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**SUMMER READING 2025**

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# SUMMER 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.



## JUNE



### SUMMER READING KICKOFF

FRIDAY, JUNE 13 FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

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### BALDWIN BOOSTER ORIENTATION

AGES 11 TO 18  
TUESDAY, JUNE 3 AT 7:00 P.M.

Earn community service hours by joining our Summer Reading Youth Volunteers. Applications will be available May 1 and are due June 8. Head to [baldwinlib.org/youth](http://baldwinlib.org/youth) for the application. Registration required for the orientation.

### BUBBLE PAINTING

GRADES 4 TO 6  
MONDAY, JUNE 16 AT 3:00 P.M.

Paint hydrangeas and other flowers using a technique called bubble painting. Registration required.

### BLUEY BASH

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)  
TUESDAY, JUNE 17 AT 3:00 OR 4:00 P.M.

Celebrate your favorite Blue Heeler family with crafts and Bluey-approved games. Registration required.

### JUNIOR LIBRARIAN

GRADES 1 TO 6  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 AT 3:00 P.M.

Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Library, learn what librarians do, and create your very own Library book display! Registration required.

### RICHARD PAUL VARIETY PUPPET SHOW

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)  
TUESDAY, JUNE 24 AT 3:00 P.M.

Music, magic, puppets, and your wildest imagination collide in this spectacular show from entertainer and ventriloquist, Richard Paul. Registration required.

### CREATION STATIONS

GRADES K TO 2 WITH GROWN UP(S)  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 AT 3:00 P.M.

Use your imagination and a variety of supplies to make unique creations. Registration required.



## JUNE

### MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

GRADES 4 TO 6

MONDAY, JUNE 30 FROM 3 TO 4:30 P.M.

Put your racing skills to the test in this bracket style Mario Kart 8 Deluxe tournament.

Registration required.



## JULY

### PONY BEAD CREATIONS

GRADES 1 TO 3  
TUESDAY, JULY 1 AT 3:00 P.M.

Learn how to create beaded keychains, including the beloved lizard.

Registration required.

### STORY TIME BATTLE AT BARNUM PARK

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 AT 10:30 A.M.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 10:30 A.M.

Two librarians will battle it out through stories, songs, and activities, and you'll vote for your favorite. *We'll be at Barnum Park, weather permitting. No registration required.*

### DIY LOOK & FIND BOTTLES

GRADES K TO 2 WITH GROWN UP(S)

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

Fill an empty bottle with rice and trinkets to create your own Look & Find Bottle. Registration required.

### VIDEO GAMING CLUB: SUPER SMASH BROS ULTIMATE

GRADES 4 TO 6

TUESDAY, JULY 8 AT 4:30 P.M.

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



### BAFFLING BILL'S MAGIC OF READING SHOW

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)  
THURSDAY, JULY 10 AT 3:00 P.M.

Will Baffling Bill and Gus the Bunny read your mind? Hypnotize you? Or just amaze you with their astounding magic? Registration required.

### SENSORY ART

AGES 3 & UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)

FRIDAY, JULY 11 AT 10:30 A.M.

Babies and toddlers will explore a variety of art techniques that delight the senses. Wear messy clothing. Registration required.



## JULY

### KIDS ZONE AT THE FARMERS MARKET

SUNDAY, JULY 13 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Baldwin is hosting the Kids Zone at the Birmingham Farmers Market. Stop by during market hours to complete a fun craft! *No registration required.*

### NO BAKE KIDS RECIPES

GRADES 3 TO 6  
MONDAY, JULY 14 AT 4:30 P.M.

All skill levels are welcome at this simple but tasty cooking class. We are making vanilla ice cream! *Allergens may be present. Registration required.*

### COSTUME BALL

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)  
TUESDAY, JULY 15 AT 3:00 P.M.

Dress up in your favorite costume and join us for a special snack, crafts, and dancing. Registration required.

### BABY PROM

AGES 3 AND UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)  
SATURDAY, JULY 19 AT 10:30 A.M.

Put on your fancy clothes and join us for a Baby Prom! There will be dancing, crafts, and photo ops. Registration required.

### JUNIOR GAMERS: SUPER MARIO 3D WORLD

GRADES 2 TO 3  
TUESDAY, JULY 22 AT 4:30 P.M.

Meet up with other gamers to try a video game together. Registration required.



### COMIC DRAWING WORKSHOP

GRADES 4 TO 6

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 FROM 3:00 TO 4:15 P.M.

Join artist Adele Hawkins as she walks you through designing a cover of your own hypothetical super hero comic book. Registration required.

### MESSY ART DAY

PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 1 WITH GROWN UP(S)

FRIDAY, JULY 25 AT 10:30 A.M.

Come dressed to paint and explore different painting techniques. Registration required.



### SPY CAMP

GRADES 3 TO 6  
TUESDAY, JULY 29 AT 3:00 P.M.

There will be codes to crack, disguises, an obstacle course, and more! Registration required.

### DIY KALEIDOSCOPE

GRADES 2 TO 4  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 AT 3:00 P.M.

See the world in a new way after you create and decorate your own colorful kaleidoscope. Registration required.

# STORY TIMES

INCLUDING DAYS, EVENINGS  
AND WEEKENDS.

VISIT [BALDWINLIB.ORG/STORYTIME](http://BALDWINLIB.ORG/STORYTIME)  
FOR DATES AND MORE INFORMATION  
Story times use a first come, first served  
ticketing system starting 15 minutes  
before the story time begins.

*Weekly story times run June 16 through August 7.*

*No weekly story times the week of June 30.*

## AUGUST

### FINGER PAINTING

AGES 2 TO 5 WITH GROWN UP(S)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 AT 10:30 A.M.**

Dive in fingers first at this hands-on art  
program. Wear clothes that can get messy.  
**Registration required.**

### ARTSY STORIES

GRADES K TO 2

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Bring picture books to life with different  
art projects and hands-on activities.

**Registration required.**

### LIFE-SIZED BOARD GAMES

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 AT 11:00 A.M.**

Families are invited to play a variety of  
life-sized board games together.

**Registration required.**

### STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Bring your stuffed friend and wear your pjs  
for this sleepover themed story time. Leave  
your stuffed pal at the Library overnight. *Pick  
up your stuffie the next day.* **Registration required.**

### SUMMER CELEBRATION

STORY TIME ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 AT 10:30 A.M.**

Join us for a special story time celebrating  
the end of summer. **Registration required.**

## LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FROM  
AUGUST 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15**

Back by popular demand on Saturday,  
November 15! Applications and  
guidelines for interested authors can  
be found on our website at [baldwinlib.org/youth](http://baldwinlib.org/youth)  
and will be accepted from  
August 1 to September 15.



## BOOK CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

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

### FAMILY BOOK CLUB

GRADES 3 TO 6 AND GROWN UP(S)

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

*REMARKABLE RESCUE AT MILKWEED MEADOW*  
BY ELAINE DIMOPOULOS

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

### Adventures IN BOOKS

GRADES 1 TO 3

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

**JULY 9:** *SAM WU IS NOT AFRAID OF SHARKS* BY KATIE &  
KEVIN TSANG

**AUGUST 13:** *SEASHELL KEY* BY LOURDES HEUER

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.**

**JULY 24:** *WHO WOULD WIN? ULTIMATE BUG RUMBLE*  
BY JERRY PALLOTTA

**AUGUST 28:** *PIZZA! A SLICE OF HISTORY* BY GREG PIZZOLI

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 4:30 P.M.**

**JULY 21:** *KATIE THE CATSITTER* BY COLLEEN A.F. VENABLE

**AUGUST 18:** *THINGS IN THE BASEMENT* BY BEN HATKE

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

### mother/DAUGHTER

GRADES 4 TO 6 AND MOMS

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

**JULY 8:** *THE VICE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM* BY KEKLA MAGOON

**AUGUST 12:** *FIREFLY SUMMER* BY MORGAN MATSON

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.**

**JULY 22:** *FINALLY, SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS*  
BY DOUG CORNETT

**AUGUST 26:** *THE WORLD BETWEEN BLINKS*  
BY AMIE KAUFMAN & RYAN GRAUDIN

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

### Kids COOKBOOK club

GRADES 3 TO 6

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

**AUGUST 11:** *COOKING CLASS: 73 FUN RECIPES KIDS WILL  
LOVE TO MAKE AND EAT* BY DEANNA F. COOK

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

### moms BOOK CLUB

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

**JULY 16:** *THIS IS HAPPINESS* BY NIALL WILLIAMS

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

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### WIGGLE WORMS-DROP IN

BIRTH TO 2 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)

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

**JUNE 20 • JULY 18 • AUGUST 8**

Drop in for open-ended, unstructured play  
with your child and to socialize with other  
families. **No registration required.**

### BOOK EXPLORERS

GRADES K TO 2

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

**JULY 31 • AUGUST 21**

Enjoy a snack along with stories, games,

and crafts. **Registration required.**

### RUFF READERS

AGES 6 & UP

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

**JUNE 17 • JULY 15 • AUGUST 19**

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.**

**JUNE 23:** PASS THE BUILD CHALLENGE

**JULY 28:** BUILD AN AIRCRAFT

**AUGUST 25:** WORK TOGETHER BUILD THE BIGGEST TOWN  
Come join in the fun with different themed  
builds using LEGO bricks. **Registration required.**

### KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY

GRADES 3 TO 6

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

**JUNE 26 • JULY 17 • AUGUST 14**

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.**

### PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24 FROM 2:30 TO 4:30 P.M.**

**THURSDAY, JULY 10 FROM 2:30 TO 4:30 P.M.**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 FROM 10:30 A.M.**

**TO 12:30 P.M.**

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.*

## 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Encourage reading and help prepare  
your child for kindergarten. Earn prizes  
for every 250 books you read with your  
child before they enter Kindergarten!  
*Sponsored by the Bob and Jean Kelly Endowment.*  
Go to [baldwinlib.beanstack.org](http://baldwinlib.beanstack.org) to register.

# SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS



\*PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS MAY NOT ATTEND THESE PROGRAMS UNLESS NOTED.

\*\*CONTACT [TEEN@BALDWINLIB.ORG](mailto:TEEN@BALDWINLIB.ORG) TO SPECIFY ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS



## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### BALDWIN BOOSTER ORIENTATION AGES 11 TO 18 TUESDAY, JUNE 3 AT 7:00 P.M.

Earn community service hours by joining our Summer Reading Youth Volunteers. Applications will be available May 1 and are due June 8. Head to [baldwinlib.org/teen](http://baldwinlib.org/teen) for the application. Registration required for the orientation.

### STUDY NIGHT WITH THERAPY DOGS GRADES 9 TO 12

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 FROM 5:30 TO 7:30 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 NOT required.

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL CUPCAKE WARS

GRADES 6 TO 8

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 FROM 6:30 TO 8:00 P.M.

Test your decorating skills during our cupcake showdown! You'll have a set amount of time, ingredients, and cupcakes to come up with designs to fit our themes and impress our panel of judges.

Registration required.

### HAPPY LITTLE PAINTING PARTY

GRADES 7-12

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

Find that happy little feeling as local artist Katie Rothley teaches us how to create our own happy little masterpieces.

Registration required.

### INTRO TO IMPROV WITH

**OPENSOT THEATRE** GRADES 7-12

THURSDAY, JULY 10 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

OpenSpot Theatre will teach participants the basics of improv theater. All abilities and levels of experience are welcome.

Registration required.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### COMIC AND ZINE DRAWING WORKSHOP GRADES 7-12



WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 FROM 5:00-6:15 P.M.

Learn to draw comics with artist Adele Hawkins and create your own mini magazine, aka zine. Registration required.

### DIY: JUNK JOURNALING!

GRADES 7-12

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 AT 7:00 P.M.

A junk journal is a book which is often made through recycled materials to be used as a way to collect and record memories, thoughts, ideas, and inspiration. Supplies are included, but feel free to bring your own stickers, washi tape, art, or other paper items for more personalized pages. Registration required.

### AFTER-HOURS LASER TAG

GRADES 7-12

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with laser tag in the library after we close. Grab your friends and get your game face on! Pizza and ice cream will be provided.

Registration required.

## REPEATING PROGRAMS

### ANIMANGA CLUB GRADES 6-12

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

JUNE 18 • JULY 16 • AUGUST 20

Join us for anime watch parties, fandom discussions, new manga recommendations from fellow readers, and snacks.

Registration required.

### COZY WRITERS CLUB GRADES 7-12

3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 4:30 P.M.

JUNE 16 • JULY 21 • AUGUST 18

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.

### TEEN CULINARY CLUB GRADES 7-12

QUARTERLY ON MONDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

MONDAY, JULY 28: Prepare a dish from the book *The Ultimate Gamers Cookbook: Recipes for an Epic Game Night* by Andy Lunique and share it with fellow food lovers. Register by June 28 for a chance to win the book. If you have additional questions or need assistance acquiring a copy, please contact [teen@baldwinlib.org](mailto:teen@baldwinlib.org).

## BOOK CLUBS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

BOOKS PROVIDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

### PIZZA AND PAGES GRADES 7 TO 12

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

JUNE 5: *SANCTUARY* BY PAOLA MENDOZA AND ABBY SHER

JULY 3: *PROMISE BOYS* BY NICK BROOKS

AUGUST 7: *THRONE OF GLASS* BY SARAH J. MAAS

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

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

JUNE 11: *ZACHARY YING AND THE DRAGON EMPEROR* BY XIRAN JAY ZHAO

JULY 9: *THE STORM RUNNER* BY J.C. CERVANTES

AUGUST 13: *CLICK HERE TO START* BY DENIS MARKELL

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

## WRITING CONTEST

GRADES 7 TO 12

ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED JULY 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31

Write a short short story between 75 and 200 words. \$50 Amazon gift cards will be awarded to one writer in each grade category: Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, and Grades 11-12. The contest will be judged by librarians, and the winning stories will be featured on our website. Visit [baldwinlib.org/teen](http://baldwinlib.org/teen) for more details, contest rules and entry instructions.

## TEEN COMPUTER CLASSES

### CANVA FOR TEENS

THURSDAY, JULY 24 AT 3:00 P.M.

@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

In person event.

## SUMMER LEARNING

Use **BRAINFUSE** this summer to stay on track for fall learning with live homework help every afternoon, access to the Language lab or Writing Lab, and using the SkillSurfer live lesson library. Get started at [baldwinlib.org/a-to-z-databases](http://baldwinlib.org/a-to-z-databases).

# SUMMER 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](http://BALDWINLIB.ORG/COMPUTER-CLASSES)**

## JUNE

### SELLING ONLINE

TUESDAY, JUNE 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### GOOGLE DOCS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 AT 3:00 P.M.

*Online event.*

### WORD: AN INTRODUCTION

THURSDAY, JUNE 12 AT 3:00 P.M.

*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 AT 3:00 P.M.

*Online event.*

### VALUE LINE AND THE INVESTING CENTER AT BPL

TUESDAY, JUNE 24 AT 7:00 P.M.

*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### AI TOOLS

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 AT 3:00 P.M.

*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

## JULY

### BUILD A WEBSITE

TUESDAY, JULY 1 & 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### GOOGLE SLIDES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 AT 3:00 P.M.

*Online event.*

### POWERPOINT: CREATE A PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, JULY 10 AT 3:00 P.M.

*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### CANVA

THURSDAY, JULY 17 AT 3:00 P.M.

*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### ADOBE PHOTOSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION

TUESDAY, JULY 22 & 29 AT 7:00 P.M.

@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

*In person event.*



## AUGUST

### INSTAGRAM 101: CONNECTING AND SHARING SAFELY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 AT 3:00 P.M.

*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR: AN INTRODUCTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 AT 7:00 P.M.

@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

*In person event.*

### EXCEL: CREATE A BUDGET

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### GOOGLE SHEETS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 3:00 P.M.

*Online event.*

### NYT & WSJ FROM HOME

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 3:00 P.M.

*Online event.*

### SMART TV

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 AT 7:00 P.M.

*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*



## THE IDEA LAB: CLASSES·KITS·LIVE

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE!** TO ENSURE EVERYONE HAS AN EQUAL CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE, WE USE A LOTTERY-BASED SYSTEM. INSTEAD OF FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED REGISTRATION, YOU CAN 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 JOIN OUR EVENTS.

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

### EVENT: THE GRAND TOUR

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

JUNE 4 · JULY 2 · AUGUST 6

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

### CLASS: INTRO TO 3D PRINTING IN THE IDEA LAB

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

In this class, Jeff will teach you everything you need to know to utilize the Idea Lab's premiere 3D printing service. This class is a great jumping-off point for anyone interested in 3D Printing.

**Registration required.**

### LIVE & IN PERSON: CAMPING THINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, AT 7:00 P.M.

In this episode of Idea Lab Things, Jeff will talk about all kinds of neat 3D printed and Laser-Cut gear for your next trip into the great outdoors.

**Registration required for in-person attendance.**

Livestream on YouTube: [youtube.com/@BPLidealab](https://youtube.com/@BPLidealab)

### CLASS: "Ti for <sup>2</sup>" - LASER TECHNIQUES WITH TiO<sup>2</sup>

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

Did you know that you can use Titanium Oxide in combination with the Idea Lab's carbon laser to make indelible black marks onto glass, ceramic, and more? In this class Jeff will demonstrate this amazing laser technique that will revolutionize your engraving projects! **Registration required.**

### KIT: LITHOPHANE LIGHT

MONDAY, JULY 28 AT 10:00 A.M.

Turn your favorite photo into a glowing work of art! A lithophane is a 3D printed panel with an image that appears when backlit. This take-and-make kit includes everything you need to create a custom 3D-printed lithophane nightlight. **Registration required.**

**Limit one per household.**

### CLASS: LIL' NAS - BUILDING A PI-BASED STORAGE PLATFORM

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

In this class, Jeff will teach you how to build a powerful and compact NAS (Network Attached Storage) using a Raspberry Pi computer. *Learn how to store your data safely, and become your own cloud!* **Registration required.**

### EVENT: LEGO PRINTMAKING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 AT 7:00 P.M.

Get creative with an unexpected twist on printmaking—using LEGO bricks! In this hands-on workshop, you'll design and build your own relief print using flat LEGO tiles, then ink it up and press your unique design onto archival paper using a printing press. **Registration required.**



# SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## JUNE

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### BIRDWATCHING AND BIRDING

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

Greg Bodker's beautiful photography will help you learn more about birds as he demonstrates the joys of birding you can have both in your backyard and area. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

### A HISTORY OF CHINESE CUISINE

TUESDAY, JUNE 24 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join Freda Giblin to take a close look at four of the best known and most influential cuisines of China. Discover the differences inspired by the unique flavors and regional cooking techniques and why these dishes are so popular around the world today. **Registration required. Attend virtually only.**

### NATIVE WILDFLOWER SEED BALLS

MONDAY, JUNE 30 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join us in making native wildflower seed balls. These little balls will leave an explosion of color wherever you drop or toss them. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

## RESOURCES

### COMICS PLUS

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## JULY

### MICHIGAN'S VENICE

MONDAY, JULY 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

Daniel Harrison, author of *Michigan's Venice: The Transformation of the St. Clair Maritime Landscape, 1640–2000*, joins us to discuss how inhabitants navigated, claimed, and reshaped the region. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.**

### ROCK DOT PAINTING

THURSDAY, JULY 17 AT 6:30 P.M.

Join the Anton Art Center to create art pieces with dot painting. All supplies are included. Participants can bring their own "special rock" if they wish. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

### TAMMY'S TASTINGS PRESENTS: COCKTAILS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

TUESDAY, JULY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

Go on a vacation in your glass and get your passport stamped at several tropical ports as you make and taste cocktails from around the world. You'll learn how to make the best versions of perennial favorites like the Margarita and Mojito as well as several other tropical delights. **Registration required.**

## AUGUST

### ADULT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 AT 7:00 P.M.

Wrap up Summer Reading by battling other readers in a literary contest to the death! Prizes and mayhem will ensue! **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

### 3D PRINTED BIRD FEEDER

MONDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 7:00 P.M.

Keep your backyard birds happy and build a bird feeder from parts 3D printed in our own Idea Lab. **Registration required.**

## LECTURE SERIES

### GENEALOGY LECTURE SERIES

SECOND THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

JUNE 12: INTRO TO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

JULY 10: LEVERAGING YOUR LIBRARY CARD IN YOUR GENEALOGICAL SEARCH

AUGUST 14: OVERLOOKED RESOURCES THAT ROCK!

**Registration required. Virtual 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).

### NEXT POPULAR READS

FIRST MONDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

### GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR GROWNUPS

FIRST THURSDAY/SECOND TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

### NEXT NONFICTION

SECOND TUESDAY AT 10:00 A.M.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

SECOND WEDNESDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

### PAGE TO SCREEN

SUNDAYS ONCE PER MONTH AT 1:00 P.M.

### 3RD TUESDAY

THIRD TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

### COOKBOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, JULY 29 AT 6:30 P.M.

## REPEATING PROGRAMS

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS TALK TIME

TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

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. **Attend in person only.**

### FRIDAY FLICKS

FRIDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

Join us each Friday as we highlight a variety of films, including feature films and documentaries. **There will be no screening June 13 and July 4. Attend in person only.**

### GREAT BOOKS

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:45 P.M.

JUNE 4: *LION FEUCHTWANGER: THE OPPERMANN'S* BY LION FEUCHTWANGER, TRANS. JAMES CLEUGH

JULY 2: *THE SHADOW LINE* BY JOSEPH CONRAD

AUGUST 6: *PARADE'S END* BY FORD MADDUX FORD

This group meets at the library on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:45 P.M. to discuss celebrated classics of the Western canon. *Contact the group's facilitator, Deborah Savoie ([savoie.law@gmail.com](mailto:savoie.law@gmail.com)) for more information about the event.*

# SUMMER DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

## WHAT'S UP WITH DOWNLOADS?

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## BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12 AT 11:00 A.M.**  
**MONDAY, JULY 21 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12 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 in the atrium.  
**Registration required.**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### NOTES IN THE ATRIUM TUESDAYS AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE ATRIUM

**JULY 1:** GEORGE I. SHIRLEY, TENOR

**JULY 22:** MATTHEW BALL AKA THE BOOGIE WOOGIE KID

**AUGUST 5:** LEONARDO BLUES

Join us for an open air concert series in the new library atrium and plaza.

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**JULY 4-6:** INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

**AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1:**

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