



Bellwood Public Library

2022 Winter News

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Library Hours

M. - Th. 9:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Fri. 9:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Sun. CLOSED

Library Closings

New Year's Day, Jan. 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 17
President's Day, Feb. 21

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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.
See website for details.

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

NEW SERVICES FOR 2022

Looking for a reason to celebrate in 2022? Exclusively for Bellwood Library cardholders, BPL Birthday Books Club starts in January 2022. Come into the Bellwood Library anytime during your birthday month and pick out a free book! Open to all ages.



Don't have a library card yet? Come in and get one! A Bellwood Library card provides access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programming that transforms lives and strengthens communities. Libraries provide people of all ages the opportunity to pursue their dreams and passions.



We welcome you back!

In January, the Bellwood Library is transitioning back to more in-person events. We welcome you all back into the library for our enlightening programs. Be sure to watch for the notes in the newsletter about which programs are in-person and which are virtual. Physical distancing, limits on the number of people in a room and required masks will all be part of our in-person events.

Learning Express is returning as a resource for Bellwood patrons in January 2022. Learning Express offers tools and resources to help you search for jobs, build workplace skills and prepare for career certification exams. You'll also find college and grad school admissions test prep, GED® test prep and much more.



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Adult Programs and Services

Registration is required for programs marked with the register icon: 

Shades of Fiction Book Club

Join us for a librarian-led discussion of recent notable books by African American authors. Books are available one month before each discussion. Large Print or Audiobook editions may be available upon request. Discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:
www.bellwoodlibrary.org/winter-2022-events 

January NO meeting

February 7 at 6:30 PM (In-Person)
While Justice Sleeps - Stacey Abrams

March 7 at 6:30 PM (In-Person)
The Final Revival of Opal & Nev - Dawnie Walton

Wellness Programs

Yoga (In-Person)

Thursdays, January 6 —March 31 at 6:00 PM
Join local certified yoga instructor Rhonda Fentry in a relaxing session of in-person yoga. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:
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Zumba (In-Person)

Saturdays, January 8 —March 26 at 10:00 AM
Certified Zumba instructor, LaToya Towns, will lead you in an energizing in-person Zumba session. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:
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Music

Origins of House Music: (presented by DJ Esco + special guest) (In-Person)
Wednesday, March 2 at 6:00 PM
Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask. To register, go to:
www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 

January: Pick up a free tea bag and cup to celebrate National Tea Month!

February: Canned Food Drive for National Canned Food Month

Drop off your canned or non-perishable food items at the library. Please note: See circulation desk for list of acceptable items.

Cooking and Food

Cut Food Costs while Maintaining Satisfaction: Part 1 & Part 2 (In-Person)

Part 1—Wednesday, January 19 at 6:30 PM
Part 2—Wednesday, January 26 at 6:30 PM

Grocery bills are going up, but you can still save money without sacrificing quality. Learn how in this two part series on how to shop for food on a budget. Part 1 will focus on the pros and cons of buying in bulk, unit pricing to compare prices, and other shopping strategies. Part 2 will explore how a grocery store's layout influences your spending, where to look on the shelves for lower cost items, and the pros and cons of using coupons. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:
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Family Heirloom Recipes from the Illinois State Fair (In-Person)

Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30 PM
Since 2009, Catherine Lambrecht has judged Family Heirloom Recipe contests in Illinois and the Midwest where contestants submit their best scratch family heirloom recipe (which must be at least 50 years old), the history or any interesting story behind it, and the prepared recipe in a covered dish. Catherine will entertain you with some of the unique and wonderful stories she has collected over the years along with pictures of displays, the recipes, and curated histories. If they wish, attendees are invited to bring their own favorite family heirloom recipe and share the history and story behind it. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:
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Educational/Informational

Employment Resources Table (In-Person)

Monday, January 10 at 10 AM to 1 PM

Are you looking for employment and need support in your jobs search? Let Goodwill Workforce Connection Center help you out. Stop by the information table in the library's computer area and visit with an employment specialist to learn about all the resources available to you...for free! Drop in anytime between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. **All participants MUST wear a mask.**

Introduction to Aromatherapy (In-Person)

Wednesday, February 9 at 6:00 PM

Explore the art and science of creating harmonious essential oil blends. Uncover what essential oils are and what they are not, as well as the history, production, and safety of oils. Learn how to effectively balance top, middle, and base note aromas to make a perfume blend you will love! Each patron will walk away with a FREE roller made in class! Limited to 12 participants. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 

CUB Utility Bill Clinic (In-Person)

Wednesday, February 16 at 6:00 PM

Learn how to save money on your utility bills in this free bill review clinic. Representatives from CUB (Citizens Utility Board) will be available to analyze your gas, electric, cable, phone and water bills and show you how to save money using rebates and energy efficiency programs. They will discuss your options for Internet/TV/phone, and show you how to spot unnecessary charges. Please bring current copies of your utilities, phone, cable and water bills.

Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask. To register, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 

Cannabis Access in Illinois (In-Person)

Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 PM

Tightly regulated cannabis is now available to all adults over 21 and provided to over 150,000 registered medical cannabis patients in Illinois. This compelling and relevant program will cover the specifics of the laws, economic and employment opportunities, tax revenue allocations, and wellness strategies, followed by a Q&A. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:

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Fire Safety (In-Person)

Monday, March 14 at 6:30 PM

Come learn the fundamentals of fire safety with local firefighters from the Bellwood Fire Department. For all ages. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 

Adopt a Houseplant: (In-Person)

Tuesday, March 29 at 6:00 PM

Do you have a houseplant that is overgrown, but you don't know what to do with the cuttings? Do you have a plant you don't want anymore, or want to try growing something different? Come on out for our first ever "plant swap." Bring your rooted cuttings or unwanted indoor plants, or just come to pick up something new. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 

TED Talks slideshow for Women's History Month

Tuesday, March 8

Having women in leadership positions can have a strong societal impact on pay equity. This benefits both men and women and attracts a more diverse workforce. Women can bring skills, different perspectives, and structural and cultural differences to companies traditionally dominated by men, leading to more effective solutions. Some of these qualities include self-awareness, attunement to emotions, humility and authenticity. To register and receive a link for the video presentation, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 

Bring Your Device Day (In-Person)

Tuesday, January 11

Tuesday, February 8

Tuesday, March 8

By appointment only between 11:30 am and 6:30 pm

Are you struggling with your new phone, laptop or ipad? Get some help from a specialist in our technology department! Sign up for an appointment on the library website and bring in your device and any questions you have. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:

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Crafts

Make and Take Craft for Adults (In-Person)

January - 3D Paper Snowflake

Pick up the supplies to make a 3D paper snowflake and celebrate the winter season! *While supplies last.*

March- Celtic Heart Knot

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by picking up a kit to make a Celtic heart knot that you can use as a necklace, keychain, or decoration. *While supplies last.*

February - Underground Railroad Freedom Quilt (Community)

Stop by the reference desk in adult services or the service desk in youth services and pick up a quilt pattern to color at home or at the library, then bring it back to add to our community Freedom Quilt in celebration of Black History Month. Anyone can participate!

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Wellness

Yoga for Teens (In-Person)

Monday, January 3 at TBD

International Mind-Body Wellness Day is celebrated on January 3rd at the start of each year. Nothing is more important than creating the best you possible, and what better time than the new year for a new you? Join us for a FREE yoga class at the Bellwood Public Library. Reserved for patrons 13 – 18 years of age. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:

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Education

College Prep Session

Friday, January 28, February 25, March 25 (By appointment only)

Beginning your first year of college can be daunting. Our Youth Services Aide can help answer any questions regarding college and campus life.

Schedule an appointment today!

Email: JenniferG@BellwoodLibrary.org for more information. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:

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Cooking

Teen Cuisine Class (In-Person)

Wednesday, January 19, February 23, March 23 at 4:30 PM

Teen Cuisine is designed to teach youth important life skills to promote optimal health – both in the present and in the future. Each lesson consists of a variety of activities on: nutrition, food safety, food preparation, and physical activity. Teen Cuisine lessons will be held at the Bellwood Public Library every month.

Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.

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Informational

Skateboard Culture by Sapiant

Skateboard (In-Person)

Wednesday, February 2 at 4:30 PM

Will Stephan combined his love for making things with his passion for skateboarding and founded Sapiant Skateboards. Stephan builds handcrafted skateboards and also hopes to build a skateboarding community right here in the Midwest. Will Stephan will be speaking on being a young entrepreneur and the community building aspect of skateboarding at the Bellwood Public Library. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:

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Make a Valentine Day Bouquet (In-Person)

Monday, February 14 at 4:00 PM

This Valentine's Day come make a handmade flower bouquet at the Bellwood Public Library! Create one for your BFF, special someone, or even yourself. All materials will be provided. **Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:

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Teen Mardi Gras Craft (In-Person)

Tuesday, March 1 at 4:30 PM

Celebrate Mardi Gras at the Bellwood Public Library! You will be able to create your own Mardi Gras necklaces to pass out during the celebration. All materials will be provided, just bring yourself!

Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask. To register, go to:

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Plant a Seed for National Plant a Flowers Day (In-Person)

Tuesday, March 8 - Saturday, March 12

Spring is just around the corner, and March 12th is the day to participate in National Plant a Flower Day. Materials will be set out all week leading up to National Plant a Flower Day. Visit the Bellwood Public Library and plant your own flower in order to look forward to the spring season. Materials will be set out all week.

Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask. To register, go to:

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YOUTH SERVICES

Eat, Play, Grow (In-Person)

Tuesday, January 11 at 11 AM

Tuesday, January 25 at 11 AM

Tuesday, February 8 at 11 AM

Tuesday, February 22 at 11 AM

Tuesday, March 8 at 11 AM

Tuesday, March 22 at 11 AM

Consisting of fun nutrition and activity lessons, this virtual program for preschoolers brings together art, stories, and music. Presented in partnership with University of Illinois Extension.

Registration is REQUIRED. All participants

MUST wear a mask. To register, go to:

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Reading War (In-Person)

Wednesday, March 16 at 4 PM

Do you think you've got what it takes to win the reading war? Join us for a little friendly competition as we listen and read stories, and then play trivia in a head-to-head competition!

Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask. To register, go to:

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Sew Cool (In-Person)

Friday, February 18 at 3:30 PM

Friday, March 4 at 3:30 PM

Interested in learning how to sew? Register and receive a sewing kit! Each session of the club, we'll pick a project to do together. For ages 7 and up. **Registration required by February 7th. All participants MUST wear a mask.**

To register, go to:

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Prenda Club (In-Person)

Monday, January 10 at 4PM

Monday, February 21 at 4PM

Monday, March 28 at 4PM

Are you interested in starting your own coding adventure? Join us!

Children must be able to read and/or have adult supervision. **Spots are limited. Registration is REQUIRED. All participants MUST wear a mask.** To register, go to:

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YOUTH SERVICES, CONTINUED



Family Storytime with Ms. Sophia and Roscoe LIVE on Facebook Thursdays at 10:00 AM

Join Miss Sophia for stories, songs, and dances
each Thursday. Go to:
www.facebook.com/Bellwood.Library



Wintery Tales & Craft (In-Person)

Tuesday, January 4 at 4:30 PM

Tuesday, January 18 at 4:30 PM

Tuesday, February 1 at 4:30 PM

Tuesday, February 15 at 4:30 PM

Join us around the fireplace for stories, movies,
and crafts! **Registration is REQUIRED. All
participants MUST wear a mask.** To register,
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