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Baldwin Highlights

December 10, 2021

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



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BIRMINGHAM, BEVERLY HILLS, BINGHAM FARMS & BLOOMFIELD HILLS

DECEMBER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

BABIES TO GRADE 6

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

YOUTH WINTER READING

DECEMBER 1 TO JANUARY 31

Pick up a Winter Reading Bookmark from the Youth Desk and read books that match. When your bookmark is complete, bring it to the library and exchange it for a special library button. Can you collect all four?

BOOKS UNBOXED | GRADES 4 TO 12

Join our three month subscription book service and receive a surprise library book tailored to your preference each month. Visit www.baldwinlib.org/youth to subscribe now.

BEDTIME TALES | ALL AGES | INDOOR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 6:30 P.M.

Wear your coziest pjs and join Ms. Syntha for end-of-day stories, rhymes, and songs. Registration required.

YOUTH TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Pick up your free craft kit to take home. First come, first served.

COLORING CLUB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Receive a fun poster to color at home. This month's choice is Winter Animals or a Snowflake.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Pick up a sensory kit designed to support fine and gross motor skills, cognitive development, and problem solving skills for ages 2 to 5 years. First come, first served.

KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY | GRADES 3 TO 6

THURSDAY DECEMBER 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

Do you want to be more involved with the Library? Would you like to help us shape our upcoming program? Share your ideas and we'll strive to turn them into reality! Registration required.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Visit our story time page at baldwinlib.org/storytime for dates, locations, and more information. Registration required.

MOVE & GROOVE | 3 YEARS TO 5 YEARS

WIGGLE & RHYME | BIRTH TO 1.5 YEARS

TODDLER TALES | 1.5 YEARS TO 2.5 YEARS

SING & TELL | 2.5 YEARS TO 3.5 YEARS

STORY TIME MAGIC | BIRTH TO 2 YEARS

ROCK N READ | 2 YEARS TO 5 YEARS

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

FAMILY STORY TIME | AT BEVERLY PARK

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 11:00 A.M.

Clap your hands, stomp your feet, and sing along with Ms. Caroline at this outdoor, wintry story time. You'll move so much you won't have time to get cold. Registration required.

SPOON CATAPULT TAKE HOME KIT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Keep your brain cells active this winter break by building a catapult out of spoons. What will you launch? First come, first served.

WINTER IS HERE FAMILY STORY TIME

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 AT 11:00 A.M.

INDOOR

Let's celebrate winter! Join Ms. Ruth Ann for rhymes, music, stories and a take home craft. Registration required.

SYNTHA'S STORIES

Watch Ms. Syntha read some of her favorite books anytime you want with these pre-recorded videos released weekly, on Thursdays.

BOOK CLUBS

FOR CHILDREN

Visit our Books Clubs page at baldwinlib.org/book-clubs for more upcoming book selections.

PANELS AND FRAMES | GRADES 3 TO 6

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 7:00 P.M.

CAT NINJA BY MATTHEW CODY

Email Caroline.Salucci@baldwinlib.org to register.

BEYOND THE BOOK

GRADES 2 TO 4 AND A GROWNUP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

FREE AS A BIRD BY LINA MASLO

Email Rosemary.Isbell@baldwinlib.org to register.

BOOKS PLUS | GRADES 2 TO 3 AND A GROWNUP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 AT 7:00 P.M.

THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH BY PATRICK SKENE CATLING

Email Donna.Smith@baldwinlib.org to register.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER

GIRLS IN GRADES 4 TO 6 AND THEIR MOMS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

DISASTER DAYS BY REBECCA BEHRENS

Email Susan.Dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

BOOKS AND BAGELS | GRADES 4 TO 6

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28 AT 7:00 P.M.

FUZZY MUD BY LOUIS SACHAR

Email Susan.Dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

MOMS BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 7:00 P.M.

VINEGAR GIRL BY ANNE TYLER

Email Susan.Dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2022



Find all info about the 2022 Battle at baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

GRADES 6 TO 12

BOOKS UNBOXED | GRADES 4 TO 12

Join our three month subscription book service and receive a surprise library book tailored to your preference each month. Visit www.baldwinlib.org/teen to subscribe now.

CRAFTS TO GO | GRADES 6 TO 12

MELTED CRAYON ORNAMENT

Starting December 6, Pick up a craft kit with supplies and instructions to make a colorful glass ball by melting crayons with a blowdryer. Use as an ornament or hang wherever you want!

Limit one per patron. First come, first served, as supplies last.

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WINTER READING CHALLENGE

GRADES 6 TO 12

DECEMBER 1 THROUGH JANUARY 31.

Print a bingo card from the Library's website or grab one from the Library and spend time reading throughout the chilly winter months. Complete one row of the bingo card to enter a raffle for the following prize baskets:

Downtown Birmingham Prize Basket, Fandom Prize Basket, Avid Reader Prize Basket.

Entries will be accepted through Monday, January 31.

PIZZA AND PAGES | GRADES 7 TO 12

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 7:00 P.M.

THE INHERITANCE GAMES BY JENNIFER LYNN BARNES

Pizza will be provided. The first 10 teens to register will receive a free book, thanks to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. Registration required. This program will meet in person. Email teen@baldwinlib.org if you would prefer to join via Zoom.

ANIME CLUB | GRADES 6 TO 12

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

Anime Club is back and in-person! Watch a different anime every month, talk about the manga you're reading, do fun stuff, and have snacks! Registration required.

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.



PAGE TO SCREEN
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
AT 1:00 P.M.

"LITTLE WOMEN" (PG-13, 2019) AND *SO MANY BEGINNINGS* BY BETHANY C. MORROW



NEXT POPULAR READS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
AT 1:00 P.M.

TBA BY TBA



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
AT 2:00 P.M.

MIDNIGHT AT THE BRIGHT IDEAS BOOKSTORE BY MATTHEW J SULLIVAN



NEXT NONFICTION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
AT 10:00 A.M.

A GAME OF BIRDS AND WOLVES BY SIMON PARKIN



BOOKS & BREWS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
AT 7:00 P.M.

THE INNOCENTS BY MICHAEL CRUMMEY



FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS READ ALONE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21
AT 7:00 P.M.

IN FIVE YEARS BY REBECCA SERLE

DECEMBER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

NIGHT WITH THE MUSEUM - OLDE CHRISTMAS IN BIRMINGHAM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 7:00 P.M.
Just in time for the holiday season join us for a presentation on Olde Christmas in Birmingham. Join the staff of the Birmingham museum as they share stories and information about local history in and around Birmingham. *This event has limited in person seating. Registration is required whether attending virtually or in person.*



CLAY MAGNETS

Starting December 6, Pick up a kit to make fun and festive polymer clay magnets for your fridge in the shape of melting snowmen! *Limit one per patron. First come, first served, as supplies last.*

THE AMERICAN ARMY IN NORMANDY FROM OMAHA BEACH TO FALAISE GAP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 7:00 P.M.
Historian Jim Craft sets the stage for perhaps the most important single day in western history, D- Day June 6, 1944. Jim will discuss difficulties faced by the Allied forces, their strengths, how despite terrible losses the American army breached the Atlantic Wall, and the 11-week Battle of Normandy that followed. *Virtual event. Registration required.*

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.

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.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

SOCRATES CAFE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 2:00 P.M.

Socrates Cafe continues to meet for conversation via Zoom. To join, please email avpratt@aol.com.

SOCIAL KNITWORKING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 2:00 P.M.

Join Baldwin's social "knitworkers" for some friendly knitting, crocheting and chatting. *This group meets in person in the Jeanne Lloyd Room.*

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

DECEMBER 1 AT 6:45 P.M.:

THE MASTER AND MARGARITA BY MIKHAIL BULGAKOV

All meetings take place via Zoom.

Email adult.reference@baldwinlib.org to join.



BOOKS UNSHELVED

Try BPL's book subscription for adults: Books Unshelved! Subscribers will receive a surprise library book selected just for them by a librarian, plus some extra goodies. Visit www.baldwinlib.org/books-unshelved to subscribe.

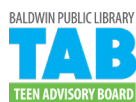


BOOKS ON FOOT

Books on Foot is a year-round challenge to encourage adults to go for a walk and listen to an audiobook. Each month will feature a new theme with a suggested path or trail and a correlated list of audiobooks available from BPL. Visit www.baldwinlib.org/books-on-foot/ to learn more.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

GRADES 7 TO 12

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M.

Get involved with the Library by joining our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Share ideas for teen programs, discuss teen books, organize community service projects, play games, eat snacks and more. *Meeting attendance will count as a volunteer hour, and members of TAB will be considered first for other volunteer opportunities. If you are passionate about teen library services, the Library would love to have you join TAB!*

Registration required. This program will meet in person.

Email teen@baldwinlib.org if you would prefer to join via Zoom.

COMPUTER CLASSES

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

BUILD A WEBSITE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 & 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

Create a basic website for yourself or for your business in this two-session class.

MICROSOFT WORD: AN INTRODUCTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 2:00 P.M.

Learn the fundamentals of word processing with Microsoft Word.

GOOGLE DOCS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 2:00 P.M.

Learn about Google Docs, a powerful alternative to Microsoft Word.

NYT & WSJ FROM HOME

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 2:00 P.M.

Learn how to access popular newspapers, including the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, with your Baldwin Public Library card.

CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 3:00 P.M.

Learn how to check out eBooks and eAudio-books with your Baldwin Public Library card.

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THE IDEA LAB

THE IDEA LAB IS REOPENING FOR PUBLIC USE. STOP BY AND SEE WHAT EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES THE IDEA LAB CAN OFFER YOU!

IDEA LAB KIT ILLUMINATED ARCTIC SCENERY SHADOWBOX MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Register to receive a kit to build this beautiful artwork: a layered shadow box scene depicting penguins, polar bears, and the starry arctic sky, illuminated from behind by 30 twinkling LEDs. A perfect gift or winter decoration. **Registration required. Limit one per household.**

3D PRINTED CATAPULT GAME: HALLWAY SIEGE! MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Hurry to the lab to pick up a kit for this exciting game of towers, banners and catapults that fling foam projectiles! Use your catapult to knock down your opponent's banner. Hurl shot after shot until a banner topples from a spire. But don't accidentally knock over your own banner! **Supplies limited! First come, first served. Limit one per household.**

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9:30 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

SUNDAY :

12:00 to 5:00 P.M.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
THROUGH SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 26

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1,
2022

*Please note that all programs and events may be transitioned to virtual, at the discretion of the Library.

LIBRARY BOARD



THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE ROTARY ROOM

Melissa Mark, Danielle Rumble, Jim Suhay, Karen Rock, Jennifer Wheeler, and Frank Pisano

Members of the public are welcome to [attend virtually](#) or in person.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

CELEBRATING PEOPLE!

Please join me in welcoming our newly elected and re-elected Library Board members, President Frank Pisano, Trustee Melissa Mark, Secretary Karen Rock, and Trustee Danielle Rumble. The Library Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Library Board members control the expenditures of all funds credited to the Library, adopt an annual budget for the Library, appoint and evaluate the Library Director, and set policies regarding the use of the Library. This year the Library Board is also focusing on updating the Library's strategic plan, improving Library outreach initiatives, and strengthening community partnerships.

The plans for Baldwin's Phase 3 renovation of the front entrance, lobby, and circulation area are progressing at a steady pace. You can read more about the project, view updated floorplans and renderings, and share your feedback online at www.baldwinlib.org/renovation. Architects from Merritt Cieslak Design will be presenting the final project to the Library Board on January 19, 2022. Once the project is approved, construction is expected to begin in 2023. This project will be funded by Birmingham's existing voter-approved Library millage.

In 1950, the United Nations General Assembly declared December 10 as Human Rights Day and set forth a declaration that recognizes the ramifications of human suffering and injustice and celebrates the inherent rights of every person, everywhere. These books are powerful accounts of human suffering and injustice:

- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo
- *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
- *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi
- *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo
- *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
- *Long Walk to Freedom* by Nelson Mandela

Participants in past book clubs that I've lead have found *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* and *Just Mercy* to be incredibly moving books and I'd especially recommend them.

After a one-year hiatus, Birmingham's Winter Market returns to Shain Park from December 3-5. We love being a part of the downtown experience and this December tradition. The Friends of the Library will be selling holiday themed books in the lobby and the Library will be open throughout the weekend if you need to stop inside to warm up or use the restroom. All proceeds from the holiday book sale will benefit Library programs. We're very grateful for the Friends' recent donation of \$18,400 to the Library and we thank you for supporting this fine organization.

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