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WINTER READING CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 1
TO
JANUARY 31



Download the **Beanstack** app or go to baldwinlib.beanstack.org and enter the **Winter Reading Challenge**.

Complete one row of the bingo card to enter a raffle for a chance to win a \$50 Books-A-Million gift card. There will be one winner from each age group.



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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.

DECEMBER



STACY MCANULTY AUTHOR VISIT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join us for an author visit from Stacy McAnulty, author of *Forever Twelve*, *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*, and more! Sponsored by the Michigan Arts and Culture Council, Birmingham Public Schools Libraries, and the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. Books will be available for purchase and signing. **Registration required.**



WINTER WATERCOLORS GRADES K TO 3 MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 4:30 P.M.

Learn how to create snowflake art using glue, salt, and watercolors. Wear clothes that can get messy. **Registration required.**

WINTER FUN FEST

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 AT 11:00 A.M.
Enjoy a variety of winter themed activities for the whole family! **Registration required.**



VIDEO GAME CLUB: SUPER MARIO PARTY JAMBOREE GRADES 4 TO 6 MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 AT 4:30 P.M.

All gaming abilities are welcome to meet up with other gamers and play together. **Registration required.**



KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY

GRADES 3 TO 6
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 19 • JANUARY 16 • FEBRUARY 20
Do you want to be more involved with the Library, hang out with friends and play some games? Join us for monthly meetings to talk about Library programs and play games. **Registration required.**

JANUARY

MINI GOLF

AGES 3 AND UP WITH GROWN UP(S)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2
FROM 2:00 TO 4:30 P.M.

Are you missing outdoor fun this winter? We've brought the outdoors in so you can play a round of mini-golf as a family. **Registration required.**

STORY/ARTS

GRADES 1 TO 3
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 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.**

NO BAKE KIDS RECIPES

GRADES 3 TO 6
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 4:30 P.M.

Make and decorate waffles, customizing them with some tasty waffle bar supplies. Allergens will be present. **Registration required.**

RUBBER DUCKY DAY

GRADES K TO 3 WITH GROWN UP(S)
MONDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 4:30 P.M.

Celebrate National Rubber Ducky Day with crafts, activities, and take home your own rubber ducky! **Registration required.**

MINI TEALIGHT LANTERNS

GRADES K TO 3 WITH GROWN UP(S)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 AT 4:30 P.M.

Caregivers and children work together to build a mini tealight lantern to take home. **Registration required.**

CERAMIC PAINTING

GRADES K TO 2
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 4:30 P.M.

Unleash your creativity as we paint miniature figurines. Wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on, just in case. **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/youth to subscribe now.

FEBRUARY

DIAMOND PAINTING

GRADES 3 TO 6
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join us for diamond painting! Select your design and apply tiny rhinestones to create a sparkling mosaic style sticker.

Registration required.



HACK THE PAINTING

GRADES 4 TO 6
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
AT 2:00 P.M.

In this wacky painting program, you'll paint over an already finished painting, and insert your own original touches to make something new. **Registration required.**

JUNIOR GAMERS: MARIO KART

GRADES 2 TO 3
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 AT 4:30 P.M.

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

PLAYDOUGH PLAY DATE

AGES 2 TO 5 WITH GROWN UP(S)
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 10:00 A.M.
See what fun things you can make at our a-doh-able stations. **Registration required.**

INDOOR SNOW DAY

GRADES K TO 3 WITH GROWN UP(S)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 3:00 P.M.
Have fun with snow themed activities. Make snowman crafts, play games, and more all while staying warm indoors. **Registration required.**

MUSIC FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

AGES 5 & UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 10:30 A.M.
Sing and play with your little one as we sing songs and rhymes, play with scarves, and more. **Registration required.**



POKÉMON DAY

GRADES 1 TO 6
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
AT 4:30 P.M.

It's National Pokémon Day! Celebrate with Pokémon cards, crafts, and activities! **Registration required.**

MONTHLY PROGRAMS



WIGGLE WORMS DROP IN

BIRTH TO 2 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)

FRIDAYS FROM 10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 20 • JANUARY 31 • FEBRUARY 28

Drop in between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for open-ended, unstructured play with your child and to socialize with other families. **No registration required.**



BOOK EXPLORERS

GRADES K TO 1

WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 11 • JANUARY 15 • FEBRUARY 19

Enjoy stories and activities at this program designed to encourage a love of books and reading. **Registration required.**



FAMILY BOARD GAME CLUB

GRADES K TO 6 WITH GROWN UP(S)
SATURDAYS AT 2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 28 • JANUARY 18 • FEBRUARY 8

Kids and caregivers 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.**



RUFF READERS

AGES 6 & UP

TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

JANUARY 21 • FEBRUARY 18

Sign up for a ten minute time slot to read to a registered Alliance of Therapy Dogs dog. **Registration required.**



BRICK BUILDERS

GRADES 1 TO 3

MONDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 16: RACE TRACKS & CARS

JANUARY 27: BOATS

FEBRUARY 24: MARBLE MAZE

Junior builders are welcome to join in the fun of building with LEGO bricks. Create your own unique idea or participate in a building challenge. **Registration required.**



PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

10:00 A.M. TO NOON

• MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 • FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

• FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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.

BOOK CLUBS

FOR CHILDREN

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

Adventures IN BOOKS

GRADES 1 TO 3

WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 18: *BIG FOOT AND LITTLE FOOT*

BY ELLEN POTTER

JANUARY 8: *ANNA HIBISCUS* BY ATINUKE

FEBRUARY 12: *NARWHAL: UNICORN OF THE SEA*
BY BEN CLANTON

Email Synthia at synthia.green@baldwinlib.org to register.

BEYOND the Book

GRADES 1 TO 3

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 5: *IF YOU WERE A KID DOCKING AT THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION* BY JOSH GREGORY

JANUARY 9: *PETS AROUND THE WORLD*
BY BRENNAL MALONEY

FEBRUARY 13: *READY TO FLY: HOW SYLVIA TOWNSEND BECAME THE BOOKMOBILE BALLERINA*
BY LEA LYON

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

KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

GRADES 3 TO 6

MONDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 9: *GHOSTS* BY RAINA TELGEMEIER

JANUARY 6: *SORT OF SUPER* BY ERIC GAPSTUR

FEBRUARY 10: *BEETLE AND THE HOLLOWBONES*
BY ALIZA LAYNE

Email Josh at josh.campeau@baldwinlib.org to register.

mother/DAUGHTER

GRADES 4 TO 6 AND MOMS

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 10: *PREMEDITATED MYRTLE*
BY ELIZABETH C. BUNCE

JANUARY 14: *ANYBODY HERE SEEN FRENCHIE?*
BY LESLIE CONNOR

FEBRUARY 11: *PRESIDENT OF THE WHOLE FIFTH GRADE* BY SHERRI WINSTON

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

BOOKS AND BAGELS

GRADES 4 TO 6

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 17: *FOREVER TWELVE*

BY STACY MCANULTY

JANUARY 28: *LIAR & SPY* BY REBECCA STEAD

FEBRUARY 25: *DRAGONS IN A BAG*
BY ZETTA ELLIOTT

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

Kids COOKBOOK club

GRADES 3 TO 6

MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 3: *THE DELISH KIDS (SUPER-AWESOME, CRAZY-FUN, BEST-EVER) COOKBOOK*
BY JOANNA SALTZ

Email Synthia at synthia.green@baldwinlib.org to register.

STORY TIMES

Story times use a first come, first served ticketing system starting 15 minutes before the story time starts. Visit our story time page at baldwinlib.org/storytime for dates and more information. **No weekly story times December 16 through January 3, or the week of February 17.**

SING & TELL

2.5 YEARS TO 3.5 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)

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

WIGGLE & RHYME

BIRTH TO 1.5 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)

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

TODDLER TALES

1.5 YEARS TO 2.5 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)

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

BOOKS & BOOGIE

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

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

BEDTIME TALES

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.

MADE TO MOVE

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

TUESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.

DECEMBER 3 • JANUARY 7 • FEBRUARY 4

BOOKS AND BLANKETS

FAMILY STORY TIME

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE LIBRARY

DECEMBER 14 • JANUARY 4 • FEBRUARY 15

BOOK CLUBS continued

WHO? WHAT? WHERE?

GRADES 4 TO 6

THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

JANUARY 23: *WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT ATLANTIS*
BY EMMA CARLSON BERNE

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

moms BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 4: *THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE ROOM*
BY MARIE BENEDICT

FEBRUARY 5: *ALL THE BEAUTY IN THE WORLD: THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART AND ME*
BY PATRICK BRINGLEY

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

WINTER PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

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

**CONTACT TEEN@BALDWINLIB.ORG TO SPECIFY ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.

WINTER PROGRAMS

TEEN CULINARY CLUB GRADES 7-12
QUARTERLY ON MONDAYS AT 6:30 P.M. **NEW!**
JANUARY 27: AS COOKED ON TIKTOK

Prepare a dish from the book and share it with fellow food lovers. Upon registration, please select a specific recipe. Register by December 27 for a chance to win the book! If you have additional questions or need assistance acquiring a copy, please contact teen@baldwinlib.org.

STUDY NIGHT WITH THERAPY DOGS GRADES 9-12
SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 FROM 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.
Reduce your school related stress by petting some dogs and eating some pizza during our special after hours study session just for high school students.
No Registration.

MIDWINTER BREAK STUDIO GHIBLI MARATHON GRADES 6-12
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 FROM 12:30 TO 8:30 P.M.
Popcorn and Pocky provided. Drop-ins welcome. Please visit the events calendar for a list of movies, ratings and run times.

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK
ALL FEBRUARY
Go on a blind date with a book this February. See our display in the Adult Services area for full details. There will be adult and teen books available.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

ANIMANGA CLUB GRADES 6-12 **NEW!**
3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 18 • JANUARY 22 • FEBRUARY 19
Join us for anime watch parties, fandom discussions, new manga recommendations from fellow readers, and snacks.
Registration required.

COZY TEEN WRITERS CLUB GRADES 7-12 **NEW!**
3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 4:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 16 • JANUARY 13 • FEBRUARY 17
Learn the basics of storycrafting, meet other teens who like to write, and hone your skills. Hot tea, hot chocolate, and cookies will be provided. **Registration required.**

TEENS NIGHT OUT GRADES 7-12
1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.
DECEMBER 4 • JANUARY 8 • FEBRUARY 5
Enjoy video games, board games, crafts, food, and shenanigans with other teens who love the library as much as you do!
Registration required.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS GRADES 7-12
3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 P.M.
DECEMBER 19 • JANUARY 16 • FEBRUARY 20
Share your opinions on teen programs, books, prizes, trends, and more while eating pizza and making friends. Attendance can be used for volunteer hours!
Registration required.

BOOK CLUBS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

PIZZA AND PAGES GRADES 7 TO 12
1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 5: UGLIES BY SCOTT WESTERFELD
JANUARY 2: *NO BOOK DISCUSSION*
COME TALK ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS OF 2024 AND SUGGEST FUTURE BOOK CLUB BOOKS!
FEBRUARY 6: JUST MERCY: A TRUE STORY OF THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE BY BRYAN STEVENSON
The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep. Pizza will be provided. **Registration required.**

PAPERBACKS AND SNACKS GRADES 6 TO 8 **NEW!**
2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 11: THE VAN GOGH DECEPTION BY DERON R. HICKS
JANUARY 15: TWIN CITIES BY JOSÉ PIMIENTA
FEBRUARY 12: AMARI AND THE NIGHT BROTHERS BY B.B. ALSTON
The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
Registration required.

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.

NEXT POPULAR READS

FIRST MONDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 2: NO BOOK. DISCUSSION OF FAVORITE TITLES OF 2024.

JANUARY 6: *THE LIFE IMPOSSIBLE* BY MATT HAIG

FEBRUARY 3: *BLACK BOTTOM SAINTS* BY ALICE RANDALL

GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR GROWNUPS

FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. NEW DAY

DECEMBER 3: NO BOOK, DISCUSS FAVORITE GRAPHIC NOVELS OF 2024

JANUARY 2: *FUN HOME: A FAMILY TRAGICOMIC* BY ALISON BECHDEL

FEBRUARY 6: *SAGA* BY BRIAN K. VAUGHAN

PAGE TO SCREEN

SECOND THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M. NEW DAY & TIME

DECEMBER 1: NO BOOK, DISCUSSION OF FAVORITE TITLES OF 2024

JANUARY 9: *FRANKENSTEIN 1818 TEXT* BY MARY SHELLEY / *FRANKENSTEIN* (R- 1994)

FEBRUARY 13: *POOR THINGS* BY ALASDAIR GRAY / *POOR THINGS* (R, 2023)

NEXT NONFICTION

SECOND TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 10: NO BOOK. DISCUSSION OF FAVORITE TITLES OF 2024.

JANUARY 14: *WOMAN AMONG WOLVES* BY DIANE K. BOYD

FEBRUARY 11: *FINDING ME: A MEMOIR* BY VIOLA DAVIS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

SECOND WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 11: NO BOOK. DISCUSSION OF FAVORITE TITLES OF 2024.

JANUARY 8: *CITY OF VEILS* BY ZOË FERRARIS

FEBRUARY 12: *THE NICKEL BOYS* BY COLSON WHITEHEAD

THIRD TUESDAY

THIRD TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 17: NO BOOK, DISCUSSION OF FAVORITE TITLES OF 2024

JANUARY 21: *SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE* BY CLAIRE KEEGAN

FEBRUARY 18: *PINEAPPLE STREET* BY JENNY JACKSON

COOKBOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 AT 6:30 P.M.

Join us for a delightful potluck-style gathering! We'll savor the flavors of African American cooking found in the cookbook, "Sweet Home Cafe" by Albert Lukas. Prepare a dish from the book and share it with fellow food lovers. Upon registration, please select a specific recipe from the book. Registration opens November 15th. Please note that due to airborne peanut allergies, we kindly request avoiding any dishes containing peanuts. **Registration required. Please select the recipe upon registration. Attend in person only.**

WINTER COMPUTER CLASSES

FOR ADULTS

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

FOR FULL DETAILS AND TO REGISTER FOR THESE CLASSES, VISIT BALDWINLIB.ORG/COMPUTER-CLASSES

JANUARY

SMART TV

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 3:00 P.M.

In person event

AI TOOLS

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

Hybrid event

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 & 21 AT 7:00 P.M. @ BPL

In-Person event

CANVA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event

GOOGLE DOCS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 AT 3:00 P.M.

Online event

GOOGLE SLIDES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event

JANUARY

POWERPOINT: CREATE A PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event

CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 AT 3:00 P.M.

Online event

WORD: AN INTRODUCTION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event

FEBRUARY

CANVA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event

BUILD A WEBSITE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 & 11 AT 7:00 P.M.

Hybrid event

FEBRUARY

NYT & WSJ FROM HOME

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 3:00 P.M.

Online event

EXCEL: CREATE A BUDGET

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event

CREATE A PHOTOBOOK

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 7:00 P.M.

Hybrid event

SELLING ONLINE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT 7:00 P.M.

Hybrid event

GOOGLE SHEETS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 3:00 P.M.

Online event



THE IDEA LAB: CLASSES·KITS·LIVE

IMPORTANT MESSAGE! PLEASE NOTE, WE'RE MOVING TO A LOTTERY-BASED SYSTEM FOR IDEA LAB EVENTS.

YOU'LL NOW SIGN UP FOR THE CHANCE TO BE RANDOMLY SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAMS.

THIS CHANGE HELPS US MANAGE HIGH DEMAND AND OFFERS EVERYONE A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN THESE POPULAR EVENTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT PROGRAM!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL IDEA LAB CLASSES, KITS AND EVENTS.

EVENT: THE GRAND TOUR

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 4 • JANUARY 8 • FEBRUARY 5

Jeff will take you on a tour of the Idea Lab, including a quick demo of our exciting equipment.

KIT: REALLY ANNOYING GIFT BOX

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Part puzzle, part prank, this box can be used to conceal a gift card or cash. Comes with everything you need to assemble a gift box, but you supply the gift.

Limit one per household.

LIVE & IN PERSON: PAPER THINGS

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

Focusing on our Plotter Cutter and our Laser Cutter Jeff will talk about several cool projects you can make out of paper. **Limit one per household.**

EVENT: MAKE YOUR OWN REFILLABLE LEATHER JOURNAL

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

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

Sometimes called a "traveler's journal", these are the ultimate notebooks! Use the die cutting machine and leatherworking tools to cut, polish, finish and punch your leather cover. Add laser-cut paper inserts, accessories, decorations and more! And when your journal fills up, simply replace the pages with a fresh insert. Super cool!

CLASS: UNDERSTANDING EMBROIDERY IN THE IDEA LAB

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

In this class, Jeff will unravel the mysteries behind the embroidery process, demonstrating both the hardware and software involved in creating custom stitches.

KIT: SQUIGGLE SHIRTS!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 AT 7:00 P.M.

Choose a size, choose a color, and receive everything you need for a colorful, cozy squiggle shirt. **Limit one per household.**

EVENT: CITY SKYLINE ARCHITECTURAL SHADOWBOX

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AT 7:00 P.M.

Visit The Idea Lab to make your own Skyline Shadowbox. Choose from dozens of famous city skylines, and use our large format plotter cutter (generously provided by the Michigan Architecture Foundation) to cut the shape from sleek black paper. Then mount your skyline in a handsome, backlit shadowbox for an impressive wall-mounted work. **Limit one per household.**

WINTER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

JANUARY

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS TALK TIME

TUESDAYS, STARTING JANUARY 7

Join us to practice English conversation skills. We'll meet every Tuesday at the library. All levels are welcome. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK: A WOMAN AMONG WOLVES

MONDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 7:00 P.M.

World-renowned wildlife biologist and wolf researcher Diane K. Boyd joins us for a fascinating discussion of her memoir *A Woman Among Wolves: My Journey Through Forty Years of Wolf Recovery*. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

MENDING WITH FELT

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

Do you have a favorite sweater or hat that just needs a tiny repair so you can enjoy it again? Learn how to do contrast mending with wool felt. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

AN INTRODUCTION TO PIEROGIS BY PEOPLE'S PIEROGIS

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

Learn about the history of the Eastern Market staple and get to sample a flavor or two. Mark your calendars and don't miss this unique experience! **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

MAKE A MIXTAPE

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

Does anything show your affection more than creating a mixtape for a loved one? Come with a 60 minute tracklist in mind. We'll design and decorate a cassette, liner notes, and case together and then teach you how to add your tracks from home. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

FRIDAY FLICKS

Join us on Friday afternoon for an end of the week matinee! Each week will feature a different film. **Please check the calendar for specific titles.**

FEBRUARY

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

ALL FEBRUARY

See our display in the Adult Services area for full details. There will be adult and teen books available.

WHEN DETROIT PLAYED THE NUMBERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT 7:00 P.M.

Author of "When Detroit Played The Numbers: Gambling's History and Cultural Impact on the Motor City" and WSU professor Felicia George joins us to tell the true story of how Detroit entrepreneurs created a thriving—if illegal—lottery system to support themselves and uplift their communities. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.**

MONGER'S PROVISIONS TEACHES US CHOCOLATE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 7:00 P.M.

Back by popular demand! Join Zach for another exploration of the world of chocolate. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

COMPASSION AND CHOICES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join us for an informational session on end of life options. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

C.S.A.S, WHAT DO THEY DO AND HOW DO THEY WORK?

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

The team from Beaverland Farms will provide information on Community Supported Agriculture. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

SNOW CRASH NEBULA

DJ SHOW: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 FROM 7:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

Join us in the atrium to experience the energy of curated DJ and live synth & drum machine performance sets from Detroit techno community creatives inspired by the Michael Andrews' Snow Crash Nebula art installation in Baldwin's Youth Room. **Beer and Wine Cash bar. Register online for this ticketed event. \$5 fee. 21 and older.**

ARTIST TALK: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 7:00 P.M.

Local artist Michael Andrews will discuss his art installation and will be joined by Detroit techno artists who created music inspired by the art installation.

FEBRUARY

THE DUTCH GOLDEN AGE: A DIA DOCENT TALK

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join DIA Docent, Kathleen McBroom, to take a closer look at a century of Dutch art. **Registration required. Attend virtually only.**

HAIR MASKS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT 7:00 P.M.

Looking for something to help protect your hair from the dryness of the winter? Stop by and learn how to make hair conditioner.. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

GREAT BOOKS

DECEMBER 4 - JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 5

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:45 P.M. The mission of the Great Books Foundation is to advance the critical, reflective thinking of readers of all ages through Shared Inquiry discussion.

SOCRATES CAFE

DECEMBER 15 - JANUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 16

This group meets at the library on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 P.M. for thoughtful conversation on different topics. Contact the group's facilitator, Annis Pratt at avpratt@aol.com for an invitation to the virtual event.

HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES

SECOND THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

ALL PROGRAMS: Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

JANUARY 9: LITERAL TRAIN WRECKS: TRANSPORTATION DISASTERS

Rail was by far the most popular method of moving people and goods in and around Birmingham for a century or more. But... sometimes, things went terribly wrong...

FEBRUARY 13: THE GROWTH OF BIRMINGHAM AND ITS NEIGHBOR- HOODS IN THE EARLY AUTO ERA

Little San Francisco, Eco City, Qarton Lake Estates--Each of Birmingham's neighborhoods evolved in response to a change in transportation technology and culture that defines some of their unique features today.

WINTER DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

CHILLY SEASON, COZY LIBRARY

As we reach the end of our 97th year in this building, I'm thankful to see so many people enjoying our new addition and discovering a new favorite spot to read or study in. I'm pleased to report that this year our staff hosted 918 programs for over 31,000 people and attended 109 outreach events in the community and our patrons checked out 603,874 items from our collection.

We had an eventful fall at Baldwin after experiencing significant water damage inside the Youth Room during a late August storm. Our flexible and hardworking staff worked through the disruptions to continue library services for our visitors. Hearing so many generous words of support and understanding from patrons during the reconstruction process made the stress of the third major water incident in three years a lot easier to handle! After receiving a new roof and a new ceiling, we are back in action and ready to serve children and families in our refreshed space.

After several months of planning, we are happy to finally make our new Library of Things collection available for checkout. You can find all of the items in this new collection on the shelving next to the Adult Services Reference Desk. The collection includes a variety of items that you can try out at home or only need to use once in a while. Our initial collection includes memory kits for seniors, video game consoles, turntables, light therapy lamps, pickleball paddles, and more. As always, if there's a book or an item you'd like to see us add to our collection, please fill out the online form at baldwinlib.org/purchase-suggestion.

Be sure to join us for our annual Winter Reading Challenge online 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, 2025, marks the last day to participate. I can think of no better way to spend a chilly and snowy winter day than cozying up inside with a good book and a warm drink!

The staff and I at Baldwin extend our warmest wishes for a peaceful holiday season and a happy and healthy new year. Your support makes the Baldwin Public Library a special place, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.



Rebekah Craft, Library Director rebekah.craft@baldwinlib.org 248-554-4681

BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 11:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 AT 4:00 P.M.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 AT 6:00 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 in the atrium.
Registration required.

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