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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.



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

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



FAMILY COOKIE EXCHANGE

GRADES K TO 5 WITH GROWN UP(S)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
AT 6:30 P.M.

Bake your favorite holiday cookies at home and bring them to share. Contact josh.campeau@baldwinlib.org to register and confirm your recipe. *Allergens may be present.*
Registration required.

COTTON CANDY SCIENCE SHOW

GRADES K TO 5 WITH GROWN UP(S)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 3:30 P.M.

Join the sweetest science show around! Learn how cotton candy is made, its history and try some at the end.
Registration required.



MARIO KART FREE PLAY

GRADES 2 TO 5
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29
AT 4:00 P.M.

Try out the latest Mario Kart game for the Nintendo Switch 2! All gaming abilities are welcome.
Registration required.

IMAGINATION PLAY TIME

GRADES K TO 2
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 AT 4:00 P.M.

Explore different toys and collaborate with others at this STEM-focused free play program.
Registration required.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

4TH & 5TH GRADERS IN BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

KICKOFF:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 6:30 P.M. &
MONDAY, JANUARY 12 AT 6:30 P.M. ON ZOOM

VISIT BALDWINLIB.ORG/BATTLE
FOR MORE INFORMATION

JANUARY



AMERICAN GIRL CLUB

GRADES K TO 3
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14
AT 4:30 P.M.

Meet up with other American Girl fans to learn about Josefina Montoya and what life was like during 1824. Feel free to bring your own American Girl Doll to join in the fun.
Registration required.



PAPER PLANE PARTY

GRADES 3 TO 5
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
AT 7:00 P.M.

Make your own paper planes, try out different designs, and see which one flies the furthest.
Registration required.

BOOKS UNBOXED



BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.

ADAPTIVE STORY TIME

AGES 3 & UP WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 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, with specific accommodation requests.
Registration required.

FEBRUARY



WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?

PRESCHOOL AND UP WITH GROWN UP(S)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
AT 10:30 A.M.

Make fun crafts to share with your loved ones.
Registration required.

JUNIOR LIBRARIAN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- GRADES 4 TO 6 AT 3:00 P.M.
- GRADES 1 TO 3 AT 4:00 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.

ALL AROUND TAPE TOWN

PRESCHOOL AGE WITH GROWN UP(S)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 AT 10:30 A.M.

There's so much to discover in Tape Town! Rent a car, drive through the streets, and complete activities at places like the post office, bank, and grocery store.
Registration required.



MINI GOLF

AGES 3 AND UP WITH GROWN UP(S)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

Are you missing out on outdoor fun this winter? Join us at the Library to play a round of mini-golf as a family.
Registration required.

CRAFTY CREATIONS

AGES 3 AND UP WITH GROWN UP(S)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 10:30 A.M.

Get crafty using different art supplies to create a variety of open-ended projects.
Registration required.



KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY

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

DECEMBER 18 · JANUARY 22 · FEBRUARY 26

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

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

HAPPY FEET PLAYTIME

BIRTH TO 3 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)

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

DECEMBER 19 • JANUARY 23 • FEBRUARY 13

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.

DECEMBER 20 • JANUARY 10 • FEBRUARY 21

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.

DECEMBER 18 • JANUARY 15 • FEBRUARY 26

Let your imagination run wild with interactive stories, imaginative crafts, creative play, delicious snacks and more! **Registration required.**

RUFF READERS

AGES 6 AND UP

TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

JANUARY 20 • FEBRUARY 10

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 22: BUILD YOUR HOUSE

JANUARY 26: BUILD AN ALIEN

FEBRUARY 23: LEGO CAR RACE

Come join in the fun with different themed builds using LEGO bricks. **Registration required.**

PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
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.

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 17: *THE STORY OF GUMLUCK THE WIZARD* BY ADAM REX

JANUARY 21: *SKUNK AND BADGER* BY AMY TIMBERLAKE

FEBRUARY 11: *BIBSY CROSS AND THE BAD APPLE* BY LIZ GARTON SCANLON

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

BEYOND the Book

GRADES 1 TO 3

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 4: *ROCKS AND MINERALS* BY KATHLEEN WEIDNER ZOEHFELD

JANUARY 8: *ARCTIC* BY BRENNA MALONEY

FEBRUARY 5: *LET'S FLY! BARRINGTON IRVING'S RECORD-BREAKING FLIGHT AROUND THE WORLD* BY BARRINGTON IRVING

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 15: *SQUIRE & KNIGHT* BY SCOTT CHANTLER

JANUARY 12: *CHICKENPOX* BY REMY LAI

FEBRUARY 9: *TWINS* BY VARIAN JOHNSON

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

Kids COOKBOOK club

GRADES 3 TO 6

MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 2: *SWEET AND SALTY!* BY KING ARTHUR BAKING COMPANY

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

mother/DAUGHTER

GRADES 4 TO 6 AND MOMS

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 9: *SNOW & ROSE* BY EMILY WINFIELD MARTIN

JANUARY 13: *THE LAST GRAND ADVENTURE* BY REBECCA BEHRENS

FEBRUARY 17: *BEYOND THE BRIGHT SEA* BY LAUREN WOLK

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

BOOKS AND BAGELS

GRADES 4 TO 6

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 16: *GROUND* BY AISHA SAEED AND OTHERS

JANUARY 27: *THE SHERLOCK SOCIETY* BY JAMES PONTI

FEBRUARY 24: *BECOMING MUHAMMAD ALI* BY JAMES PATTERSON AND KWAME ALEXANDER
Email Susan at 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 for dates and more information. **No weekly story times December 15 through January 2 and February 16 through 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.
JANUARY 6 • FEBRUARY 3

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

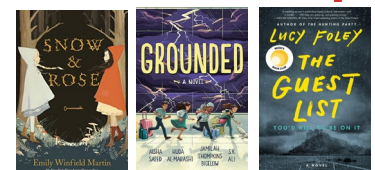
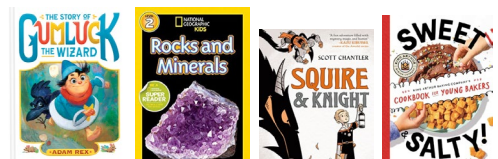
ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE LIBRARY
DECEMBER 27 • JANUARY 17 • FEBRUARY 28

moms BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

JANUARY 7: *THE GUEST LIST* BY LUCY FOLEY
Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

WINTER BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS



WINTER PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

*PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS MAY NOT ATTEND THESE PROGRAMS UNLESS NOTED.
**CONTACT TEEN@BALDWINLIB.ORG TO SPECIFY ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

WINTER PROGRAMS

JUNK JOURNALING GRADES 7 TO 12
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00 P.M.

Back by popular demand! Supplies are included when you register, but feel free to bring your own stickers, washi tape, photos, art, or other paper items for more personalized pages. **Registration required.**

STUDY NIGHT WITH THERAPY DOGS GRADES 9 TO 12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 FROM 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.
Reduce your school-related stress by petting dogs and eating pizza during our special after-hours study session just for high school students. **No registration required.**

LEARN ABOUT CHOCOLATE WITH MONGER'S PROVISIONS GRADES 6 TO 12
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 7:00 P.M.

Come learn about how and where chocolate is harvested while also getting a chance to taste samples! **Registration required.**

BOOK BEDAZZLING GRADES 7 TO ADULTS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

Come try the BookTok trend and bling out your favorite book. Bring your own book and bedazzle it with diamond art techniques! You provide the book and we provide the supplies. For teens and adults. **Registration required.**

ANTI-VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY GRADES 7 TO 12

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.
For teens who aren't into the lovey-dovey stuff, this event celebrates friendship and fun instead of romance. Snacks, games, and crafts are provided. **Registration required.**

MINI GOLF ALL AGES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

Are you missing out on outdoor fun this winter? Join us at the Library to play a round of mini-golf as a family. **Registration required.**

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.

REPEATING PROGRAMS

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

DECEMBER 6 • JANUARY 10 • FEBRUARY 7
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 and drinks will be provided. **Registration required for each session.**

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS GRADES 7 TO 12

MONTHLY ON THURSDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 18 • JANUARY 22 • FEBRUARY 26
Have some ideas for the Library? Share your opinions on teen programs, books, prizes, trends, and more while eating pizza and making friends. Attendance can be used for volunteer hours (must be 14-17 with a work permit) **Registration required.**

TEENS NIGHT OUT GRADES 6 TO 12
MONTHLY ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 3 • JANUARY 7 • FEBRUARY 4
Enjoy video games, board games, food, and fun with other teens who love the library as much as you do! **Registration required.**

COZY WRITING CLUB GRADES 7 TO 12
MONTHLY ON MONDAYS FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 15 • JANUARY 12 • FEBRUARY 23
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 TO 12
QUARTERLY ON MONDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26: Prepare a dish from the book *The 5-Ingredient College Cookbook* by Pamela Ellgen and share it with fellow food lovers. Register by January 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.

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.

DECEMBER 4: *SNOWGLOBE* BY SOYOUNG PARK
JANUARY 8: Come talk about your favorite books of 2025 and suggest future book club books!
FEBRUARY 5: *AMERICAN STREET* BY IBI ZOBOI
The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep. Pizza and drinks 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.

DECEMBER 10: *GONE TO THE WOODS* BY GARY PAULSEN
JANUARY 14: Come talk about your favorite books of 2025 and suggest future book club books!
FEBRUARY 11: *BLACK BROTHER, BLACK BROTHER* BY JEWELL PARKER RHODES
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.

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
4TH SUNDAY AT 1:00 P.M.

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

COOKBOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 6:30 P.M.

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WINTER COMPUTER CLASSES

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES

HYBRID CLASSES CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON OR ONLINE; ONLINE CLASSES ARE OFFERED VIRTUALLY ONLY.

JANUARY

HYBRID - AI TOOLS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 AT 7:00 P.M.

Learn how to put Artificial Intelligence to work for you.

HYBRID - CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 3:00 P.M.

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

HYBRID - GOOGLE SHEETS

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

Learn how to use formulas, format cells and collaborate with others with Google Sheets.

ONLINE - GOOGLE DOCS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 3:00 P.M.

Learn about Google Docs: a powerful alternative to Microsoft Word.

JANUARY

HYBRID - VALUE LINE AND THE INVESTING CENTER AT BPL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 AT 3:00 P.M.

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

ONLINE - GOOGLE SLIDES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 3:00 P.M.

Create and share an online slideshow with Google Slides, a solid alternative to PowerPoint.

HYBRID - POWERPOINT: CREATE A PRESENTATION

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

Learn the fundamentals of slideshow creation with PowerPoint.

FEBRUARY

IN PERSON - ADOBE PHOTOSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 & 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Learn the basics of Photoshop.

FEBRUARY

ONLINE - ONLINE NEWSPAPERS FROM HOME

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 AT 3:00 P.M.

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

HYBRID - EXCEL: CREATE A BUDGET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 3:00 P.M.

Learn spreadsheet creation with Microsoft Excel.

HYBRID - CANVA

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

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

ONLINE - INSTAGRAM 101: CONNECTING AND SHARING SAFELY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT 3:00 P.M.

Learn how to create an account, navigate the app, post content, and engage with others while maintaining privacy and safety.



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.

DECEMBER 3 · JANUARY 7 · FEBRUARY 4

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

CLASS: LASERBEAMS AND LETTERPRESS

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

Learn to use our vintage letterpress machine, with a 21st century twist: laser-engraved printing plates instead of moveable type! Great for greeting cards, invitations, business cards and more! **Registration required.**

CLASS: SOCK IT TO ME! - EMBROIDERY ON SOCKS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 7:00 P.M.

Jeff will teach you how to use the new sock attachment for our 15-needle industrial embroidery machine. **Registration required.**

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

EVENT: THE ROYAL GAME OF UR

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

Screen-print your own Royal Game of Ur board, 3D print pieces and dice, then enjoy playing this ancient Mesopotamian strategy game! **Registration required.**

CLASS: INTRO TO CUTTLE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join us for an intro to Cuttle.xyz, a web-based design tool packed with powerful (and beginner-friendly) project generators for the laser cutter. You'll learn how to customize templates and turn your ideas into reality on our laser cutter. **Registration required.**

CLASS: INTRO TO 3D PRINTING IN THE IDEA LAB

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 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. From ways to design and source your 3D models, to submitting 3D print requests to the Lab itself, this class is a great jumping-off point for anyone interested in 3D printing. **Registration required**

EVENT: BITCRUSH BASEMENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Do you hate the thought of having to wait until NEXT YEAR for the Retro Expo? Well suffer no longer! The Idea Lab is hosting a MINI retro gaming event, focusing on vintage video game consoles that were repaired and restored by The Idea Lab. Come down to the Bitcrush Basement and chase your cares away with some classic gaming. **Registration required.**

WINTER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

DECEMBER

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

TAMMY'S TASTINGS HOLIDAY COCKTAILS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 7:00 P.M.

Get ready to celebrate the holidays and toast the new year with a selection of festive cocktails, including tipples, spiced wine, bubbly champagne cocktails and rich egg-nogs! **Registration required. Virtual event. Attend online only.**

LIBRARY 101 - WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU NEEDED TO KNOW ABOUT BPL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 3:00 P.M.

Join Associate Director Jaelyn Miller for a review of resources and materials available to you with your library card. Whether you live, work, or go to school in our service area, are a seasoned user or new to BPL, you'll learn something exciting! **Registration required.**

Attend in person.

JANUARY

THE EDMUND FITZGERALD INVESTIGATIONS

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

The mighty Fitz vanished into the Lake Superior waves. Shipwreck historian Ric Mixer, one of the few people to visit the wreck personally, joins us to share his insight into what might have happened when the "gales of November came early." **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

BLACK FRIDAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 7:00 P.M.

On October 20th, 1916 a "perfect storm" swept over Lake Erie causing the loss of four ships and over 50 lives. Chris Gillcrist of The National Museum of the Great Lakes tells the tale. **Registration required.**

Attend in person only.

JANUARY

BOOK BEDAZZLING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

Come try the Book Tok trend and bling out your favorite book. Bring your own book and bedazzle it with diamond art techniques! You provide the book and we provide the supplies. *For teens and adults. Registration required. In person event only.*

FEBRUARY

MIDNIGHT ON THE POTOMAC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 7:00 P.M.

Acclaimed author Dr. Scott Ellsworth joins us to discuss his new book, *Midnight on the Potomac*. Scott chronicles the final, tumultuous months of the Civil War, illuminating this consequential moment in American history through the experiences of those who lived it.

Registration required. Attend in person only.

CHOCOLATE TASTING WITH MONGER'S PROVISIONS

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

Zach from Monger's Provisions is coming back with samples to teach about chocolate! **Registration required.**

In person event only.

FREEDOM CONFIRMED: PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S COURAGE TO CREATE CHANGE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

Rodney David Deal, of the Detroit Historic Society, delves into Abraham Lincoln's Civil War presidency and the history of American freedom & justice in the pivotal year of 1865. Rodney also discusses the creation and implications of the 13th Amendment.

Registration required. Attend in person only.

ONLINE RESOURCES AVAILABLE 24/7!

Read newspapers from around the world, play games, browse magazines, consider product reviews, learn a new language, utilize virtual tutoring, get supports for your classroom, do investment research, take a class, and more with the resources available online. Visit baldwinlib.org/databases, or scan the QR code to get started!



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.**

GREAT BOOKS

JANUARY 14 • FEBRUARY 4

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) for more information about the event.

SOCRATES CAFE

DECEMBER 21 • JANUARY 18 • FEBRUARY 15

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.

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.

January 31 is the last day to play.

HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES

SECOND THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

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

JANUARY 8 • FEBRUARY 12

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.

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WINTER DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

WINTER IS WONDERFUL AT BPL

As the days grow shorter, we invite you to make the library a warm destination this winter. Whether you want to find the perfect book to read, study or meet with friends, attend a book club or program, or explore our Idea Lab or Library of Things, we are here to serve you. In September, we launched a new mobile-friendly and accessible site that was fully funded through a generous grant from the Birmingham Area Cable Board. We are happy to have an updated way to share information about our numerous programs and services!

Our popular Winter Reading Challenge returns this December and is open to all ages! Cover up the squares in one row on our bingo card for a chance to win prizes. This challenge runs through January 31, 2026 and more information can be found at baldwinlib.beanstack.org.

We are currently auditioning two test panels of Feather Friendly® Bird Collision Deterrent cast vinyl markers on the southeast corner of the library's Grams Discovery Room windows. These small, white, permanently adhered dots make glass visible to birds. According to the National Audubon Society, "research indicates that up to 1 billion birds may be killed per year in the U.S. alone due to window collisions. Birds hit buildings at all hours during the day and night. At night migrating birds can be distracted by bright lights in our cities. During the day the problem is reflection or other confusing aspects of glass." We want to hear your feedback on this project. Should we install this on all of the windows in the Youth Room and the new atrium? The approximate project cost is \$42,000. Please help us out by taking our brief survey. Visit www.baldwinlib.org/birds or scan the QR code below to share your feedback.

Earlier this year, we debuted Baldwin's 2025-2028 Strategic Plan, created after soliciting feedback from our users and gathering data from the U.S. Census and comparable libraries. In the next three years, we will be focusing on meeting the following five goals:

- **COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES** – Improve collections and services to satisfy community needs and expectations
- **FACILITY** – Maintain and improve the building's functionality and cleanliness
- **MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS** – Improve marketing and visibility of the library
- **PERSONNEL & ORGANIZATION** – Educate, train, and empower staff with tools to serve the public
- **FINANCIAL** – Develop a plan for current and future financial needs

We look forward to seeing the various ways Baldwin will grow and improve in the next three years as we enact our new strategic plan!

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BIRD DETERRENT SURVEY



BIRD COLLISION DETERRENT

LIBRARY BOARD



Board Members:

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

THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET ON:

DECEMBER 15, 2025

JANUARY 21, 2026

FEBRUARY 23, 2026

SAVE THE DATE

COMMUNITY AND RESOURCE ENGAGEMENT

CaRE Fair

♥ > APRIL 12, 2026

♥ > LIBRARY ATRIUM



BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
AT 11:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
AT 4:00 P.M.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
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.**

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:

DECEMBER 24-25, 2025:

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 31, 2025: NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY 1, 2026: NEW YEAR'S DAY

JANUARY 19, 2026: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

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PARKING:

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*Please note that all programs and events
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