BLACK HISTORY MONTH
BALDWIN CELEBRATES BLACK INVENTORS, ARTISTS, AND WRITERS

LEWIS LATIMER
INVENTOR

ALMA THOMAS
PAINTER

MARY VAN BRITTAN BROWN
INVENTOR

GWENDOLYN A.
MAGEE, ARTIST

JAMES E.
WEST
INVENTOR

MAYA ANGELOU
POET, AUTHOR

GARRETT MORGAN
INVENTOR

EDMONIA LEWIS
SCULPTOR

JAMES W.
WASHINGTON, JR.
SCULPTOR

AMIRI BARAKA
POET, WRITER

W.E.B. DU BOIS
AUTHOR

ALEXANDER MILES
INVENTOR

JOYCELYN ELDERS
MEDICAL DOCTOR

SARAH BOONE
INVENTOR

AMY SHERALD
PAINTER

MARK DEAN
INVENTOR

ALMA THOMAS

"If you don't like something, CHANGE IT. If you can't change it, change your ATTITUDE."

"The HUMAN SOUL cannot be permanently chained"

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FEBRUARY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

BABIES TO GRADE 6

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW AT WWW.BALDWINLIB.ORG/CALENDAR

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN FOLKTALES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 3:00 P.M.
Miz Rosie the Storyteller brings African and African American Folktales to audiences of all ages, virtually! The interactive storytelling, accompanied by African instruments, is both educational and entertaining. Registration required.

KLS WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT
FEBRUARY 14 TO 21
The Kids Library Society has a challenge for you! Go outside and look for things you might find in the winter. Visit baldwinlib.beanstack.org to get started! Three winners will be selected from those who complete the challenge.

BEDTIME TALES: MARY HAD A WHAT?
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
If you’d like to know, join Ms. Syntha and Ms. Rosemary for Bedtime Tales with a fun twist on an old classic. Video and craft supplies will be available the day of the program for those who register.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Children ages 18 months to five years can create, touch, and play with a monthly sensory kit designed to support fine and gross motor skills, cognitive development, and problem solving skills. Registration required.

BOOK SCAVENGERS: DIY HOME EDITION

Do you miss Ms. Susan’s Library Scavenger Hunts? We do, too! Register at www.baldwinlib.org/youth and Ms. Susan will email you a do-it-yourself home scavenger hunt every other Tuesday.

COLORING CLUB

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 11:00 A.M.
Coloring enthusiasts of all ages will receive a fun poster to color at home. Registration required.

NEW KID FAMILY BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 4:30 P.M
Discuss New Kid by Jerry Craft. Email susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register for the book club. Jerry Craft will virtually visit Oakland Schools on February 24. Find out more at oakland.k12.mi.us

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

PANELS AND FRAMES

GRADES 3 TO 6
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 7:00 P.M.
EL DEAFO BY CECE BELL
TUESDAY, APRIL 20 AT 7:00 P.M.
MOON MISSION BY DREW BROCKINGTON
Email Ms. Caroline at caroline.smith@baldwinlib.org to register for this non-fiction book club.

BEYOND THE BOOK

GRADES 1 TO 3 AND A GROWNUP
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 7:00 P.M.
BE A KING BY CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD
THURSDAY, MARCH 11 AT 7:00 P.M.
A RACE AROUND THE WORLD BY CAROLINE STARR ROSE
Email Ms. Rosemary at rosemary.retford@baldwinlib.org to register for this virtual book club.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER

GIRLS IN GRADES 4 TO 6 AND THEIR MOMS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 7:00 P.M.
FROM THE DESK OF ZOE WASHINGTON BY JANAE MARKS
TUESDAY, MARCH 9 AT 7:00 P.M.
WISH BY BARBARA O’CONNOR
Email Ms. Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

BOOKS AND BAGELS

GRADES 4 TO 6
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE JUMBIES BY TRACEY BAPTISTE
TUESDAY, MARCH 9 AT 7:00 P.M.
THE NEBULA SECRET BY TRUDI TRUEIT
Email Ms. Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

MOMS BOOK CLUB:

FEBRUARY 10 AT 7:00 P.M.
A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW BY AMOR TOWLES
APRIL 14 AT 7:00 P.M.
RULES FOR VISITING BY JESSICA FRANCIS KANE
Email Ms. Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register for this book club for moms that meets every other month.
BOOK CLUBS
FOR ADULTS
ALL BPL BOOK CLUBS WILL MEET VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO ONE OF THE MEETINGS, PLEASE EMAIL ADULT.REFERENCE@BALDWINLIB.ORG

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 1:00 P.M.
"SORRY TO BOTHER YOU (R, 2018) AND THE HEART GOES LAST BY MARGARET ATWOOD.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 1:00 P.M.
DEACON KING KONG BY JAMES McBRIE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 10:00 A.M.
SOMETHING WONDERFUL BY TODD S. PURDUM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 2:00 P.M.
THE RIVER BY PETER HELLER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 7:00 P.M.
MUNICH BY ROBERT HARRIS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 AT 7:00 P.M.
BITTER ORANGE BY CLAIRE FULLER

BOOKS UNSHELVED

FRIDAY FIVE @ 5 - ON FACEBOOK!
Join a new member of BPL’s staff on BPL’s Facebook page every Friday at 5:00 p.m. where we will recommend five interesting things - books, movies, or anything!

FEBRUARY 5:
SARAH CELEBRATES 5 BLACK GENRE WRITERS

FEBRUARY 12:
CAROLINE HIGHLIGHTS 5 PICTURE BOOK PREQUISITES

FEBRUARY 19:
H FEATURES FIVE POP CULTURE PREREQUISITES

FEBRUARY 26:
ROSEMARY RECOMMENDS FIVE PICTURE BOOKS FOR UNICORN LOVERS

BPL PPL - A LIBRARY PODCAST
BPL PPL is a little slice of life podcast that looks at the folks who work at the Library, what they do, and the resources the Library offers. Episodes are released monthly and usually last about an hour. Find it on Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

ROSE PETAL SUGAR SCRUB
Starting February 8, pick up a kit to make a luxurious rose petal sugar scrub to keep or give to a Valentine. Limit one per patron. First come, first served.

HOT COCOA BOMB
Starting February 22, request a kit to make a hot cocoa bomb using a simple tin foil mold. Limit one per patron. First come, first served.

LIBRARIAN RECOMMENDED READS
Do you miss receiving reading suggestions from your BPL librarians? Complete the form at www.baldwinlib.org/bookpicks and we will email you personalized recommendations.

COMPUTER CLASSES
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COMPUTER CLASSES. ONCE REGISTERED, YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZOOM LINK A HALF HOUR BEFORE CLASS.

GOOGLE SLIDES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT 2:00 OR 7:00 P.M.
Create and share an online slideshow with Google Slides, a solid alternative to PowerPoint.

EASY PHOTO EDITING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 2:00 P.M.
Crop, edit, and apply effects to improve your photos with free and powerful online software.

LINKEDIN
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 2:00 P.M.
Build and nurture your professional identity with LinkedIn, the world’s largest network of its kind.

POWERPOINT: AN INTRODUCTION
WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 17 & 24 AT 2:00 OR 7:00 P.M.
Learn the fundamentals of slideshow creation with Microsoft PowerPoint in this two-session class. By the end of class, you’ll have created a multi-slide presentation with notes.

GRAPHIC DESIGN ON A BUDGET
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 2:00 P.M.
Create stunning vector artwork with free online graphic design software.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

SOCRATES CAFE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 2:00 P.M.
Socrates Cafe continues to meet for conversation via Zoom. To join, please email avpratt@aol.com.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP
All meetings take place via Zoom. Email maria.williams@baldwinlib.org to join.

FEBRUARY 3 AT 6:45 P.M.: THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL BY RICHARD SHERIDAN

FEBRUARY 17 AT 6:45 P.M.: MEDITATIONS BY MARCUS AURELIUS

OAKLAND COUNTY WATER COMMISSIONER JIM NASH
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 7:00 P.M.
Commissioner Jim Nash will discuss the County’s water infrastructure including water quality, sewer, stormwater, and lead concerns, with lots of time for questions in this virtual event. Registration required.

USING EBOOKS WITH LIBBY
MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 1 OR 15 AT 4:00 P.M.
A librarian will show you how to access Libby to check out e-books and e-audiobooks in this virtual class. Baldwin Library card required. Registration required.

BLACK AND WHITE LIKE YOU AND ME
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 7:00 P.M.
Authors Tom Daniels and Thomas “Cookie” Marsh grew up on opposite sides of Detroit in the turbulent 1950s and 60s. Hear the story of their lifelong friendship in this virtual author event. Registration required.

CORRADO PARTUCCI: WORKS NEAR & FAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 7:00 P.M.
Architectural historian Dale Carlson gives a virtual presentation about the life and work of Detroit based Italian-American architectural sculptor Corrado Parducci. Registration required.

HIGHLY TRIVIAL VIRTUAL TRIVIA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.
Join us virtually for a night of informal, fun competition where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. Registration required.

ONLINE NEWSPAPER ACCESS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 11:00 A.M.
A BPL librarian will show you how to access premium newspaper content beyond the paywall of the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, and Washington Post in this virtual class. Baldwin Library card required. Registration required.
FEBRUARY PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

GRDES 6 TO 12

BOOKS UNBOXED GRADES 4 TO 12
Join our subscription box service and receive a surprise library book along with snacks and other goodies.
Visit www.baldwinlib.org/teen to subscribe now.
Sign up by the 3rd Tuesday of the month to receive your box on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Subscriptions last for 3 months.

SHRINKY DINK PINS GRADES 6 TO 12
Starting February 1, pick up a craft kit with supplies and instructions to make retro-inspired shrinky dink flair pins to decorate your clothes or your backpacks. Available while supplies last.

TEEN BOOK CLUB GRADES 7 TO 12
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 7:00 P.M.
DEAR MARTIN BY NIC STONE
The first 10 teens to register will receive a free book, thanks to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. This book is also available on Libby.
You will receive a Zoom invite on the day of the discussion. Registration required.

COOKIE DECORATING PARTY GRADES 6 TO 12
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 7:00 P.M.
Let's decorate some Valentine's Day cookies together virtually! Two Sweet chicks Bakery will provide the cookies, icing, piping bags, and sprinkles. Pick up your kit via Curbside pickup on the day of the program, then join us later to decorate and chat via Zoom.
Registration required.

THE IDEA LAB

THE IDEA LAB IS TAKING REQUESTS FOR REMOTE SERVICES. SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST TO IDEALAB@BALDWINLIB.ORG. ITEMS AND MATERIALS TO BE CUT, ENGRAVED, OR EMBROIDERED SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE IDEA LAB DROP ZONE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE FRONT ENTRANCE DURING CURBSIDE PICKUP HOURS. VISIT BALDWINLIB.ORG/IDEALAB FOR MORE INFORMATION.

IDEA LAB LIVE ON INSTAGRAM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 AT 7:00 P.M.
Hang out with Jeff on IG Live as he rebuilds an older 3D printer from the bottom up. Follow the Library on Instagram at @baldwinlib. Hang out with Jeff on IG Live as he rebuilds an older 3D printer from the bottom up. Follow the Library on Instagram at @baldwinlib.

TUSKEGEE AIRMEN TAKE-N-MAKE
Starting February 15, pick up a kit to make a model of the famous P-51 Mustang aircraft flown by the Tuskegee Airmen. Each kit contains an informational packet provided by the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Museum. Limit one per patron. First come, first served.

DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

HONORING THE PAST, LOOKING FORWARD

February is Black History Month and the Baldwin Public Library staff has put together a variety of programs, book discussions, book lists, and take away kits to celebrate Black inventors, artists, writers, and service members. Throughout the month on our website and social media channels, we will also be highlighting suggested books, podcasts, and other resources that can help you to discover more about important people and events throughout the history of the African diaspora.

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 case counts to help us determine a safe reopening date. Baldwin will reopen for our Phase 3: Grab & Go service once the following thresholds are met:

- **Oakland County case counts** fall below 500 per day
- **Positive COVID-19 testing rates** fall below 5%
- **Current cases fall below 25 per 10,000** within the Birmingham School District.
- **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines** allow for reopening.

To view our reopening plans and read the latest updates on Library operations, please visit www.baldwinlib.org/reopening. Our bustling curbside pickup service is a great way to pick up Library materials, craft kits, Idea Lab projects, Friends of the Library grab bags of used books, and program materials.

Baldwin’s longtime Director Doug Koschik retired on January 15. To honor his thirty years of service to the Library, the Board of Directors presented Doug with an endowment fund in his name. The Doug Koschik Endowment Fund will provide funds for building improvements, in perpetuity. If you’d like to donate to this fund, you can pay online at www.baldwinlib.org/naming-rights. Please select “Doug Koschik Endowment Fund” from the dropdown list. We will share details about Doug’s public retirement open house later this year. The party will be held outdoors once it is safe for large gatherings.

In addition to creating this fund, we also dedicated Baldwin’s new Legacy Room. This room, formerly the Harry Allen Room, now honors the Library’s founder, Martha Baldwin, Baldwin’s past directors, and features many reference volumes related to Birmingham history.

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CURBSIDE PICKUP HOURS
MONDAY TO THURSDAY
9:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
12:00 to 4:45 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD
Frank Pisano, Ashley Aidenbaum, Bob Tera, Jim Suhay, Melissa Mark, and Jennifer Wheeler.

THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET VIRTUALLY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 7:30 P.M.

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