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Winter **READING CHALLENGE**
DECEMBER 1 - JANUARY 31

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WINTER 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.

Program registration opens one month in advance.

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DECEMBER

STORY/ARTS GRADES 1 TO 3

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 4:30 P.M.

Create pieces of art using different techniques and learn about the artists who made them popular. No art experience needed. **Registration required.**

WONDERFUL WINTER STORY TIME

ALL AGES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 10:30 A.M.

Join us for an all ages story time to celebrate the first day of winter. **Registration required.**

DIY PINECONE BIRD FEEDERS

GRADES K TO 3

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 AT 11:00 A.M.

Meet at the Library to make pinecone bird feeders for our feathered friends this winter. All supplies provided. **Registration required.**

STORY TIME BATTLE: COLORS VS. NUMBERS

ALL AGES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 AT 10:30 A.M.

Two librarians will battle it out through stories, songs, and activities. Who will win? Vote for your favorite at the end of the program. **Registration required.**

JANUARY

STEAM EXPLORERS

GRADES K TO 3

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 4:30 P.M.

Explore the concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math with hands on activities. **Registration required.**

FAIRY TALE FUN STORY TIME

ALL AGES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 AT 10:30 A.M.

Join us for a special story time featuring stories, songs, and crafts about our favorite fairy tales in honor of the upcoming Tell a Fairy Tale Day. **Registration required.**

FEBRUARY

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

AGES 3 AND UP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 10:30 A.M.

Join us for fun activities and crafts celebrating Valentine's Day. **Registration required.**



BLUEY BASH

ALL AGES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

AT 10:00 OR 11:15 A.M.

Bring your imagination and celebrate our favorite Blue Heeler family with crafts and Bluey-approved games. **Registration required.**



POKÉMON DAY CELEBRATION

GRADES 1 TO 6

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

FROM 4:30 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

Drop in any time from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for crafts and activities celebrating Pokémon Day. Trainers are encouraged to bring their Pokémon cards but leave their Nintendo Switch at home.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2024

**KICKOFF AND TITLE RELEASE:
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4**

BATTLE DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Visit: www.baldwinlib.org/battle-of-the-books/ for more information.



BOOK CLUBS

FOR CHILDREN

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

Kids COOKBOOK club GRADES 3 TO 6
MONDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

JANUARY 29: MILK BAR: KIDS ONLY BY CHRISTINA TOSI
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.

DECEMBER 13: TOO SMALL TOLA BY ATINUKE

JANUARY 10: BEAR IN THE FAMILY BY ERIC WALTERS

FEBRUARY 14: LEAVE IT TO PLUM! BY MATT PHELAN

Email Syntha at syntha.green@baldwinlib.org to register.

BEYOND the book

GRADES 1 TO 3

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 28: THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS PRESENTS WILD WEATHER BY SEAN CALLERY

JANUARY 25: ANCIENT EGYPT BY STEPHANIE DRIMMER

FEBRUARY 22: SAVING THE DAY: GARRETT MORGAN'S LIFE-CHANGING INVENTION OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL BY KARYN PARSONS

Email Rosemary at rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org to register.

mother/DAUGHTER

GRADES 4 TO 6 AND MOMS

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 5: MAIZY CHEN'S LAST CHANCE BY LISA YEE

JANUARY 9: GREETINGS FROM WITNESS PROTECTION! BY JAKE BURT

FEBRUARY 13: ON AIR WITH ZOE WASHINGTON BY JANAE MARKS

Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

BOOKS AND BAGELS

GRADES 4 TO 6

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 19: YOU GO FIRST BY ERIN ENTRADA KELLY

JANUARY 23: HOUDINI AND ME BY DAN GUTMAN

FEBRUARY 27: PARADISE ON FIRE BY JEWELL PARKER RHODES

Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

WHO? WHAT? WHERE?

GRADES 4 TO 6

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 1: WHO IS LEBRON JAMES?

BY CRYSTAL HUBBARD

Email Rosemary at rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org to register.

moms BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 20: SOMEONE WE KNOW BY SHARI LAPENA

FEBRUARY 21: AGENT JOSEPHINE: AMERICAN BEAUTY, FRENCH HERO, BRITISH SPY BY DAMIEN LEWIS

Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS



KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY

GRADES 3 TO 6

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 21 • JANUARY 18 • FEBRUARY 15

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 to talk about Library programs and play games. **Registration required.**



VIDEO GAMING CLUB

GRADES 4 TO 6

MONDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 4: JUST DANCE 2023

JANUARY 8: SONIC SUPERSTARS

FEBRUARY 5: MOVING OUT 2 AND OVERCOOKED

Meet up with other gamers once a month to play a video game together. All gaming abilities are welcome. **Registration required.**



WIGGLE WORMS - DROP IN

BIRTH TO 2 YEARS AND A GROWN UP

MONDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 11 • JANUARY 8 • FEBRUARY 12

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 & LEARN

AGES 2 TO 5 AND A GROWN UP

TUESDAYS AT 4:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 19 • FEBRUARY 13

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.**

PARENTING STRATEGY SESSIONS

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

JANUARY 11: BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION FOR PROBLEM BEHAVIORS IN LITTLES

FEBRUARY 8: TEEN GIRL EMPOWERMENT

Hosted by licensed clinicians, these sessions teach parents concrete strategies and tips for a variety of parenting topics. **Registration required.** **Attend in person or virtually.**

STORY TIMES

Story times use a first come, first served ticketing system. Check the online calendar for dates.

WIGGLE & RHYME

BIRTH TO 1.5 YEARS

TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.

Join Ms. Stephanie for a lapsit story time with singing, clapping, tapping, and more.

TODDLER TALES

1.5 YEARS TO 2.5 YEARS

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.

Join Ms. Rosemary for stories, songs, and rhymes.

BOOKS & BOOGIE

3 TO 5 YEARS

THURSDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 2:00 P.M.

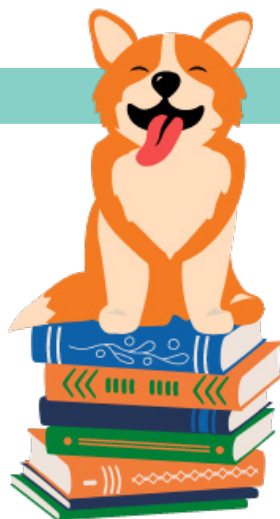
Join Ms. Alyssa for stories and songs that get you moving.

SING & TELL

2.5 YEARS TO 3.5 YEARS

FRIDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.

Join Ms. Susan as she reads stories and rhymes, sings songs, and more.



RUFF READERS

AGES 6 & UP

TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 12 • JANUARY 16 • FEBRUARY 20

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.

BEDTIME TALES

ALL AGES

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.

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

MADE TO MOVE

ALL AGES

TUESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.

JANUARY 2 • FEBRUARY 6

Join Ms. Caroline for books, songs, and fingerplays that will get the whole family moving and grooving.

BOOKS AND BLANKETS FAMILY STORY TIME

SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 9 • JANUARY 20 • FEBRUARY 10

Bring a blanket and enjoy a story time that is fun for the whole family!



PROJECT KIDSIGHT

VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 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.*



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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.

WINTER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

GRADES 7 TO 12

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

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JANUARY

DIY SNOW GLOBES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Create a winter wonderland inside a snowglobe. **Registration required.**

FEBRUARY

LOVE AT FIRST LINE

Looking for a little love this February? Go on a date with a book after reading just its first line, without seeing the cover. You can't unwrap it until you check it out! **3 books will have an Eli Tea gift card hidden inside. Look for the display near the Adult Reference Desk.**

I LOVE THE 90S TRIVIA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Show off your 90s knowledge and reminisce about music, movies, toys, games, fashion, and more. **Come solo or with a group of up to 5 people. Registration required.**



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

PIZZA AND PAGES

1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 7: *FANGIRL* BY RAINBOW ROWELL

JANUARY 4: *NO BOOK DISCUSSION* WE WILL MEET TO CHOOSE FUTURE BOOK CLUB BOOKS

FEBRUARY 1: *IT'S TREVOR NOAH: BORN A CRIME: STORIES FROM A SOUTH AFRICAN CHILDHOOD* BY TREVOR NOAH (adapted for young readers)
You may choose to read the original version, which was published for adults.

The first 10 teens to register will receive a free book to keep. Pizza will be provided. **Registration required.**

TEENS NIGHT OUT

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

DECEMBER 14 • JANUARY 11 • FEBRUARY 8

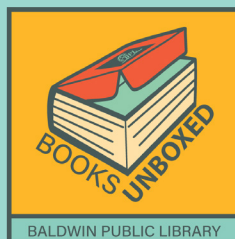
Spend an evening hanging out with other teens who love the library as much as you do! There will be video games, board games, crafts, food, and other shenanigans. **Registration required.**

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 21 • JANUARY 18 • FEBRUARY 15
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.**

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GRADES 4 TO 12

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BOOK CLUBS

FOR ADULTS

BPL BOOK CLUBS MEET ON ZOOM OR HYBRID (IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM). FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO ONE OF THE MEETINGS, PLEASE EMAIL ADULT.REFERENCE@BALDWINLIB.ORG.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

SECOND WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 13: NO MEETING

JANUARY 10: *VIOLIN CONSPIRACY* BY BRENDAN SLOCUMB

FEBRUARY 14: *SIREN QUEEN* BY NGHI VO

NEXT NONFICTION

SECOND TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 12: NO MEETING

JANUARY 9: *THE MAN WHO BROKE CAPITALISM* BY DAVID GELLES

FEBRUARY 13: *THREE GIRLS FROM BRONZEVILLE* BY DAWN TURNER

PAGE TO SCREEN

FIRST SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 3: NO MEETING

JANUARY 7: *DEMON COPPERHEAD* KINGSOLVER / *DAVID COPPERFIELD*, 2019 PG (AVAILABLE ON HULU)

FEBRUARY 4: *SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS* DAVID GUTERSON / *SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS*, 1999 PG-13

NEXT POPULAR READS

FIRST MONDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 4: FAVORITE BOOKS OF THE YEAR LUNCH

JANUARY 8: *ABSOLUTION* BY ALICE MCDERMOTT

FEBRUARY 5: *LET US DESCEND* BY JESMYN WARD

THIRD TUESDAY

THIRD TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 19: NO MEETING

JANUARY 16: *THE SWIMMERS* BY JULIE OTSUKA

FEBRUARY 20: *GHOSTS* BY DOLLY ALDERTON

GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR GROWNUPS

FIRST TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 5: NO MEETING

JANUARY 9: *SANDMAN: PRELUDES AND NOCTURNES* BY NEIL GAIMAN

FEBRUARY 6: *ALWAYS NEVER* BY JORDI LAFEBRE

WINTER COMPUTER CLASSES

FOR ADULTS

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL COMPUTER CLASSES. VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A ZOOM LINK ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE CLASS.

JANUARY

CREATE A PHOTOBOOK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 AT 3:00 P.M.

Learn how to create a photo album that you can hold and share from your digital photos.

YOUR DIGITAL WALLET

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 10:00 A.M.

Send or request money with apps like Venmo and Zelle without the need to carry cash.

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP:

AN INTRODUCTION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 & 17 AT 7:00 P.M.

@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Learn the basics of Photoshop in this live two-session class.

WORD: AN INTRODUCTION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 AT 10:00 A.M.

Learn document creation and word processing with Microsoft Word.

POWERPOINT: CREATE A PRESENTATION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 & 30 AT 10:00 A.M.

Learn the fundamentals of slideshow creation with PowerPoint.

JANUARY

AI TOOLS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 7:00 P.M.

Learn how to use Artificial Intelligence to work for you, helping with things like writing papers and creating art.

FEBRUARY

CANVA

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

Learn the fundamentals of Canva, a free-to-use online graphic design tool.

CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

EXCEL: CREATE A BUDGET

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

Learn spreadsheet creation with Microsoft Excel.

FEBRUARY

FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY:

VALUE LINE AND THE INVESTING CENTER AT BALDWIN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

Celebrate Valentine's Day researching investments and gathering financial information.

SELLING ONLINE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

BUILD A WEBSITE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 & 28 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

NYT & WSJ FROM HOME

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

Access popular newspapers, including the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal with your BPL card.



THE IDEA LAB: CLASSES·KITS·LIVE

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

EVENT: LASER CUT SNOWFLAKE NAMES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 7:00 P.M.

Visit The Idea Lab to make a beautiful custom snowflake ornament. Enter your name, and use special software to generate a snowflake design. Then, the laser will etch and cut your name into crystal-clear acrylic. A perfect seasonal gift! **Registration required.**

LIVE: ALTOIDS THINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join Jeff on Instagram Live for this episode of our "Idea Lab: Things" series! In this episode, we explore the many ways that you can use 3D printers to repurpose your empty Altoids tins. From small part organizers to watercolor sets to first aid kits and more!

CLASS: GET YOUR FIL: ALL ABOUT 3D PRINTER FILAMENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join Jeff for this class in which we cover every type of 3D printer filament that can be printed in the Idea Lab, their properties and uses. Learn how to take your 3D printing projects to the next level with advanced materials! **Registration required.**

EVENT: GEL PLATE PRINTING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

Enter the world of Gel Printing. A cool new method for creating beautiful art prints using gelatin pads, ink, and (since this is the Idea Lab) lasers! Come and make some art with us. This program uses ink and paints, so dress accordingly. **Registration required.**

KIT: LASER CUT KINETIC COASTERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Part drink coaster, part kinetic sculpture! These nifty objects make for fascinating decorations as well as useful coasters. Pick up a kit to build your own! **Registration required. Limit one per household.**

CLASS: DRAWER ORGANIZERS, THE EASY WAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 7:00 P.M.

In this class, Jeff will demonstrate a method for designing custom 3D-printed drawer organizers. Combining a simple markers-on-paper layout technique, and easy-to-use online software, you can turn your junk drawer into a pristinely organized work of genius! **Registration required.**

EVENT: THE GRAND TOUR

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

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.**

CLASS: HOW DO GAMES WORK: BUILDING A CUSTOM DANCE PAD

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 12:00 P.M.

DAY 2: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 12:00 P.M.

On Day 1, we'll go through the process of constructing a dance pad that is compatible with the PC game Stepmania using materials that are commonplace in the Idea Lab. On Day 2, we'll complete our set up and test out our dance pads. **Registration required. This is a two-day class, attendance on both days is recommended.**

KIT: STAR TREK: THE USS ENTERPRISE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Star Trek fans unite! At long last, the Idea Lab offers a 3D printed kit to assemble your own scale model of the legendary Starfleet flagship, the USS ENTERPRISE. That's right, you can build your very own NCC-1701! **Registration required. Limit one per household.**

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JANUARY

ACRYLIC PAINT POURING

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

Leave the brushes at home and join us for a fun-filled relaxing evening of paint pouring! Everything is supplied to create your colorful and unique masterpiece. **Limit 20. Registration required. Attend in person only.**

TAMMY'S TASTINGS: CRAZY FOR CACAO COCKTAILS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 7:00 P.M.

Americans buy up to 58 million pounds of chocolate in the week leading up to Valentine's Day. Join Tammy Coxen to explore some of the most delicious ways to drink this seasonal favorite. This is not your grandmother's spiked hot cocoa! Recipes included. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

MONGER'S PROVISIONS TEACHES US CHOCOLATE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 7:00 P.M.

Baldwin is pleased to host Monger's Provisions as co-owner Zach Berg takes us on a tasting tour of chocolates. Learn about interesting brands, flavor notes, and fun pairings. **Limit 20. Registration required. Attend in person only.**

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NEGRO MOTORIST GREEN BOOK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join Kimmie Dobos-Wolfe, Detroit Historical Society's Manager of Education and Public Programs, for a "walk" through Midtown and downtown Detroit and discover the safe havens, swinging spots and surprising stories that helped African Americans from Detroit and all over the country navigate the city. **Registration required. Attend in person or virtually.**

THE SECOND MIDDLE PASSAGE: AMERICA'S DOMESTIC SLAVE TRADE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 7:00 P.M.

In the thirty years after the Revolution, a new type of American slave trade rose to compete with, eclipse, and replace transatlantic slave trade. Join Dr. Richard Bell as he explores the development of this domestic slave trade called the Second Middle Passage. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

I LOVE THE 90S TRIVIA

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

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MONTHLY PROGRAMS

HISTORICAL SERIES

SECOND THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES

JANUARY 11: A SHIFTING LANDSCAPE:

HOW IMMIGRATION SHAPED BIRMINGHAM

How was Birmingham affected by the waves of immigration to the U.S. over the last two hundred years? Who were the groups who gravitated toward Birmingham, and why? Justin Koch will give a closer look at how Birmingham was shaped within the larger national context of immigration.

**FEBRUARY 8: THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
IN THE 1970'S AND BIRMINGHAM'S CREEM
MAGAZINE**

Prison uprisings, drug culture, "porn rock," moral panic, and "Boy, Howdy!"...The struggle for civil rights influenced the music of the times, and "America's only Rock'n'Roll Magazine," CREEM, was there to cover it. Learn more about how the magazine, published here in Birmingham from 1973-1986, examined the intersection of race, class, and music during the period.

SOCRATES CAFE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 2:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 2:00 P.M.

This group meets in person at the library on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM for thoughtful conversations on different topics. Contact the group's facilitator, Annis Pratt, for an invitation to the virtual event: **avpratt@aol.com**

BALDWIN HIGHLIGHTS



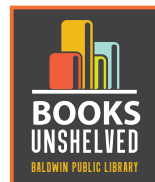
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WINTER DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

NEW YEAR, NEW (PARTS OF) BALDWIN!

As the year draws to a close, I like to reflect on the challenges and triumphs we've experienced at Baldwin together this year. In February, we extended our hours to host community members without power as a warming center. We planted hundreds of spring bulbs and native perennials in the library gardens. We partnered with digital libraries across Michigan to offer an even broader collection of ebooks to our users. We purchased, assembled, and rode our new book bike to local events and parades. We presented 827 programs to 29,500 people. And we added more than 20,000 new titles to our collections.

Baldwin Public Library, a cornerstone of our community since its opening in 1927, has seen many changes over the decades. In July of this year, we embarked on our third and final construction project, which led to the temporary closure of our Merrill Street entrance. Despite the disruption, our dedicated Access Services staff acted swiftly to reconfigure services, relocate checkout desks, self-check machines, and drop boxes, and shift thousands of materials to accommodate temporary interior construction walls.

If you've visited the library recently, you've likely walked through our newly remodeled central gallery. This new space now includes four new study rooms and the expansive new Friends' Bookshop. While the final phase of renovations will last a total of nine months, it's nice to see progress and use this upgraded space as we await many more changes we will be welcoming in the springtime.

In addition to our physical transformations, we're excited to introduce this year's Winter Reading Challenge at baldwinlib.beanstack.org. By completing one row of the bingo card, you'll have a chance to win a \$50 Books-A-Million gift card. One winner will be selected from each age group and January 31, 2024, marks the last day to participate.

In closing, we extend our warmest wishes for a peaceful holiday season and a happy, healthy new year. Your support and patronage make Baldwin Library a special place, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

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Plantings in the library gardens

RENOVATION PROGRESS:



View from new front door



View of elevator shaft with cafe in background



View of Friends bookshop

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