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Baldwin Public Library  Serving the Communities of Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, & Bloomfield Hills
AUTUMN PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
BABIES TO GRADE 6

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

SEPTEMBER

READ IN THE PARK
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
RHONDA GOWLER GREENE AT 11:00 A.M.

Join us at Beverly Park for a fun visit with Rhonda Gowler Greene, author of over twenty-five children’s books including the new book Supergran! Book Beat will have books available for purchase and signing. Afterwards, walk the Storybook Trail featuring one of Rhonda Gowler Greene’s books. Registration required.

NOVEMBER

STORY/ARTS
GRADES 1 TO 3
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 4:30 P.M.
Create your next masterpiece using different art techniques while learning about the artists who made them popular. No art experience needed. Registration required.

TRAVEL THE WORLD: SPAIN
GRADES 4 TO 6
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 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.

OCTOBER

LEGO BUILDING CHALLENGE
GRADES K TO 2
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 4:30 P.M.
Join us for fun Lego challenges such as boat races, marble mazes, and more! We’ll supply the Legos. Registration required.

SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK
GRADES 4 TO 6
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 7:00 P.M.
Join us for a spooky evening of reading Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Schwartz. Participants will take turns reading by flashlight! Registration required.

HAUNTED LIBRARY
GRADES 4 TO 6
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
FROM 8:00 TO 9:00 P.M.
Join us after hours for some creepy fun. Librarians will guide you through the library, while teens try to scare you. This is the one night when screaming is allowed in the library! Make a craft and watch a movie when you are not on a tour. Registration and permission form required.

November 2023 Book Clubs


Kids COOKBOOK Club
GRADES 3 TO 6
MONDAYS AT 6:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 9: THE BIG, FUN KIDS COOKBOOK BY FOOD NETWORK MAGAZINE
Email Syntha at syntha.green@baldwinlib.org to register.

Adventures IN BOOKS
GRADES 1 TO 3 - GROWN UPS WELCOME
WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 11: HENRY, LIKE ALWAYS BY JENN BAILEY
November 8: JO JO MAKOONS: THE USED-TO-BE BEST FRIEND BY DAWN QUIGLEY
Email Melissa at melissa.behrens@baldwinlib.org to register.

BEYOND the book
GRADES 1 TO 3
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 26: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC READERS: CATS VS. DOGS BY ELIZABETH CARNEY
November 28: FINDING MY DANCE BY RIA THUNDERCLOUD
Email Rosemary at rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org to register.

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

OCTOBER 10: EACH TINY SPARK BY PABLO CARTAYA
November 14: THE SEA IN WINTER BY CHRISTINE DAY
Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

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

OCTOBER 24: NEVERMOOR: THE TRIALS OF MORGAN CROW BY JESSICA TOWNSEND
November 28: SAVING WINSLOW BY SHARON CREECH
Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.
BOOK CLUBS FOR CHILDREN


WHO? WHAT? WHERE?

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

NOVEMBER 2: WHERE WERE THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE ANCIENT WORLD BY YONA ZELDIS MCDONOUGH
Email Rosemary at rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org to register.

moms BOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 18: MISS ELIZA'S ENGLISH KITCHEN BY ANNABEL ABS
Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

NEW! WIGGLE WORMS DROP IN

BIRTH TO 2 YEARS AND A GROWN UP
MONDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.
• SEPTEMBER 11 • OCTOBER 16 • NOVEMBER 27
Drop in between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for open-ended, unstructured play with your child and to socialize with other families. Caregivers must stay with children. No registration required.

PLAY AND LEARN

AGES 2 TO 5 AND A GROWN UP
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 4:00 P.M.
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. Caregivers must stay with children. Registration required.

PARENTING STRATEGY SESSIONS

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
OCTOBER 5: BIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH
NOVEMBER 9: BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT WITH LITTLES
Hosted by Jessica Cortez, LMSW, founder of Bloomfield Child and Family Counseling. Jessica and her staff will discuss different parenting topics along with concrete strategies and insights for parents. Registration required. Attend in person or virtually.

RUFF READERS

AGES 6 & UP
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 19 • OCTOBER 17 • NOVEMBER 21
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.

VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

SATURDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON
• SEPTEMBER 9
• OCTOBER 21
• NOVEMBER 11
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.

PROJECT KIDSIGHT

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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.
ANIME GLASS PAINTING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
Learn the art of reverse glass painting by painting your favorite character from an Anime or Manga. We will have printouts of various Manga/Anime characters, but if you would like to paint a specific character, please email teen@baldwinlib.org so we can have it ready for you. Registration required.

HAUNTED LIBRARY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 FROM 7:30 TO 9:30 P.M.
TEENS (7-12 GRADE) ARRIVE AT 7:00 P.M
TWEENS (4-6 GRADE) ARRIVE AT 8:00 P.M. - SEE PAGE 2
Join us after hours for some creepy fun. Librarians will lead groups of tweens through the library as you try to scare them. This is the one night when screaming is allowed in the library! Please wear something scary - if you do not own a scary costume, the library will provide you one to borrow. Registration and permission form required.

WANDS, SWORDS, CUPS, & COINS:
A BEGINNER’S COURSE TO USING TAROT CARDS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
Join Madeleine from the Boston Tea Room (the oldest Psychic Reading business in Michigan) for an introductory class exploring the fascinating world of Tarot cards. Registration required.

MICROWAVE MUG DESSERTS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
Learn how to make desserts with a mug and a microwave. Supplies and recipes will be provided. Registration required.

STUDY NIGHT WITH THERAPY DOGS
GRADUES 9 TO 12
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
FROM 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.
Are finals stressing you out? Maybe petting some dogs will help! After the Library closes to the public, high school students will have the whole Library to themselves! Pizza will be provided. No registration required.

PIZZA AND PAGES
1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 7: ONE OF US IS LYING BY KAREN MCMANUS
OCTOBER 5: HE'S BEEN WITH ME BY LAURA NOWLIN
NOVEMBER 2: LORE BY ALEXANDRA BRACKEN
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.

TEENS NIGHT OUT
2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 14 • OCTOBER 12 • NOVEMBER 9
Spend an evening hanging out with other teens who love the library as much as you do! There will be video games, board games, crafts, food, and other shenanigans. Registration required.

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.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS
3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 21
OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 16
Have some ideas for the Library? Share your opinions on teen programs, prizes, social media posts, and more while eating pizza and making friends. Attendance can be used for volunteer hours! Registration required.

TEENS’ TOP TEN CONTEST
The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Online voting will be open from August 15 through October 12 at www.ala.org/yalsa/teensopten. Think you can figure out what the Top Ten will be? Visit www.baldwinlib.org/teen to enter our contest. Whoever guesses the most books correctly will win a $25 gift card to Books-A-Million!

IDEA LAB LIVE: CARRYING THINGS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Have you always wondered what the Idea Lab is all about, but were afraid to ask? In this event, Jeff will take you on a tour of the Idea Lab, including a quick demo of our exciting equipment. Registration required.

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

**Build a Website**
**Wednesday, September 6 & 13 at 7:00 p.m.**
Create a basic website for yourself or your small business, in this two session class.

**Word: An Introduction**
**Thursday, September 7 at 3:00 p.m.**
Learn document creation and word processing with Microsoft Word.

**Check Out EBooks from the Library**
**Saturday, September 16 at 3:00 p.m.**
Learn how to check out eBooks and eAudio-books from the Library with your BPL card.

**Google Docs**
**Tuesday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m.**
Create, edit and collaborate on documents with Google Docs, a web-based alternative to Word.

**October**

**Selling Online**
**Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.**
Declutter and make some money by selling your unwanted items online.

**Google Sheets**
**Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.**
Create, edit and collaborate on spreadsheets with Google Sheets, a web-based alternative to Excel.

**Baldwin’s Digital Library**
**Tuesday, October 17 at 10:00 p.m.**
Access premium resources with your BPL card including research databases, online classes, streaming movies and more.

**Excel: Create a Budget**
**Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.**
Learn spreadsheet creation with Microsoft Excel.

**Tracking Stocks in Google Sheets**
**Thursday, October 26 at 3:00 p.m.**
Track and manage your stock portfolio within Google Sheets.

**November**

**Adobe Photoshop: An Introduction**
**Wednesday, November 1 & 8 at 7:00 p.m.**
At the Baldwin Public Library
Learn the basics of Photoshop in this live two-session class.

**PowerPoint: Create a Presentation**
**Thursday, November 2 & 9 at 3:00 p.m.**
Learn the fundamentals of slideshow creation with PowerPoint.

**Google Slides**
**Saturday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m.**
Create, edit and collaborate on presentations with Google Slides, a web-based alternative to PowerPoint.

**ValueLine and Morningstar at BPL**
**Tuesday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m.**
Learn more about using these library resources to research investments and financial information.

**Check Out EBooks from the Library**
**Thursday, November 16 at 3:00 p.m.**
Learn how to check out eBooks and eAudio-books from the Library with your BPL card.

**Canva**
**Thursday, November 30 at 3:00 p.m.**
Learn the fundamentals of Canva, a free-to-use online graphic design tool.
**AUTUMN PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

### SEPTEMBER

**PEWABIC POTTERY**
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7:00 P.M.**

We welcome speakers from Pewabic Pottery, a National Historic Landmark located in Detroit, Michigan. This year Pewabic is celebrating 120 years of business and ceramic excellence. In celebration of this big anniversary, Pewabic is doing a virtual lecture about Pewabic's legacy of hand craftsmanship. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

**CREATIVE COMPOSTING... WITH A SENSE OF HUMUS!**
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Join Master Composter Lillian Dean for an hour hands-on class in making and using earth-friendly compost. **Registration required. Attend in person only. Limit 25 attendees.**

**NEW PERENNIALS WITH DEBORAH CHUD**
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 7:00 P.M.**

“New Perennials: A Love Story” is a personal introduction to the design principles of the New Perennialists, who gave rise to the hottest gardening trend in the world today—naturalistic landscaping. Join Deborah Chud for her talk on these New Perennial plant combinations and design theory along with some practical “dos and don’ts” for gardeners at every level. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

**MANHATTAN SHORTS**
**MULTIPLE DATES SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 8**

Back by popular demand! Join us September 28 to October 8, 2023, when over 100,000 film lovers in over 500 cities across six continents gather for one reason...to view and vote on the best shorts in the world. **Attend in person only.**

**READ IN THE PARK**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30 AT 2:00 P.M.**

Join us at Beverly Park for a fun and fabulous visit with local Michigan author and playwright Frank Polito. Mr. Polito has published several novels and his plays have been produced in multiple cities across America and is a regular contributor to the popular lifestyle blog Kenneth. Books will be available for purchase. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

### OCTOBER

**MONGER’S PROVISIONS TEACHES US CHEESE**
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Monger’s Provision - located in Midtown Detroit and Downtown Berkley - are known as culinary outfitters of fine cheeses, chocolates, and charcuterie. Join us as they present a selection of cheeses that would be welcome for any upcoming celebrations or gatherings! **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

**UFOS OVER MICHIGAN**
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Michigan has some of the biggest UFO cases on record. State Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) Bill Konkolesky, joins us to discuss some of these incredible events. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

**SPEAKING WITH THE DEAD: WHAT SKELETONS CAN TELL US ABOUT LIFE IN THE PAST**
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Dead men tell no tales - unless of course they are being looked at by an archaeologist! Then they often can tell quite a few tales, from where they grew up to what they ate to how old they were when they died. Join archaeologist Ellen Green to see how skeletons can help us build biographies of the people they once were, and how that helps us understand past civilizations. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

**CAT PICTURE FRAME WALL SCRATCHER**
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Come in and make a special surprise for your favorite feline friend. We’ll provide instructions and materials to make your own cat scratcher picture frame. Kitties are not provided. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

**UNTOLD STORIES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Most people know something about the American Revolution and the Founding Fathers, but the full story of the Revolution requires more. Join Professor Richard Bell as he introduces us to a cast of characters and examines the lives of four revolutionaries: an immigrant propagandist, a female soldier, a fugitive from slavery, and the grieving widow who became the most important Native American leader during the war. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

### NOVEMBER

**BIRMINGHAM HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES**

**SECOND THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.**

**OCTOBER 12: CARLOS LOPEZ: THE PAINTER BEHIND THE CONTROVERSY**

Join Donna Casaceli in exploring the life and works of Carlos Lopez, the well known muralist whose work was highly esteemed when he was commissioned in 1942 to paint a mural on Birmingham’s new Post office, a piece which encountered surprise criticism.

**NOVEMBER 9: BIRMINGHAM’S WASHINGTON WILLIT’S AND 19TH CENTURY MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT**

In 1850, the son of one of the founding families of Birmingham was noted as “deranged” on the census, later dying after discharge from a mental asylum. Caitlin Donnelly will explore how Willits’ story reflects the treatment of mental illness at the time.

**GENEALOGY WITH ROBBIE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - TREES MADE EASY**

Now that you’ve collected your family history, learn how to document your findings in a clear and concise text format without using an online (often expensive) source. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

**READ IN THE PARK**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT 11:00 A.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 4:00 P.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 outside the Claudia Ireland Room near the Youth Room terrace door. **Registration required.**
WE LOVE OUR FRIENDS!

After a whirlwind summer that included our annual summer reading program and the start of our final phase of renovations, we are looking forward to all that’s to come at Baldwin this fall.

Throughout the last seven years of construction projects and improvements to the library, our community and staff have seen (and heard!) a lot of changes to the building. We are grateful for the flexibility and sense of humor everyone has demonstrated during construction. During one story time, Stephanie Klimmek, our Head of Youth Services, was reading a book about construction vehicles. Right after she read, “The tipper truck is tip, tip, tipping,” a child in the program excitedly yelled that there was a tipper truck tipping right outside the window. Stephanie stopped the story time to let all the children watch the tipper truck unload a new dumpster for the construction site. We could not have asked for a more interactive story time!

Construction is progressing on track and we hope to open the remodeled central portion of the library in October. This new area will include four study rooms for 1-2 people and a dedicated sale area for the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. The remainder of the renovations are expected to be completed by April 2024 at which time we will reopen the new street-level entrance on Merrill Street.

The Friends have supported Baldwin for nearly 75 years and raise a majority of their funds through used book sales and memberships. This past June, they made a record donation to Baldwin in the amount of $28,000! Their ongoing support has helped us to bring in speakers for programs, purchase copies of books for our book clubs, buy supplies for programs and for our popular monthly book subscription clubs, print this newsletter, supply refreshments for programs, purchase new equipment for the Idea Lab, and buy a new book bike for outreach events. We are grateful for their ongoing and generous support and excited to add a new sale space to our updated building.

Led by President Ryndee Carney (shown with the new Book Bike at the Birmingham Farmers Market), the Friends work behind the scenes collecting and sorting donated books and media, sending out membership mailing requests, making our popular recycled book character buttons, and advocating for the library. If you’d like to volunteer with the Friends or become a member, please visit www.baldwinlib.org/friends for more information.
MANY THANKS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR FUNDING THE AUTUMN 2023 ISSUE OF LEARN. CONNECT. DISCOVER!

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.

LIBRARY CLOSED:
SEPTEMBER 2-4: LABOR DAY WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 22: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
NOVEMBER 22: AT 5:30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 23-24: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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

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