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BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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COMMUNITY AND RESOURCE ENGAGEMENT

CaRE Fair

 > **SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026**

 > 11:00 AM TO 1:00 P.M.

 > BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY ATRIUM

Drop in for this open-house style event to speak with representatives from **local organizations** seeking **volunteers**.

Learn more about their missions, activities, and **volunteer opportunities** in the library service area and neighboring communities.



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

SPRING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

BABIES TO GRADE 6

ALL PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK THE WEBSITE (BALDWINLIB.ORG/CALENDAR) FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND LOCATIONS BEFORE HEADING TO ANY EVENT.

Program registration opens one month in advance.

MARCH

MARIO DAY

GRADES K TO 3

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 AT 4:30 P.M.

Drop in for Mario and company themed crafts, activities and video games. Costumes and dress up is encouraged but please leave your Nintendo Switch at home. **Registration required.**

NO BAKE KIDS RECIPES

GRADES 3 TO 5

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 AT 4:30 P.M.

We're preparing multiple dessert-based mug recipes in this hands-on food program. *Allergens may be present.* **Registration required.**

CREATURE FEATURE SHOW

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

MONDAY, MARCH 30 AT 10:30 A.M.

Join us for a live animal show featuring one of our favorite presenters, Dan the Creature Man! **Registration required.**

MY FIRST ART STUDIO

AGES 4 TO 7 WITH GROWN UP(S)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 AT 10:30 A.M.

Choose from a variety of art supplies to craft whatever you want. If you need inspiration, we'll have a few samples you can recreate. **Registration required.**

APRIL

LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

GRADES 3 TO 5

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 AT 12:30 P.M.

Grab your friends and head to the Library for pizza. We'll eat lunch, socialize, and answer trivia questions about the Library and your favorite books. **Registration required.**

PLANT A SEED

GRADES K TO 2

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 AT 11:00 A.M.

Create some plant-themed crafts and plant a seed to bring home with you. **Registration required.**

SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

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APRIL

UNICORN DAY

BEST FOR GRADES K TO 5

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 FROM 3:00 P.M. ,

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Drop in after 3:00 p.m. to help with our collaborative sticker poster and pick up a take home craft. **First come, first served, starting at 3:00 p.m.**

OREO COOKIE TASTING

GRADES 2 TO 5

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

Try different flavors of Oreos and decide which is your favorite. **Registration required.**

MAY

MAY THE 4TH TAKE HOME KIT

MONDAY, MAY 4

ALL AGES

Celebrate Star Wars Day with a take home activity kit! **First come, first served.**

CLOUD SLIME

GRADES 3 TO 5

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 AT 6:30 P.M.

Join us as we make our own oozy, squishy, and colorful cloud slime to take home. **Registration required.**

STORY TIME YOGA

AGES 5 & UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)

THURSDAY, MAY 21 AT 10:30 A.M.

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

STORY TIME BATTLE AT BARNUM PARK: ELEPHANTS VS. MICE

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

THURSDAY, MAY 28 AT 10:30 A.M.

Two librarians will battle it out through stories, songs, and activities. Who will win? Vote for your favorite at the end of the program. *This program is hosted offsite at Barnum Park.* **No registration required.**

FREE COMICS!

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Come celebrate Free Comic Book Day and Comics Giveaway Day with us on Saturday, May 2! More details on our website.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

HAPPY FEET PLAYTIME

BIRTH TO 3 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)

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

MARCH 13 • APRIL 10 • MAY 15

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)

SUNDAYS AT 2:30 P.M.

MARCH 15 • APRIL 26

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.

MARCH 19 • APRIL 16

Let your imagination run wild with interactive stories, crafts, snacks, and more!

Registration required.

RUFF READERS

AGES 6 & UP

TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

MARCH 31 • APRIL 21 • MAY 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.

MARCH 23: BUILD A PLAYGROUND

APRIL 27: LEGO MARBLE RUN

MAY 18: BUILD A DINOSAUR

Junior builders are welcome to join in the fun of building with LEGO bricks. **Registration required.**

PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

SATURDAYS FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON

MARCH 28 • APRIL 18 • MAY 9

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.

MARCH 11: *JASMINE TOGUCHI: MOCHI QUEEN* BY DEBBIE MICHIKO FLORENCE

APRIL 8: *SAVED BY THE SMELL* BY JARRETT LERNER
Email Syntha at syntha.green@baldwinlib.org to register.

BEYOND the Book

GRADES 1 TO 3

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 12: *BEHIND MY DOORS: THE STORY OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST LIBRARY* BY HENA KHAN

APRIL 23: *ANIMAL ARCHITECTS* BY LIBBY ROMERO
Email Rosemary at rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org to register.

KIDS GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

GRADES 3 TO 6

MONDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.

MARCH 16: *LIGHTFALL* BY TIM PROBERT

APRIL 20: *HOW TO TALK TO YOUR SUCCULENT* BY ZOE PERSICO

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

Kids COOKBOOK club

GRADES 3 TO 6

MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

APRIL 13: *KID CHEF EVERY DAY: THE EASY COOKBOOK FOR FOODIE KIDS* BY COLLEEN KENNEDY

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

mother/DAUGHTER

GRADES 4 TO 6 AND MOMS

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 10: *MAIZY CHEN'S LAST CHANCE* BY LISA YEE

APRIL 14: *SHOW ME A SIGN* BY ANNE CLAIRE LEZOTTE

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

BOOKS AND BAGELS

GRADES 4 TO 6

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 24: *THE SCHOOL FOR WHATNOTS* BY MARGARET PETERSON HADDIX

APRIL 28: *HIDE AND GEEK* BY T.P. JAGGER

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

moms BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 18: *THE VIOLIN CONSPIRACY* BY BRENDAN SLOCUMB

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

TOP TEN STRATEGIES FOR PARENTING KIDS WITH ADHD

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

ADHD and Executive Function challenges impact learning, motivation, behavior, and the family system. Dana Serling, PA-C., ADHD-CCSP, will share the essential strategies parents must implement to help their children survive and thrive. Registration required.

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 March 30 to April 3 or May 18 to June 12.**

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.
MARCH 17 • APRIL 7 • MAY 5

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE LIBRARY
MARCH 21 • APRIL 11 • MAY 30



1,000

BOOKS

BEFORE

KINDERGARTEN

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 to register.

KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY



GRADES 3 TO 6

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 19 • APRIL 16 • MAY 21

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

SPRING 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

SPRING PROGRAMS

TEENY TINY ART SHOW GRADES 7 TO 12
Starting March 1, pick up a kit with a mini canvas, paint, and paintbrush. Create your work of art, then bring it back by April 1 to be displayed in our art show! Public voting will take place to determine the winners. **Limit one kit per teen. Registration required.** *If you wish to keep your artwork after the art show, please pick it up by May 31.*

LEGO SPEED BUILDING CHALLENGE
GRADES 6 TO 8
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
Do you have Lego building skills? Sign up with a friend, or we will pair you up to see what team can build a lego set the fastest-one person with the directions, and one assembling the pieces. **Registration required.**

OSCARS TRIVIA TEENS AND ADULTS
THURSDAY, MARCH 26 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
And the Oscar goes to...? Test your knowledge of Academy Award winning films throughout history up until today. Sign up as an individual or a group. Snacks will be provided and prizes will be awarded to the winning team. **Registration required.**

AFTER-HOURS HIDE & SEEK
GRADES 7 TO 12
FRIDAY, APRIL 10 FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 P.M.
Play different versions of hide and seek throughout the library after we close to the public. Pizza will be served. **Registration and permission form required.**

ADOPT A PLANT GRADES 6 TO 8
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
Calling all plant lovers! Come decorate a pot, learn basic plant care, and leave with a one-of-a-kind plant to brighten up your room. **Registration required.**

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SPRING PROGRAMS

STUDY NIGHT WITH THERAPY DOGS
GRADES 9 TO 12
SATURDAY, MAY 30 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.**

REPEATING PROGRAMS

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS
GRADES 7 TO 12
SATURDAYS FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.
MARCH 14 · APRIL 11 · MAY 9
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.**

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS
GRADES 7 TO 12
THURSDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
MARCH 12 · APRIL 16 · MAY 21
Have some ideas for the Library? Share your opinions on teen programs, books, 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
WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.
MARCH 4 · APRIL 8 · MAY 6
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
MONDAYS FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.
MARCH 16 · APRIL 20 · MAY 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.**

SAVE THE DATE



SUMMER READING KICKOFF
FRIDAY, JUNE 12
FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.

BOOK CLUBS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

BOOKS PROVIDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

PIZZA AND PAGES
GRADES 7 TO 12
THURSDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
MARCH 5: *WE ARE NOT FREE* BY TRACI CHEE
APRIL 9: *ACE OF SPADES* BY FARIDAH ABIKE-IYIMIDE
MAY 7: *THE OTHERWHERE POST* BY EMILY J. TAYLOR
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
WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
MARCH 11: *THE LAST CUENTISTA* BY DONNA BARBA HIGUERA
APRIL 15: *AMAL UNBOUND* BY AISHA SAEED
MAY 13: *THE FALSE PRINCE* BY JENNIFER A. NIELSEN
The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Registration required.

TEEN CULINARY CLUB
GRADES 7 TO 12
QUARTERLY ON MONDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
APRIL 27: *THE COMPLETE COOKBOOK FOR TEEN CHEFS*
Prepare a recipe from the book *The Complete Cookbook for Teen Chefs* and bring it in to share with fellow food lovers. *Register by April 1 for a chance to win the book. If you have additional questions or need assistance acquiring a copy, please contact teen@baldwinlib.org. Registration required.*

NEW!

100 BOOKS BEFORE GRADUATION

GRADES 6 TO 12
100 Books Before Graduation is a reading initiative for teens to read 100 books before they graduate from high school. Download the Beanstack app or go to baldwinlib.beanstack.org to enter the challenge. See baldwinlib.org/teen for more information.

FREE COMICS!

SATURDAY, MAY 2
Come celebrate Free Comic Book Day and Comics Giveaway Day with us on Saturday, May 2! More details on our website.

SPRING COMPUTER CLASSES

FOR ADULTS

**HYBRID CLASSES CAN BE ATTENDED IN PERSON OR ONLINE; ONLINE CLASSES ARE OFFERED VIRTUALLY ONLY.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES.**

MARCH

HYBRID - **SELLING ONLINE**
TUESDAY, MARCH 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

ONLINE - **GOOGLE DOCS**
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - **BUILD A WEBSITE**
TUESDAYS, MARCH 24 & 31 AT 7:00 P.M.

HYBRID - **VALUE LINE AND THE
INVESTING CENTER AT BPL**
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 AT 3:00 P.M.

FOR FULL DETAILS AND TO
REGISTER FOR THESE CLASSES,
VISIT [BALDWINLIB.ORG/
COMPUTER-CLASSES](http://BALDWINLIB.ORG/COMPUTER-CLASSES)

APRIL

IN PERSON - **ADOBE PHOTOSHOP:
AN INTRODUCTION**
TUESDAY, APRIL 7 & 14 AT 7:00 P.M.
@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

HYBRID - **AI TOOLS**
SATURDAY, APRIL 11 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - **POWERPOINT: CREATE A
PRESENTATION**
THURSDAY, APRIL 16 AT 3:00 P.M.

ONLINE - **NYT & WSJ FROM HOME**
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - **CANVA**
TUESDAY, APRIL 28 AT 7:00 P.M.

ONLINE - **GOOGLE SLIDES**
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 3:00 P.M.

MAY

HYBRID - **CREATE A PHOTOBOK**
TUESDAY, MAY 5 AT 7:00 P.M.

HYBRID - **INSTAGRAM 101:
CONNECTING AND SHARING
SAFELY**
SATURDAY, MAY 9 AT 3:00 P.M.

ONLINE - **BOOK MATCHMAKER: USING
THE CATALOG & ADVISORY TOOLS**
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 AT 3:00 P.M.

HYBRID - **EXCEL: CREATE A BUDGET**
TUESDAY, MAY 26 AT 7:00 P.M.

ONLINE - **GOOGLE SHEETS**
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 AT 3:00 P.M.

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.

MARCH 4 • APRIL 1 • MAY 6

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

EVENT: OPEN PRINTMAKING NIGHT

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

MONDAY, APRIL 6 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

Explore the art of printmaking in a relaxed, open-studio setting! We'll provide a variety of tools, materials, and simple instructions. Move at your own pace and enjoy hands-on artistic fun. **Registration required.**

EVENT: PRESS TO IMPRESS: SUBLIMATION MUG PRESS WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 AT 7:00 P.M.

Create a durable, full-color mug using sublimation printing! Learn how to prep a design, print and tape your transfer, and use our mug heat press to permanently bond artwork into the coating. **Registration required.**

CLASS: FROM SHARPIES TO LASER BEAMS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 AT 7:00 P.M.

Laser engraving can seem intimidatingly high-tech. But it doesn't have to be! Come and learn how to turn your original artwork into beautiful engravings. **Registration required.**

EVENT: MAKE YOUR OWN REFILLABLE TRAVELER'S JOURNALS (AGAIN!)

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:00 P.M.

Use Idea Lab tools to create a nifty refillable journal; when it fills up, just replace the pages. **Registration required.**

CLASS: CODE A RETRO-STYLE TEXT ADVENTURE GAME!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 7:00 P.M.

In the style of Zork, or Colossal Cave Adventure! Learn to design and code your own interactive fiction game! You'll map out rooms, puzzles, and storylines, then bring your creation to life by running it on an actual vintage computer! **Registration required.**

CLASS: MAPS, PERHAPS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 AT 7:00 P.M.

An introduction to the art of cartography. We'll use a few fistfuls of 20-sided dice to plan out the shape, style and features of an original fictional continent. Exercise your creativity to establish a lore and a backstory for your new world. Then use the laser to permanently emblazon your creation into a form more permanent. **Registration required**

CLASS: APPLIQUÉ BASICS ON THE EMBROIDERY MACHINE

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

Want to appliqué? OK! In this class you'll learn the fundamentals of appliqué using our embroidery machine. We'll cover materials, placement, trimming and finishing so you can create clean, layered fabric designs. **Registration required.**

SPRING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

MARCH

SPRING CRAFT TO GO: COLOR YOUR SPRING

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 AT 12:00 P.M.

Paint spring colors on wooden native flowers that were laser cut in the Idea Lab.

Limit 1 kit per person. First come, first served as long as supplies last.

BOX OFFICE POISON: HOLLYWOOD'S STORY IN A CENTURY OF FLOPS

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

It's award season, but are you curious about the movies that didn't make it to the ceremonies? Come hear about the worst of the worst of the silver screen.

Registration required. Virtual event only.

DETROIT'S DYNAMITE DAMES: THE FAMOUS AND NOT SO FAMOUS WOMEN WHO CHANGED DETROIT

MONDAY, MARCH 23 AT 7:00 P.M.

Explore Detroit through the eyes of the women who shaped the city and the nation, from Madame de Cadillac to the Queen of Soul. **Registration required.**

Attend in person only.

OSCAR TRIVIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 AT 7:00 P.M.

And the Oscar goes to...? Test your knowledge of Academy award winning films throughout history up until today. Sign up as an individual or a group. Snacks will be provided and prizes will be awarded to the winning team. **Registration required.**

Attend in person only.

APRIL

LET'S GO BIRDING

MONDAY, APRIL 6 AT 7:00 P.M.

Let's Go Birding is a followup to Greg Bodker's well received Birdwatching vs Birding program. The program uses different photos, videos, and stories to prepare the audience to go on a birding adventure in the field. **Registration required.**

Attend in person only.

SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12
FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.**

APRIL

MATRIX PLANTING FOR HOME GARDENERS

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

"Matrix Planting", the landscape model where perennials and grasses are used to imitate meadows, has been one of the hottest design trends of late. Join landscape designer and educator, Deborah Chud, as she demystifies this planting concept for home gardeners. **Registration required. Attend virtually only.**

DE-CLUTTERING/SPRING CLEANING

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 AT 6:30 P.M.

Join us for a motivating, big-picture workshop focused on practical strategies for de-cluttering your space. Mindset shifts and achievable next steps will be spotlighted in this 90 minute program. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

DECONSTRUCTING DELICIOUSNESS IN DETROIT

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

Join us, as we host award winning food critic, Zahir Janmohammed as he tells us about the best places to have a food adventure in metro Detroit. **Registration required. Attend virtually only.**

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE FATE OF THE WORLD

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 AT 7:00 P.M.

Professor Richard Bell returns with another sweeping story about the American Revolution. Join him as he presents the real story as a global event full of global actors with consequences that shook the entire world. Learn that the American Revolutionary War didn't just create the United States, it reshaped the world. **Registration required. Attend virtually only.**

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MAY

FUNGI OF MICHIGAN

MONDAY, MAY 11 AT 6:30 P.M.

Enter the kingdom of fungi with Lorenzo Lo Piccolo! He is passionate about the fungi kingdom and has been foraging and studying it for over 20 years! Lorenzo's curated collection of Michigan fungi accompanies his presentation.

Registration required. Attend in person only.

CASA AMADO FOOD DEMONSTRATION

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

Check out the flavors from Casa Amado, a local taqueria and Sonoran hot dog joint which just happens to boast a James Beard nominated chef. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

REPEATING PROGRAMS

HISTORICAL LECTURE

AT 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 12 • MAY 14

We are pleased to host the Birmingham Museum staff for historical lectures. Come learn local history from their knowledgeable staff. **Registration required. Hybrid event. Attend in person or virtually.**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS TALK TIME

TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

Join us to practice English conversation skills. All levels are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. **Attend in person only.**

LIFELONG LEARNING

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. IN MARCH

Join our community members as they share in-depth research and presentations on a semester-long topic. This season will discuss America 250 and the 250th anniversary of the country's founding. **Attend in person only.** Contact Jim Suhay at lifelonglearning.baldwinlib@gmail.com for more information.

GREAT BOOKS

MARCH 4 • APRIL 1 • MAY 6

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.

SOCRATES CAFE

MARCH 15 • APRIL 19 • MAY 17

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 more information about this event.

SPRING DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I surveyed staff this winter to ask what their favorite thing about Baldwin is. A few people mentioned they like how the library is a warm and inviting place for people to gather and our central location in downtown Birmingham. Others included our MeL interlibrary loan service that delivers materials from all over the state within days. A few people talked about the Idea Lab and the format conversion services we offer. Some mentioned our great variety of programs (and snacks provided by the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library!). One person mentioned the uniqueness of our namesake. Rather than being named after Birmingham, we are named after Martha Baldwin whose work and advocacy is a lasting legacy to our community.

Others mentioned our variety of print books, new materials for every age, and our extensive ebook collection. The most common answer was our friendly atmosphere with amazing patrons and staff members. I echo those sentiments wholeheartedly. Without our dedicated staff and loyal patrons, this library would not be the inviting and friendly place it is for everyone who enters our doors. I'm so proud to lead our friendly and responsive team and they impress me every day with their dedication to serving the public and improving our offerings.

After hearing requests from patrons and staff over the last couple years, we are happy to announce our **new mobile app!** Search for "Baldwin Public Library" in the App Store or the Google Play store to download our app and get started. Open the app and login to your Baldwin account with your card number and PIN for easy reference and use at any time. Once logged in, you can search the library's catalog, manage holds, make lists, find direct links to the library's databases, ebook services, and social media accounts. My favorite feature in the app is the ability to scan book ISBNs "in the wild" and automatically search the library's catalog to see if it's available and place a hold. Download the app today and contact our staff with any questions you have using this new service.

We've also been on the lookout for new services to help users learn, connect, and discover. On that front, we have added O'Reilly's technology and business learning library and Peterson's Career and Test Prep, which can be found on our website's "Research & Learn" tab. Log in with your Baldwin card to use O'Reilly's and Peterson's in addition to longstanding favorites like Brainfuse Tutoring, Mango Languages, Consumer Reports, Reference Solutions, CreativeBug, and Legal Forms.



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BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS

PLEASE VISIT BALDWINLIB.ORG/BOOK-CLUBS TO SEE THE FULL LIST OF DAYS AND TITLES, OR EMAIL ADULT.REFERENCE@BALDWINLIB.ORG FOR DETAILS. DATES AND TITLES CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON THE EVENTS CALENDAR AT BALDWINLIB.ORG/CALENDAR.

COOKBOOK CLUB Bring a dish from the cookbook "Milk Street Backroads Italy" by Christopher Kimball and share your culinary creation. Registration required. Please select the recipe upon registration. Attend in person only.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 7:00 P.M.

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BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 AT 11:00 A.M.
THURSDAY, APRIL 9 AT 4:00 P.M.
MONDAY, MAY 18 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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- SUNDAY, MAY 17

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- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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