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# WINTER DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we look ahead to 2027, we are excited to be celebrating a milestone year at Baldwin. This year we'll observe the 100th anniversary of the original portion of our existing building. Built in 1927, this was not the first iteration of a library in Birmingham, but it is the longest standing! Over the years, the popularity and expanded reach of the library have necessitated the additions of more space, but the heart of the building, the area around which we have built up usable space and services for our community, retains its charm and function. Hearing "oh, what a beautiful room!" when someone walks into the Grand Hall never gets old.

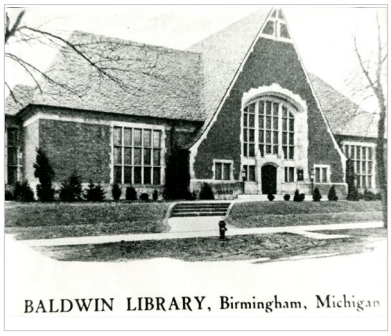
In acknowledgement of this exciting anniversary, we have some special ways to highlight the history of our building all year long. Be on the lookout for new library cards, monthly surprise sticker giveaways, featured community readers, new library merch, tours, scavenger hunts, and trivia. And save the date on April 13 for a visit from author Virginia Evans who wrote "The Correspondent"!

Here's to a new year, and to many more in our beautiful space. We hope that you enjoy the fun we have in store this year. Whether you're coming in or using resources and services remotely, are a long-time user or are coming by for your first visit, we're ready to help. Thanks in advance for helping us celebrate in 2027!

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## LIBRARY BOARD



**Board Members**:
Frank Pisano, Pam Graham, Wendy Friedman, Jennifer Wheeler, Karen Rock, Danielle Rumple

**THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL MEET ON:**
**DECEMBER 21 AT 7:30 P.M.**
**JANUARY 20 AT 7:30 P.M.**
**FEBRUARY 22 AT 7:30 P.M.**

## ANNIVERSARY LIBRARY CARD DESIGNS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN JANUARY!

## BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 10:00 A.M.**
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 AT 6:00 P.M.**
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 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.**

# 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.

## EVENT: THE GRAND TOUR

**WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 2 · JANUARY 6 · FEBRUARY 3**
Have you always wondered what the Idea Lab is all about, but were afraid to ask? In these events, Jeff will take you on a tour of the Idea Lab, including a quick demo of our exciting equipment. **Registration required. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.**

## EVENT: OPEN PRINTMAKING NIGHT

**WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 9 · JANUARY 12 · FEBRUARY 15**
Explore the art of printmaking in a relaxed, open-studio setting! We'll provide a variety of tools, materials, and simple instructions. Just bring your creativity! Try stamping, block printing, and more! Move at your own pace and enjoy hands-on artistic fun. **Registration required. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.**

## EVENT: THE LISTENING ROOM

**SUNDAYS AT 2:00 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 13 · JANUARY 10 · FEBRUARY 14**
An afternoon all about our library's amazing vinyl record collection! Learn how to use a record player, how to properly handle a record, and enjoy a relaxing listening session with hand-picked selections from our incredible collection, on amazing stereo equipment made right here in our Idea Lab. **Registration required. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.**

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M.**
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. Kids must be accompanied by an adult.**

## CLASS: MAKING ZINES USING FREE ONLINE TOOLS

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 AT 7:00 P.M.**
Learn how to use Canva to design and layout zines, pamphlets, small books and more! Start publishing your own small books for physically sharing art, original writings, and information! **Registration required. Ages 14 and up.**

## CLASS: PATCHED UP: HOW TO MAKE EMBROIDERY PATCHES

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 AT 7:00 P.M.**
Learn to make embroidery patches on our embroidery machine. This demonstration will cover design fundamentals, best materials, techniques, and application so you can make your own professional embroidery patches in The Idea Lab! **Registration required. Ages 14 and up.**

# WINTER **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.**

## JANUARY

### IN PERSON - **NEW** TECH TIME
**SATURDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:00 A.M.**

### HYBRID - EBOOKS
**MONDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 3:00 P.M.**

### HYBRID - MICROSOFT EXCEL
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 AT 7:00 P.M.**

### ONLINE - GOOGLE DOCS
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 AT 3:00 P.M.**

### HYBRID - MICROSOFT WORD
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 3:00 P.M.**

### HYBRID - CANVA
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 3:00P.M.**

### HYBRID - NYT & MORE ONLINE!
**MONDAY, JANUARY 11 OR**
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 3:00 P.M.**

### ONLINE - GOOGLE SHEETS
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 AT 3:00 P.M.**

### IN PERSON - ADOBE PHOTOSHOP
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 AND 28 AT 3:00 P.M.**

## JANUARY

### HYBRID - EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY
**MONDAY, JANUARY 25 AT 7:00 P.M.**

### HYBRID - CREATE AI ART
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 7:00 P.M.**

### ONLINE - GOOGLE SLIDES
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 AT 3:00 P.M.**

## FEBRUARY

### IN PERSON - **NEW** TECH TIME
**SATURDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:00 A.M.**

### HYBRID - NYT & MORE ONLINE!
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 3:00 P.M.**

### IN PERSON - STREAMING WITH YOUR BPL CARD
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AT 7:00 P.M.**

### ONLINE - CONSUMER REPORTS WITH YOUR BPL CARD
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 AT 3:00 P.M.**

## FEBRUARY

### HYBRID - CREATE A PHOTOBOOK
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT 3:00 P.M.**

### HYBRID - EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 3:00 P.M.**

### HYBRID - NYT & MORE ONLINE!
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 OR**
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 3:00 P.M**

### ONLINE - BUILD A WEBSITE
**WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 17 & 24 AT 3:00 P.M.**

### ONLINE - EBOOKS
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 3:00 P.M.**

### HYBRID - SIDE HUSTLE: SELLING ONLINE WITH EBAY AND FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.**

### HYBRID - BOOK MATCHMAKER: USING THE CATALOG AND ADVISORY TOOLS
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 AT 3:00 P.M.**

# WINTER **PROGRAMS** FOR **CHILDREN**

BABIES TO GRADE 6

ALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE.
EMAIL **YOUTH.REFERENCE@BALDWINLIB.ORG** WITH ANY ACCOMMODATION OR ALLERGY REQUESTS.

## DECEMBER

### WINTER READING *challenge*

**DECEMBER 1 TO JANUARY 31**

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### BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

**4TH & 5TH GRADERS IN BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**KICKOFF:**
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2026**
*TITLES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT.*

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

**VISIT BALDWINLIB.ORG/BATTLE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

**GRADES 3 TO 6**
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 6:30 P.M.**
Join us as we learn how to cook a simple recipe. This month we will be making panini sandwiches. Allergens may be present. **Registration required.**



### MARIO KART FREE PLAY

**GRADES 2 TO 5**
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 4:30 P.M.**
Come play Mario Kart World for the Switch 2! Bring a friend or come by yourself and meet some new ones. All skill levels are welcome. **Registration required.**

## DECEMBER

### MARTHA MEDAL: BALDWIN'S MOCK CALDECOTT AWARD

**ALL AGES**
**DECEMBER 23 THROUGH JANUARY 31**
Help us choose which picture book will earn the Martha Medal, Baldwin's very own mock Caldecott award. Stop by the Youth Room to read our favorite picture books of 2026 and vote for your favorite. The winner will be announced in February.

### SENSATIONAL STICKERS

**AGES 4 TO 12 WITH GROWN UP(S)**
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 FROM 10:30 A.M. TO NOON**
Decorate a sticker notebook and fill it with a plethora of stickers, provided by us, to use at home, trade, or give away! **Registration required.**

### CARDBOARD LOOM WEAVING

**GRADES 1 TO 5**
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30 AT 11:00 A.M.**
Use a loom to make your own yarn creation to take home. **Registration required.**

## JANUARY

### JUNIOR LIBRARIAN

**WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.**
**JANUARY 20: GRADES K TO 2**
**JANUARY 27: GRADES 3 TO 5**
Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Library, learn what librarians do, and choose books for your very own Library book display! Book displays will be shared in March. **Registration required.**

### SNOWFLAKE SUNCATCHER

**GRADES 1 TO 3**
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 4:30 P.M.**
Make your own suncatcher to bring the sunlight inside with you. **Registration required.**

### NOVELIST & NOVELIST K-8

**LOOKING FOR MORE BOOK SUGGESTIONS?**
Try Novelist and Novelist K-8. Share titles or authors you've enjoyed reading in the past and see lists of similar titles you might enjoy.
Available at **baldwinlib.org/databases**.

## FEBRUARY



### POKÉMON DAY

**GRADES K TO 5**
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 4:30 P.M.**
Celebrate all things Pokémon with crafts and activities. Trainers are encouraged to bring their Pokémon cards but leave their Nintendo Switch at home. **Registration required.**



### MINI GOLF

**AGES 3 & UP WITH GROWN UP(S)**
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.**
Are you missing outdoor fun this winter? Join us for a round of mini-golf as a family. **Registration required.**



### CRAFTING FOR FEATHERED FRIENDS

**GRADES 1 TO 5**
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 4:30 P.M.**
Decorate a birdhouse and make a bird feeder. Put your im-peck-able creations outside for the birds to enjoy. Allergens may be present. **Registration required.**



### TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

**ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)**
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT 10:30 A.M.**
Bring your teddy bear and a blanket to the Library for an indoor picnic featuring stories, songs, a craft, and a snack. **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.

### KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY

**GRADES 3 TO 6**
**THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 17 · JANUARY 21 · FEBRUARY 25**
Play games, eat snacks, and make friends at our monthly get-togethers. You won't want to miss KLS! **Registration required.**

# MONTHLY PROGRAMS

## FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY
**GRADES K TO 6 WITH GROWN UP(S)**
**SUNDAYS FROM 2:30 TO 4:00 P.M.**
**JANUARY 24 • FEBRUARY 14**
Bring your family to play 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 10 • JANUARY 14 • FEBRUARY 11**
Let your imagination run wild with stories, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and more! **Registration required.**

## RUFF READERS
**GRADES 1 TO 6**
**TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.**
**JANUARY 5 • FEBRUARY 2**
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.**
**DECEMBER 28:** BUILD A ZOO
**JANUARY 25:** LEGO CHALLENGE - DUPLO DOMINATION
**FEBRUARY 22:** BUILD A PYRAMID
Come join in the fun with different themed builds using LEGO bricks. **Registration required.**

## PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS
**SATURDAYS FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON**
**DECEMBER 12 • FEBRUARY 27**
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 to register.**

# 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 9:** *BABYMOUSE: QUEEN OF THE WORLD* BY JENNIFER L. HOLM
**JANUARY 13:** *MONSTER AND BOY* BY HANNAH BARNABY
**FEBRUARY 3:** *WILDFIRE RESCUE* BY REKHA S. RAJAN
Email Syntha at **syntha.green@baldwinlib.org** to register.

## BEYOND the Book
**GRADES 1 TO 3**
**THURSDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 3:** *HOMES AROUND THE WORLD* BY LISA M. HERRINGTON
**JANUARY 7:** *DESERT* BY BRENNA MALONEY
**FEBRUARY 4:** *AKEEM KEEPS BEES!* BY KAMAL EUGENE WILLIAM BELL
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 21:** *THE AWAKENING STORM* BY JAIMAL YOGIS
**JANUARY 11:** *A KID LIKE ME* BY NORM FEUTI
**FEBRUARY 8:** *AGENT CUPCAKE* BY MEL HILARIO
Email Josh at **josh.campeau@baldwinlib.org** to register.

## FAMILY BOOK CLUB
**GRADES 3 TO 6 AND GROWN UP(S)**
**TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.**
**JANUARY 12:** *WANDER LOST* BY LAURA MARTIN
Email Susan at **susan.dion@baldwinlib.org** to register.

## BOOKS AND BAGELS
**GRADES 4 TO 6**
**TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 15:** *THE LEGEND OF THE LAST LIBRARY* BY FRANK L. COLE
**JANUARY 26:** *MISSION UNSTOPPABLE* BY DAN GUTMAN
**FEBRUARY 23:** *SPEED READER* BY MATTHEW CODY
Email Susan at **susan.dion@baldwinlib.org** to register.

## Kids COOKBOOK club
**GRADES 3 TO 6**
**MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.**
**FEBRUARY 1:** *COMPLETE COOKBOOK FOR TEEN CHEFS* BY AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN
Email Syntha at **syntha.green@baldwinlib.org** to register.

## moms BOOK CLUB
**WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 9:** *WEST WITH GIRAFFES* BY LYNDA RUTLEDGE
**FEBRUARY 24:** *SOUTH OF SUPERIOR* BY ELLEN AIRGOOD
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 7 through January 1 or February 15 through February 19.***

## 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 FOR BABIES
**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.**

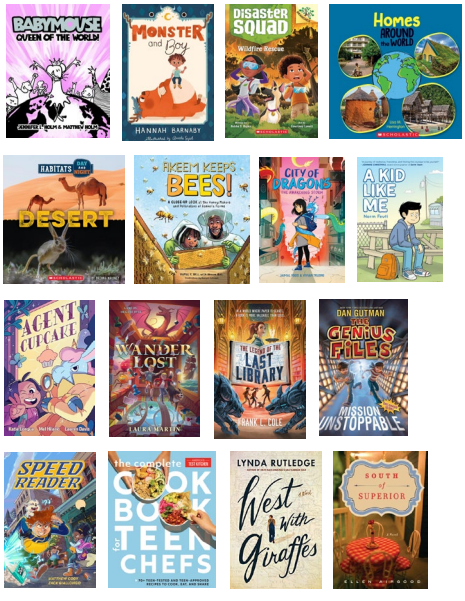
## BOOKS & BOOGIE
**ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)**
**THURSDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. OR 11:15 A.M.**

## 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 19 • FEBRUARY 9**

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT
**ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)**
**SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.**
**DECEMBER 19 • JANUARY 30 • FEBRUARY 20**

## WINTER BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS



# WINTER **PROGRAMS** FOR **TWEENS & TEENS**

PARENTS AND YOUNGER SIBLINGS MAY NOT ATTEND THESE PROGRAMS UNLESS NOTED.
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## DECEMBER & JANUARY

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### BOARD GAME NIGHT

**GRADES 6 TO 12**
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**
**FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.**
Learn a new board game or play some old favorites. Games and snacks will be provided. **Registration required.**

### HOT COCOA TASTE TEST

**GRADES 7 TO 12**
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**
**FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**
Warm up this winter by sampling a variety of hot cocoa mixes. Maybe you will find a new favorite! **Registration required.**

### TRIVIA NIGHT

**TEENS AND ADULTS**
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**
Test your general knowledge and compete for prizes! Bring a group of up to 5, or join a group when you arrive. Teens and adults welcome. Light refreshments provided. **Registration required.**

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**
**FROM 5:30 TO 8:30 P.M.**
Reduce your stress by petting dogs and eating pizza during our special after-hours study session just for high school students. Show up any time between 5:30 and 8:30 P.M. **No registration required.**

### CARICATURE CLASS WITH ANDREW SIGMAN GRADES 7 TO 12

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25 FROM 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.**
Learn to draw fun cartoon caricatures with artist Andrew Sigman! You'll practice drawing your classmates, receive your own caricature by Andrew, and take home your artwork. **Registration required.**

## FEBRUARY

### FRIENDSHIP BRACELET PARTY

**GRADES 7 TO 12**
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**
**FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**
Who says Valentine's Day is just for romance? Celebrate the people who matter most by making beaded friendship bracelets to wear, share, or gift. **Registration required.**

### MINI GOLF ALL AGES

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**
**FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.**
Are you missing outdoor fun this winter? Join us at the library to play a round of mini-golf, by yourself, with your friends, or your family. **Registration required.**

### BROWNIE DECORATING WITH THE BROWNIEDR® GRADES 7 TO 12

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22**
**FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.**
Join Chanille Carswell, the Brownie Doctor, for a fun and delicious decorating session where you'll learn tips and tricks for creating brownies that look as good as they taste! **Allergens may be present. Registration required.**

## 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.**
**DECEMBER 3:** *THROWBACK* BY MAURENE GOO
**JANUARY 7:** *BOOK CLUB SELECTION MEETING*
**FEBRUARY 4:** *THE BLOOD YEARS* BY ELANA K. ARNOLD
*The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep. Pizza and drinks will be provided.* **Registration required.**

### PAPERBACKS AND SNACKS

NEW TIME!

**GRADES 6 TO 8**
**WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 9:** *A WIZARD'S GUIDE TO DEFENSIVE BAKING* BY T. KINGFISHER
**JANUARY 13:** *BOOK CLUB SELECTION MEETING*
**FEBRUARY 10:** *THE RHYTHM OF TIME* BY QUESTLOVE AND S.A. COSBY
*The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep. Snacks and drinks will be provided.* **Registration required.**

## REPEATING PROGRAMS

### DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

**GRADES 7 TO 12**
**SATURDAYS FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 5 · JANUARY 9 · FEBRUARY 6**
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. Each session will be a one shot adventure. Snacks and drinks will be provided.
**Registration required for each session.**

### TEENS NIGHT OUT GRADES 6 TO 12

**WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.**
**JANUARY 6 · FEBRUARY 3**
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.**
**DECEMBER 14 · JANUARY 11 · FEBRUARY 15**
Write, share ideas, try fun prompts, and hang out with other creative teens. No pressure, no grades—just words and imagination. Snacks and drinks will be provided. **Registration required.**

### TEEN CULINARY CLUB GRADES 7 TO 12

**WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:30 TO 5:30 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 16 · JANUARY 20 · FEBRUARY 24**
Each month, we'll explore different types of foods and drinks while learning basic cooking skills, kitchen safety, and creative techniques. See our calendar for details. **Registration required.**

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

**GRADES 7 TO 12**
**THURSDAYS FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.**
**DECEMBER 17 · JANUARY 21 · FEBRUARY 25**
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 at least 14 and have a work permit on file)*.
**Registration required.**

## BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

**TEENS AND ADULTS**
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.

# FALL **PROGRAMS** FOR **ADULTS**

## DECEMBER

### 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 and record your progress.**

### WINTER CRAFT TO GO KIT

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

Pick up a craft kit to take home and create a wooden decorative ornament.
***One per person. First come, first served. As supplies last.***

## REPEATING PROGRAMS

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONVERSATION GROUP

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

This group meets at the library weekly to practice developing English language speaking skills.

### GREAT BOOKS

**DECEMBER 2 · JANUARY 6 · FEBRUARY 3**

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 cannon. Contact the group's facilitator, Deborah Savoie (**savoie.law@gmail.com**) for more information about the event.

### SOCRATES CAFE

**DECEMBER 20 · JANUARY 17 · FEBRUARY 21**

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 (**avpratt@aol.com**) for more information about this event.

## BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS

BPL BOOK CLUBS MEET ON ZOOM OR HYBRID (IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM). FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DATES, BOOKS, AND HOW TO SIGN UP, VISIT **BALDWINLIB.ORG/BOOK-CLUBS.**

## JANUARY

### HOW MICHIGAN BECAME MICHIGAN

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Michigan's shape of two peninsulas is unusual. It happened due to some strange twists of history and an inaccurate 1755 map. **Registration required. In person event only.**

### THE QUILTS OF GEE'S BEND

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Gee's Bend Quilters have produced some of the greatest examples of American folk art to date. Lynn Aleman joins us to cover the history of Gee's Bend, the story of the quilters and their journey from obscurity to artist recognition. **Registration required. In person event only.**

### TRIVIA NIGHT

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 AT 7:00P.M.**

Test your general knowledge and compete for prizes! Bring a group of up to 5, or join a group when you arrive. Teens and adults are welcome. Light refreshments provided. **Registration required. In person event only.**

### CARICATURE CLASS WITH ANDREW SIGMAN

**MONDAY, JANUARY 25 AT 6:45 P.M.**

Artist Andrew Sigman breaks down the process, making it fun and easy. There will be a short class showing how to visualize the face in a simplified way, what is needed to capture a person's likeness, and tips to make fast decisions. The remainder of time will be spent drawing as many caricatures as they can, with supportive critique. Andrew will draw each student, and each student will draw all the other students as well. **Registration required. In person event only.**

WE'VE RECENTLY ADDED SEVERAL RESOURCES TO OUR RESEARCH & LEARN PAGE. FIND OUT WHAT'S AVAILABLE AT **BALDWINLIB.ORG/DATABASES**

### BOOKS UNSHELVED

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## FEBRUARY

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### HISTORY OF THE NEGRO LEAGUES

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

Dr. Leslie Heaphy joins us to explore the history of Black baseball and the growth then subsequent demise of the Negro Leagues. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT

**IN PERSON - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 2:00 P.M.**
**VIRTUAL - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Caring for an older adult can be meaningful, but it can also be overwhelming. AgeWays Senior Services caregiver class offers practical guidance to manage day-to-day care, strategies to reduce stress, and give you confidence to support your loved one—and yourself. **Registration required. Attend in person or virtually. Both presentations are the same.**

### HAMILTON: THE MOVIE SCREENING

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 AT 1:00 P.M.**

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with a movie screening of the wildly popular *Hamilton*! Enjoy *Hamilton* on the screen for a review or for the first time. Snacks included. **Registration required. In person event only.**

### BROWNIE DEMO & DECORATING

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Join Chanille Carswell the Brownie Dr. as she walks you through the best and most surgically efficient ways to decorate brownies. All supplies will be provided, all you have to do is show up and enjoy. **Registration required. Attend in person. Allergens may be present.**

### HAMILTON: HOW THE MUSICAL REMIXES AMERICAN HISTORY

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Join us as we host Dr. Richard Bell as he takes us through the popular stage production and shares what the musical gets right and wrong about American history. **Registration required. Virtual event only.**

## 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, 2026:**
CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY
**DECEMBER 31, 2026:** NEW YEAR'S EVE
**JANUARY 1, 2027:** NEW YEAR'S DAY
**JANUARY 18, 2027:** DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

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## PARKING:

2 Hours FREE Parking in the Chester Street Deck
**SUNDAYS:** All Parking is Free

*Please note that all programs and events may be transitioned to virtual, at the discretion of the Library.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**SPRING BOOK SALE**
- SATURDAY, MAY 1
- SUNDAY, MAY 2

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