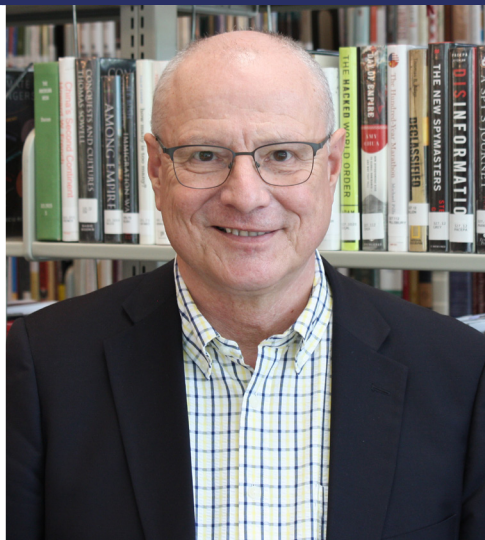


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**OPEN HOUSE**  
*Celebration*

SUNDAY, MAY 22  
2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

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BALDWIN CELEBRATES

# RECENT MILESTONES



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BIRMINGHAM, BEVERLY HILLS, BINGHAM FARMS & BLOOMFIELD HILLS

# MAY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

BABIES TO GRADE 6

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW AT [WWW.BALDWINLIB.ORG/CALENDAR](http://WWW.BALDWINLIB.ORG/CALENDAR)

## 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](http://www.baldwinlib.org/youth) to subscribe now.

## WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Visit our story time page at [www.baldwinlib.org/storytime](http://www.baldwinlib.org/storytime) for dates, locations, and more information. **Registration required.**

## STAR WARS DAY TAKE HOME KIT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Enjoy a free Star Wars activity. May the 4th be with you! **First come, first served.**

## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Free Comic Book Day 2022 is at local comic shops and at BPL! Swing by the library, pick up a comic and vote for your favorite comic book character. *We'll have comics for kids, teens, and adults on a first come, first served basis. One comic book per person.*

## PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING

SATURDAY, MAY 7 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON

This free vision screening for ages 6 months and older is fast, non-invasive, and has an accuracy rating of 98%. *Sponsored by the Beverly Hills Lions Club.*

## YOUTH TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS

MONDAY, MAY 9

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

## BEDTIME TALES | ALL AGES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 AT 6:30 P.M. | VIRTUAL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 AT 6:30 P.M. | IN PERSON

Join Ms. Syntha for end-of-day stories, rhymes, and songs. **Registration required.**

## CELEBRATE SPRING TAKE HOME KIT

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Hop on into the library and grab a kit full of mystery springtime fun. **First come, first served.**

## KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY | GRADES 3 TO 6

THURSDAY, MAY 19 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

## LITTLE EXPLORERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

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.**

## BALDWIN BOOSTERS ORIENTATION

AGES 11-14

TUESDAY, MAY 31 AT 7:00 P.M. | VIRTUAL

Find out how you can earn community service hours by joining our Summer Reading youth volunteers. Applications are available online at [www.baldwinlib.org/youth](http://www.baldwinlib.org/youth) and are due Friday, June 3.

# BOOK CLUBS

FOR CHILDREN

Visit our Books Clubs page at [baldwinlib.org/book-clubs](http://baldwinlib.org/book-clubs) for more upcoming book selections.

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER

GIRLS IN GRADES 4 TO 6 AND THEIR MOMS

TUESDAY, MAY 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

*A PLACE AT THE TABLE* BY SAADIA FARUQI

Email [Susan.Dion@baldwinlib.org](mailto:Susan.Dion@baldwinlib.org) to register.

## BEYOND THE BOOK | GRADES 2 TO 4

THURSDAY, MAY 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

*PLAYING AT THE BORDER* BY JOANNA HO

Email [Rosemary.Isbell@baldwinlib.org](mailto:Rosemary.Isbell@baldwinlib.org) to register for this non-fiction book club.

## BOOKS PLUS | GRADES 2 TO 3 AND A GROWNUP

MONDAY, MAY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

*MEASURING UP* BY LILY LAMOTTE

Email [Donna.Smith@baldwinlib.org](mailto:Donna.Smith@baldwinlib.org) to register.

## BOOKS AND BAGELS | GRADES 4 TO 6

TUESDAY, MAY 24 AT 7:00 P.M.

*JAYLA JUMPS IN* BY JOY JONES

Email [Susan.Dion@baldwinlib.org](mailto:Susan.Dion@baldwinlib.org) to register.

## MOMS BOOK CLUB

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

*LEONARD AND HUNGRY PAUL* BY RONAN HESSON

Email [Susan.Dion@baldwinlib.org](mailto:Susan.Dion@baldwinlib.org) to register for this book club for moms that meets every other month.

## PANELS AND FRAMES | GRADES 3 TO 6

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

*HILO: THE BOY WHO CRASHED TO EARTH* BY JUDD WINICK

Email [Caroline.Salucci@baldwinlib.org](mailto:Caroline.Salucci@baldwinlib.org) to register.

# MAY PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

GRADES 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](http://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.**

## CRAFTS TO GO

| GRADES 6 TO 12

## JAPANESE SIDE SEWN SKETCHBOOK

**Starting May 2**, pick up a craft kit and learn a basic Japanese book binding technique while following along to an instructional video on Creativebug. All you need is a library card! **Limit one per patron. First come, first served, as supplies last.**

## PIZZA AND PAGES | GRADES 7 TO 12

THURSDAY, MAY 5 AT 7:00 P.M.

*EVERY LAST WORD* BY TAMARA IRELAND STONE

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](mailto:teen@baldwinlib.org) if you would prefer to join via Zoom.

## SATURDAY, MAY 7 IS FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

We'll have comics for kids, teens, and adults on a first come, first served basis. **One comic book per person.**

## ANIME CLUB | GRADES 6 TO 12

THURSDAY, MAY 12 FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

Anime Club is back and in person! Watch a different anime every month, talk about the manga you're reading, do cool stuff, and eat snacks. **Registration required. This program will meet in person.**

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 19 AT 7:00 P.M. | GRADES 7 TO 12

Get involved with the Library by joining our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Share ideas for teen programs, give input on current library issues, discuss teen books, play games, eat pizza, and more. **Registration required. This program will meet in person.** Email [teen@baldwinlib.org](mailto:teen@baldwinlib.org) if you would prefer to join via Zoom.

## HENNA WORKSHOP | GRADES 6 TO 12

THURSDAY, MAY 26 FROM 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

Monique Herzig from Alchemy Slow Living Studio will talk to you about henna, give you a henna tattoo, and let you take home a henna cone to practice. Henna lasts on the skin for approximately 1-2 weeks. Food from Shish Kabob Express will be provided. **Registration required. This program will meet in person.**



# 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](mailto:ADULT.REFERENCE@BALDWINLIB.ORG).



**PAGE TO SCREEN**  
SUNDAY, MAY 1 AT 1:00 P.M.

FOR COLORED GIRLS WHO HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE WHEN THE RAINBOW IS ENUF BY NTOZAKE SHANGE AND FOR COLORED GIRLS (R, 2010).



**NEXT POPULAR READS**  
MONDAY, MAY 2 AT 1:00 P.M.  
*THE FINAL REVIVAL OF OPAL AND NEV* BY DAWNIE WALTON



**NEXT NONFICTION**  
TUESDAY, MAY 10 AT 10:00 A.M.  
*SPIRIT RUN* BY NOE ALVAREZ



**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 AT 2:00 P.M.  
*PIRANESI* BY SUSANNA CLARKE



**FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS READ ALONE**  
TUESDAY, MAY 17 AT 7:00 P.M.  
*THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET* BY SANDRA CISNEROS



**BOOKS & BREWS**  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 AT 7:00 P.M.  
*DEAR MRS. BIRD* BY A. J. PEARCE

# MAY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## CRAFTS & GO LIP BALM

**Starting May 2.** Take home a kit to make your own lip balm. *Limit one per patron. First come, first served, as supplies last.*

## INFORMATION SESSION WITH MICHIGAN REHABILITATION SERVICES

MONDAY, MAY 2 AT 3:30 P.M.  
Michigan Rehabilitation Services provides specialized employment and education-related services and training to assist teens and adults with disabilities in becoming employed or retaining employment. Learn how they may be able to help you or someone you know! *Virtual event. Registration required.*

## BY HER HAND: GENTILESCHI AND WOMEN ARTISTS IN ITALY 1500 A.D. -1800 A.D.

TUESDAY, MAY 3 AT 7:00 P.M.  
Explore the untold role of women artists in Italy, from the birth of the Renaissance until the Enlightenment. *Virtual event. Registration required.*

## HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES: BIRMINGHAM'S STORIES OF WAR AND SERVICE

THURSDAY, MAY 5 AT 7:00 P.M.  
From the original founding of our country, Birmingham men and women have served bravely to protect our freedom. Through their stories, we can honor them for their service and their sacrifice. *Virtual event. Registration required.*

## BPL CELEBRATES ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN MAY

## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY SATURDAY, MAY 7 ALL DAY

Free Comic Book Day 2022 is on Saturday, May 7 at local comic shops and at BPL! *We'll have comics for kids, teens, and adults on a first come, first served basis. No registration. One per person please.*

## CONTAINER GARDENS 101 MONDAY, MAY 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

MSU Extension Consumer Horticulture Educator Lori Inmoben will demonstrate how to grow veggies & flowers in containers of all shapes and sizes. *Virtual event. Registration required.*

## GREAT AMERICAN GARDEN ROADTRIP TUESDAY, MAY 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

Follow horticulturist, historian and writer Abra Lee on a "road trip" through some of America's most interesting ornamental gardens. *Virtual event. Registration required.*

## GENEALOGY 101: ORGANIZING YOUR FAMILY RESEARCH THURSDAY, MAY 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

You've collected census records, death certificates, family photographs, and more. Now what do you do with it all? This class will help you sort and organize your research to keep the clutter at bay while still having everything at your fingertips. *Virtual event. Registration required.*

## LADIES OF THE LIGHTS MONDAY, MAY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

They were women before their time, taking on the romantic, yet dangerous and physically demanding job of tending to the lighthouses that protected the shoreline. Join author Dianna Stampfer for the remarkable stories of the *Ladies of the Lights*. *Virtual event. Registration required.*

# MAY 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.

## POWERPOINT: CREATE A PRESENTATION WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 & 11 AT 7:00 P.M.

Learn the fundamentals of slideshow creation with Microsoft PowerPoint in this two session class.

## CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY THURSDAY, MAY 5 AT 3:00 P.M.

Learn how to check out eBooks and eAudiobooks from the Library with your BPL card.

## ONLINE NEWSPAPERS FROM HOME THURSDAY, MAY 12 AT 3:00 P.M.

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

## TWITTER

THURSDAY, MAY 19 AT 3:00 P.M.

Become a Twitter pro as you learn to create an account, compose tweets, connect with friends, and more.

## GOOGLE SLIDES

THURSDAY, MAY 26 AT 3:00 P.M.

Create, edit, and collaborate on presentations with the Google Slides.

# DISCUSSION GROUPS

## SOCRATES CAFE

SUNDAY, MAY 15 AT 2:00 P.M.

Socrates Cafe continues to meet for conversation via Zoom. To join, please email [avpratt@aol.com](mailto:avpratt@aol.com).

## SOCIAL KNITWORKING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 AT 2:00 P.M.

Join Baldwin's Social "Knit workers" for some friendly knitting, crocheting and chatting. *Registration required.*

## GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

MAY 4 AT 6:45 P.M.: *THE ODYSSEY: BOOKS 1-12* BY HOMER

MAY 18 AT 6:45 P.M.: *THE ODYSSEY: BOOKS 13-24* BY HOMER

All meetings take place via Zoom. Email [adult.reference@baldwinlib.org](mailto:adult.reference@baldwinlib.org) to join.

# THE IDEA LAB

## IDEA LAB LIVE: PET THINGS WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join Jeff on Instagram Live for the next episode in our "Idea Lab: Things" series! In each episode, Jeff will discuss and demonstrate a variety of interesting and useful 3D-printable or Laser-cuttable models that fall under a particular category.

## IDEA LAB KIT: 3D PRINTED NAME LETTERS THURSDAY, MAY 26

Register by Monday, May 9 to receive your name, custom printed in exciting futuristic lettering! Use them as desktop names, frames with quotes, wall art, initials etc. Enter your custom name text when you register. **Registration required. Limit one word per person.**

## FRIENDS BOOK SALE

**FRIENDS USED BOOK & MEDIA SALE**  
SATURDAY, MAY 14 • SUNDAY, MAY 15 • MONDAY, MAY 16  
See [baldwinlib.org/book-sales](http://baldwinlib.org/book-sales) for details!

## SPRING OPEN HOUSE

**SUNDAY, MAY 22 FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**  
**REMARKS AT 2:30 P.M.**

Celebrate the many great milestones at Baldwin that have happened in the last two years, including the grand opening of the new Youth Room, the retirement of former Director Doug Koschik, the new renovations made possible by a generous donation from the Jane M. Van Dragt Trust, the installation of the Michigan Spring sculpture by Jim Miller-Melberg, and a celebration of Martha Baldwin's induction into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

## LIBRARY HOURS

<b>MONDAY TO THURSDAY</b> 9:30 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.	<b>SUNDAY :</b> 12:00 to 5:00 P.M.
<b>FRIDAY &amp; SATURDAY</b> 9:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.	<b>CLOSED :</b> MAY 28-30: MEMORIAL DAY

\* 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, MAY 16  
AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE ROTARY ROOM

**Board Members:** Melissa Mark, Danielle Rumble, Jim Suhay, Karen Rock, Jennifer Wheeler, and Frank Pisano  
**Members of the public are welcome to attend.**

# DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

## THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY IN BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN ENRICHES LIVES BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES FOR EVERYONE TO LEARN, CONNECT, AND DISCOVER.

Strategic plans are important tools for organizations to prepare for the future, stay focused on goals, and track progress toward meeting goals. With help and input from Baldwin staff, Board members, Friends, and community members, we are now debuting our new 3-year Strategic Plan. Along with updating our mission (shown above), vision, and core values, we have set forth six overarching goals to improve our library service to you.

We've incorporated the feedback we received this year from public surveys and focus groups, but we are always ready to hear more from you! Our first goal is to make sure that our programs and services are actually what you're looking for, so when you see an opportunity to complete a survey or send us an email with feedback, please share your experience and suggestions for improvement.

Our second goal is to focus on improving the facility. Not only will we be completing the third phase of renovation with a focus on accessibility, but we are also planning ahead to ensure that we can anticipate future repairs and improvements and have savings to pay for these updates.

Third, we know that diversity, equity and inclusion are important building blocks for successful organizations. We plan to put forth even more efforts to ensure that not only are our resources, programs, and collections diverse and inclusive, but that our policies regarding personnel are, too.

Our fourth goal will focus on reaching out to partners in the community as well as people who have never used our library before. We want to do what we can to be the first place people think of when they need something. We are here to connect you to the information and resources you need.

Success at any level starts with staffing. Our fifth goal will focus on making sure our staff have the tools and resources they need to continue offering the exemplary service you've come to expect from BPL.

If staffing is key to success, a close second is financial health, which is the highlight of our final goal. We are so grateful to have the support of Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and the City of Bloomfield Hills. We will continue to evaluate how we're spending our budget to create a safe, comfortable, useful space, while offering in-demand collections and services.

You can read the full plan online at [www.baldwinlib.org/mission](http://www.baldwinlib.org/mission). We look forward to strengthening our position in the community and being your trusted source for cultural, educational, recreational, and learning opportunities.

*Rebekah Craft*

Rebekah Craft, Library Director

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## BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOUR THURSDAY, MAY 12 AT 10:00 A.M.

Join Director Rebekah Craft for a behind the scenes tour of the library. You'll visit staff areas, learn how items are added to the collection, and hear about new programs and services. The tour will meet in the vestibule. **Registration required.**



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