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## BALDWIN HIGHLIGHTS



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WOMENS  
HISTORY



**APRIL**  
CHALDEAN  
& ARAB  
AMERICAN  
HERITAGE



**MAY**  
ASIAN &  
PACIFIC  
ISLANDER  
HERITAGE

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

*for our* **LIBRARY  
OPEN HOUSE AND DEDICATION**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 18**  
1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.



**BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY** ► SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF  
BIRMINGHAM, BEVERLY HILLS, BINGHAM FARMS, & BLOOMFIELD HILLS

# SPRING 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.

Program registration opens one month in advance.

## MARCH

### MARIO DAY CELEBRATION

GRADES 1 TO 6

**MONDAY, MARCH 11 AT 4:30 P.M.**

Join us for a craft and activities celebrating everyone's favorite mustachioed plumber and his friends. Participants are encouraged to dress up as anyone from the Super Mario series, but are asked to leave their Nintendo Switch at home. **Registration required.**

### SPRING TAKE & MAKE: HURRAY FOR SPRING!

**BEST FOR PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 2 SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

Stop by the library for an envelope of spring surprises. **First come, first served.**



### UNICORN CUPCAKE DECORATING

GRADES 1 TO 5 WITH GROWN UP(S)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26 AT 10:00 A.M. OR 2:00 P.M.**

Learn how to make fun unicorn cupcakes. Take your creations home or eat them right away. *Allergens may be present.*

**Registration required.**

## APRIL



### CELEBRATE POETRY

GRADES 3 TO 6

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 AT 4:30 P.M.**

April is Poetry Month. Celebrate with us by exploring different forms of poetry including acrostic poems. **Registration required.**

### PAPER AIRPLANE COMPETITION

GRADES 4 TO 6

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11 AT 4:30 P.M.**

Bring your builder skills and love of planes to our paper airplane competition. Build your plane and then compete to see whose plane flies the furthest and stays in the air the longest. **Registration required.**

### STORY/ARTS

GRADES 1 TO 3

**MONDAY, APRIL 15 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.**

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## MAY



### FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

It's Free Comic Book Day 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. **First come, first served. One per person.**



### MAY THE 4TH

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**

**FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**

Celebrate Star Wars Day with us on May 4th. Stop by Grams Discovery Room for Star Wars crafts and activities.

### NO BAKE KIDS RECIPES

GRADES 4 TO 6

**THURSDAY, MAY 9 AT 4:30 P.M.**

All skill levels are welcome in this beginning cooking lesson. We will be making a Banana Split Pudding Cup! **Registration required.**

### STEAM EXPLORERS

GRADES K TO 3

**MONDAY, MAY 13 AT 4:30 P.M.**

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

**Registration required.**



### STORY TIME BATTLE: DUCKS VS. CHICKENS

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

**THURSDAY, MAY 23 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. *This program is hosted offsite at Barnum Park.* **No registration required.**



### 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION

AGES 5 & UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6 AT 10:30 A.M.**

Whether you completed 1K Books Before Kindergarten or are still working your way through, we invite you to join us for a celebration with stories, activities and more! **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.

### Kids COOKBOOK club

GRADES 3 TO 6

**MONDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.**

**APRIL 8: STAR WARS GALACTIC BAKING** BY INSIGHT EDITIONS

Email Syntha at [syntha.green@baldwinlib.org](mailto:syntha.green@baldwinlib.org) to register.

### Adventures IN BOOKS

GRADES 1 TO 3

**WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.**

**MARCH 13: ZOEY AND SASSAFRAS: DRAGONS AND MARSHMALLOWS** BY ASIA CITRO

**APRIL 10: SPY PENGUINS** BY SAM HAY

Email Syntha at [syntha.green@baldwinlib.org](mailto:syntha.green@baldwinlib.org) to register.

### BEYOND the Book

GRADES 1 TO 3

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

**MARCH 28: PLANTING STORIES: THE LIFE OF LIBRARIAN AND STORYTELLER PURA BELPRÉ** BY ANIKA DENISE

**APRIL 25: LIVING IN... INDIA** BY CHLOE PERKINS

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

### mother/DAUGHTER

GRADES 4 TO 6 AND MOMS

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

**MARCH 12: THE LAST MAPMAKER** BY CHRISTINA SOONTORNVAT

**APRIL 16: THIRST** BY VARSHA BAJAJ

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

### BOOKS AND BAGELS

GRADES 4 TO 6

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

**MARCH 26: THE UNTEACHABLES** BY GORDON KORMAN

**APRIL 23: AMIRA & HAMZA: THE WAR TO SAVE THE WORLDS** BY SAMIRA AHMED

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

### WHO? WHAT? WHERE?

GRADES 4 TO 6

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

**APRIL 4: WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE LOCH NESS MONSTER?** BY STEVE KORTÉ

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

### KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

GRADES 3 TO 6

**MONDAYS AT 4:15 P.M.**

**MARCH 18: THE FIRST CAT IN SPACE ATE PIZZA** BY MAC BARNETT

**APRIL 22: THE MOTH KEEPER** BY K. O'NEILL

Email Josh at [josh.campeau@baldwinlib.org](mailto:josh.campeau@baldwinlib.org) to register.

### moms BOOK CLUB

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

**APRIL 17: THE SECRET LIFE OF SUNFLOWERS** BY MARTA MOLNAR

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

# MONTHLY PROGRAMS



**KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY**  
GRADES 3 TO 6  
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

**MARCH 21 • APRIL 18 • MAY 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 to talk about Library programs and play games. **Registration required.**



**VIDEO GAMING CLUB**  
GRADES 4 TO 6  
MONDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.  
MARCH 4: MARIO PARTY SUPERSTARS  
APRIL 1: SWITCH SPORTS  
MAY 6: MARIO KART 8 DELUXE

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 WITH GROWN UP(S)

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

**MARCH 25 • APRIL 22 • MAY 20**

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 WITH GROWN UP(S)  
TUESDAYS AT 4:00 P.M.  
APRIL 23

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.**



**BRICK BUILDERS**  
GRADES 1 TO 3  
MONDAYS AT 4:15 P.M.

**MARCH 25: BUILD YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL**

**APRIL 29: BUILD A SPACESHIP**

Our junior builders are welcome to join in the fun of building with LEGO bricks at the Library. Create your own unique idea or participate in a building challenge.

**Registration required.**



**FAMILY BOARD GAME CLUB**  
GRADES 1 TO 6 WITH GROWN UP(S)  
SATURDAYS AT 2:00 P.M.

**MARCH 16 • APRIL 27**

Kids and parents are invited to play a variety of fun children's board games at the Library. We have games for a wide variety of ages and skills. **No registration required.**

# STORY TIMES

STORY TIMES USE A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED TICKETING SYSTEM. VISIT OUR STORY TIME PAGE AT [BALDWINLIB.ORG/STORYTIME](http://BALDWINLIB.ORG/STORYTIME) FOR DATES, LOCATIONS, AND DETAILS ON THE TICKETING SYSTEM

**NO STORY TIMES THE WEEK OF MARCH 25. LAST SPRING STORY TIME IS MAY 10.**

## WIGGLE & RHYME

BIRTH TO 1.5 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)  
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 WITH GROWN UP(S)  
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 WITH GROWN UP(S)  
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 WITH GROWN UP(S)  
FRIDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.  
Join Ms. Susan as she reads stories and rhymes, sings songs, and more.

## BEDTIME TALES

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)  
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.  
Join Ms. Syntha for end-of-day stories, rhymes, and songs.

## MADE TO MOVE

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)  
TUESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.  
MARCH 5 • APRIL 2 • MAY 14  
Join Ms. Caroline for books, songs, and fingerplays that will get the whole family moving and grooving.

## BOOKS AND BLANKETS FAMILY STORY TIME

ALL AGES  
SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.  
MARCH 23 • APRIL 13 • MAY 4  
Bring a blanket and enjoy a story time that is fun for the whole family!



## RUFF READERS

AGES 6 & UP  
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.  
MARCH 19 • APRIL 30 • MAY 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.



## PROJECT KIDSIGHT

### VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON  
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON  
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 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.



## 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.



# SPRING PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

GRADES 7 TO 12

\*PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS MAY NOT ATTEND  
TEEN PROGRAMS.

## MARCH

### STUDY NIGHT WITH THERAPY DOGS

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2 FROM 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.**

Is school 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. **Registration required.**



### TEENY TINY ART SHOW

Starting March 1, pick up a kit with a mini canvas, paint, and paintbrush. Create your masterpiece, then bring it back by April 1 to be displayed in our art show! Public voting will take place to determine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize winners. **Limit one kit per teen. Registration required.** If you wish to keep your artwork after the art show, please pick it up by May 31.

## APRIL

### BOOK NOOKS

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25 FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**

Make your own book nook, a narrow box that fits among your books, that you build and decorate. We will have 3 kits to choose from. **Registration required.**

## MAY



### FREE COMIC BOOK DAY SATURDAY, MAY 4

Free Comic Book Day 2024 is on Saturday, May 4th 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 serve basis throughout the day until they are gone. **One per person please.**

### SUSHI ROLLING WITH BENIHANA THURSDAY, MAY 30 AT 6:00 P.M.

Learn how sushi chefs prepare sushi and make your own creations with staff from Benihana. **Registration required.**

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### PIZZA AND PAGES

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

**MARCH 7:** *YOU HAVE A MATCH* BY EMMA LORD

**APRIL 4:** *DREAD NATION* BY JUSTINA IRELAND

**MAY 2:** *ME (MOTH)* BY AMBER MCBRIDE

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.**

**MARCH 14 • APRIL 11 • MAY 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.**

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

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

**MARCH 21 • APRIL 18 • MAY 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.**

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

## COLLEGE INFO SERIES WITH A COLLEGE COUNSELOR



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

**MARCH 20:** COURSE SELECTION

**APRIL 10:** HIGHLY SELECTIVE  
ADMISSIONS

**MAY 15:** HOW TO WRITE A GREAT COLLEGE ESSAY  
College counselor Samantha Joustra will join us each month to share her knowledge and answer your questions about college. Teens and parents are welcome. **Registration required. Hybrid event.**

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

## PAGE TO SCREEN

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

**MARCH 3:** *SAY NOTHING* BY PATRICK RADDEN KEEFE / I, DOLOURS, NR, 2018 (AVAILABLE ON KANOPY)

**APRIL 7:** *FINDING ME* BY VIOLA DAVIS / DOUBT (2008, PG-2013)

**MAY 5:** *AYOADE ON TOP* BY RICHARD AYOADE / VIEW FROM THE TOP, PG-13, 2003

## NEXT POPULAR READS

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

**MARCH 4:** *HORSE* BY GERALDINE BROOKS

**APRIL 1:** *THE HEAVEN AND EARTH GROCERY STORE* BY JAMES MCBRIDE

**MAY 6:** *NORTH WOODS* BY DANIEL MASON

## GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR GROWNUPS

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

**MARCH 5:** *PERSEPOLIS* BY MARJANE SATRAPI

**APRIL 2:** *CATWOMAN: LONELY CITY* BY CLIFF CHIANG

**MAY 7:** *THEY CALLED US ENEMY* BY GEORGE TAKEI

## NEXT NONFICTION

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

**MARCH 12:** *THE GREAT STEWARDESS REBELLION* BY NELL MCSHANE WULFHART

**APRIL 9:** *TEN TOMATOES THAT CHANGED THE WORLD* BY WILLIAM ALEXANDER

**MAY 14:** *THE FISHERMEN AND THE DRAGON* BY KIRK WALLACE JOHNSON

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

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

**MARCH 13:** *TRUST* BY HERNAN DIAZ

**APRIL 10:** *THE HOUSE IN THE CERULEAN SEA* BY TJ KLUNE

**MAY 8:** *THE LOST CITY OF THE MONKEY GOD* BY DOUGLAS PRESTON

## THIRD TUESDAY

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

**MARCH 19:** *HELLO BEAUTIFUL* BY ANN NAPOLITANO

**APRIL 16:** *THE ISLAND OF MISSING TREES* BY ELIF SHAFK

**MAY 21:** *HOW MUCH OF THESE HILLS IS GOLD* BY C PAM ZHANG

# SPRING COMPUTER CLASSES

FOR ADULTS

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

## MARCH

### YOUR DIGITAL WALLET

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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

### ADOBE PHOTOSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 & 13 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

### WORD: AN INTRODUCTION

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Learn document creation and word processing with Microsoft Word.

### GOOGLE DOCS

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26 AT 10:00 A.M.**

Learn document creation and word processing with Google Docs.

## APRIL

### AI TOOLS

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Learn how to use Artificial intelligence to help you write papers, create art, and more.

### CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Learn how to check out eBooks and eAudio-books from the Library with your BPL card.

### BUILD A WEBSITE

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 & 24 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

### CREATE A PHOTOBOOK

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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

### NYT & WSJ FROM HOME

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30 AT 3:00 P.M.**

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

## MAY

### CANVA

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

### EXCEL: CREATE A BUDGET

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Learn spreadsheet creation with Microsoft Excel.

### GOOGLE SHEETS

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

### FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY: VALUE LINE AND THE INVESTING CENTER AT BALDWIN

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Learn more about using these library resources to research investments and financial information.

### SELLING ONLINE

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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



## 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!

### CLASS: HOW GAMES WORK: 2D PLATFORMER

**MONDAY, MARCH 4 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Have you ever wanted to make a video game? The Idea Lab will be hosting an introductory workshop for game development using the Godot game engine to make a 2D platformer. We'll go over different ways you can iterate on this basic idea and make it into your own unique game. **Registration required.**

### LIVE: PAID THINGS

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 AT 7:00 P.M.**

If you've been following our Things series on IG live, you'll know that most of the 3D models we discuss are free to download. Well, in this episode we're showing you some 3D models that are paid downloads! These paid downloads are often more elaborate than their free equivalents, and can make for some amazingly fun and useful items.

### KIT: 3D PRINTED WIRELESS GAMING MOUSE

**MONDAY, MARCH 25**

Sign up to receive a kit, and build your own sleek gaming mouse, with a futuristic hollow shell design that reveals its internal structure. Created through a process of AI Generative Design which can only be made using 3D printing! It doesn't get much cooler than this! **Registration required. Limit one per household.**

### CLASS: INTRO TO ANIMATION: BALL BOUNCE

**MONDAY, APRIL 8 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Join the Idea Lab for a class on how to create one of the core elements of animation, the classic "ball bounce". We'll use 3D animation software to cover the main principles of motion and dynamics with this essential animation exercise. **Registration required.**

### CLASS: DOWN WITH THE THICKNESS: CUTTING THICKER MATERIALS ON THE LASER

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Do you feel like you're in a rut, always cutting 3mm-thick plywood or acrylic on the Idea Lab's laser? Did you know you can cut much thicker materials? In this informative session, Jeff will demonstrate some techniques for getting satisfactory cuts on thicker materials, up to 20mm! **Registration required.**

### EVENT: BUILD AN AUTOMATON

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 AT 7:00 P.M.**

An Automaton is a mechanical device made to imitate the shape and movements of a person, animal, or other phenomenon. Register to attend this Idea Lab Event, and choose from one of several Automaton designs. Watch as the parts are cut on our laser cutter. You can build your automaton in the Idea Lab, or you can take it with you and build it at home. **Registration required.**

### CLASS: DRAWING 101: DESIGNING A CHARACTER TURNAROUND

**MONDAY, MAY 6 AT 7:00 P.M.**

In this Idea Lab class, we'll use the Procreate iPad app to teach you how to design a character, then create a Turnaround Sheet. This 360-degree view of your character is a great starting point for 3D modeling or 2D animation. **Registration required.**

### KIT: DIY SYNTHESIZER

**MONDAY, MAY 13**

Sign up to receive a kit to build the famous Scout Synth from Oskitone electronics. Including all the electronics parts you need, along with a 3D printed chassis and keys, this cute little synth is a fun and useful music maker! Include it in your next hit song! **Registration required. Limit one per household.**

### EVENT: DIY WELCOME MAT

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Greet your visitors with a custom welcome mat! We'll provide you with a blank coir doormat, then you'll use our cutters to make a custom stencil. Take it outside to finalize your creation with a spray-on coating. **Registration required. Weather permitting.**

# SPRING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## MARCH

### SUFFRAGETTES AT THE DIA: THE CHANGING ROLE OF WOMEN IN AMERICA

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Join us as we continue to honor women's voting rights by exploring works by suffragette artists and art that exemplify the challenges women faced before the adoption of the 19th amendment. Detroit Institute of Arts docent Kathleen McBroom will discuss the roles of women throughout history through the perspective of art and artists.

**Registration required. Virtual event only.**

### FORENSIC ART WITH INSPECTOR SARAH KREBS

**MONDAY, MARCH 11 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Interested in the role Forensic Art plays in helping police solve cases? Inspector Sarah Krebs is here to show how evidence-based drawings and three-dimensional reconstructions help with investigations. **Registration required.**

*In person only.*

## APRIL

### PRESSED FLOWER PAPER LANTERN CRAFT

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Join us for a fun and creative evening as you learn to make your own pressed flower lantern for a tealight or votive candle! All materials will be supplied, so you can just relax and let your creativity flow. This event is open to crafters of all levels, so whether you're a seasoned pro or a complete beginner, you're sure to have a great time. **Registration required.**

**Attend in person only. Limit 25 attendees.**

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## APRIL

### A NIGHT OF POETRY WITH TARIQ LUTHUN

**MONDAY, APRIL 22 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Please come celebrate Poetry month and National Arab American History month by attending a reading from local poet and author Tariq Luthun. In addition to his poetry work, Mr. Luthun currently hosts the Ann Arbor poetry slam, the second longest running tenured poetry slam in the country.

**Registration required. Attend in person only.**

### DIY MASON BEE HOUSE

**MONDAY, APRIL 29 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Spring and pollinators are in the air! Encourage Mason Bees to take up residence in your backyard and pollinate your flowers by providing them a safe place to rest and reproduce.

**Registration required. Attend in person only.**

## MAY



### FREE COMIC BOOK DAY SATURDAY, MAY 4

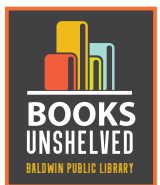
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### INTO NO MAN'S LAND: AN EVENING WITH HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR IRENE MILLER

**MONDAY, MAY 6 FROM 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.**

It is a story of courage, determination, perseverance, and the power of the human spirit. Irene Miller, a Holocaust survivor, author, speaker, and educator will take you on an extraordinary survival journey. **Registration required.**

**Attend in person only.**



### BOOKS UNSHELVED

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## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES

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

#### MARCH 14: THE PRINDLE SISTERS: BIRMINGHAM'S PIONEER WOMEN

They came as brides to the unknown frontier of Oakland County wilderness after the War of 1812, bringing little else but each other. Join Donna Casaceli from the Birmingham Museum to learn about how these pioneer women faced many hardships to build early Birmingham.

### GENEALOGY SERIES

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

#### APRIL 11: MASTERING GENEALOGY ONLINE

Join archivist Robbie Terman as you move beyond the research basics. Sources like ancestry.com and FamilySearch can make your genealogy journey easier. This session will help you master common genealogy websites. **Registration required. Attend virtually only.**

#### MAY 9: EXPLORING VITAL RECORDS

Birth certificates, marriage licenses and death records, oh my! Vital records are key to piecing together our ancestors. This session will take you on a deep dive into these important genealogy documents.

**Registration required. Attend virtually only.**

### SOCRATES CAFE

**SUNDAYS AT 2:00 P.M.**

**MARCH 17 • APRIL 21 • MAY 19**

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 event: [avpratt@aol.com](mailto:avpratt@aol.com)

### LIFELONG LEARNING

**WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING MARCH 6**

Lifelong Learning is aimed at retirees with an interest in learning and discussion at a deeper level. Sessions will provide an opportunity for participants to take an in depth look at individual topics. For more information, or to sign up, please email [lifelonglearning.baldwinlib@gmail.com](mailto:lifelonglearning.baldwinlib@gmail.com)



# SPRING DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

## EMBRACING CHANGE: BALDWIN'S NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

After nine months of construction and almost nine years of planning and renovations, our three phase building improvement plan is nearly complete! I cannot wait to welcome you all at our upcoming Library Open House and Dedication on Saturday, May 18.

Stop by to see the new space, hear remarks from the library board, watch the unveiling of our new public art installation by Wendy Popko, listen to live music, and enjoy appetizers and sweet treats. The event will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., with brief remarks at 1:30 p.m. Weather permitting, we'll have our floor to ceiling doors open to our updated terrace so that visitors can enjoy our new indoor/outdoor public space.

I'd like to thank you for your patience with and enthusiasm for all of the improvements made to this building since embarking on this project in 2015. Our resilient team has done an excellent job providing library services throughout each of our projects with their calm and friendly demeanor. And, we'd be nowhere without our dedicated patrons and supporters who have stuck with us along the way. It's no small feat considering the upheaval, massive movement of our collections (and front door!), and chaos and noise that accompanies any sort of construction.

This year, we have launched our 25 books in 52 weeks campaign. You can join in the challenge online at [baldwinlib.beanstack.org](http://baldwinlib.beanstack.org). Did you know that an average American adult reads 12.6 books per year and 52% of American adults did not read a single book last year? We encourage Baldwin users of all ages to participate and we're here to help you find a book that works for you, whether it's an audiobook, graphic novel, biography, beach read, thriller, or classic novel. If you prefer reading magazines, we're happy to announce that we just added PressReader to our digital offerings. PressReader offers over 7,000 digital subscriptions to newspapers and magazines. Find out more at [baldwinlib.org/emagazines/](http://baldwinlib.org/emagazines/).

If you haven't stopped by the library since construction began last summer, I hope that you'll take a look at our upcoming programs, visit our Idea Lab, or stop in to pick out a new item to check out. We're excited to finally launch our new Library of Things collection once the Merrill Street entrance reopens. You can check out a variety of tools and equipment to test out or to borrow temporarily. In the spirit of sustainability, we want you to help you save money or storage space as we make these resources available for all community members to use.

We have something for everyone at Baldwin and we hope to see you here soon!



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## BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5 AT 4:00 P.M. • THURSDAY, APRIL 11 AT 11:00 A.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 AT 4:00 P.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 near the entrance to the library.

**Registration required.**

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### Board Members:

Danielle Rumble, Karen Rock, Melissa Mark, Wendy Friedman, Jennifer Wheeler, Frank Pisano

### THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET ON:

**MARCH 18**

**APRIL 15**

**MAY 20**

**AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE LIBRARY.**

**WWW.BALDWINLIB.ORG**  
**248-647-1700**

## 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 :

**MARCH 31:** EASTER

**MAY 25-27:**

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

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## PARKING:

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**SUNDAYS:** All Parking is Free

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### SAVE THE DATE!

#### UPCOMING 2024 BOOK SALE DATES

**4TH SATURDAY SALES**  
(BPL LOWER LEVEL):

- FEBRUARY 24
- MARCH 23
- JUNE 22
- JULY 27
- AUGUST 24

#### SPRING BOOK SALE:

- MAY 3 (FRIENDS ONLY/EVENING)
- MAY 4
- MAY 5 (BAG DAY)

#### FALL BOOK SALE:

- OCTOBER 25  
(FRIENDS ONLY/EVENING)
- OCTOBER 26
- OCTOBER 27 (BAG DAY)



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