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SPRING INTO THE LIBRARY!



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

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

Celebrate Mario and Company with a make-your-own Yoshi egg craft and a coloring activity or take a turn with some Mario video games. *You are welcome to dress up but please leave your Nintendo Switch at home.*

Registration required.

FAMILY FORT FUN

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

MONDAY, MARCH 24 AT 4:30 P.M.

Come build a blanket fort at the Library with your family! Bring your blankets and flashlights and we will provide the books and snacks. **Registration required.**



PLANT A SEED

GRADES K TO 2 WITH GROWN UP(S)

TUESDAY, MARCH 25 AT 2:30 P.M.

Decorate a planter, learn about how plants grow, and plant a seed to bring home with you.

Registration required.

VIDEO GAME CLUB: JUST DANCE

GRADES 4 TO 6

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

AT 2:30 P.M.

All gaming abilities are welcome to meet up with other gamers and play together.

Registration required.

AXOLOTL PAPER SHADOWBOX

GRADES 3 TO 6

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 AT 2:30 P.M.

Assemble layers of pre-cut paper to create a fun axolotl design.

Registration required.

SENSATIONAL STICKERS

AGES 4 AND UP WITH GROWN UP(S)

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 AT 11:00 A.M.

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.

APRIL



STORY TIME YOGA

AGES 5 & UNDER WITH GROWN UP(S)

MONDAY, APRIL 7 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.**

PROTECT YOUR PEEPS

GRADES 4 TO 6

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

AT 7:00 P.M.



How many Peeps can you protect? Use provided materials to create a raft and see how many Peeps you can keep afloat. We will also have a taste test to determine our favorite flavor of Peeps. **Registration required.**



STORY/ARTS

GRADES 1 TO 3

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 AT 4:30 P.M.

Create pieces of art using different techniques and learn about the artists who made them. *No art experience needed.* **Registration required.**



KIDS LIBRARY SOCIETY

GRADES 3 TO 6

THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 20 · APRIL 17 · MAY 15

Do you want to be more involved with the Library, hang out with friends and play some games? Join us for monthly meetings to talk about Library programs and play games. **Registration required.**

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.

MAY



FREE COMIC BOOK DAY AND MAY THE 4TH

ALL AGES

SATURDAY, MAY 3 AND SUNDAY, MAY 4

Celebrate comics and Star Wars with free comics, a vote for your favorite comic book character, a scavenger hunt, and a take home activity kit. Dress up in your best Star Wars or comic book hero costume, or just wear your favorite graphic t-shirt to support the characters you love. **First come, first served. One per person.**



NO BAKE KIDS RECIPES

GRADES 3 TO 6

MONDAY, MAY 12 AT 4:30 P.M.

All skill levels are welcome in this beginner cooking lesson. Learn how to make layered bean dip to enjoy with some tortilla chips. **Registration required.**



STORY TIME BATTLE: BUNNIES VS BUGS

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)

THURSDAY, MAY 22 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. Weather permitting, we will be outside on the Baldwin Plaza. **No registration required.**

SAVE THE DATE

BALDWIN BOOSTER ORIENTATION

AGES 11 TO 18

TUESDAY, JUNE 3 AT 7:00 P.M.

Find out how you can earn community service hours by joining our Summer Reading Youth Volunteers, the Baldwin Boosters. Applications will be available Thursday, May 1 and are due Sunday, June 8. Head to baldwinlib.org/youth for the application. **Registration required for the orientation.**



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

WIGGLE WORMS DROP IN

BIRTH TO 2 YEARS WITH GROWN UP(S)
FRIDAYS FROM 10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.
MARCH 14 • APRIL 11 • MAY 2

Drop in for open-ended, unstructured play with your child and to socialize with other families. **No registration required.**

BOOK EXPLORERS

GRADES K TO 1
WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30 P.M.
MARCH 19 • APRIL 16

Enjoy stories and activities at this program designed to encourage a love of books and reading. **Registration required.**

FAMILY BOARD GAME CLUB

GRADES K TO 6 WITH GROWN UP(S)
SATURDAYS AT 2:30 P.M.
MARCH 22 • APRIL 12 • MAY 31

Kids and caregivers are invited to 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.**

RUFF READERS

AGES 6 & UP
TUESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.
MARCH 25 • APRIL 15 • MAY 20

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 31: BUILD A MEGAFIG
APRIL 28: BUILD A CASTLE
MAY 19: BUILD A BRIDGE WEIGHT HOLDING CHALLENGE
Junior builders are welcome to join in the fun of building with LEGO bricks. Create your own unique idea or participate in a building challenge. **Registration required.**

PROJECT KIDSIGHT VISION SCREENING FOR KIDS

MONDAY, MARCH 24 FROM 4:00 TO 6:00 P.M.
MONDAY, APRIL 7 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON
SATURDAY, MAY 3 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.

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.

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 12: *MYSTERY ON THE OSTRICH EXPRESS*
BY LAURA JAMES
APRIL 9: *DORY FANTASMAGORY* BY ABBY HANLON
Email Synthia at synthia.green@baldwinlib.org to register.

BEYOND the Book

GRADES 1 TO 3
THURSDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
MARCH 27: *LIVING IN MEXICO* BY CHLOE PERKINS
APRIL 24: *ALIEN OCEAN ANIMALS*
BY ROSIE COLOSI
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 17: *ART CLUB* BY RASHAD DOUCET
APRIL 21: *THE STONEKEEPER* BY KAZU KIBUISHI
Email Josh at josh.campeau@baldwinlib.org to register.

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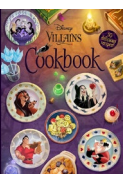
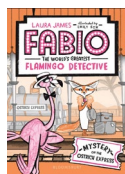
GRADES 4 TO 6 AND MOMS
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
MARCH 11: *WHEN SEA BECOMES SKY* BY GILLIAN MCDUNN
APRIL 8: *LASAGNA MEANS I LOVE YOU*
BY KATE O'SHAUGHNESSY
Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

BOOKS AND BAGELS

GRADES 4 TO 6
TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
MARCH 18: *THE NIGHT GARDEN*
BY POLLY HORVATH
APRIL 22: *THE SUPERTEACHER PROJECT*
BY GORDON KORMAN
Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

Kids COOKBOOK club

GRADES 3 TO 6
MONDAY AT 6:30 P.M.
APRIL 7: *THE DISNEY VILLAINS COOKBOOK*
BY DISNEY BOOKS
Email Synthia at synthia.green@baldwinlib.org to register.



STORY TIMES

Story times use a first come, first served ticketing system starting 15 minutes before the story time begins. Visit baldwinlib.org/storytime for dates and more information. **No weekly story times the week of April 7 or May 19 through June 13.**

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.

MOVE & GROOVE

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
TUESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.
MARCH 4 • APRIL 1 • MAY 6

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

ALL AGES WITH GROWN UP(S)
SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE LIBRARY
MARCH 8 • APRIL 19 • MAY 10

BOOK CLUBS continued

WHO? WHAT? WHERE?

GRADES 4 TO 6
THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
APRIL 3: *WHERE IS AREA 51?* BY PAULA MANZANERO
Email Rosemary at rosemary.isbell@baldwinlib.org to register.

moms BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
APRIL 30: *HOW CAN I HELP YOU*
BY LAURA SIMS
Email Susan at susan.dion@baldwinlib.org to register.

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 7-12
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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize 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.*

INSIDE HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
THURSDAY, APRIL 10 AT 7:00 P.M.
Join Samantha Joustra from Collegewise to uncover the influence of admission rates on applicants, what admission officers at top-tier colleges are genuinely seeking, and strategies to make your teen's application stand out amidst the competition. **Teens and parents welcome. Registration required. Hybrid event.**

PICKY PAD PARTY GRADES 7-12
THURSDAY, APRIL 24 AT 7:00 P.M.
School or life got you feeling stressed out? Come to the library to make a picky pad, a reusable sensory fidget toy that can be helpful for anxiety relief. **Registration required.**

TEEN CULINARY CLUB GRADES 7-12
QUARTERLY ON MONDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.
APRIL 28: Prepare a dish from the book *The Anime Chef Cookbook: 75 Iconic Dishes from Your Favorite Anime* by Nadine Estero and share it with fellow food lovers. *Register by March 15 for a chance to win the book. If you have additional questions or need assistance acquiring a copy, please contact teen@baldwinlib.org.*

STUDY NIGHT WITH THERAPY DOGS GRADES 9 TO 12
SATURDAY, JUNE 7 FROM 5:30 TO 7:30 P.M.
Is school stressing you out? Maybe petting some dogs will help! After the Library closes to the public, high school students will have the whole Library to themselves! Pizza will be provided. **Registration NOT required.**

SUMMER VOLUNTEERING
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES SEE BALDWIN BOOSTERS ORIENTATION ON PAGE 2

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

ANIMANGA CLUB GRADES 6-12
3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.
MARCH 19 • APRIL 16 • MAY 21
Join us for anime watch parties, fandom discussions, new manga recommendations from fellow readers, and snacks. **Registration required.**

COZY TEEN WRITING CLUB GRADES 7-12
3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 4:30 P.M.
MARCH 17 • APRIL 21 • MAY 19
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.**

TEENS NIGHT OUT GRADES 7-12
1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.
MARCH 5 • APRIL 2 • MAY 7
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.**

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS
GRADES 7-12
3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 P.M.
MARCH 20 • APRIL 17 • MAY 15
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!* **Registration required.**

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS NEW!
GRADES 7-12
SATURDAYS FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 P.M.
MARCH 8 • APRIL 5 • MAY 3
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.**

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 3
Free Comic Book Day 2025 is on Saturday, May 3rd at local comic shops and at BPL! Swing by the library, pick up a comic and vote for your favorite comic book character. *We'll have comics for kids, teens, and adults on a first come first serve basis throughout the day until they are gone. One per person please.*

BOOK CLUBS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

PIZZA AND PAGES GRADES 7 TO 12
1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.
MARCH 6: *THE SUNBEARER TRIALS* BY AIDEN THOMAS
APRIL 3: *THE NATURALS* BY JENNIFER LYNN BARNES
MAY 1: *AS LONG AS THE LEMON TREES GROW* BY ZOULFA KATOUH
The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep, courtesy of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. 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.
MARCH 12: *CODE GIRLS: YOUNG READERS EDITION* BY LIZA MUNDY
APRIL 9: *YUSUF AZEEM IS NOT A HERO* BY SAADIA FARUQI
MAY 14: *FRONT DESK* BY KELLY YANG
The first 10 to register will receive a free book to keep, courtesy of the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library. Pizza 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
SECOND THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
THIRD TUESDAY
THIRD TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
COOKBOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 AT 6:30 P.M.

SPRING 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)

MARCH

SELLING ONLINE

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

WORD: AN INTRODUCTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 AT 7:00 P.M.

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

VALUE LINE AND THE INVESTING CENTER AT BPL

TUESDAY, MARCH 11 AT 7:00 P.M.

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

GOOGLE DOCS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 AT 3:00 P.M.

Online event.

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP: AN INTRODUCTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 & 25 AT 7:00 P.M.

@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

In person event.

CHECK OUT EBOOKS FROM THE LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 AT 3:00 P.M.

Online event.

AI TOOLS

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

APRIL

SMART TV

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

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

EASY AND SAFE: A GUIDE TO USING PEER-TO-PEER PAYMENT APPS

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

CANVA

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

BUILD A WEBSITE

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 & 29 AT 7:00 P.M.

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR: AN INTRODUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 AT 3:00 P.M.

@ THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

In person event.

MAY

POWERPOINT: CREATE A PRESENTATION

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

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

NYT & WSJ FROM HOME

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 AT 3:00 P.M. Online event.

EXCEL: CREATE A BUDGET

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

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

GOOGLE SHEETS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 AT 3:00 P.M. Online event.

GOOGLE SLIDES

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

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE: PROTECTING YOURSELF IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

THURSDAY, MAY 22 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

INSTAGRAM 101: CONNECTING AND SHARING SAFELY

SATURDAY, MAY 31 AT 3:00 P.M.

Hybrid event. Attend in person or online.

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.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL IDEA LAB CLASSES, KITS AND EVENTS.

EVENT: THE GRAND TOUR

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

MARCH 5 · APRIL 2 · MAY 7

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

KIT: LEARN TO SEW BY HAND

MONDAY, MARCH 10

This kit includes everything you need to sew your own adorable stuffed creature, and gain valuable knowledge in the process. **Limit one per household.**

LIVE & IN PERSON: APPLE THINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 AT 7:00 P.M.

In this episode of Idea Lab Things, Jeff will talk about all kinds of neat 3D printed and Laser-Cut accessories for your Apple Computer products! **Registration required for in-person attendance.** Simultaneously broadcast on Instagram Live.

EVENT: DECKED OUT: BUILD YOUR OWN CYBERDECK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 AT 7:00 P.M. OR

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join us for a DIY Cyberdeck workshop! Inspired by William Gibson's iconic vision in Neuromancer, cyberdecks are portable, custom-built computers with a retro-futuristic flair. Using a Raspberry Pi, you'll build your own unique cyberdeck to channel your inner console cowboy.

CLASS: PLOTTING AND SCHEMING: USING THE PLOTTER CUTTERS IN THE IDEA LAB

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

Learn the basics of using plotter cutters! We'll explore the essentials of operating the Idea Lab's Silhouette Cameo and Graphtec cutters, including loading materials, setting up designs, and cutting with precision.

KIT: STAR WARS DAY!

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Celebrate Star Wars Day by building your own 3D printed R2-D2 kit! Comes with all the parts you need to make your own model of everyone's favorite astromech droid, 3D printed in The Idea Lab! **Limit one per household.**

EVENT: OPEN LASER DAY!

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Do you have an object that you'd like customized? Bring in your thing and we will laser engrave it for you! Many materials are compatible, including wood, leather, glass, coated/anodized metals, and more! We'll be in the lab all day, ready to engrave on your objects. **See our website for sizing and material requirements. Registration required. Limit one per household.**

WWW.BALDWINLIB.ORG
248-647-1700

SPRING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

MARCH

THE DETROIT LIONS AN ILLUSTRATED TIMELINE

MONDAY, MARCH 24 AT 7:00 P.M.

It took three failed attempts before professional football stuck in Detroit, and when it finally did, the City had itself a winner. Freep reporter Dave Birkett joins us to vividly recount the most important moments in the Franchise's first 90 seasons including this year's run for Super Bowl.

Registration required. Hybrid event.

Attend in person or online.

HISTORICAL LECTURE SERIES

SECOND THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM

MARCH 13: STAGECOACHES TO MUSCLE CARS: 200 YEARS OF CRUISING WOODWARD

Woodward has been more than 'just a road' to the people of the Birmingham area since the beginning. Classic cars aren't the only thing that has raced up and down Woodward in the last 200 years.

Registration required. Hybrid event.

Attend in person or online.

SOCRATES CAFE

MARCH 16 • APRIL 27 • MAY 18

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.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS TALK TIME

TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.

Join us to practice English conversation skills. We'll meet every Tuesday at the library. All levels are welcome. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.

Registration required. Attend in person only.

APRIL

COMMUNITY AND RESOURCE ENGAGEMENT (CARE) FARE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 FROM
11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

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 how you can help these organizations achieve their goals.

WILDFLOWERS IN MICHIGAN GARDENS: BRING NATURE INTO YOUR HOME GARDEN WITH NATIVE PLANTS

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

Often considered too wild and crazy for the average gardener, Advanced Master Gardener Cheryl English joins us to show how wildflowers can thrive and provide years of beauty even in a small urban garden. **Registration required. Hybrid event.**

Attend in person or online via Zoom.

DISINFORMATION: DON'T BE FOOLED!

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

Join us as University of Michigan School of Information Professor Kristin Fontichiaro speaks about research focusing on misinformation and disinformation, how it spreads - intentionally or not - along with the adverse effects it has on individuals and society. **Registration required. Virtual event.**

Attend online only.

LIFELONG LEARNING

SPRING 2025
WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH AND APRIL

Join us for coffee and the pursuit of knowledge! Lifelong Learning is aimed at retirees with an interest in learning and meaningful dialogue. Members research a topic and present their findings in a series of weekly lectures on Wednesday mornings in March and April. Join us for these edifying presentations as an active member or drop-in as a guest each Wednesday morning. *Contact the group's facilitator, Jim Suhay, at lifelonglearning.baldwinlib@gmail.com for more information about the event.*

MAY

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Free Comic Book Day 2025 is on Saturday, May 3rd at local comic shops and at BPL! Swing by the library, pick up a comic and vote for your favorite comic book character. *We'll have comics for kids, teens, and adults on a first come first serve basis throughout the day until they are gone.*

One per person please.

PAINT POURING WORKSHOP

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

Leave the brushes at home and join us for a fun-filled relaxing evening of paint pouring! Everything is supplied to create your colorful and unique masterpiece. Paint pouring is pouring acrylic paints on a canvas and letting the colors swirl and marble together to create an entirely unique design. It is a fun, messy, and surprisingly very relaxing technique.

Registration required. Attend in person only.

SHRINKING YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

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

Want some suggestions on easy or small steps you can take to help our planet? Come hear some ideas and see some options from Tessa of Ferndale's Walking Lightly. **Registration required. Attend in person only.**

GENEALOGY LECTURE SERIES

MAY 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

FAMILY HISTORY THROUGH INTERVIEWS

Oral histories can provide invaluable family information and are treasured keepsakes. This session will teach the basics of a good interview and how to preserve it long-term.

Registration required. Virtual Event.

Attend in person only.

GREAT BOOKS

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 6:45 P.M.

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.*

SPRING DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR FRIENDS

We hope you've had a chance to stop by and visit the new and improved Baldwin Public Library! We have received so many wonderful responses to our new entrance and atrium and are pleased to finally be finished with our three-phase renovation plan. As the days get warmer and the spring blooms begin to pop, we look forward to opening up our large NanaWall doors on pleasant days to create an indoor/outdoor seating area in the plaza at the corner of Bates and Merrill streets.

This spring, we will be presenting our first ever Community and Resource Engagement (CaRE) Fair on Saturday, April 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the atrium. We encourage you to stop by the library to speak with representatives from local non-profit organizations seeking volunteers. Learn more about their missions, activities, and how you can help these organizations achieve their goals. It's a great way to give back to the community and learn more about the great resources available in this area.

In April, we celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Month and I'd like to highlight the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library, a non-profit organization now in its 75th year, whose mission is to support services and programs at Baldwin. They recently donated over \$23,000 to Baldwin to support our upcoming summer reading program, our expanding programming lineup for middle school students, the printing of this newsletter, and all of the programs you see listed in this newsletter. The Friends raise funds through memberships, their Bookshop next to the Idea Lab, and semi-annual book sales in the lower level. We definitely could not do all that we do here without their generous and ongoing support!

In March, we will be developing our next three-year Strategic Plan. This plan is an important tool to help us prepare for the future, stay focused on goals, and track progress toward meeting goals. Be on the lookout for a community survey in late March. We want to hear your feedback and suggestions on what you'd like to see changed, updated, or maintained at Baldwin in the next three years.

When the weather warms up a bit and the sun sets later each night, be sure to join our ongoing Books on Foot program. With monthly themes, book suggestions, and prizes, this program will help keep you active and engaged in the coming months.

Wishing you an upcoming season of new growth, new opportunities, and fresh starts.



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BEHIND THE SCENES LIBRARY TOURS

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 AT 11:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 AT 4:00 P.M.
MONDAY, MAY 19 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.
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