the Books 2019 Final Report

Purpose: Battle of the Books is a program designed to encourage reading. Fourth and fifth grade students form teams with an adult coach, read from a selected list of six books, and then participate in a contest where they will compete with other teams by answering questions based on the books.

Summary: This year, the Battle had 103 teams comprised of 556 students from Birmingham Covington School, Beverly Elementary, Bingham Farms Elementary, Greenfield Elementary, Harlan Elementary, Pembroke Elementary, Pierce Elementary, Quarton Elementary, and West Maple Elementary. At the Battle, teams answered 24 trivia-based questions from the six books. Teams could earn up to five points per question: one point for the correct name of the author and four points for the correct answer. The winner is the team with the most points. Prizes were awarded for first, second, and third place. Winning teams received gift cards to Book Beat bookstore in Oak Park, MI. The kickoff was in November, 2018 and the actual Battle was held on February 2 at the Groves High School gymnasium. There were staff members from Baldwin Public Library, School librarians from the district, support staff from Groves High School, and high school volunteers to make Battle of the Books a success.

Books
1. Astrotwins: Project Blastoff by Mark Kelly
2. Freakling by Lana Krumwiede
3. Nooks and Crannies by Jessica Lawson
4. Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes
5. Story Thieves by James Riley
6. Zoe in Wonderland by Brenda Woods

Baldwin would like to thank the BPS district, Groves High School staff, the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library, and Book Beat for their sponsorship of this amazing event.

Winners

First Place:
- Savage Pagers (Quarton Elementary)

Second Place:
- Bookie Monsters (Quarton Elementary)
- Theater Readers (Beverly Elementary)
- The Page Burners (Pierce Elementary)

Third Place:
- Fre Sha Vaca Do (Pembroke Elementary)
We kicked off 2019 with a very special meeting of BPL’s Cookbook Club, which has been meeting quarterly for more than three years now. The selected cookbook was *Sister Pie*, by Lisa Ludwinski and Lisa herself joined the event to share the stories behind her recipes. More than 50 patrons attended, and everyone made a recipe from *Sister Pie*. It was the most delicious Cookbook Club yet!

Many patrons and BPL staffers enjoyed celebrating *Sister Pie* with 2019 Michigan Notable author Lisa Ludwinski.

Later in January patrons got to shake off the winter chill and learn about exotic teas from Eli of Birmingham’s ELI Tea. In his presentation he introduced patrons to eight different exotic teas, and shared samples of them with the audience.
Thank you to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library for sponsoring our programs!
Teen Event Photos

Escape the Upside Down: Stranger Things Escape Room
Teen fans of the Netflix show Stranger Things participated in an escape room where they had 45 minutes to solve puzzles based on the show. Both groups successfully escaped the upside down and had a blast doing it!
Happy Little Paint-Along

After watching an episode of The Joy of Painting with Bob Ross, we used acrylic paints and canvases to recreate one of his artworks. We had a huge turnout and the end results were very impressive.

Thank you to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library for sponsoring our programs!
Youth Event Photos

Bedtime Tales
Children of all ages dressed in their pajamas for a special Flying Friends evening story time. Some even brought themed pjs and stuffed animals!
Fun in the Snow Family Story Time
Families gathered on a cold day in January to celebrate winter with a special story time all about fun in the snow! There were crafts, games, and even the chance for a snowball fight!
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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE to Baldwin Public Library Board

Application Form

Please print in ink or return via email delivery  
Due: Friday, January 12, 2018

Name: Klea Ahmet  
Grade: Junior  
Age: 16

Address: ____________________________________________

City or Village: Birmingham  
Zip Code: 48009

Email: kleahmet07@gmail.com

Home phone: N/A  
Cell phone: ____________________________________________

School: Seaholm High School

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

I am the president of the Cool to Care club at Pembroke Elementary. This club invites Seaholm students to assist elementary school students in teaching them about respect, teamwork, integrity, etc. I am the co-chair for tutoring at the Spanish National Honor Society at Seaholm. I take AP and Honors classes and I am in eleven clubs. This may seem like a lot, but I have excellent time management skills and I divide my time very effectively.

Please list your involvement in non-school activities:

I am a stylist at Francesca's in Birmingham. This job requires me to communicate with guests and my co-workers. I’ve been working at Francesca’s for five months and I have learned so much about working together with people of different backgrounds and I have improved my communication skills tremendously. I volunteer at my church regularly. I love helping people in my community. I volunteer at Beaumont at the Baby Fair and anywhere that needs volunteers.
Student Representatives Application Form
What personal skills and characteristics do you possess that would make you a good representative?

I am very responsible and diligent. I am an exceedingly hard worker and tackle tasks with no problem. I have excellent time managing skills. I can handle last minute changes and any obstacles that may be thrown my way. I love working with others as well as working independently. I believe that you learn from others and sometimes it's a good thing to work with people that are different from you. I am a quick learner and I love learning new things. I am patient, kind, and loyal. I am a trustworthy person.

What ideas do you have to encourage more teen participation at Library events?

I want to encourage teens to participate at Library events because they are setting an example to the younger children and our community in general. Some of my ideas include: teen movie night, cooking classes, reading programs, turn your Instagram/social media pictures into photo booth strip bookmarks, and more.

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.

[Signature]
Principal's Signature

[Date]

Guardian or Parent Permission:

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

[Signature]
Guardian or Parent(s) Signature(s)

[Date]
Include a short essay (typed) to describe the type of service project or teen program that you would like to coordinate and run during your time as 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 6, 2018

Send the application materials to
Rebekah Craft, Associate Director
Baldwin Public Library
300 W. Merrill St.
Birmingham, MI 48009

Or email to: rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org
My name is Klea Ahmet and I am applying for the Student Representative position at the Baldwin Public Library. I am an 11th grader at Seaholm High School. I love to swim, read, dance, and go shopping with my friends. I participate in many school events and community service opportunities, such as our annual field day and both our school dance preparations (homecoming and winter dance). I am in all AP and Honors classes this year and I am also a member of 11 clubs. I am the president of the Cool to Care club, the vice president of the Medical club, and the tutoring chair of the Spanish National Honor Society. I love being a part of the Birmingham district because not only does it give me the academic opportunities, but it also gives me the chance to express my creativity and be surrounded by people who genuinely care about me and my ideas.

Since many students go to the library to study, part of my idea for my service project is to create a “cafe” and offer drinks such as coffee at an affordable price. An addition to this, there would also be quick and easy to clean up snacks such as granola bars or fruit snacks. Many cafes in the area are either (a) far from the library or (b) expensive. Brains can’t function without food in the system, so to make sure students are studying effectively, they should be able to purchase food and drinks at reasonable prices at our future library cafe.

Parents and students sometimes hire tutors to assist with college essays. Since summer is quickly approaching, many students are starting to think about what they will write about for their college essays. To help students and their parents’ wallets, I think that we should have a once-a-week workshop during the summer where students are assisted with their college essays and their questions are answered. We can do this by either hiring a company or college students/adults to aid students and guide them towards the right direction with their essays.

As students’ stress levels continue to increase due to the heavy amount of school work and extracurricular activities, some students don’t have time to take a minute to relax or rest. Something that I strongly support is mental health. I believe that it is important to be healthy not only physically, but mentally and emotionally. One thing we should have once or twice a week at the library is meditation/yoga. It wouldn’t be necessary to hire a company or a yogi. Instead, we could play youtube videos or online yoga websites with videos to guide people through these exercises. Yoga is great for relaxation and clearing one’s mind. This would be available for anyone.

As a future Student Representative for the Baldwin Library, I will strive to encourage people to dream big, work hard, be loyal, and be a leader in the world because you can never have too many powerful voices. I will pour my heart out to create a safe and fun environment for the people of our city.
19 December 2018

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Klea Ahmet for the Student Representative role at the Baldwin Public Library. Klea’s performance at Francesca’s Collection has surpassed our expectations over the past few months. She has used her excellent communication skills and kind personality to deliver spectacular guest service in her role as a Stylist. I am confident that Klea’s exceptional time management skills, professional demeanor and her ability to build interpersonal relationships will make her a strong asset to the Baldwin Public Library.

As a Stylist for Francesca’s Klea has demonstrated her communication skills, ambition and good judgment on numerous occasions. Klea is a valuable member to our team and a joy to work with, she brings laughter and fun to the workplace while remaining professional and guest focused. She is a lovely young woman who represents our brand impeccably and I have full confidence she will carry these skills into any position she is considered for. Klea has my highest recommendation for this position. I have no doubt that she will make a strong addition to your team. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding her past work experience.

Sincerely,

Ali Finley
Francescas Birmingham
248-593-1912
January 7, 2019

Dear Sir or Madam:

It gives me pleasure to write to you on behalf of Klea Ahmet, a student at Birmingham Seaholm High School. Klea was a student in my Geometry and Algebra 2 classes last year, and I immensely enjoyed getting to know her during this time.

Klea was very successful in my math classes. She is both diligent, always completing assignments on time, and eager to learn from any mistakes. She was a frequent participant in discussions and was not afraid to speak up with questions or answers. Klea has a radiant personality and is extremely friendly and approachable. It is obvious that Klea seeks to improve the experiences of others, and demonstrates this through her classroom interactions and her leadership in the “Cool to Care” club, which brings high school students in to an elementary school to play with, tutor, and mentor young students.

When I think about Klea, what stands out most to me is her ability to bring enthusiasm to something she is passionate about. Whenever I see Klea in these leadership or service roles, it is always with a big smile and her full dedication to making the experience a success. I believe that Klea’s energy, enthusiasm, and commitment make her a great candidate to offer a student-perspective to the BPS Student board and I urge you to strongly consider her application.

Regards,

Michelle Kong

Seaholm Mathematics Teacher
mkong@birmingham.k12.mi.us
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BOOK CLUBS

BOOK EXPLORERS  GRADES K TO 2
THURSDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.
This book club is designed to encourage a love of reading for emerging and beginning readers. Participants will receive a special treat thanks to the Bob and Jean Kelly Endowment. Registration required.
DECEMBER 13: MY DOG BOB
BY RICHARD TORREY
JANUARY 10: LION LESSONS
BY JON AGEE
FEBRUARY 14: I WANT MY HAT BACK
BY JON KLASSEN

BOOKS PLUS
GRADES 2 TO 3 AND A LOVING ADULT
THURSDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.
Books generously provided by the Hornac Endowment Fund. Registration required.
DECEMBER 20: ME AND MISTER P.
BY MARIA FARRER
JANUARY 17: EMILY’S FORTUNE
BY PHYLLIS REYNOLDS NAYLOR
FEBRUARY 21: WHO WAS HARRIET TUBMAN?
BY YONA ZELDIS MCDONOUGH

BOOKS AND BAGELS  GRADES 4 TO 6
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
Books generously provided by the Hornac Endowment Fund. Registration required.
DECEMBER 11: ASTROTWINS: PROJECT BLASTOFF
BY MARK E. KELLY
JANUARY 8: FREAKLING
BY LANA KRUMWIEDE
FEBRUARY 12: JUST LIKE JACKIE
BY LINDSEY STODDARD

MOTHER/DAUGHTER
GRADES 4 TO 6 AND THEIR MOMS
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
Books generously provided by the Hornac Endowment Fund. Registration required.
DECEMBER 18: ZOE IN WONDERLAND
BY BRENDA WOODS
JANUARY 15: LIKE MAGIC
BY ELAINE VICKERS
FEBRUARY 19: SERAFINA’S PROMISE
BY ANN E. BURG

MOMS BOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 7:00 P.M.
Registration required. Books generously provided by the Hornac Endowment Fund.
CIRCLING THE SUN BY PAULA MCLAIN

WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

WINTER BREAK FESTIVITIES
ENJOY CRAFTS IN THE YOUTH ROOM
DECEMBER 22 TO DECEMBER 31

WINTER ANIMALS
SCAVENGER HUNT
What winter wildlife will be in the Youth Room? Grab a scavenger hunt sheet and start hunting!

ELEPHANT AND PIGGIE PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 AT 10:30 A.M.
Have some elephant-sized fun with Gerald & Piggie crafts and activities. Registration required.

RICHARD PAUL’S FUN VARIETY SHOW
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 AT 2:00 P.M.
AGES 5 AND UP
Ventriologist Richard Paul, That Funny Puppet Guy, will be performing an outrageous variety show full of audience participation, humor, magic and a whole slew of characters! Registration required.

MIDWINTER BREAK
ENJOY CRAFTS IN THE YOUTH ROOM
FEBRUARY 16 TO FEBRUARY 23

SPECTACULAR SNOWFLAKE
SCAVENGER HUNT
Stop by the Youth Room during the Library’s open hours to see how many snowflakes you can find.

DR. NITRO’S MAD SCIENCE SHOW
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 2:00 P.M.
AGES 5 AND UP
Join Dr. Nitro for an educational and delicious experience. You might just end up with Dragon’s Breath. Allergens may be present. Registration required.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN
GRADUES 3 TO 6
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT 6:30 P.M.
Bake a dish of yummy to share potluck style, from the book, Baking Class: 50 Fun Recipes Kids Will Love to Bake by Deanna F. Cook. Register by January 21 and you will be entered into a drawing to win a copy of the cookbook thanks to the Hornac Endowment Fund.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRADE STUDENTS IN THE BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.
Visit www.baldwinlib.org/battle for details and official rules.

BATTLE DAY
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON
GROVES HIGH SCHOOL

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
COACHES MEETING
Coaches must attend one of the following meetings. Registration required.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

BATTLE BOOK TALKS, CONTINUED
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2 AT 7:00 P.M.
FREAKLING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 7:00 P.M.
NOOKS AND CRANNIES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 7:00 P.M.
ZOE IN WONDERLAND
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.
TOWERS FALLING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 AT 4:30 P.M.
STORY THIEVES

BATTLE BOOK TALKS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 4:30 P.M.
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FAMILY STORY TIMES @ THE MUSEUM
THURSDAYS FROM 6:30 TO 7:00 P.M.
Join us for a special off site story time at the Birmingham Museum.
DECEMBER 13: TIME TO Hibernate
JANUARY 10: INTO THE FOREST
FEBRUARY 14: SILEY SNOWMEN
Admission to the story time is free. Parking is available at the Chester Street Parking Structure. Registration required.

BEDTIME TALES
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.
Children are invited to wear their pjs and bring a favorite stuffed animal for these special evening family story times. Registration required.
DECEMBER 19: BUNDLE UP!
JANUARY 16: FLYING FRIENDS
FEBRUARY 20: DINOSAURS

SENSORY STORY TIME
MONDAYS AT 10:00 AND 11:00 A.M.
DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY: 11
Join us for a more laid-back, inclusive story time exploring sights, sounds, touch, and smells. Registration required.

JOIN THE RUFF READERS!
AGES 6 AND UP
TUESDAYS FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M.
JANUARY: 29
FEBRUARY: 26
SATURDAYS FROM 10:00 TO 11:00 A.M.
DECEMBER: 15
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Read aloud to the best listener on earth – a specially trained dog from Therapy Dogs International. Registration required.

PARENTING STRATEGIES WITH JESSICA CORTEZ, LMSW
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 7:00 P.M.
MINDFULNESS TO CENTER YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 7:00 P.M.
HELPING YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD COPE WITH BALANCE
Jessica Cortez will give tips and tricks on a variety of topics. Registration required.

VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS
DECEMBER 27: 10 A.M. TO NOON
JANUARY 12: 10 A.M. TO NOON
FEBRUARY 22: 1:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.
Stop by for a free, fast, non-invasive and 98% accurate vision screening for ages six months and up. Sponsored by the Beverly Hills Lions Club

CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY WITH MIZ ROSIE!
MONDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 3:00 P.M.
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Jessica Cortez will give tips and tricks on a variety of topics. Registration required.

VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS
DECEMBER 27: 10 A.M. TO NOON
JANUARY 12: 10 A.M. TO NOON
FEBRUARY 22: 1:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M.
Stop by for a free, fast, non-invasive and 98% accurate vision screening for ages six months and up. Sponsored by the Beverly Hills Lions Club

CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY WITH MIZ ROSIE!
MONDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 3:00 P.M.
BEST SUITED FOR ELEMENTARY AGED STUDENTS
Storyteller Rosie Chapman brings history to life with her reenactment of Civil War heroine Harriet Tubman, one of the most unique and courageous women in American History. Registration required.
PIZZA & PAGES
Join us for pizza and a book discussion.
The first 5 teens to register get a free book,
thanks to the Friends of Baldwin Public Library!
THIS BOOK CLUB IS CO-SPONSORED BY JET’S PIZZA.
Registration required.

HIGH SCHOOL  GRADES 9 TO 12
FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 6:  THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES
BY MINDY McGINNIS
JANUARY 3:  THE DARKEST MINDS
BY ALEXANDRA BRACKEN
FEBRUARY 7:  THE UNGROUND RAILROAD
BY COLSON WHITEHEAD

MIDDLE SCHOOL  GRADES 7 TO 8
FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 4:  AS EASY AS FALLING OFF THE FACE
OF THE EARTH BY LYNN RAE PERKINS
FEBRUARY 5: SHADOWS OF SHERWOOD
BY KEKLA MAGOON

DROP-IN VIDEO GAMING
THURSDAY, FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.
DECEMBER: 20  JANUARY: 24
FEBRUARY: 21: SPECIAL MIDWINTER BREAK
GAMING FUN - SUPER SMASH BROS TOURNAMENT
Drop in and play our PS4 with Sony VR
headset and Nintendo Switch. You are
welcome to bring an E or T rated game.
Snacks and drinks will be provided.
No Registration required.

MASTER YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY
FOR TEENS AND PARENTS OF TEENS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.
Registration required.
Writing coach Ken Droz will present a general
overview on the principals of essay writing,
particularly for the college application
Common and Coalition Apps. Provided will be tips and
suggestions on what college admissions
departments look for, as well as traps to avoid,
all while helping students merge their creative
instincts with the parameters of the genre.

ELF: AN INTERACTIVE MOVIE
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.
What’s better than watching Elf? Watching Elf
while you shout, sing, and snack along
with it! Everyone will receive prop bags full of
surprises and instructions to interact with this
classic holiday movie. Rated PG. 97 minutes.
Registration required.

ESCAPE THE UPSIDE DOWN –
A STRANGER THINGS ESCAPE ROOM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 FROM 4:30 TO 5:15 P.M. OR 7:00 TO 7:45 P.M.
Can you escape the room before the
Demogorgon gets you? You have 45 minutes
to work together to solve puzzles, clues, and
riddles before time runs out!
Registration required. 10 teens per time slot.

MAKE • CODE • WRITE • GEEK
MAKER MONDAYS
MONDAYS FROM 4:00 TO 5:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 10: HOLIDAY SLIME
JANUARY 14: EMOJI PILLOWS
FEBRUARY 11: POP UP LIGHT UP VALENTINE’S DAY CARDS
CODING CLUB
EVERY OTHER TUESDAY FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
DECEMBER: 11
JANUARY: 15, 29
FEBRUARY: 12, 26
Coding club will introduce you to computer
science and visual programming using a variety
of different software. Join us in the computer
lab. No experience necessary.
Registration required, space is limited.

WRITE GROUP
EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY FROM 4:00 TO 5:00 P.M.
DECEMBER: 12
JANUARY: 9, 23
FEBRUARY: 6, 20
Share your work, play writing games, meet
local authors, and get inspired. Snacks and
drinks will be provided.
No Registration required.

GEEK CLUB
THURSDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.
DECEMBER: 27  JANUARY: 31  FEBRUARY: 28
Bring out your inner geek and share your
fandom with fun geek activities! This club is
for fans of anime, comics, RPGs, crazy YouTube
clips, and more. Feel free to come in cosplay
(optional) and bring gaming cards, action
figures, and all things geek. Snacks and
drinks will be provided.
No Registration required.
**FALL ADULT PROGRAMS**

**JONI ON JONI: INTERVIEWS AND ENCOUNTERS WITH JONI MITCHELL, WITH SUSAN WHITALL AND CHUCK MITCHELL**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 7:00 P.M.**


**NATIONAL LETTER WRITING DAY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018**

Drop in all day to write a letter to someone on National Letter Writing Day. The Library will provide supplies and post the letter for you.

**MICHIGAN POW CAMPS IN WWII, WITH GREG SUMNER**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 7:00 P.M.**

University of Detroit Mercy professor Dr. Greg Sumner discusses his new book about Michigan POW Camps in WWII. Registration required.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 3:30PM**

Stop in to give blood and save a life!

**THE PEABODY FAMILY AND RESTAURANT FIRE**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Library Director Doug Koschik will discuss the Peabody family’s fascinating history and how a devastating fire created a new opportunity for the family and an iconic restaurant beloved by Birmingham for decades. Presented in partnership with the Birmingham Museum. Registration required.

**HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 2:00 P.M.**

Exchange cookies or other baked treats with your fellow BPL patrons. Registration by Friday, December 14 is required.

**COOKBOOK CLUB**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Prepare a dish from Sister Pie to share potluck style at this very special meeting where we will be joined by author Lisa Ludwinski. Registration required. BPL cardholders who register by December 14th will be entered into a drawing to win a copy of the cookbook.

**TITLE: EIGHT EXOTIC TEAS WITH ELI TEA**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The staff of Birmingham’s Eli Tea will reveal the wide world of tea, with samples! Registration required.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.’S “I HAVE A DREAM” SPEECH**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 7:00 P.M.**

On MLK Day gather to listen to a recording of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech from August 28, 1963.

**2019 BOOK CLUB RECEPTION**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Get acquainted with the 2019 BPL Book Club Books and hear about other great selections for book club reads. Refreshments will be served. Registration required.

**FLOWER ARRANGING WITH ENGLISH GARDENS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Practice the art of flower arranging with instruction from the staff of English Gardens. Registration required.

**2018 INCOME TAX LAW UPDATE**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 29 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Learn how recent tax law changes will affect virtually every taxpayer with Tom Hill, CPA. Registration required.

**HEALTHY EATING TIPS FROM TRY IT RAW**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Learn about “raw” food from Birmingham’s Try It Raw restaurant and taste test healthy and delicious samples. Registration required.

**MUSIC EXPLORERS WITH BALDWIN ENSEMBLE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 2:00 P.M.**

Explore Schubert’s Quartet No. 13 in A minor and Mendelssohn’s Quartet Op 44, no 1 and learn about the composers and their place in musical history during the transition from the Classical to Romantic Periods. Registration required.

**MOVIE TRIVIA: OSCARS® EDITION!**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Academy Awards are over and now it is time to test your OSCAR® knowledge and win prizes! Teams may consist of 1-6 people. Registration required.

**LOOKING AT ART WITH THE EYES OF AN ARTIST, WITH WENDY EVANS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Join art historian Wendy Evans for her richly-illustrated lecture that will help improve your eye for fine art. Registration required.

**DISCUSSION GROUPS**

**SOCIAL KNITWORKING**

**3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2:00 P.M.**

December 19, January 16, February 20

Join Baldwin’s social “knitworkers” for some friendly knitting, crocheting, and chatting. All skill levels are welcome.

**SOCRATES CAFÉ**

**3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2:00 P.M.**

This group meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday at 2:00 P.M. for thoughtful conversation on a different topic each month.

**GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP**

**WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:45 TO 8:45 P.M.**

December 5, January 2, 16, February 6, 20

Explore the Great Books as group members take turns facilitating the discussions. Check the Library’s calendar for each date’s reading selection.

**GET CRAFTY!**

**MARBLED NOTE CARDS**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Use food coloring and shaving cream to make unique marbled note cards. Registration required.

**WATERCOLOR FOR BEGINNERS, WITH LEAH MOSS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**

Learn the basics of watercolor painting with local artist and calligrapher Leah Moss in this 3-hour workshop. Each student will receive a paint palette and paints, paint brushes, and extra watercolor paper sheets. $30 materials fee. Registration required.

**QUILLED MONOGRAMS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Use fine strips of rolled paper to make decorative Monograms. Registration required.

**CARDBOARD CAT CONDOS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 FROM 1:30 TO 3:30 P.M.**

Make your favorite feline a custom cardboard residence to relax in. Kids with a loving adult and teens are welcome to join. Registration required.

**WINREAT FRAGRANCE WORKSHOP, WITH ALCHEMY HENNA**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Use natural botanical elements to make a wintry fragrance to wear or share. $10 material fee. Registration required.
BOOK CLUBS & TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

BOOK CLUBS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 12: HOME GOING BY YAA GYASI
JANUARY 9: ANOTHER BROOKLYN BY JACQUELINE WOODSON
FEBRUARY 13: YOUNG JANE YOUNG BY GABRIELLE ZEVIN

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS READ ALONE
3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 18: DESTINY OF THE REPUBLIC BY CANDICE MILLARD
JANUARY 15: AMERICANAH BY CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE
FEBRUARY 19: LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE BY CELESTE NG

BOOKS & BLOGS
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M. AT DICK O'DOW'S
DECEMBER 12: THE EXCELLENT LOMBARDS BY JANE HAMILTON
JANUARY 23: THE DEATH AND LIFE OF THE GREAT LAKES BY DAN EGAN
FEBRUARY 27: THE BEST WE COULD DO BY THI BUI

NEXT POPULAR READS BOOK CLUB
THIS BOOK CLUB MEETS AT BIRMINGHAM NEXT 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 10: A PLACE FOR US BY FATIMA FARHEEN MIRZA
JANUARY 14: TRANSCRIPTION BY KATE ATKINSON
FEBRUARY 11: WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING BY DELIA OWENS

*NEW!* PAGE TO SCREEN
Watch a film on Sunday and then meet to discuss a book corresponding to the film on Thursday.
DECEMBER 2 AT 2:00 P.M.: BLADE RUNNER (1982)
DECEMBER 6 AT 6:00 P.M.: DO ANDROIDS DREAM OF ELECTRIC SHEEP BY PHILIP K. DICK
DECEMBER 30 AT 2:00 P.M.: THE 25TH HOUR
JANUARY 3 AT 6:00 P.M.: THE 25TH HOUR BY DAVID BENIOFF
FEBRUARY 3 AT 2:00 P.M.: I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO (2002)
FEBRUARY 7 AT 6:00 P.M.: IF BEALE STREET COULD TALK BY JAMES BALDWIN

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

MEET THE MEL DATABASES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00 P.M.
The Michigan e-Library (MeL) has a whole new look. Learn about the new resources.
Registration required.

INTRO TO FUSION 360
MONDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 7:00 P.M.
Get started using Fusion 360, a 3D modeling tool. Registration required.

3D PRINT FINISHING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 7:00 P.M.
Learn about the various finishing techniques applied to 3D printed items to make them look polished and professional. Registration required.

INSTAGRAM
MONDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 7:00 P.M.
An Adult Services Librarian will teach you about this photo-based social media tool. Bring your smart phone, power cord, and iTunes or Google Play store passwords. Registration required.

Find us at baldwinlib.org/idealab to learn more and see our open hours, available services, and events!
* All Winter Programs are drop-in.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1: 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6: 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
Make unique holiday decorations using the laser engraver and diecut machine.

STAMPMAKING
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29: 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3: 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
Make a custom decorative stamp to take home.

SHOP SAFELY ONLINE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 6:30 P.M.
$5.00, Registration required.

EMAIL WITH CONFIDENCE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 10:00 A.M.
$5.00, Registration required.

CREATE LASTING MEMORIES WITH A PHOTOBOK
SATURDAYS, DECEMBER 8 & 15 AT 2:30 P.M.
$10.00, Registration required.

GOOGLE DRIVE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 2:00 P.M.
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WORD 2016: AN INTRODUCTION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 6:30 P.M.
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TYPING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 6:30 P.M.
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ADOBE LIGHTROOM: AN INTRODUCTION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 6:30 P.M.
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EXCEL 2016: CREATING SPREADSHEET
THURSDAYS, JANUARY 10 & 17 AT 6:30 P.M.
$10.00, Registration required.

BUILD A WEBSITE
WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 6, 13, & 20 AT 6:30 P.M.
$15.00, Registration required.

POWERPOINT 2016: AN INTRODUCTION
THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 7 & 14 AT 6:30 P.M.
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ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR: AN INTRODUCTION
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THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 21 & 28 AT 6:30 P.M.
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THE IDEA LAB

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SPEAKER KIT BUILDING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19: 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24: 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
Build your own working mini speaker from scratch.

LITHOPHANES & DITHERED ENGRAVING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16: 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21: 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
Work with your photographs in the Idea Lab! Bring in your photos on a USB drive, then use the 3D printers to create a lithophane.

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Baldwin’s sixth Books & Bites fundraiser took place on Friday, October 19. This year’s theme was “A Novel Wine Tasting.” The event proved a great success, drawing 230 people and raising $27,000 for the upcoming Youth Room project. All of our sponsors and donors are listed on the cover of this newsletter, but I would like to extend special thanks to the planning committee (Chair Jennifer Wheeler, Rebekah Craft, Michelle Hollo, Missy Mark, Karen Rock, Dave Underdown, and Lyndsay Van Syckle), as well as John Ghafari of Uptown Market, who provided the high-quality wine.

Work on the Youth Room expansion and renovation is moving ahead, with the project currently in its design development stage. We hope that construction will begin in summer 2019. In order to cover the shortfall between millage revenues and the cost of the project, the Library is actively engaged in fundraising. Naming rights are available, and a $1,000 contribution will get your name on the donor plaque in the Youth Room. If you are interested in helping support children’s education at the Library, please contact me at doug.koschik@baldwinlib.org or 248-554-4681.

We are also getting ready to refurbish the Grand Hall. This large reading room, which houses Baldwin’s literature collection, will receive new furniture and carpeting just after Thanksgiving.

I am especially excited to announce that, in March, the Library will implement a new online catalog that will correct many of the shortcomings of our current system. Among other things, it will be fully “responsive,” which means that it will display appropriately on all kinds of computer devices. It will also automatically load content from our numerous e-book, e-audiobook, and e-video vendors, and will integrate seamlessly with Michigan’s statewide interlibrary loan system, called MeLCat.

Baldwin is once again sponsoring Battle of the Books, an annual event for fourth and fifth graders in the Birmingham Public Schools. You may register your teams between December 7, 2018, and January 9, 2019. The battle itself will take place at Groves High School on February 2. Learn more at baldwinlib.org/battle.

The Baldwin Public Library has added Kanopy—an on-demand movie streaming service featuring over 30,000 titles—to its offerings of online resources. With a motto of “thoughtful entertainment,” Kanopy specializes in award-winning, foreign language, documentary, and hard-to-find films. The service offers apps for iOS, Android, Chromecast, Apple TV, and Roku. Visit www.baldwinlib.org/movies to find out more.

Doug Koschik, Library Director

**GRANT DONATIONS**

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Maggie Andrews—In Honor of Melissa Mark’s Birthday
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Mary & Andy Sarver—In Honor of Melissa Mark’s Birthday

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David Underdown

**GENERAL DONATIONS**

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Frank Pisano, David Underdown, Melissa Mark, Bob Tera, Ashley Aidenbaum, Jim Suhay

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DECEMBER 17, JANUARY 23, FEBRUARY 18, AT 7:30 P.M.

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DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 31: CLOSING AT 5:30 P.M
JANUARY 1: NEW YEAR’S DAY

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Read a book, watch a related film, then meet to discuss both works.

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Book Club
2nd Monday of the Month
At 1:00 P.M.
Meets at Birmingham Next

Next Nonfiction
Book Club
2nd Thursday of the Month
At 10:00 A.M.
Meets at Birmingham Next

Wednesday Afternoon
Book Club
2nd Wednesday of the Month
At 2:00 P.M.

Friends Don't Let Friends Read Alone
3rd Tuesday of the Month
At 7:00 P.M.

Books and Brews
4th Wednesday of the Month
At 7:00 P.M.
Meets at Dick O'Dow's

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BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS

Why attend?
In a book club you will meet interesting people, read books you might never have chosen for yourself, and deepen your enjoyment of reading by delving into characters and stories that you loved - or even hated! It's best to approach a book club selection with an open mind. It's okay to dislike a book, as long as you can tell your club members why.

Who can attend?
Baldwin's Book Clubs have something for everyone and are open to all. If you're interested in attending a book club you may drop in any time to check it out, there is no registration required.

How to attend?
The time, date and location of each meeting and each club's current title selections are featured in the Library's Learn.Connect.Discover newsletter and on the Library's online calendar of events. Multiple copies of each title in a variety of formats are available to check out. Check the Book Club collection or ask a Librarian to help you locate a copy. Then just read the book, come to the meeting, and be prepared to share your thoughts and opinions.

Who chooses the books?
Librarians at BPL have carefully selected the discussion titles. We consider factors like length, diversity of characters and authors, and whether a title is available in audiobook or large print editions. We also take suggestions from our patrons and regular club attendees. We strive to choose interesting, challenging titles that will generate a good discussion. Often the best discussions happen when participants disagree!

1. **WHO ARE THE KEY CHARACTERS** and what do they do?
2. **WHAT STYLE** is it written in?
3. **WHAT** is the book about?
4. **WHEN** was the book written and **WHAT TIME PERIOD** is it set in?
5. **WHERE** does it take place?
6. **WHAT** do you know about the author?
7. **WHAT** did you like or dislike?
8. **HOW** did the book affect you?
9. **PROJECT INTO THE FUTURE** - what will happen to the characters next?
10. **COMPARE AND CONTRAST** - have you read other similar books?

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Baldwin 2019 Book Clubs

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Sundays and Thursdays
Read a book, watch a related film, then meet to discuss both works.

Next Popular Reads Book Club
2nd Monday of the Month at 1:00 p.m.
Meets at Birmingham Next
Led by Associate Director Rebekah
Features new fiction titles.

Next Nonfiction Book Club
2nd Thursday of the Month at 10:00 a.m.
Meets at Birmingham Next
Co-led by the Library’s Management Team
Doug, Rebekah, Kristen, Josh, and Maria
Features a wide range of nonfiction selections, including science, history, and memoir.

Wednesday Afternoon Book Club
2nd Wednesday of the Month at 2:00 p.m.
Led by Adult Services Librarians Vicki and Ethan
Features mostly fiction selections with occasional nonfiction titles.

Friends Don’t Let Friends Read Alone
3rd Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.
Led by Head of Adult Services Maria
Features mostly fiction selections with occasional nonfiction titles.

Books and Brews
4th Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.
Meets at Dick O’Dow’s
Led by Adult Services Librarian Sarah
Features mostly fiction selections with occasional nonfiction titles.

Upcoming Book Selections

An American Marriage
Tayari Jones

The Best We Could Do
Thi Bui

Exit West
Mohsin Hamid

Sing, Unburied, Sing
Jesmyn Ward

Young Jane Young
Gabrielle Zevin

Born a Crime
Trevor Noah

Sourdough
Robin Sloan

Killers of the Flower Moon
David Grann

No One Cares About Crazy People
Ron Powers

Washington Black
Esi Edugyan

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine
Gail Honeyman

Home Fire
Kamila Shamsie

Less
Andrew Sean Greer

Parable of the Sower
Octavia E. Butler

A Separation
Katie Kitamura

The Painted Veil
W. Somerset Maugham

The Leavers
Lisa Ko

The Buried Giant
Kazuo Ishiguro

Norwegian by Night
Derek B. Miller

Miller’s Valley
Anna Quindlen

Dopesick
Beth Macy

Symphony for the City of the Dead
M.T. Anderson

Educated
Tara Westover

A Place for Us
Fatima Farheen Mirza

Where the Crawdads Sing
Delia Owens

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
Frederick Douglass
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$5.00, Registration required.

SHOP SAFELY ONLINE  
SATURDAY, MARCH 9 AT 2:30 P.M.  
$5.00, Registration required.

CREATE A PHOTOBOOK  
WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 13 & 20 AT 6:30 P.M.  
$10.00, Registration Required.

GAMING FOR ADULTS: FORTNITE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 14 AT 6:30 P.M.  
$5.00, Registration required.

WORD 2016: AN INTRODUCTION  
SATURDAY, MARCH 16 AT 2:30 P.M.  
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TYPING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 21 AT 6:30 P.M.  
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ADOBE LIGHTROOM: AN INTRODUCTION  
THURSDAY, APRIL 4 AT 6:30 P.M.  
$5.00, Registration required.

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION  
WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 10, 17, & 24 AT 6:30 P.M.  
$15.00, Registration required.

EXCEL 2016: CREATING SPREADSHEET  
THURSDAYS, APRIL 11 & 18 AT 6:30 P.M.  
$10.00, Registration required.

VLOOKUP AND PIVOT TABLES IN EXCEL 2016  
THURSDAY, APRIL 25 AT 6:30 P.M.  
$5.00, Registration required.

LINKEDIN  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27 AT 2:30 P.M.  
$5.00, Registration required.

POWERPOINT 2016: AN INTRODUCTION  
THURSDAYS, MAY 2 & 9 AT 6:30 P.M.  
$10.00, Registration required.

TWITTER 101  
FRIDAY, MAY 3 AT 10:00 A.M.  
$5.00, Registration required.

BUILD A WEBSITE  
WEDNESDAYS, MAY 8, 15 & 22 AT 6:30 P.M.  
$15.00, Registration required.

ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR: AN INTRODUCTION  
THURSDAYS, MAY 23 & 30 AT 6:30 P.M.  
$10.00, Registration required.
Departments review long-range plans for city
February 1, 2019
Lisa Brody

On Saturday, January 26, Birmingham city commissioners met with staff department heads at their long-range planning meeting to review departmental plans for the upcoming year.

The five-year financial forecast by Mark Gerber from the finance department, assisted by representation from Plante & Moran, noted a strong forecast. Water and sewer rates are expected to increase, but only the rate of inflation, with water usage down overall. In the five-year forecast for retiree benefits and defined benefit contributions, city manager Joe Valentine said that right now there’s a schedule of liabilities to that fund. “Those costs are starting to diminish. At some point, there won’t be any more people in those funds,” he said.

For unfunded liabilities, Gerber said the actuaries have determined a 20-year liability, “with the best guess, in 20 years we should be paid up.”

“We are making our contributions, we are attacking that any time we can,” Valentine added.

He also said that Birmingham has reinvestment opportunities, where they are looking to reinvest back into the community, and are currently looking at the best impact to the community.

“Infrastructure does not age like fine wine. At some point, you have to replace it. Right now, we’re looking at parks and parking structures,” he said, as well as addressing unimproved streets. “Service demands may exceed our current capacity. We are providing adult services, but we know we have an aging population – not just Birmingham, but the state and the country. We want to be able to address that.”

For parks, he said, there is a master plan, and they have not bonded for a park since 2002. Of particular importance is the ice arena, which has not been improved since it was built in the 1970s.

“We may be looking at a parks and recreation bond to address those needs,” Valentine said.

He also said a parking bond is likely needed for the replacement and expansion of the N. Old Woodward structure, which has 750 spaces, but needs an extra 500 spaces. “We’re looking at a public/private partnership. It’s a key element in replacing the parking structure, through various sources, including a parking bond.”

Approximately 22 miles of unimproved streets are on the agenda to be improved, and the issue is how to incorporate them into existing street maintenance, Valentine said.

Currently, for adult services, the city has an arrangement with NEXT, which is funded through the city’s general fund. Valentine said they are looking at collaborating with other communities, perhaps having an interlocal agreement for a senior millage. “That’s where we’re headed in our five-year plan,” he said.
Lauren Wood, director of public services, provided a parks and recreation improvement funding update, noting they have been working on it “since your direction last March,” when a subcommittee was set up to identify 10 potential improvement projects.

It would cost $5.1 million for the ice arena improvements, which would include new refrigeration infrastructure and locker room facility upgrades; $700,000 for the implementation of the Adams Park concept plan; $680,000 for the Poppleton Park playground; $1.2 million for improvements to Kenning Park; $1.9 million to provide playground equipment and update outdated equipment at citywide playgrounds; another $500,000 to add splash pads, which Woods said is a very popular addition; phase III of Booth Park would cost $250,000, adding an entry plaza with seating and a garden; $1 million for the Rouge River Trail Corridor, providing connectivity, stone steps, retaining walls and plant materials; $525,000 for new irrigation system and cart paths at Springdale Golf Course; and $150,000 for a pickleball court.

The total estimated cost, Wood said, is just over $12 million.

Potential funding sources are grants, donations, private/public partnerships, and parks and recreation bonds.

She said they have launched a poll for people to “pick your passion,” to rank their preference.

Maple/Eton Road bridge enhancements, which is owned by CN Railroad, means they have to do the work, Wood said. “They gave us the price of $96,000 for painting, mortar patching, but nothing to the ceiling, no utility work, sidewalk repair or lighting,” she said. “Sidewalk repair would be coordinated with sidewalk repairs throughout the city,” which she estimated at $52,000.

Pedestrian lighting would be another $25,000. A mural which had been discussed “is not easy to get approvals for. We would need to apply for a right of entry permit with CN,” Wood said.

She said the earliest work could begin would be summer 2019.

City planner Jana Ecker, who gave more of a review of planning projects in process, said they are embarking on a citywide master plan project. “It’s a vision of the city’s plan for the future. The last time it was done was 1980, and it was projected until 2000,” she said of the new process that chose DPZ Codesign, led by Andres Duany, who did the 2016 Plan. She said public multi-day charrettes are planed for May.

Draft reports will be presented at 60 percent and 80 percent complete, before it is final.

Planner Brooks Cowan said the planning board has been working on a retail frontage study, for buildings that are not suitable for first floor retail. He said they had created a request for proposal (RFP) for a downtown review plan, but only received one applicant. Cowan also noted the city commission requested a revision, which planning had reviewed to add, from an urban design point of view, to look at increasing pedestrian activity during daytime and evenings, how to increase residential occupancy downtown, and to increase alley activation as well as how to address current buildings not suitable for retail space.

“I would orient it to how it accommodates retail space, not how it impacts the demand,” said commissioner Mark Nickita. “This isn’t a demand issue, this is a physical issue. This is an analysis that is very physically-oriented. It’s a summary of how our zoning works.
“Alleys – we can't ignore the back,” Nickita continued. “How can we activate that. Those are things that have to be added to the RFP. It's a repositioning that has to be done for land use.”

Planning intern Nicholas DuPuis said they are looking to have alleyways cleaned up with improved signage, proposed amendments on dumpsters, improved code enforcement to give them more tools to perform better enforcement, inventory all allowed parking spaces and delineate areas where parking is not permitted, and paving and stormwater management in alleys.

“We want to reinforce our walkable brand,” he said.

Dupuis continued with the downtown parking study, noting that Nelson & Nygard had been hired to perform the study, which grew from looking at eliminating the residential parking requirement to looking at all public and private parking in the downtown.

Assistant city manager Tiffany Gunter provided an update on the N. Old Woodward parking structure and Bates Street extension project, which had as its goal to solve a parking problem as well as to provide connectivity from Bates to N. Old Woodward, as recommended in the 2016 Plan.

She said a proposed new structure will provide 1,150 spaces, include an extension of Bates Street, a pedestrian plaza, a pedestrian bridge to Booth Park, a five-story private mixed-use building and a mixed-use liner of retail on the outside of the new parking structure. The combined retail, residential and commercial project is projected to cost $54 million, she said.

“She said the due diligence process to validate the project, along with an environmental review, has been done, with staff currently preparing a timeline for a parking mitigation plan.

“The predevelopment agreement is to be finalized by early February 2019, and the development agreement is expected in March 2019,” she said. Public funding should be in place by August 2019, which project commencement planned for late fall 2019.

“If these are running on time as expected, we hope we are moving forward with this project,” Gunter said.

Valentine explained that the property will be owned by the city and the buildings leased to Woodward Bates, and they would be responsible for all leasing, not the city. The city will be funding the parking structure and part of the street.

“The cost per space will be higher than we’re used to because we'll be going three stories down, there’ll be amenities on the facade, the structure will be a little higher end – it’s in the center of downtown,” Valentine said.

Birmingham Police Chief Mark Clemence said the department is looking at enhancements, including to be accredited through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. Clemence said the department is actively working on community engagement programs, including offering a home and commercial security evaluation, “to help homeowners see how to make their homes safer.” The department’s community resource officer is offering a woman’s self-defense program, and continuing active shooter training with schools and businesses, including the ALICE program with schools. “We've got to get out ahead of this. We have two officers working on this,” he said.
Ingrid Tighe, executive director of the Birmingham Shopping District (BSD) said that with retail occupancy rates at 96 percent and office occupancy at 90 percent, “The BSD remains focused on continuing to proactively attract new businesses to town.”

She said they are working to stay abreast of market retail trends, notably that while some retail is closing, those that remain open are top-notch shopping centers, like Somerset Collection. She noted that, “In addition to Somerset, Birmingham, and a few other communities, prospective retailers are also considering downtown Detroit which wasn't the case a couple of years ago.”

To stay proactive for 2019-2020, the BSD is working on retail retention by offering initiatives and programs to help them thrive, including BSD gift certificates; a professional speaker series; connectivity via Oakland County Business One Stop. They are marketing in trade publications and real estate publications, utilizing targeted social media campaigns, hosting roundtable discussions, website ads to retail real estate professionals, inviting retailers from other communities, like Traverse City, to open in Birmingham, and maintaining third party assistance in retail recruiting. Tighe is also attending ICSC conferences and other real estate related conventions.
February 3, 2019

**Workshop at Baldwin Library**

Express your creativity and receive hands-on introduction to new techniques at a quilled monogram seminar at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Baldwin Library, 300 W. Merrill Street, in Birmingham. Use fine strips of rolled paper to make decorative monograms. Registration is required. For more information, go to www.baldwinlib.org.

February 10, 2019

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Express your creativity and receive hands-on introduction to new techniques with various crafting opportunities at the Baldwin Library, 300 W. Merrill Street, in Birmingham. They include:

- **Quilled Monograms**
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Library plans fun for midwinter break

BIRMINGHAM — The Baldwin Public Library will host several special programs Feb. 16-23 for students off on midwinter break.

Spectacular Snowflake Scavenger Hunt: People can stop by the youth room during the library's open hours to see how many snowflakes they can find inside.

Babytimes: Come for an interactive storytime for babies up to 18 months, with a loving adult, 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 18; and 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Sing and Tell: An interactive storytime for children 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 years old with an adult will be held at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, and at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22. Registration is required.

Dr. Nitro’s Mad Science Shows: Join Dr. Nitro for an educational and delicious experience at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22. You just might end up with dragon’s breath.

Allergens may be present, and registration is required.

Project Kidsight: Stop by for a free, fast and noninvasive vision screening for kids ages 6 months and older 1:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, sponsored by the Beverly Hills Lions Club.

Guests can also come in anytime during regular library hours to make a craft at a special station set up in the youth room.

All programs are free for this series. For more information or to register for an event, call (248) 554-4682 or visit baldwinlib.org.

The Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 W. Merrill St. in downtown Birmingham.
Upcoming Events of Interest

**Bedtime Tales: Dinosaurs**  
*Wednesday, February 20, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Registration required.*  
Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal for these special evening family story times. Registration required for the child.

**Director's Book Discussion: Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass**  
*Thursday, February 21, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Registration required.*  
Library Director Doug Koschik leads a discussion of the 1845 memoir and treatise on abolition written by famous orator and former slave, Frederick Douglass. Copies of the book are available in the Library’s Book Club collection.

**Dr. Nitro’s Mad Science Show**  
*Friday, February 22, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Registration required.*  
Ages 5 and up. Join Dr. Nitro for an educational and delicious experience. You might just end up with dragon’s breath.

**Cardboard Cat Condos**  
*Saturday, February 23, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Registration required.*  
Make your favorite feline a custom cardboard residence to relax in. Kids with a loving adult and teens are welcome to join.

**Black History on the Silver Screen: Glory (1989) (Rated R)**  
*Sunday, February 24, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.*  
Robert Gould Shaw leads the U.S. Civil War’s first all-black volunteer company, fighting prejudices from both his own Union Army, and the Confederates. Denzel Washington won both the Academy Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role and the Golden Globe for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture for his moving portrayal of Private Trip.

**Movie Trivia: Oscars Edition!**  
*Monday, February 25, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Registration required.*  
The Academy Awards are over and now it is time to test your OSCAR knowledge and win prizes! Teams may consist of 1-6 people.

**Looking at Art with the Eyes of an Artist, with Wendy Evans**  
*Tuesday, February 26, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration required.*  
Join art historian Wendy Evans for her richly-illustrated lecture that will help improve your eye for fine art.

**Exam Cram with Therapy Dogs for Grades 9-12**  
*Saturday, March 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.*  
Are finals stressing you out? PAWS from studying and pet a therapy dog. After the library closes to the public, high school students will have the whole library to themselves! Pizza will be provided.

**Idea Lab: Intro to 3D Scanning**  
*Saturday, March 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*  
*Thursday, March 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.*  
Drop in to learn the basics of photogrammetry - AKA 3D scanning.
Stroke Prevention
Tuesday, March 5, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration required.
Learn about stroke prevention from Wendy Carriveau, Stroke Coordinator at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Genot Picor
Saturday, March 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration required.
Storyteller Genot "Winter Elk" Picor shares his French Canadian heritage through stories, songs, and dance. His lively interactive presentation is fun for everyone.

Remembering Tiger Stadium
Tuesday, March 12, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration required.
Local author Bill Dow will talk about the historic ballpark and read from his book, "Tiger Stadium: Essays and Memories of Detroit's Historic Ballpark, 1912-2009."

Detroit Kombucha
Tuesday, March 13, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration required.
The staff of Detroit Kombucha will teach you all about this fermented tea drink and its health benefits - with samples!

Family Storytimes @ the Museum: Animals at Nighttime
Thursday, March 14, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Registration required.
Join us for stories, songs, and activities hosted offsite at the Birmingham Museum. Admission to the story time is free. Registration required for the children.
Baldwin Public Library Trust Meeting  
Wednesday, February 18, 2019  
Rotary Tribute & Donor Rooms  
Immediately following regular Board meeting

Agenda

Call to order and establishment of a quorum

I. Consent Agenda

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and approved by a roll call vote. There will be no discussion of these items unless a board member or a citizen so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered as the last item under new business.

A. Approval of the January 23, 2018 minutes  
P. 79
B. Acceptance of the January 2018 receipts of $3,548.95  
P. 85
C. Approval of the January 2018 disbursements of $18,396.38  
P. 87

II. New and Miscellaneous Business

III. General Public Comment Period

The Library Board values public meetings and welcomes your comments on Library issues. The Board respectfully asks that comments be made as concisely as possible. We welcome your comments but cannot debate items not on the agenda.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the February 18 Trust Meeting.

The next Trust meeting will be held immediately following the next regular meeting of the Baldwin Public Library Board of Directors on Monday, March 18, 2019.
1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Tera at 9:10 p.m.

Library Board present: Jim Suhay, Bob Tera, David Underdown, Ashley Aidenbaum, Frank Pisano, and Melissa Mark.

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Doug Koschik, Director; Rebekah Craft, Associate Director; and, Paul Gillin, Administrative Assistant.

Members of the public present: None.

2. **Consent Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the consent agenda, which included the Trust minutes, and receipts and disbursements.

1st Aidenbaum  
2nd Mark

A roll call vote was taken.  
Yeas: Suhay, Tera, Underdown, Aidenbaum, Pisano, and Mark.  
Nays: None.  
Absent and excused: None.  
The motion was approved unanimously.

3. **New and Miscellaneous Business:** There was none.

4. **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting.  
1st Pisano  
2nd Mark

Yeas: Suhay, Tera, Underdown, Aidenbaum, Pisano, and Mark.  
Nays: None.  
Absent and excused: None

The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 18, 2019.

Melissa Mark, Secretary
**Baldwin Public Library Trust: January 2019**

January receipts totaled $3,548.95. January disbursements totaled $18,396.38.

The current value of the Trust is $1,700,108.68, divided up in the following way:

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| Total of all Trust funds                              | $1,700,108.68|

* The principal of the endowment funds is $818,859.98.

**Includes memorials and donations from the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library.

To date, fundraising efforts for the Youth Room Expansion and Renovation have resulted in $137,886.36 in donations. This includes all money received, but not money pledged. Neither does it include money raised at the 2017 and 2018 Books & Bites events.

As of January 31, 2019, the amount of money in the Trust that is undesignated stands at $330,500.16.
Baldwin Public Library Trust  
Portfolio Performance Benchmarks  
As of January 31, 2019

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**Trust’s Portfolio Performance Compared to Blended Return of Benchmarks**

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*Since November 2017, the blended return has been calculated according to the Baldwin Trust’s current allocation of 75% equities and 25% fixed income, cash, and cash alternatives.
### BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST BALANCES BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS JANUARY 31, 2019

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