

Baldwin's Local Author Fair 2026 FAQ

Saturday, November 7th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Are you a local author or illustrator looking for opportunities to share your work with others? If so, we invite you to join us for Baldwin's Local Author Fair celebrating writers and illustrators living in our area. **Due to limited space, we cannot accept everyone who applies.**

When is the event?

Saturday, November 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 West Merrill Street, Birmingham MI 48009.

Who can participate?

All local authors and illustrators are encouraged to apply but preference will be given to books published in the past 5 years AND those residing in our service area: Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, and Bingham Farms. Self published authors are welcome. Books created with the use of generative AI are not allowed. Authors or illustrators writing for children, teens, and adults as well as authors of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry are welcome to apply.

What is the space like at this event?

Each participant will have one small table (3ft by 3ft) to display and promote their book(s) and two chairs.

Can I sell my book at the event?

Yes! Authors are responsible for supplying their own books to sell. Wifi is available for online book sales. Library staff will not be available to help with sales. You are responsible for providing change and/or a credit card app for purchases. The books sold must be offered at or below retail price. You may, within reason, bring other books you have written or illustrated to sell in addition to the book selected for the author fair.

How do I apply?

Apply online at baldwinlib.org/youth and click on the application link. You must submit a physical copy of your book to the Baldwin Public Library. Drop off books in person or mail it to 300 W. Merrill St. Birmingham, MI 48009 c/o Alyssa Mandell. Your book will not be returned to you. The application period is August 3rd through September 18th. The online application must be filled out and the physical book received at the Library by Friday, September 18th. We will review all applications and contact all participants by October 9th with regards to their application status.

Questions?

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