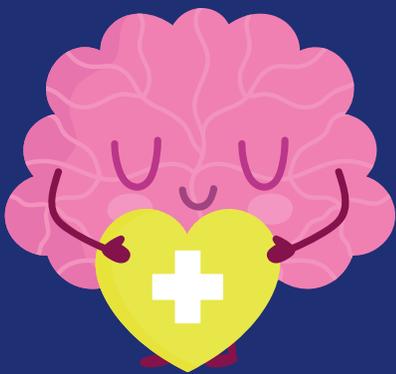


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### WINTER READING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 1 TO JANUARY 31

SIGN UP AT [BALDWINLIB.BEANSTACK.ORG](http://BALDWINLIB.BEANSTACK.ORG) TO START THE WINTER READING CHALLENGE FOR ALL AGES.  
COMPLETE THE WINTER READING CHALLENGE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF THREE GRAND PRIZES.



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# WINTER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

BABIES TO GRADE 6

ALL PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK THE WEBSITE ([BALDWINLIB.ORG/CALENDAR](http://BALDWINLIB.ORG/CALENDAR)) FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND LOCATIONS BEFORE HEADING TO ANY EVENT.

## WINTER FUN

### PAW PATROL PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 11:00 A.M.

Join us as we celebrate our favorite rescue dogs with stories, games, and crafts. **Registration required.**

### PAINT BY NUMBER

GRADES 1 TO 5

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 AT 3:00 P.M.

Paint by the numbers to create two masterpieces. Please come dressed to paint. **Registration required.**

### TRAVEL THE WORLD: CHINA

GRADES 4 TO 6

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 4:30 P.M.

Join us as we "travel" outside the United States and experience different countries through taste, smell, sound, touch, and sight. **Registration required.**

### MARIO KART PARTY

GRADES 4 TO 6

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

On your mark, get set, go! Join us at the Library for Mario Kart racing. Everyone will get a chance to race with activities to do while you wait. **Registration required.**

## PLAY AND LEARN

AGES 2 TO 5 AND A GROWN UP

THURSDAYS AT 4:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 22 • FEBRUARY 2

Touch, play, explore, and discover with your child while they learn a variety of skills including fine and gross motor, social, early literacy, and math. **Registration required.**



## TAKE HOME KITS

### COLORING CLUB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Receive a fun poster to color at home. There are two choices per month. **Advance registration required.**

### WINTER BREAK SURPRISE CRAFT KIT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Pick up a surprise craft kit to enjoy at home during Winter Break. **First come, first served.**

### APPRECIATE A DRAGON

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

Celebrate Appreciate a Dragon Day with take and make crafts and activities. **First come, first served.**

### KUMIHIMO BRACELETS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Make friendship bracelets using Kumihimo, a braiding technique using long decorative string. **First come, first served.**

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2023

KICKOFF AND TITLE RELEASE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

BATTLE DAY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 18

For more information and Battle Book Talk dates, please visit [www.baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books/](http://www.baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books/)



## KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY

GRADES 3 TO 6

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 15 • JANUARY 19 • FEBRUARY 16

Do you want to be more involved with the Library? Would you like to hang out with friends and play some games? Join us for monthly meetings where we talk about Library programs. **Registration required.**

# BOOK CLUBS

FOR CHILDREN

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

## Adventures IN BOOKS

GRADES 1 TO 3 - GROWN UPS WELCOME

WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 28: *AVEN GREEN, SLEUTHING MACHINE* BY DUSTI BOWLING

JANUARY 25: *THE INFAMOUS RATOS* BY KARA LAREAU

FEBRUARY 22: *MAKE WAY FOR DYAMONDE DANIEL* BY NIKKI GRIMES

Email Melissa at [melissa.behrens@baldwinlib.org](mailto:melissa.behrens@baldwinlib.org) to register.

## BEYOND the book

GRADES 1 TO 3

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 8: *WHO WOULD WIN? ULTIMATE DINOSAUR RUMBLE* BY JERRY PALLOTTA

JANUARY 12: *ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLDT: EXPLORER, NATURALIST, & ENVIRONMENTAL PIONEER* BY DANICA NOVGORODOFF

FEBRUARY 9: *WE ARE THE SUPREMES* BY ZOË TUCKER

Email Rosemary at [rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org](mailto:rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org) to register.

## Kids COOKBOOK club

GRADES 3 TO 6

MONDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

JANUARY 30: *KID CHEF: THE FOODIE KIDS COOKBOOK* BY MELINA HAMMER

Email Syntha at [syntha.green@baldwinlib.org](mailto:syntha.green@baldwinlib.org) to register for this special book club. Choose a recipe from the cookbook to make and bring to share with everyone.

## PANELS & FRAMES

GRADES 3 TO 6

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 21: *MARSHMALLOW & JORDAN* BY ALINA CHAU

Email Susan at [susan.dion@baldwinlib.org](mailto:susan.dion@baldwinlib.org) to register.



# BOOK CLUBS

FOR CHILDREN

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## MOTHER/DAUGHTER

GRADES 4 TO 6 AND MOMS  
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 13: *COO* BY KAEA NOEL

JANUARY 10: *CHARLIE THORNE AND THE LAST EQUATION*  
BY STUART GIBBS

FEBRUARY 7: *THE YEAR I FLEW AWAY* BY MARIE ARNOLD

Email Susan at [susan.dion@baldwinlib.org](mailto:susan.dion@baldwinlib.org)  
to register.

## BOOKS & BAGELS

GRADES 4 TO 6  
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 27: *HERE IN THE REAL WORLD*  
BY SARA PENNYPACKER

JANUARY 24: *THE HOUSE THAT WASN'T THERE*  
BY ELANA K. ARNOLD

FEBRUARY 28: *TAKE BACK THE BLOCK*  
BY CHRYSAL D. GILES

Email Susan at [susan.dion@baldwinlib.org](mailto:susan.dion@baldwinlib.org)  
to register.

## WHO? WHAT? WHERE?

GRADES 4 TO 6  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 AT 7:00 P.M.

*WHO IS STEVIE WONDER?* BY JIM GIGLIOTTI

Email Rosemary at [rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org](mailto:rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org)  
to register.

## MOMS BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.  
DECEMBER 7: *THE DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS*  
BY PIP WILLIAMS

FEBRUARY 1: *THE ROSE CODE* BY KATE QUINN

Email Susan at [susan.dion@baldwinlib.org](mailto:susan.dion@baldwinlib.org)  
to register.



# WINTER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

BABIES TO GRADE 6

## 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.

### NEW STORY TIME COMING THIS WINTER!

Check [baldwinlib.org/storytime](http://baldwinlib.org/storytime) for details and the schedule.

### WIGGLE & RHYME

**BIRTH TO 1.5 YEARS**  
WITH MS. STEPHANIE ON TUESDAYS  
Join Ms. Stephanie for a lapsit story time with singing, clapping, tapping, and more.

### TODDLER TALES

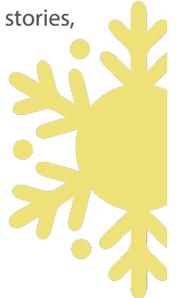
**1.5 YEARS TO 2.5 YEARS**  
WITH MS. ROSEMARY ON WEDNESDAYS  
Join Ms. Rosemary for stories, songs, and rhymes.

### SING & TELL

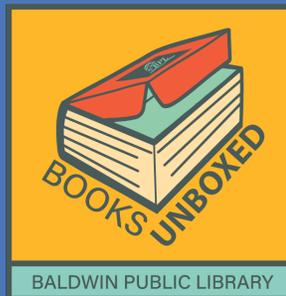
**2.5 YEARS TO 3.5 YEARS**  
WITH MS. SUSAN ON FRIDAYS  
Join Ms. Susan as she reads stories and rhymes, sings songs, and more.

### BEDTIME TALES

**ALL AGES**  
**WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15P.M.**  
Join Ms. Syntha for end-of-day stories, rhymes, and songs.



## 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.

## PROJECT KIDSIGHT

### VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23  
10:00 A.M. TO NOON
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 14  
10:00 A.M. TO NOON
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
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.



## RUFF READERS

AGES 6 & UP  
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.  
DECEMBER 6 • JANUARY 17 • FEBRUARY 14

Sign up for a ten minute time slot to read to a registered therapy dog from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Therapy dogs enjoy being read to and offer a non-judgmental, creative and fun opportunity for children while encouraging reading confidence.



## BOOK SCAVENGERS



We've hidden pictures in the Youth Room!  
How many can you find?

A new scavenger hunt will be put up at the beginning of each month.

# WINTER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

GRADES 7 TO 12

PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND TEEN PROGRAMS.

## PIZZA AND PAGES

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 1: *MONDAY'S NOT COMING*  
BY TIFFANY D. JACKSON

JANUARY 5: *THE CRUEL PRINCE* BY HOLLY BLACK

FEBRUARY 2: *THE HATE U GIVE* BY ANGIE THOMAS

The first 10 teens to register will receive a free book, thanks to the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. Pizza will be provided. **Registration required.**

## ANIME CLUB

2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 8

JANUARY 12

FEBRUARY 9

Watch a different anime every month, talk about the manga you're reading, and enjoy ramen, Pocky, and other Japanese snacks. **Registration required.**

## WINTER READING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 1 TO JANUARY 31

Sign up at [baldwinlib.beanstack.org](http://baldwinlib.beanstack.org) to start the Winter Reading Challenge for all ages. Complete the Winter Reading Challenge for your chance to win one of three grand prizes.

## CUPCAKE WARS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26  
FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

Put your creativity, imagination, and sweet tooth to the test! You'll be given a pantry of ingredients and a limited amount of time to turn cupcakes into themed designs to impress our panel of judges! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*  
**Registration required.**



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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.

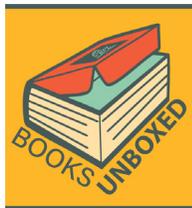
DECEMBER 15

JANUARY 19

FEBRUARY 16

Have some ideas for the Library? Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, displays, and other Library matters at these fun-filled meetings; all while eating pizza and making friends. Attendance at meetings can be used for volunteer hours! **Registration required.**

## BOOKS UNBOXED



BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 third Tuesday of the month to receive your box on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Subscriptions last for 3 months.

## MIDWINTER BREAK VIDEO GAME DROP-IN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
FROM 3:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

Come play our Nintendo Switch and PS4 with VR! We have Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, Just Dance, Beat Saber, and more! Stop by for a bit or stay the whole time. Snacks will be available.  
**No registration required.**



# IDEA LAB

## 3D PRINTED LED STRING LIGHTS KIT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Transform a string of plain LEDs into colorful crystalline gems with attachments made right here in the Idea Lab! **Registration required.**

## CUSTOM 3D PRINTED COOKIE CUTTERS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 7:00 P.M.

This class will teach you the entire process of making custom 3D Printed cookie cutters from scratch! Use ingenious online tools and the 3D Printing services at The Idea Lab to take your seasonal baking to the next level!  
**Complete instructions provided upon registration.**

## TAKE AND MAKE: JENGA SHOOTER MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Spending time with family and friends this season? Invite them all for a rousing game of Jenga... with a twist! Build our laser-cut Jenga Shooter kit, and you'll be a Jenga champion! These kits also make excellent gifts!  
**First come, first served. Limit one per household.**

## RETRO COMPUTER EXPO!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

The first event of this kind ever hosted by The Idea Lab! Join us for this exciting expo of vintage computers and games! Play classic games on authentic hardware, experience tech from the peak of the digital revolution! IBM, Apple, Toshiba, Nintendo, Sega, Playstation, and more! Do you have some tech you're proud of? Register to reserve a table, and bring your own gear to the show!  
**Registration required to exhibit gear.**  
**No registration needed to attend.**

## IDEA LAB LIVE: PHOTOGRAPHY THINGS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join Jeff for our live-streamed "Idea Lab: Things" series! In this episode, Jeff will discuss and demonstrate a variety of interesting and useful 3D-printable or Laser-cuttable models that will appeal to shutterbugs everywhere!

## CLASS: DIY TERRAIN MAPS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 7:00 P.M.

Jeff teaches you how to produce beautiful, custom, laser-cut terrain maps using two great pieces of free online software, and the tools in The Idea Lab. **Complete instructions provided upon registration.**

## TAKE AND MAKE: LASER-CUT CHESS SET MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

It's been a while since The Queen's Gambit came out, but chess is still cool right? This Laser-cut chess board doubles as a cool box to keep your pieces in! And did I mention the pieces are 3D Printed?? **First come, first served.**  
**Limit one per household.**

# COMPUTER CLASSES

FOR ADULTS

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

## DECEMBER

### MICROSOFT WORD

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Learn document creation and word processing with Word.

### GOOGLE DOCS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Create, edit and collaborate on documents with Google Docs, a free, web-based alternative to Word.

### CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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

## JANUARY

### GOOGLE SHEETS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Create, edit and collaborate on spreadsheets with Google Sheets, a free, web-based alternative to Excel.

### SELLING ONLINE

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Declutter and make some money by selling your unwanted items online.

### TRACKING STOCKS IN GOOGLE SHEETS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Track and manage your stock portfolio within Google Sheets.

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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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

### MICROSOFT EXCEL: CREATING SPREADSHEETS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Learn the fundamentals of spreadsheet creation with Microsoft Excel.

### NYT & WSJ FROM HOME

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 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.

## FEBRUARY

### POWERPOINT: CREATE A PRESENTATION

**WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 1 AND FEBRUARY 8**

Learn the fundamentals of slideshow creation with PowerPoint.

### CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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

### NYT & WSJ FROM HOME

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 3:00 P.M.**

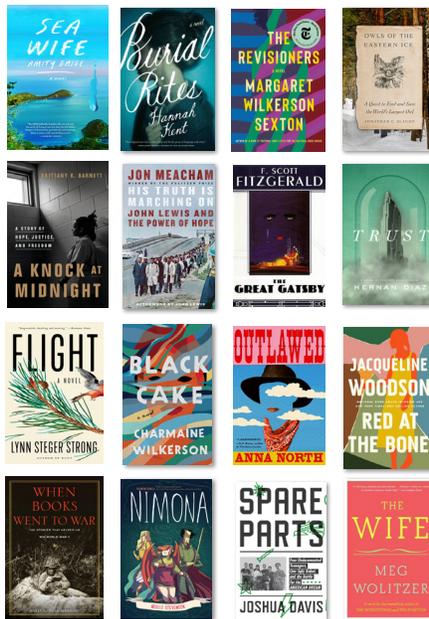
Become a Twitter pro as you learn to create an account, compose tweets, connect with friends, and more.

### GOOGLE SLIDES

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Create, edit and collaborate on presentations with Google Slides, a free, web-based alternative to PowerPoint.

## BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS



# 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).

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

**SECOND WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 14:** *SEA WIFE* BY AMITY GAIGE

**JANUARY 11:** *BURIAL RITES* BY HANNAH KENT

**FEBRUARY 8:** *THE REVISIONERS* BY MARGARET WILKERSON SEXTON

## NEXT NONFICTION

**SECOND TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M.**

**DECEMBER 13:** *OWLS OF THE EASTERN ICE* BY JONATHAN C. SLAGHT

**JANUARY 10:** *A KNOCK AT MIDNIGHT* BY BRITTANY K. BARNETT

**FEBRUARY 14:** *HIS TRUTH IS MARCHING ON* BY JON MEACHAM & JOHN LEWIS

## PAGE TO SCREEN

**FIRST SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 4:** *THE GREAT GATSBY* BY FITZGERALD / *THE GREAT GATSBY*, 2013 PG-13

**JANUARY 8:** *THE WIFE* BY WOLITZER / *THE WIFE*, 2017 R

**FEBRUARY 5:** *SPARE PARTS* BY DAVIS / *SPARE PARTS* 2015 PG-13

## NEXT POPULAR READS

**FIRST MONDAY AT 1:00 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 5:** *TRUST* BY HERNAN DIAZ

**JANUARY 9:** *FLIGHT* BY LYNN STEGER STRONG

**FEBRUARY 6:** *BLACK CAKE* BY CHARMAINE WILKERSON

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**THIRD TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 20:** *OUTLAWED* BY ANNA NORTH

**JANUARY 17:** *RED AT THE BONE* BY JACQUELINE WOODSON

**FEBRUARY 21:** *WHEN BOOKS WENT TO WAR* BY MOLLY GUPTILL MANNING

## GRAPHIC NOVELS 4 GROWN UPS

**FIRST TUESDAY EVERY OTHER MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 6:** *NIMONA* BY NOELLE STEVENSON

**FEBRUARY 7:** *MARCH* BY JOHN LEWIS

# WINTER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## DECEMBER

### HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES SECOND THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

**DECEMBER 8:** CARLOS LOPEZ AND THE CONTROVERSIAL BIRMINGHAM POST OFFICE MURAL OF 1942

**JANUARY 12:** MINORU YAMASAKI AND ASIAN AMERICANS IN BIRMINGHAM

**FEBRUARY 9:** EARLY ABOLITIONISTS AND THE LOCAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD NETWORK

Join the staff of the Birmingham Museum as they share stories from the past in fun and entertaining ways that connect with our present. **Hybrid event. Registration required.**

### DUO CONCERT WITH ANDREW WU SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 11:00 A.M.

Come listen to a magical duo concert showcasing the development of the viola as a solo instrument and featuring music by composers Hadyn, Mozart, Fuchs, and Glière. **Hybrid event, registration required.**

## JANUARY

### ARRGHH!: A HISTORY OF PIRACY ON THE GREAT LAKES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Join Ellen Kennedy of the National Museum of the Great Lakes for a historical and cultural re-examination of piracy and its implications for understanding Great Lakes history. No parrots or peg legs included, but a healthy dose of thievery, mutiny, and other unsavory tales. **Registration required.**

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## MANGO LANGUAGES:

Heading out of town this winter? Prepare with Mango Languages before you go, and learn some basic conversational skills in over 70 world languages.

## FEBRUARY

### MIDNIGHT: DETROIT AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Codenamed "Midnight," Detroit was a vital station on the Underground Railroad. Thousands crossed the Detroit River to freedom in Canada. Bill Winkel, Assistant Curator of the Detroit Historical Society, joins us to share stories about the freedom seekers and Detroit's abolitionist community. **Registration required.**

### FREDERICK DOUGLASS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Dr. Richard Bell, Professor of History at the University of Maryland, returns to examine the visionary contributions of Frederick Douglass. An enslaved man who dreamed of being a senator, a great literary figure without formal schooling, a courageous freedom fighter, as well as an outspoken feminist, Douglass was a prophet who saw a better future. **Registration required.**

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

### SOCRATES CAFE

**THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

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

## RESOURCES

### ONLINE NEWSPAPERS

**ALL YEAR**

Our online newspapers include a well-rounded offering of trusted publications, from the local dailies to financial journals, student papers and more. You can also access the NYT suite of games with your BPL card.

### BRAINFUSE TUTORING

**ALL YEAR**

Brainfuse Tutoring is available every day 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM EDT. Live tutors can help with math, science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and state standardized tests.



This year-round program is designed to encourage you to enjoy a local pathway or trail while listening to an audiobook. Every month there will be a theme which will include a suggested route and a correlated list of audiobooks, along with the digital library service in which you can find them. Join us at: [baldwinlib.beanstack.org](http://baldwinlib.beanstack.org)

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## BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Learn more about the library with Library Director Rebekah Craft. You will 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.**

## LIBRARY BOARD



### Board Members:

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

**THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET ON:  
DECEMBER 19, JANUARY 18, AND FEBRUARY 20  
AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE ROTARY ROOM.**

# WINTER DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

## BPL MAKES IMPROVEMENTS, PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON

Baldwin's summer reading program theme this year was "An Ocean of Possibilities." That theme seemed like a cruel joke after we experienced water damage to 3,500 square feet of the building the day before the summer reading finale. Our staff mobilized to reimagine temporary services, relocate offices, and work with a very limited collection of youth items during the demolition and reconstruction process. While it was a frustrating experience for library users, we were able to use the disruption to update our play area, rearrange furniture, and make improvements to the Youth Room.

If you have stopped by the library recently, you have probably noticed that we have updated other areas, too. We made room to expand our new book selection in the Grand Hall and increased our display shelving to highlight more book suggestions, including staff picks and thematic displays. Staff members here at Baldwin love chatting about what we're reading, watching, and listening to, so don't hesitate to ask for a recommendation!

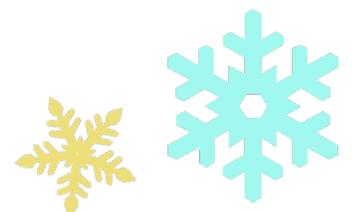
Our staff members Lisa, Jen, and Megan worked together over the past year to preserve and rehome the items in our local history collection. We now have a small but mighty collection of items related to Baldwin history that can be found at the Adult Services reference desk. Historic organizations in the state, including the Birmingham Museum, the Library of Michigan, and the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library are now the keepers of the valuable and few-of-a-kind items that we removed from the collection in our Legacy Room. Many of the items that were deaccessioned from our collection are now available online. The Legacy Room in the Grand Hall is now the home of our Large Print collection. New overhead shelf lighting has been added to better illuminate the space, thanks to a generous donation from the Jane M. Van Dragt Trust.

As snow arrives and the temperatures reach single digits, it's important to remember that many of our neighbors may be living with financial insecurity, possibly without stable housing or basic necessities. This winter, we are partnering with Lighthouse of Oakland County to collect non-perishable food and personal care items for people who use their shelters and services. Please drop off items in the donation bin located in Baldwin's front vestibule between December 15 and January 15. Lighthouse of Oakland County, which merged with the South Oakland Shelter in 2019, has a mission to build equitable communities that alleviate poverty in partnership with and in service to individuals, families, and organizations.

Wishing you a peaceful holiday season and a happy and healthy new year!

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