

# FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER

2025



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**Get Carded This September!**  
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you could win awesome prizes  
—reading has its rewards!  
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### Discover More at Your Library This Fall and Winter!

Get the most out of your library by signing up for a library card and exploring all we have to offer, from books and digital resources to our Library of Things. Join us for a variety of free programs including computer classes, cooking demonstrations, and festive holiday crafts for all ages. Plus, help support our neighbors in need by contributing to our Little Free Pantry. There's something for everyone. Come visit and be a part of our library community!

## Program Highlights

### September

#### Read A Book Day

**Saturday, September 6 | ALL DAY**

Come to the library for drop in reading and craft programs, giveaways, and even a raffle!

#### Workforce Empowerment Initiative (WEI) ®

**Monday, September 15 | 2pm**

Level up your career without breaking the bank. Join us for an info session about WEI, a tuition-free program designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge to thrive in today's job market. Don't miss out on this opportunity to unlock your potential!

#### Author Talk: Precious Watkins ®

**Wednesday, September 24 | 6:30pm**

Join local author Precious Watkins as she walks us through turning feelings into art and sharing it with the world.

### October

#### Sarah's Inn Supply Drive

**ALL OCTOBER LONG**

We're collecting essential items to support individuals in crisis through Sarah's Inn. Donate baby supplies, hygiene and feminine products, or non-perishable food.

#### Argentinian Empanadas Cooking Demo ®

**Wednesday, October 1 | 6:30pm**

Savor the Flavors of Argentina! Join us and Chef Violeta Trujeque for an empanada cooking demo.

#### Dia De Los Muertos Celebration ®

**Thursday, October 23 | 5pm**

Join us for a festive celebration with food, fun activities, and a special story time honoring this vibrant tradition. Learn, create, and remember loved ones as we celebrate together. All ages welcome!

### November

#### Autumn Cupcake Decorating ®

**Wednesday, November 5 | 6:30pm**

Chef Violeta Trujeque stops by for a cupcake decorating demonstration.

#### Collage Making ®

**Monday, November 17 | 6:30pm**

Get creative with us! Drop in for a fun collage-making session. Supplies provided, imagination encouraged!

#### Gratitude Giveback ®

**Thursday, November 20 | 6pm**

Bring a non-perishable item to share and join us for a community meal as we show gratitude.

### December

#### Community Holiday Bash ®

**Saturday, December 6 | 12pm**

Enjoy food, games, prizes, and crafts Join us for a festive celebration that's fun for the whole family!

#### Vision Boards ®

**Thursday, December 18 | 2pm**

Join us to create a vision board for your goals, dreams, and intentions for 2026!

#### Board of Trustees

Constance Riales, President  
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# SEPTEMBER 2025



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7	<p>8</p> <p>Financial Literacy 6:30PM (R)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Lil' Bookworm Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Tutoring 3PM (R)</p> <p>Drop In Craft 3:30PM</p> <p>Board Meeting 6:30PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Chair Yoga 11AM</p> <p>Computer Basics 2PM (R)</p> <p>Informes y Puntajes de Credito en Espanol 6PM (R)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Family Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Excel Basics 6:30PM (R)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Computer Basics 2PM (R)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Zumba 10AM</p> <p>Meet the Congressional Candidate 1PM (R)</p>
14	<p>15</p> <p>WEI Info Session 2PM (R)</p> <p>Cupcakes and Canvas 6:30PM (R)</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Lil' Bookworm Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Drop In Craft 3:30PM</p> <p>Tutoring 3PM (R)</p> <p>Bingo 5:30PM (R)</p> <p>DIY Sugar Scrub 6:30PM (R)</p> <p>IL Presents: Finding The Clues 7PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Chair Yoga 11AM</p> <p>Computer Basics 2PM (R)</p> <p>Blind Date With a Book Box 3PM (R)</p> <p>College Dreams, Financial Reality 6PM (R)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Family Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Yoga 2PM</p> <p>Music Trivia 6:30PM (R)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Computer Basics 2PM (R)</p> <p>UIC Extension Soul Food Remixed 3:30PM (R)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Zumba 10AM</p>
21	<p>22</p> <p>Tumbler Decorating 6PM (R)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Lil' Bookworm Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Tutoring 3PM (R)</p> <p>Drop In Craft 3:30PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Chair Yoga 11AM</p> <p>Read to a Therapy Dog 4PM</p> <p>Author Talk: Precious Watkins 6:30PM (R)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Family Storytime 10AM</p> <p>UIC Extension Cooking Class 3:30PM (R)</p> <p>Crochet Club 6:30PM (R)</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>Zumba 10AM</p> <p>My Plate My Family 11:30AM (R)</p>
28	<p>29</p> <p>AARP: Safe Driver Class Part 1 11AM (R)</p> <p>Teens DIY: Pumpkin Spice Mix! 3:30PM (R)</p> <p>Resume Workshop 6:30PM (R)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Lil' Bookworm Storytime 10AM</p> <p>AARP: Safe Driver Class Part 2 11AM (R)</p> <p>Craft &amp; Snack Attack: Teen Take n Make Kit 3PM (R)</p> <p>Tutoring 3PM (R)</p> <p>Drop In Craft 3:30PM</p>				









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# OCTOBER 2025



SEPT 15TH -  
OCT 15TH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	<p>6 Halloween Craft <b>6:30PM</b>®</p> <p>The Hairgoals Lab <b>3PM</b>®</p>	<p>7 Lil' Bookworm Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>UIC Extension Cooking Class <b>3:30pm</b>®</p> <p>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b></p> <p>Book Club <b>6:30PM</b>®</p>	<p>8 Chair Yoga <b>11AM</b></p> <p>Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®</p> <p>Fall Book Wreath <b>6PM</b>®</p>	<p>9 Family Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Excel: Conditional Formatting <b>6:30PM</b>®</p>	<p>10 Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®</p>	<p>11 Zumba <b>10AM</b></p>
12	<p>13 <b>CLOSED</b></p>  <p><b>COLUMBUS DAY</b></p>	<p>14 Lil' Bookworm Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b></p> <p>Board Meeting <b>6:30PM</b></p>	<p>15 Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®</p> <p>Blind Date With a Book Box <b>3PM</b>®</p> 	<p>16 Family Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Yoga <b>2PM</b></p> <p>No Carving Pumpkin Decorating <b>3PM</b>®</p>	<p>17 Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®</p>	<p>18 Zumba <b>10AM</b></p>
19	<p>20 Collage <b>6:30PM</b>®</p> <p>The Hairgoals Lab <b>3PM</b>®</p>	<p>21 Lil' Bookworm Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b></p> <p>Bingo <b>5:30PM</b>®</p> <p>IL Presents: Beyond the Screen <b>7PM</b></p>	<p>22 Chair Yoga <b>11AM</b></p> <p>Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®</p> <p>Read to a Therapy Dog <b>4PM</b></p> <p>TV Trivia <b>7PM</b>®</p>	<p>23 Family Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Dia De Los Muertos Celebration <b>5PM</b></p>	<p>24 Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®</p>	<p>25 Zumba <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Broomstick Bash <b>12:30PM</b>®</p>
26	<p>27 Fact Checking <b>6:30PM</b>®</p>	<p>28 Lil' Bookworm Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Tutoring <b>3PM</b>®</p> <p>Craft &amp; Snack Attack: Teen Take n Make Kit <b>3PM</b>®</p> <p>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b></p>	<p>29 Chair Yoga <b>11AM</b></p> <p>Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®</p>	<p>30 Family Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>AI vs. Reality: Detecting Image <b>2PM</b>®</p> <p>Crochet Club <b>6:30PM</b>®</p>	<p>31  <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b></p>	

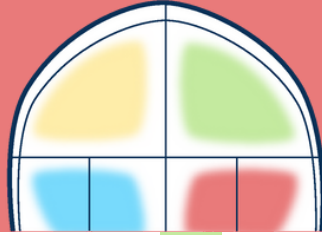
# NOVEMBER 2025

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<p>Youth=Orange Adult=Blue All Ages=Pink Teens=Green Virtual=Purple</p> <p>*ALL PROGRAMS WILL RUN ONE HOUR UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED*</p>	<p>Come collect a Thanksgiving Recipe book curated by patrons just like you! 11/12-11/26</p> 					<p>1 Zumba 10AM</p> 
2	3 The Hairgoals Lab 3PM (R)	4 <p>Lil' Bookworm Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Tutoring 3PM (R)</p> <p>Drop In Craft 3:30PM</p> <p>Teen Health Concerns 4PM (R)</p> <p>Book Club 6:30PM (R)</p>	5 <p>Chair Yoga 11AM</p> <p>Computer Basics 2PM (R)</p> <p>Autumn Cupcake Decorating 6:30PM (R)</p>	6 <p>Family Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Yoga 2PM</p> <p>Genealogy Discovery 6PM (R)</p>	7 <p>Computer Basics 2PM (R)</p> <p>Game Day Fridays 3PM (R)</p>	8 Zumba 10AM
9	10 Cupcakes and Canvas 6:30PM (R)	11 <p><b>CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>Veteran's DAY</b></p>	12 <p>Chair Yoga 11AM</p> <p>Check ICash 12PM</p> <p>Computer Basics 2PM (R)</p>	13 <p>Family Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Craft Like Crazy 3PM (R)</p> <p>Excel:Pivot Tables 6:30PM (R)</p>	14 <p>Computer Basics 2PM (R)</p>	15 Zumba 10AM
16	17 The Hairgoals Lab 3PM (R)  Collage 6:30PM (R)	18 <p>Lil' Bookworm Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Tutoring 3PM (R)</p> <p>Drop In Craft 3:30PM</p> <p>Board Meeting 6:30PM</p> <p>IL Presents: A Journey Through Food &amp; Science 7PM</p>	19 <p>Chair Yoga 11AM</p> <p>Computer Basics 2PM (R)</p> <p>Blind Date With a Book Box 3PM (R)</p> <p>Read to a Therapy Dog 4PM</p> <p>Getting the Most Out of Your Google Account 6:30PM (R)</p>	20 <p>Family Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Yoga 2PM</p> <p>Gratitude Giveback 6PM</p>	21 <p>Computer Basics 2PM (R)</p> <p>Crochet Club 3:30PM (R)</p>	22 Zumba 10AM
23	24	25 <p>Lil' Bookworm Storytime 10AM</p> <p>Drop In Craft 3:30PM</p> <p>Craft &amp; Snack Attack: Teen Take n Make Kit 3PM (R)</p> <p>Bingo 5:30PM (R)</p>	26 <p>Chair Yoga 11AM</p> <p><b>CLOSING AT 5PM</b></p>	27 <p><b>CLOSED</b></p> 	28 <p><b>CLOSED</b></p>	29 Zumba 10AM
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<p>7</p> <p>6th-12th</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Lil' Bookworm Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b></p> <p>DIY Ornaments <b>6PM</b> (R)</p> <p>Board Meeting <b>6:30PM</b></p>	<p>10 Chair Yoga <b>11AM</b></p> <p>Computer Basics <b>2PM</b> (R)</p>	<p>11 Family Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Craft Like Crazy <b>3PM</b> (R)</p> <p>Excel: Text in Excel <b>6:30PM</b> (R)</p>	<p>12 Computer Basics <b>2PM</b> (R)</p>	<p>13 Zumba <b>10AM</b></p> <p>DIY Ornaments <b>2PM</b> (R)</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 The Hairgoals Lab <b>3PM</b> (R)</p> <p>2026 Affirmations <b>6PM</b> (R)</p>	<p>16 Lil' Bookworm Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Tutoring <b>3PM</b> (R)</p> <p>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b></p> <p>Bingo <b>5:30PM</b> (R)</p>	<p>17 Chair Yoga <b>11AM</b></p> <p>Computer Basics <b>2PM</b> (R)</p> <p>Blind Date With a Book Box <b>3PM</b> (R)</p> <p>Read to a Therapy Dog <b>4PM</b></p>	<p>18 Family Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Yoga <b>2PM</b></p> <p>Paint Workshop <b>3PM</b> (R)</p> <p>Vision Boards <b>6:30PM</b> (R)</p>	<p>19 Computer Basics <b>2PM</b> (R)</p> <p>Holiday Gift Making <b>4PM</b></p>	<p>20 Zumba <b>10AM</b></p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Lil' Bookworm Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b></p>	<p>24 CLOSED</p> <p>HAPPY HOLIDAYS</p>	<p>25 CLOSED</p> <p>CHRISTMAS TREE</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Zumba <b>10AM</b></p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29 2026 Affirmations <b>2PM</b> (R)</p>	<p>30 Lil' Bookworm Storytime <b>10AM</b></p> <p>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b></p> <p>Craft &amp; Snack Attack: Teen Take n Make Kit <b>3PM</b> (R)</p>	<p>31 CLOSED</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p>			

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## COMMUNITY INTERESTS...

We're exploring offering free ESL (English as a Second Language) classes at the library. Scan a QR code below to let us know if you're interested.

Estamos considerando ofrecer clases gratuitas de inglés como segundo idioma (ESL) en la biblioteca. Escanea el código QR a continuación para informarnos si te interesa.

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## Share the flavors of your family traditions!

We're creating a community Thanksgiving recipe book, and we want your favorite recipes! Submit your most-loved holiday dishes by October 31st and be part of something delicious. Copies will be shared with everyone beginning the first week of November!



## HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

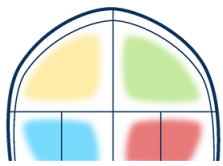
**Autumn Cupcake Decorating Ⓡ**   
**Wednesday, November 5 | 6:30pm**  
Decorate cupcakes for fall with Chef Violeta Trujeque!

**DIY Ornaments Ⓡ**  
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Come and decorate ornaments for the holiday season!

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Bellwood Public Library mission is to encourage and support the personal, educational, and professional needs of the community with emphasis on reading and learning at all ages.