



Bellwood Public Library

2019-2020 Winter News

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Bellwood, IL 60104

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Library Hours

M—Th 9:30 a.m.—8:00p.m.

Fri 9:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sat 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Sun. 1:00 — 5:00 p.m.

*Open Sundays from September
8 through May 24*

Library Closings

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31

New Year's Day, Jan. 1

Martin Luther King Day, Jan.20

President's Day, Feb. 17

Board of Trustees

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Library Board Meetings

6:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday
of each month at the Library.

Public is encouraged to attend.

Accessibility

Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend any functions at the library and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe or participate or who have questions regarding accessibility are requested to contact us at least five working days prior to a function.

We are pleased to present BPL's
2020-2022 Strategic Plan!



VISION We aspire
to be an Enrichment Center
for all residents of the
community, giving them
the keys to lifelong learning
and discovery. Libraries
transform lives.

MISSION

We encourage and support
the personal, educational,
and professional needs
of the community with
emphasis on reading
and learning at all ages.



WELCOME

We have comfortable, attractive, and flexible
spaces to engage our community.

We welcome everyone.

Goal

- We plan to offer modern, innovative
spaces to engage our community.



UNITE

We are present in our community and
communicate the value of the library.

We have strong community connections.

Goals

- We communicate about the wide variety of
library services available to increase
community awareness.
- We are visible in our community and
recognized as a valuable community asset.
- We serve as an inclusive hub for our
community.



GROW

We encourage personal growth at all life stages
through our technology, learning
opportunities, and resources.

We value lifelong learning.

Goals

- We help our community access technology
to improve their lives.
- We enrich lives through opportunities for
education and growth.
- We offer materials and resources that
reflect the recreational and informational
needs of our community.

Also available at: https://www.bellwoodlibrary.org/sites/default/files/one_page_strategic_plan.pdf

Adult Programs and Services

Registration is required for programs marked with the phone icon: ☎ Call 708-547-7393 option 4.



Frequency Jam Quarterly Music Series

Saturday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Come join us for a musical performance by Phillip-Michael Scales, indie rocker and grand-nephew of B.B. King!



Shades of Fiction Book Club

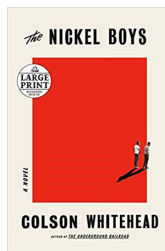
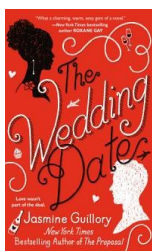
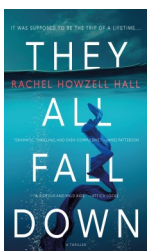
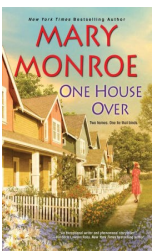
Join us for a librarian-led discussion of recent notable books by African Americans. Books are available one month before each discussion. Large Print or Audiobook editions may be available upon request.

December 2 — *One House Over* by Mary Monroe

January 6 — *They All Fall Down* by Rachel Howzell Hall

February 3 — *The Wedding Date* by Jasmine Guillory

March 2 — *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead



Accessible Travel with RTA



Tuesday, December 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Accessible Metra, Pace and CTA buses and trains are easy to use, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) would love to show you how! Linda Chamberlain will review accessibility features for seniors and people with disabilities, show you how to plan your trip using RTA's Trip Planner, explain how to apply for reduced fare and ride-free programs, show you how to apply for and use a Ventra card, and much more! Q&A session will follow.

Holiday Ornaments with Lynn!

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00–8:00 p.m.



Get ready for the holiday season by designing and decorating stunning holiday ornaments with local artist Lynn Chindlund. Clay shapes in red, green, gold and silver will be provided, as well as an assortment of decorative materials such as paint, sequins, baubles, beads, gems, stickers, ribbon, and more! For adults and teens.

Stock and Bond Investing with Timothy Lambert



Wednesday, January 8, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Are you interested in learning how to invest in stocks and bonds, but don't know where to begin? Learn the basics of stock and bond investing from Tim Lambert, a recent retiree with 43 years of experience in self-directed stock investing. Novice investors are encouraged to attend.

Writers' Group Brainstorming Session

Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Are you an aspiring author? Would you like to be part of a writers' group at the library? Join us for a brainstorming session to see what kind of group you would like. There are many options, such as peer reviews, writing prompts, or open discussions about how to publish. Come on out and share your ideas and interests!

How to Start a Business in Illinois

Wednesday, January 22, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Are you an aspiring entrepreneur, but don't know how to put your dream into action? Then this workshop is for you! A representative from SBA (Small Business Administration) will introduce you to business ownership within the State of Illinois. You'll get a wide range of resources and specialized assistance that can make your business successful before you even open the door.



Applying for Medicaid and Protecting Your Assets

Monday, January 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Many people think you have to spend down all your assets to become eligible for Medicaid when you need nursing home coverage. This is incorrect! Find out how to protect your assets in a way that still allows you or your loved ones to qualify for Medicaid!



Supporting a Friend or Family Member in a Difficult Relationship

Thursday, February 6, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

What does abuse look like? Learn to recognize the signs of domestic abuse, how to provide support to help a friend or family member and what kind of questions to ask. Safe Community Advocate Megan Sobotka of Metropolitan Family Services will be here to give you the tools to support those in an abusive relationship and dispel the myths around domestic abuse.



Before You Call the Handyman

Wednesday, February 19, 6:00– 7:30 p.m.

Dan Findley, professional handyman and licensed building engineer, returns with his tool chest to discuss some of the most common fixes you can do for yourself with a few basic tools, presenting both common home repairs as well as preventative maintenance in a fun and humorous way. Both novice and seasoned homeowners will learn something new in this light-hearted educational presentation.



Stitches Crochet Club

Monday Dec. 2 — Feb. 24, 6:00-7:45 p.m.

No meeting January 20 (Martin Luther King Day) or February 17 (President's Day).

Bingo

Thursdays, Dec. 19, Jan. 16 & Feb. 20, 2:00 –3:00 p.m.

Drop in for a stimulating game of Bingo and the chance to win a prize!



Wellness Programs

Yoga Drop-In Class

Thursdays, December 12, 2019—February 27, 2020
6:00—7:00 p.m.

No class December 5 & 26, or January 23
Join local fitness expert Rhonda Fentry in a relaxing session of yoga. Bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle.



Drop-in CHAIR Yoga

Fridays, December 6, 2019—February 28, 2020
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Achieve physical fitness without getting down on the floor in this weekly class taught by Susan Wilkens.

Zumba Drop-In Exercise Class

Saturdays, December 7, 2019—February 29, 2020
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

No class December 28

Work off those holiday pounds with certified Zumba instructor LaToya Towns. Limited to the first 25 participants. Ages 14+ only.

Take Charge of Your Health!

Wednesdays, January 15—February 19,
12:30 p.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Do you want to “thrive, not just survive?” Do you have ongoing health conditions that limit your lifestyle? If so, this program is for you! Get



all the information and tools you need to manage your health and lead an active lifestyle in this 6 week series presented by Age Options. Workshops meet weekly for 2½ hours and are led by two trained facilitators. **Registration is required.**

CPR/First Aid Certification

Thursday, December 12,
10:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Basic CPR and first aid certification class. No fee required for participants. Class limited to 12 students.



You must be 18 years of age or older for this class. Bring a small rug or towel for working with a mannequin on the floor and a snack/lunch plus beverage. Bellwood residents only.

Registration MUST be on an individual basis (no group sign-ups).

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Documentary Screening & Discussion

Tuesday, February 25 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Join documentarian Craig Dudnick for a showing of *Alice's Ordinary People*, a documentary about Alice Tregay – a woman who refused to stand still for injustice and brought others together to change what was. Her remarkable story spans the historic period from the marches of Dr. King to the election of Barack Obama.

Craig Dudnick will introduce the film and lead a discussion of it afterwards.

Soul Food Sunday



Family Event!

Sunday, February 16 at 1:30 p.m.

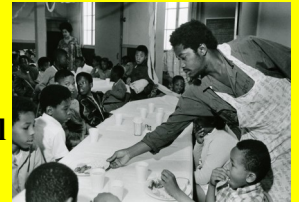
Soul Food Sunday is Back!

Head on over to Bellwood Library to enjoy delicious food, while listening to great stories. Feel free to bring and share a story of your own. Registration required. Limited seating available. Ages 7 and up. **Families welcome!**

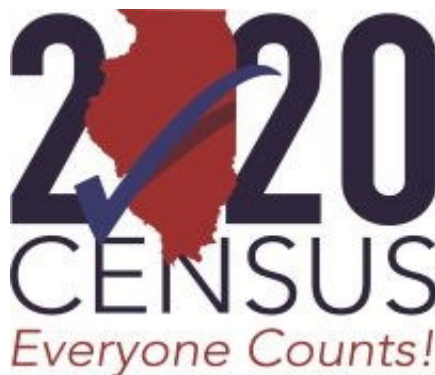
FREE BREAKFAST FOR KIDS

Tuesday, February 18 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

In 1968, the Black Panther party established the Free Breakfast for School Children program.



This move helped spawn larger efforts to pilot free breakfasts in school. Join us as we offer free breakfast in tribute and learn more about the efforts of the Black Panther party in celebration of Black History Month. Ages 7 and up. Registration required. Limited seating.



The Census impacts OUR lives and OUR community. The Census count determines federal funding allocations for services that our families rely

upon to help us meet our basic needs. Commit to being counted this April!

Kids Celebrate Black History



Join us for a Black Movie Marathon

Thursday, February 13

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy stories written by black authors

Thursday, February 20

3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Stop by to listen and dance to music by black artists

Thursday, February 27

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For kids ages 6-12

YOUTH NEWS

Reading in the Winter Wonderland!



Kwanzaa Extravaganza



Join us for a Kwanzaa celebration to honor the family values of remembering the past, repairing the present and preserving the future. There will be lessons and stories about Kwanzaa, drums and gift making.

Bring the entire family on **Thursday, December 26 at 6:00 p.m.**

Registration required. Limited space available.



Every Monday beginning in January

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

STEAM is the combination of *Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math*. Toddlers ages 2-5 are invited to join us for a storytime featuring our favorite read-aloud books and create fun challenges for little hands that promote thinking and problem-solving skills.

Thursday Morning Storytime at 10:00 a.m.

Ages 3 to 5 join us for stories, songs, crafts, and more for kids 5 and under and their caregivers.

Make & Take

TUESDAYS at 4:00 p.m.



Bring your creativity and get crafty! This program is for children ages 7 and up. Materials will be provided for you to come and create something new to take home.

Saturday Afternoon Cartoon

Saturdays Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8
from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Join us as we watch animated films or cartoons based off of popular children's books! Cereal will be provided; wearing pajamas is encouraged. For ages 4 and up.

Holiday Card Drive

Thursday, November 21 at 4:30p.m.

We're partnering with Liberation Library to create positive and uplifting holiday cards for incarcerated youth in Illinois. Bring your creativity, kindness, and perhaps a favorite quote to share; we'll have materials for the cards themselves on hand.
For ages 12 and up.



12 Days of Christmas



Beginning December 2 thru
December 16, 2019



Monday through Friday at 4:00 p.m.

- Dec. 2 - Decorate the Christmas Tree
- Dec. 3 - Create a Christmas Ornament
- Dec. 4 - No Bake Christmas Cookies
- Dec. 5 - Christmas Karaoke
- Dec. 6 - Christmas Movie Marathon
- Dec. 9 - Christmas STEAM Project
- Dec. 10 - Create a Christmas Gift
- Dec. 11 - Take a picture with Santa
- Dec. 12 - Christmas Caroling Around the Library
- Dec. 13 - Christmas Stories and Craft
- Dec. 14 - Create Christmas Cards
- Dec. 16 - Christmas Party Sock Hop



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Teen Ugly Sweater Craft Night



Tuesday, January 28 ~ 5:00 pm
You provide the sweater, we provide the ugly. Join us for an ugly sweater crafting party. Max 15. Registration Required.



**Will You Please
"NOT" Be My
Valentine?**

An Anti-Valentine's Day Party

Friday, February 14 ~
3:00—5:00p.m.

Come dance alone (or with some friends) and forget about stupid Cupid! There will be music, crafts, snacks and more.
Ages 6 and up are welcome to join.

Relax
Chill out
and Unwind

You are invited to join us in the Children's Department **every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.** Lights will be dimmed, soft music will be played and there will be something new for you to do quietly at your table each day. Registration is not required.

BINGO Family Fun Night

Monday, January 6 at 5:00 p.m.
Gather your friends and family for Bingo Night at Bellwood Public Library. **Prizes** will be awarded to the winner of each game. Ages 7 and up.

Celebrate Hanukkah Festival of Lights

Friday, December 27 ~ 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Join us as we celebrate Hanukkah with stories and a game of dreidel. You will not only learn how to play the dreidel, but you'll get to make one of your own. Ages 7

and up. Limited space available.

coming in 2020

