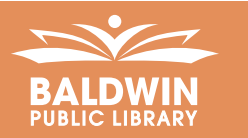
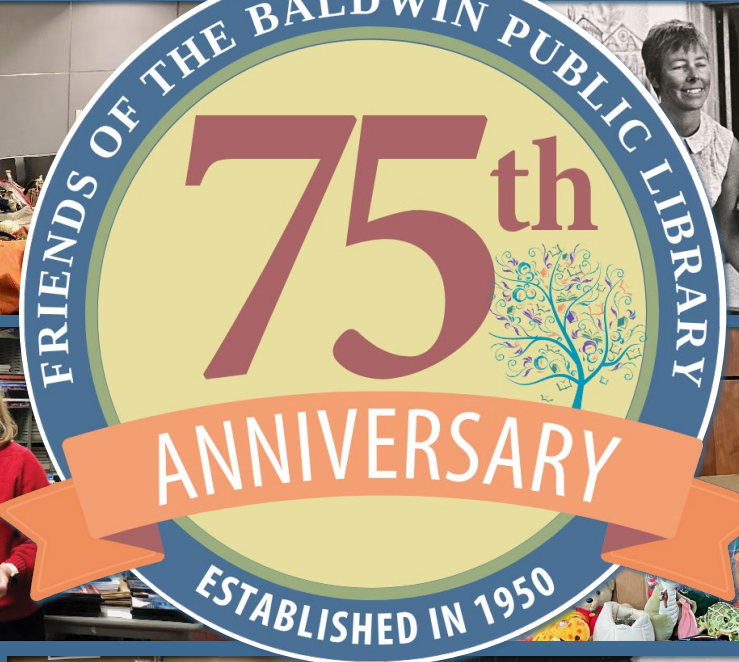


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# FALL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

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.

## SEPTEMBER



### LITTLE MOVERS & SHAKERS

AGES 5 & UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
AT 10:30 A.M.

Move and shake your way through fun songs, rhymes, and activities.

No registration required.

### TISSUE PAPER PAINTING

GRADES 1 TO 3

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 4:30 P.M.

Use tissue paper and water to create your own fall leaf designs. **Registration required.**

## OCTOBER

### AMERICAN GIRL CLUB

GRADES K TO 3

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 4:30 P.M.

Meet up with other American Girl fans to learn about Rebecca Rubin. We'll learn about the history and life of Rebecca while enjoying food and activities from her time period. Feel free to bring your own American Girl Doll to join in the fun. **Registration required.**



### HAUNTED HOUSE PAPER CRAFT

GRADES 1 TO 3  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 4:30 P.M.

Get in the "spirit" of the season by building a 3D haunted house out of paper. **Registration required.**

## ADAPTIVE STORY TIME

AGES 3 & UP WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 10:30 A.M.

This adaptive story time is designed for children who have disabilities or special needs and their grown up(s). Participants can expect additional supports including softer sounds, more visuals, adaptive movement, and fewer participants. Please email [youth.reference@baldwinlib.org](mailto:youth.reference@baldwinlib.org) with specific accommodation requests. **Registration required.**

## OCTOBER



### HAUNTED LIBRARY

TEENS (7-12 GRADE)

TWEENS (4-6 GRADE)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.

Join us after hours for some frightening fun. Library staff will lead groups of tweens through the library as teens try to scare them. This is the one night when screaming is allowed in the library! Snacks and drinks will be provided. **Registration required.**



### NO BAKE KIDS RECIPES

GRADES 3 TO 6

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

AT 7:00 P.M.

All skill levels are welcome at this simple but tasty cooking class. We are making pinwheel sandwiches. *Allergens may be present.* **Registration required.**



### STORY TIME YOGA

AGES 5 & UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

AT 10:30 A.M.

Join Ashley Goldberg, owner of Born Yoga, for this fun and unique approach to story time. Stories are brought to life through yoga poses, puppets, and songs. Bring a yoga mat or towel. **Registration required.**



### PUMPKIN PATCH MAGICIAN

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 10:30 A.M.

Join us for a wonderful not-so-scary magic show from a magician. **Registration required.**

## NOVEMBER

### SCOTTISH FLING

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 10:30 A.M.

Celebrate Scotland with a story, Highland Dance demonstration, and a traditional Scottish treat! **Registration required.**

### DIY MINI BOOKS

GRADES 3 TO 5

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 7:00 P.M.

Choose from a selection of tiny popular chapter book covers to create your own mini book. **Registration required.**



### POKÉMON LEGENDS: Z-A LAUNCH PARTY

GRADES 2 TO 6

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

AT 4:30 P.M.

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Celebrate the new Pokémon game with us, "Pokémon Legends: Z-A". Participants will take turns playing the new game. All gaming abilities are welcome. **Registration required.**

## KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY

GRADES 3 TO 6

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 18 • OCTOBER 16 • NOVEMBER 20

Play games, eat snacks, and make friends at our monthly get-togethers. You won't want to miss KLS! **Registration required.**

## LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

Readers of all ages are encouraged to drop by the Library and visit with local writers and illustrators. Discover your next great read or the perfect holiday gift while getting to know some of our local authors and illustrators. Head to [baldwinlib.org/youth](http://baldwinlib.org/youth) for a complete list of participating authors and illustrators. **No registration required.**



## 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

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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.

# MONTHLY PROGRAMS

## HAPPY FEET PLAYTIME

BIRTH TO 3 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)  
FRIDAYS FROM 10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.  
SEPTEMBER 26 • OCTOBER 10 • NOVEMBER 7  
Drop in for open-ended, unstructured play with your child and to socialize with other families. **No registration required.**

## FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY

GRADES K TO 6 WITH GROWN UP(S)  
SATURDAYS AT 3:00 P.M.  
SEPTEMBER 27 • OCTOBER 18 • NOVEMBER 8  
Families are invited to join us as we 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.**

## BOOK EXPLORERS

GRADES K TO 2  
THURSDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.  
SEPTEMBER 18 • OCTOBER 16 • NOVEMBER 20  
Let your imagination run wild with interactive stories, imaginative crafts, creative play, delicious snacks and more! **Registration required.**

## RUFF READERS

AGES 6 & UP  
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.  
SEPTEMBER 16 • OCTOBER 21 • NOVEMBER 18  
Sign up for a ten minute time slot to read to a registered Therapy Dog. **Registration required.**

## BRICK BUILDERS

GRADES 1 TO 3  
MONDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.  
SEPTEMBER 22: BUILD A PIRATE SHIP  
OCTOBER 27: BUILD A TRAIN  
NOVEMBER 24: LEGO PICTURES  
Come join in the fun with different themed builds using LEGO bricks. **Registration required.**

## PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 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.**

## 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.**

# BOOK CLUBS FOR CHILDREN

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

## Adventures IN BOOKS

GRADES 1 TO 3  
WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.  
OCTOBER 8: *THE MONSTER SQUAD* BY JOE MCGEE  
NOVEMBER 12: *MIA MAYHEM IS A SUPERHERO!* BY KARA WEST  
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.  
OCTOBER 2: *MAPPING MY WORLD* BY JEANETTE FERRARA  
NOVEMBER 6: *THE HEARTBEAT DRUM* BY DEIDRE HAVRELOCK  
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.  
OCTOBER 20: *GARLIC AND THE VAMPIRE* BY BREE PAULSEN  
NOVEMBER 17: *SWIM TEAM* BY JOHNNIE CHRISTMAS  
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.  
OCTOBER 14: *PREMEDITATED MYRTLE* BY ELIZABETH C. BUNCE  
NOVEMBER 11: *FERRIS* BY KATE DICAMILLO  
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.  
OCTOBER 28: *OLIVETTI* BY ALLIE MILLINGTON  
NOVEMBER 25: *THE AMBROSE DECEPTION* BY EMILY ECTON  
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.  
NOVEMBER 3: *GABY'S LATIN AMERICAN KITCHEN* BY GABY MELIAN  
Email Syntha at [syntha.green@baldwinlib.org](mailto:syntha.green@baldwinlib.org) to register.

## moms BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 7:00 P.M.  
*THE FROZEN RIVER* BY ARIEL LAWHON  
Email Susan at [susan.dion@baldwinlib.org](mailto:susan.dion@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 [baldwinlib.org/storytime](http://baldwinlib.org/storytime) for dates and more information. **Weekly story times start September 2. No weekly story times the week of October 20.**

## 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.

## ADAPTIVE ADVENTURES STORY TIME

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)  
TUESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.  
SEPTEMBER 9 • OCTOBER 7 • NOVEMBER 4

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)  
SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE LIBRARY  
SEPTEMBER 13 • OCTOBER 4 • NOVEMBER 15

## FALL BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS



# FALL 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

## FALL PROGRAMS

### SELF-CARE NIGHT GRADES 6 TO 8 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 7:00 P.M.

Unplug and take a break from the new school year stresses! Make a body scrub, journal, listen to music, color, and drink some tea to relax. **Registration required.**

### RAMEN AND MOVIE NIGHT

GRADES 7 TO 12

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 FROM 6:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

Make fancy ramen noodles, drink green tea, enjoy mochi ice cream for dessert, while watching *Ponyo* from the legendary Studio Ghibli. **Registration required.**

### HAUNTED LIBRARY

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### LIVE ACTION FUN FACTORY PRESENTS: THE HUNGRY GUMSHOE SOCIETY MYSTERY SERIES

AGES 12 AND UP (GROWN-UPS TOO!)

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 FROM 6:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

The Birmingham Chapter of the Hungry Gumshoe Society needs your help solving a mystery that has gone cold for decades. Examine the evidence, speak to the society members, and investigate the library for clues, so the HGS can finally close Birmingham Case File #17. This is an after-hours interactive event. **Registration required.**

### MUSICAL THEATER TRIVIA

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#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 7:00 P.M.

Test your knowledge of Broadway hits and iconic tunes. Sign up as an individual or a group. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and prizes will be awarded to the winning team. **Registration required.**

### HUNGER GAMES PARTY GRADES 7 TO 12 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

FROM 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

Refresh your *Hunger Games* knowledge by watching *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* and playing some rounds of *Hunger Games* bingo to win themed prizes. Snacks will be provided. **Registration required.**

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS GRADES 7 TO 12 SATURDAYS FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 6 • OCTOBER 4 • NOVEMBER 8

In this classic role-playing game, choose how your character interacts with the story, using dice to decide the outcome. All players are welcome to join, no experience necessary. Snacks will be provided. **Registration required.**

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

GRADES 7-12

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

SEPTEMBER 18 • OCTOBER 16 • NOVEMBER 20

Have some ideas for the Library? Share your opinions on teen programs, books, prizes, trends, and more while eating pizza and making friends. **Registration required.**

### TEENS NIGHT OUT GRADES 6 TO 12

#### 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 3 • OCTOBER 1 • NOVEMBER 5

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.**

### ANIMANGA CLUB GRADES 6 TO 12

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

SEPTEMBER 17 • OCTOBER 15

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

**Registration required.**

### COZY WRITING CLUB GRADES 7 TO 12

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

SEPTEMBER 15 • OCTOBER 20 • NOVEMBER 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.**

### TEEN CULINARY CLUB GRADES 7-12

#### QUARTERLY ON MONDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27:** Prepare a dish from the book *Hocus Pocus: The Official Cookbook* and share it with fellow food lovers. *Register by October 1 for a chance to win the book. If you have additional questions or need assistance acquiring a copy, please contact [stuart.sturton@baldwinlib.org](mailto:stuart.sturton@baldwinlib.org).*

### HALF DAY MATINEE GRADES 6 TO 12

12:00 TO 2:00 P.M.

Looking for something to do after your half day of school? Come to the library for lunch and a movie. *This program will follow the Birmingham Public School schedule. See our online calendar for dates and movie information. Registration required.*

## 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.

SEPTEMBER 4: *GIVE ME A SIGN* BY ANNA SORTINO

OCTOBER 2: *GATHER* BY KENNETH CADOW

NOVEMBER 6: *CLOWN IN A CORNFIELD* BY ADAM CESARE

*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.

SEPTEMBER 10: *WORDS ON FIRE* BY JENNIFER A. NIELSEN

OCTOBER 8: *SMALL SPACES* BY KATHERINE ARDEN

NOVEMBER 12: *THE BLACKTHORN KEY* BY KEVIN SANDS

*The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep.*

*Snacks will be provided. Registration required.*

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

### NEXT POPULAR READS

FIRST MONDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

### GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR GROWNUPS

FIRST THURSDAY 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

FOURTH SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

### THIRD TUESDAY

THIRD TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

### COOKBOOK CLUB

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

# FALL 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)

## SEPTEMBER

### AI TOOLS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 AT 3:00 P.M.  
*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online*

### VALUE LINE AND THE INVESTING CENTER AT BPL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 7:00 P.M.  
*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### WORD: AN INTRODUCTION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 3:00 P.M.  
*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 3:00 P.M.  
*Online event.*

## OCTOBER

### GOOGLE DOCS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 3:00 P.M.  
*Online event.*

## OCTOBER

### ADOBE PHOTOSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 3:00 P.M.  
@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
*In person event.*

### BUILD A WEBSITE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 & 14 AT 7:00 P.M.  
*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online*

### POWERPOINT: CREATE A PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 3:00 P.M.  
*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### GOOGLE SLIDES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 3:00 P.M.  
*Online event.*

### CANVA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 7:00 P.M.  
*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

## NOVEMBER

### ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR: AN INTRODUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 3:00 P.M.  
@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
*In person event.*

### EXCEL: CREATE A BUDGET

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 7:00 P.M.  
*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### NYT & WSJ FROM HOME

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 3:00 P.M.  
*Online event.*

### GOOGLE SHEETS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 3:00 P.M.  
*Online event.*

### BOOK MATCHMAKER: USING THE CATALOG & ADVISORY TOOLS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 3:00 P.M.  
*Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.*

### INSTAGRAM 101: CONNECTING AND SHARING SAFELY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 7:00 P.M.  
*Hybrid event. Attend in person or 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!

### 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.

SEPTEMBER 3 · OCTOBER 1 · NOVEMBER 5

Have you always wondered what the Idea Lab is all about? Jeff will take you on a tour of the Idea Lab, including a quick demo of our exciting equipment. **Registration required.**

### CLASS: CROSS STITCHING... WITH LASERS!?

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

You can use the laser to make custom patterns for cross stitching! Learn about the techniques and materials you can use for this amazing process, then hang out in the lab and make your own! **Registration required.**

### LIVE & IN PERSON: AUTUMN THINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 7:00 P.M.

In this episode of Idea Lab Things, Jeff will talk about the theme of autumn, and projects that are perfect for this cozy time of year. **Registration required for in-person attendance.**

*Simultaneously broadcast on Instagram Live.*

### EVENT: LASER-CUT TYVEK WALLETS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

Tyvek! It's strong, thin, and waterproof. Perfect for applications where ruggedness is needed, like wallets. Come to the lab and make your own! (Cash not included). **Registration required.**

### EVENT: BUILD YOUR OWN MACROPAD

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

A tiny grid of buttons. Helpful shortcuts for your most common computer tasks. A useful thing to have for anyone who uses a computer for working, gaming, or creating. Come to the Idea Lab and build your own! **Registration required. Limit one per household.**

### CLASS: 3D 2D PRINTING

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

Three dimensions? Who needs three!? Two dimensions is plenty. Tonight we explore options for 2D printing in the Idea Lab. Let's get inky! **Registration required.**

### EVENT: RETRO EXPO - AN INTERACTIVE EXPOSITION OF VINTAGE VIDEO GAMES AND COMPUTERS!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 12:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Our third annual expo of vintage computers and games! Play classic games on authentic hardware, experience tech from the peak of the digital revolution! IBM, Apple, Toshiba, Nintendo, Sega, Playstation, and more! Do you have some tech you're proud of? Register to reserve a table, and bring your own gear to the show! **No registration needed to attend. Registration required to exhibit gear.**

# FALL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## SEPTEMBER

### CLASSIC MICHIGAN FOOD AND DRINKS: THE STORIES BEHIND THE BRANDS

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

Jon & Gail return to dish on their latest book; *Classic Michigan Food and Drink: The Stories Behind The Brand*. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

### NOTES IN THE ATRIUM: GEORGE I. SHIRLEY, TENOR

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 3:00 P.M.**

George Shirley has won international acclaim for his performances in the world's great opera houses, performing more than 80 operatic roles.

### SEEN BUT NOT HEARD: CHILDREN IN THE ART OF THE D.I.A.

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

Join docent Kathleen McBroom as we take a look at how children have been represented in various artistic motifs throughout history. **Registration required. Virtual event. Attend online only.**

### ARCHITECTURE OF MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA

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

Photographer Josh Lipnik offers his evocative pictures from the Upper Peninsula to tell the story of immigrants, industry, and nature, while reflecting on his time on the road. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or virtually.**

## OCTOBER

### SMART AND STRATEGIC USE OF AI

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Join University of Michigan Clinical Professor Kristin Fontichiaro to learn some things about GenAI that will make life easier and reveal some things to think about in the future. **Registration required. Virtual event. Attend online only.**

### THE MACKINAC BRIDGE - THEN AND NOW

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 3:00 P.M.**

Engineer and Bridge director, Kim Nowack, presents the history of transportation in the straits and the building of the Mackinac Bridge. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or virtually.**

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Test your knowledge of Broadway hits and iconic tunes. Sign up as an individual or a group. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and prizes will be awarded to the winning team. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

### COLOR YOUR AUTUMN

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 1:00 P.M.**

We paint splashes of autumn colors on wooden traditional symbols of fall that were laser cut in the Idea Lab. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

### AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE SOO LOCKS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 7:00 P.M.**

One of North America's most important engineering marvels resides right here in Michigan: the Soo Locks. Chief park ranger Michelle Briggs gives us all the history. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend virtually or in person**

### MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

#### MULTIPLE DATES AND TIMES

Back again by popular demand! Baldwin is hosting the Manhattan Short Film Festival. See the films, vote for your favorite! Please check the library calendar for dates and times. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

### BOOKS UNSHELVED

Join our three month subscription book service and receive a surprise library book tailored to your preference each month. Visit [baldwinlib.org/books-unshelved](http://baldwinlib.org/books-unshelved) to subscribe.

## REPEATING PROGRAMS

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS TALK TIME

**TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.**

Join us to practice English conversation skills. 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. **Attend in person only.**

### LIFELONG LEARNING

**WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.**

#### SEASON'S TOPIC: NATIONAL PARKS

Join us for coffee and the pursuit of knowledge! Our Lifelong Learning program is aimed at adults with an interest in learning and meaningful dialogue. Contact Jim Suhay at [lifelonglearning.baldwinlib@gmail.com](mailto:lifelonglearning.baldwinlib@gmail.com) for more information.

### GREAT BOOKS

**SEPTEMBER 3 • OCTOBER 1 • NOVEMBER 5**

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.*

### SOCRATES CAFE

**SEPTEMBER 21 - OCTOBER 19 - NOVEMBER 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](mailto: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 virtually.**

**SEPTEMBER 11: THE FAMED ROCK CRITICS OF BIRMINGHAM'S CREAM MAGAZINE**

**OCTOBER 9: "BROOKSIE:" THE STORY OF HENRY FORD'S TOP PILOT**

**NOVEMBER 13: AN INDIGENOUS BOUNTY OF BASKETS: CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE / INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S MONTH**

Come listen, learn and enjoy the expertise and knowledge of the staff from the Birmingham Historical Museum as they pick a new topic to highlight each month. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or virtually.**



# FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## FRIENDS OF THE BPL CELEBRATE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Once upon a time, 75 years ago to be exact, a charming town in Southeast Michigan called "Birmingham" was booming.

It was 1950, and Birmingham and other surrounding communities were experiencing significant growth and change, primarily driven by the return of World War II veterans and broader suburbanization trends of the time.

Schools were being built, new housing was being constructed, and employment was strong. Family size increased. Torrey Elementary School was built in 1950 and Jacobson's Department Store opened. The median family income in this area was \$2,839; the median home price in Michigan was \$7,496. A dozen eggs cost 60 cents; a loaf of bread cost 12 cents. The average price of a hardcover book was \$2.50.

A group of 150 local citizens saw the need for a volunteer organization to support the Baldwin Public Library and to impress upon the community the value of the BPL and its collection. The first official meeting of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library occurred on Jan. 19, 1950, making the Friends of the BPL one of the oldest continuously active Friends groups in Michigan.

In its first year, the Friends of the BPL gifted the Library \$450. This year, the Friends have donated \$48,130 to the Library. To put this in perspective, between 1950 and 1977, the Friends gave the Library a total of \$52,900. So even considering the present value of money, the Friends basically donate what they gave in their first 25 years combined on an annual basis today.

The Friends raise money for the Library in two ways: memberships, and used book and media sales. Currently, there are 258 active Friends members. In honor of their Diamond Anniversary Year, the Friends have set a goal of 75 new/renewing members. You can become a member of the Friends for as little as \$15. Membership envelopes are available in The Friends' BookShop or at the Library Information Desk.

Our community has enjoyed generations of volunteers willing to work tirelessly to support the Baldwin Public Library. Today, the Friends of the BPL Board of Directors has three open positions that need engaged citizens to get involved and fill: Vice President, Book Sale Chairman, and Friends' BookShop Chairman. If you are interested and would like more information about these important roles, please email the Friends at [friends@baldwinlib.org](mailto:friends@baldwinlib.org).

Happy 75th Birthday, Friends of the Baldwin Public Library!

Ryndee Carney, President/ Friends of the Baldwin Public Library

[friends@baldwinlib.org](mailto:friends@baldwinlib.org)

## BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 11:00 A.M.**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 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.**

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
**FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**

Readers of all ages are encouraged to drop by the Library and visit with local writers and illustrators. Discover your next great read or the perfect holiday gift while getting to know some of our local authors and illustrators. Head to [baldwinlib.org/youth](http://baldwinlib.org/youth) for a complete list of participating authors and illustrators. **No registration required.**

## LIBRARY BOARD



### Board Members:

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

**THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET ON:**  
**SEPTEMBER 15**  
**OCTOBER 27**  
**NOVEMBER 17**  
**AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE LIBRARY.**

## LIBRARY HOURS:

**MONDAY TO THURSDAY**

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**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

9:30 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

**SUNDAY:** 12:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

## LIBRARY CLOSED:

**AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 1:** LABOR DAY

**NOVEMBER 26:** CLOSE AT 5:30 P.M.

**NOVEMBER 27-28:** THANKSGIVING

## CONTACT US:

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**YOUTH SERVICES:** 248-554-4670

**IDEA LAB:** 248-554-4659

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### FALL BOOK SALE

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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