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NEW BOOK

Community Focus Groups



The Bartlett Public Library District is looking for **YOUR** input!
BPLD will be hosting community focus groups to help inform our 2025 strategic planning process. For more information on registering for a session, please see page 2.


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Library of Things






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Community Focus Groups

Saturday, March 1 | 10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 4 | 7:00 PM
Friday, March 7 | 2:00 PM

The Bartlett Public Library District is inviting community members to participate in a focus group as part of the development of our upcoming Strategic Plan. Your input will help shape the future direction of our library services and ensure they meet the needs of everyone in our community. We are looking for individuals with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and interests to share their ideas, needs, and expectations for library services. This is a chance to be heard and to have a direct impact on how we improve and grow as a vital community resource.

Please only register for one session on our website at Bartlettlibrary.org or scan the QR Code.



A Library of Things is a collection of objects that go beyond traditional library materials such as home improvement tools, technology gadgets, and more!

The purpose of building a Library of Things is to help you meet a need, expand your learning, or try something new just for fun, without the barriers of cost and storage getting in the way.

Items Available in the Library of Things Collection:

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Cricut Machine | Adult Binoculars |
| Sewing Machine | Child Binoculars |
| Cornhole Game | Label Maker |
| Wooden Tumbling Tower | Car Code Reader |
| Yard Dice Game | GoPro Camera Bundle |
| Folding Piano Keyboard | Telescope |
| Podcasting Kit | |

New Items Available for Checkout:

- Projector and Screen
Laminator
Cricut Heat Press
Cricut Mug Press
Metal Detector
Karaoke Machine
Pickleball Set
Tassel and Pom Pom Maker





JUSTIN ROBERTS

FAMILY CONCERT

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

10:30 - 11:30 AM

MEETING ROOM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED
ALL AGES WITH CAREGIVER

GET READY TO MOVE AND HAVE SOME FAMILY FUN WITH FIVE-TIME GRAMMY NOMINEE JUSTIN ROBERTS.

Alzheimer's Awareness @ Your Library

Alzheimer's and Dementia Care: Resources for Caregivers

Saturday, March 29 | 11:00 AM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Are you taking care of someone with Alzheimer's or dementia? Join the Indigo at Bartlett, a memory care facility, to learn about useful resources that can assist caregivers to provide loved ones the care and support they need.

Holistic Alzheimer's Care

Saturday, April 26 | 11:00 AM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join the Indigo at Bartlett, a memory care facility, to learn about holistic Alzheimer's care.

Life Enrichment Activities for Alzheimer's

Saturday, May 24 | 11:00 AM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

The Indigo at Bartlett will demonstrate life enrichment activities for Alzheimer's.



At Bartlett Public Library District, we're proud to offer Alzheimer's Kits, a valuable resource for individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. These kits are designed to provide support, stimulate memory, and encourage engagement through a variety of sensory activities, memory games, and therapeutic tools. Available for checkout, these kits can help enhance the quality of life for both caregivers and individuals living with Alzheimer's. Whether you're seeking ways to foster meaningful connections or need practical strategies for daily life, our Alzheimer's Kits offer valuable assistance in a safe and supportive environment.

Visit Bartlett Public Library District today to learn more or check out a kit!

Available Kits:

- Alzheimer's Disease Activities Bag
- Alzheimer's Disease Brain Booster Tote
- Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Tote 1: Early & Middle Stage
- Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Tote 2: Middle & Late Stage
- Alzheimer's Disease Color Sorting Board
- Alzheimer's Disease Games and Puzzles Tote
- Alzheimer's Disease Lock Box
- Alzheimer's Disease Reminiscence Tote
- Alzheimer's Disease Sensory Tote



Book Discussions

Adult Book Bag Registration

Monday, March 3 - Sunday, March 9

9:00 AM | Ongoing

Looking for your next great read? We're here to help! Register via our online calendar to access a reading preferences survey. We will select a book for you that we think you'll love! In addition, you will receive some goodies and a recommended reading list. Register once for a three month session. Book Bag pickup dates will start March 21, April 25, and May 21. *Space is limited.*

Mystery Readers

Thursdays | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

■ March 6 | *Peg and Rose Solve a Murder* by Laurien Berenson

■ April 10 | *The Sun Down Motel* by Simone St. James

■ May 8 | *The Marlow Murder Club* by Robert Thorogood

Booklite

Third Thursdays | 7:00 PM | JC's Mexican Restaurant

■ March 20 | *City of Thieves* by David Benioff

■ April 17 | *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga

■ May 15 | *The Viscount Who Loved Me* by Julia Quinn

Non-Fiction

Last Wednesdays | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

■ March 26 | *The Liars' Club* by Mary Karr

■ April 30 | *The Map Thief: The Gripping Story of an Esteemed Rare-Map Dealer Who Made Millions Stealing Priceless Maps* by Michael Blanding

■ May 28 | *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck Mutiny & Murder* by David Grann

Thursday Morning

Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Meeting Room

■ March 27 | *The Swimmers* by Julie Otsuka

■ April 24 | *The Family Upstairs* by Lisa Jewell

■ May 29 | *Frankenstein* by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

Adult Programs

Cold Case

Registration Dates:

Mondays | March 3, March 31 and May 5 | 9:00 AM

Do you have what it takes to step into the shoes of a detective? Once registered, drop by the Adult Services desk to receive your confidential murder case file packed with clues, suspects, and evidence. Your mission? Solve the crime before the end of the month! Those who solved correctly will receive a prize! *Space is limited. Virtual-only spots are also available!*

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Tuesday, March 4 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Meeting Room | Drop-In

Did you know that February is American Heart Month? Visit the Library on March 4th for a free blood pressure screening. Provided by 1st Place Chiropractic of St. Charles, IL.

The Inspiring True Story of the Twelve Navy Nurse POWs in WWII

Wednesday, March 5 | 6:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

In 1941, twelve U.S. Navy Nurses were taken as prisoners of war in the Philippines by the Empire of Japan. They were soon transferred to a civilian concentration camp in Manila, where they provided tireless care to thousands of inmates. Join Emilie Lucchesi, author, journalist and educator, as she recounts the little-known story of 12 nurses whose heroism saved thousands of lives.

Genealogy Group

Second Wednesdays | March 12, April 9 and May 14

10:30 AM | The Hub | Drop-In

Building your family tree? Come learn from and share your knowledge with other genealogists in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. Beginner to experienced genealogists welcome.

Silent Reading Book Club

Thursdays | March 13, April 17 and May 22

7:00 PM | West Conference Room | Drop-In

Join in on the reading fun of a book club, without reading a specific book. Bring your own book or grab one from our shelves. Please bring headphones if you plan on listening to an audiobook.

First-Time Home Buying Basics

Tuesday, March 18 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Are you planning on purchasing your first home? Join experienced loan officer Scott Thatcher of Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation as he breaks down everything you need to know about the home-buying process for first-time buyers.

Galway Gals Irish Music

Thursday, March 20 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us for an unforgettable evening of music with Galway Gals, featuring the talented Liz McNichols and Anna Gillan. With their classical training and passion for Irish music, they'll take you on a musical journey that blends the best of traditional Irish folk tunes and the vibrant sounds of modern Irish pop. *Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.*

A *Allergy Alert: Please note that some programs will utilize food items.

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Adult Programs

Bartlett Historical Society Presents: The Stories Behind Our Streets

Sunday, April 6 | 2:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Who were the people that many Bartlett streets were named after? Join us as we reprise the stories of the lives of the people who were instrumental in developing our town. Actors in costume will recall "their" lives. **Sponsored by the Bartlett Historical Society.**

A Tale of Two Chicagos: The White City & The Murder Castle of Englewood

Monday, April 7 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

With the advent of the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago emerges as a world class city. But nearby, lurking in the shadows is a man whose legacy has outstripped that of the fabled event: Chicago's first serial killer, H.H. Holmes. Please join historian Clarence Goodman for this fascinating presentation.

Dead Air: The Night Orson Welles Terrified America

Wednesday, April 9 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join author William Hazelgrove as he describes the amazing story of Orson Welles famous *War of the Worlds* Broadcast in 1938 that terrified Americans and created a nationwide panic.

Before the Chicago Cubs:

Baseball Comes to the Windy City

Saturday, April 12 | 2:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Historian Bruce Allardice as he takes a look at the "National Pastime" during the 1850s and 1860s in Chicago. He focuses on how the game spread, who played it, and how the Civil War affected the spread of the game, as well as how the Chicago Cubs were first formed!

Colleen Moore: Silent Film Star & Fairy Dollhouse Creator

Monday, April 14 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join storyteller Lynn Rymarz as she shares the story of the remarkable Colleen Moore. Hear about her dream as a young girl growing up in Michigan to one day be a movie star. And discover her early love of doll houses that grew into her fairy dollhouse creation displayed at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry.

Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad

Thursday, April 17 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us with Connie Martin as she shares her family story of secret codes in patterns of antebellum quilt replicas used to signify safe routes to freedom from Kentucky on the Underground railroad to Canada. Her mother, Dr. Clarice Boswell, wrote *Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom*, a story about her ancestors' struggles for survival during the Pre-Civil War era.

Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning Basics

Wednesday, April 23 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney probate and guardianship. Attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft will explain how to ensure that your final wishes can be protected through methods such as updating existing documents to reflect changes in the law and personal circumstances. This program also discusses how to select the correct person to make healthcare and financial decisions on your behalf when you cannot.

The Founding Mothers

Monday, May 5 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, and Dolley Madison. Historian Valerie Gugala will discuss the women who stood behind the founding Fathers. Who were they and how did they contribute to the cause of American independence?

Designer Hacks for Easy Fresh

Flower Arranging

Saturday, May 10 | 2:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Learn simple flower design hacks to create flower arrangements like a pro. Heather Coughlin, from Pure Bloom Flowers, will share her top secrets and a live demonstration on how you too can easily create gorgeous vase arrangements. Participants will learn step-by-step tips from choosing the right flowers, helpful techniques for design, to making your flowers last longer. **Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.**

Farm to Table Appetizers ^A

Wednesday, May 14 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Everything tastes better fresh from the farm stand! Chef Cherise Slattery will share garden fresh appetizers with you that are easy to prepare, and delicious to eat. Chef Cherise will discuss recipes using zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, corn, peppers, fresh herbs, and berries. Garden fresh samples of Grilled Corn Crostini and Harvest Salsa will be served.

Creativity Begins Here

Knit & Stitch

First Sundays | March 2, April 6 and May 4

1:00 PM | West Conference Room | Drop-in

Whether you knit, crochet, or embroider, the Knit & Stitch Club is for you. Bring your supplies and join a fun group to craft and chat together.

Bartlett Creative Writers

Tuesdays | March 4, April 8 and May 6

6:30 PM | Meeting Room | Drop-in

Meet with other aspiring writers to give constructive criticism on one another's work, support each other through the ups and downs of writing, and to share writing tips. For writers of all levels age 18 and older.

Intro to Embroidery

Saturday, March 8 | 1:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Learn about embroidery materials, how to get set up to stitch, working with patterns or designing your own pieces, and a handful of stitches to get you off and running. This workshop is designed to make your experience as a beginner accessible, fun, and pressure-free.



Folded Book Art Tutorial

Saturday, March 22 | 2:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us and learn how to create Folded Book Art. This class will provide step-by-step instructions in how to create three unique Folded Book Art patterns. Books for the program will be provided by the Library, but attendees are welcome to bring books from home as well.

Journal/Planner Party

Saturday, April 19 | 1:00 PM

West Conference Room | Drop-In

Bring your own journal/ planner and come decorate it. Washi tape, markers, and stickers will be provided.

Trash to Terracotta

Sunday, May 11 | 1:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Make a plain vase into a beautiful work of art.

Crochet Wire Necklaces

Thursday, May 29 | 6:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Crochet wire? Yes, you can. With beads and wire, you can make your own necklace or bracelet to match any outfit. Simple tools are needed and will be supplied. No prior knowledge of jewelry making is needed. Basic crochet skills are preferred. All materials will be provided. Presented by Twisted Fiber Studio.

Online Programs

Discovering Your Irish Roots

Wednesday, March 12 | 7:00 PM

Zoom | Registration Required

In honor of Irish American Heritage month, learn how to use library resources (both physical and digital) to discover your Irish Roots!

Elizabeth Taylor: Violet Beauty

Tuesday, March 25 | 7:00 PM

Zoom | Registration Required

Elizabeth Taylor captured audiences from the time she appeared in great family films such as *National Velvet* to career-defining roles in *Giant* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* Join us as we celebrate one of the most famous movie stars of all time, the unforgettable Elizabeth Taylor.

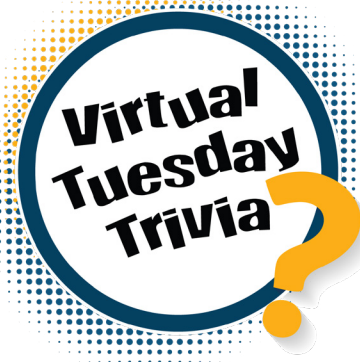
Network Your Business to Success

Wednesday, May 21 | 7:00 PM

Zoom | Registration Required

Starting and managing a business is a challenge. Business owners must take advantage of every contact they make. This means NETWORK. Join Connie Lagan to learn tips and tricks on successful networking and hear real-life examples of just how networking has assisted others in achieving their goal of economic stability.





Virtual Tuesday Trivia

Virtual Live Game | 7:00 PM | [Replay Link posted at 7:30 PM](#)

Links to trivia games will be posted through the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages as well as the online calendar.

■ **March 4** | March Madness ■ **April 1** | April Fool's Day
■ **March 18** | Parks & Recreation ■ **April 15** | The Office

■ **May 6** | The 1980s
■ **May 20** | Classic Cinema



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All ILP Presentations will be in Zoom



Exploring Space with Coralie Adam
Tuesday, March 4 | 7:00 PM



9 to 5: The Story of a Movement: An At-Home Experience
Friday, March 21 to Sunday, March 23



The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson
Thursday, April 10 | 7:00 PM



Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat
Saturday, May 10 | 2:00 PM (Youth Program)



Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond
Tuesday, May 13 | 7:00 PM

ILP is committed to inclusion and accessibility. To request accommodations, please email illinoislibrariespresent@gmail.com

Learn & Discover: Navigating Our Library's Online Databases

Did you know that with your library card, you can access a wide range of online databases from the comfort of your home? Simply log in using your library credentials to explore and learn a new hobby, language, or craft, get consumer information, financial or investment data, access education materials, historical archives, e-books, and more!

Access World News (NewsBank):

A variety of news publications worldwide, including the Bartlett Examiner and full-color editions of the Chicago Sun-Times, the Daily Herald, and USA Today.

Ancestry Online (In-Library Use Only):

Gives access to unique resources for genealogical and historical research.

Auto Repair Source:

Auto Repair Source offers access to a wealth of information to help users diagnose, repair and maintain today's complex vehicles.

Chicago Tribune Historical (1849-1997):

Provides first-hand accounts and coverage of the politics, society, and events of the time.

Consumer Reports:

Enables people to make informed purchasing decisions on products.

Creativebug:

Enjoy unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes! Watch the classes anytime, anywhere BPLD patrons only.

EBSCO Research Databases:

Find a variety of resources sources including biographies, nonfiction books, peer-reviewed journals, and magazine articles. As well as offering a variety of children options.

Educate Station:

Find a full curriculum for pre-K through 5th grade including learning plans and worksheets for math, science, language arts, social studies, and social and emotional learning. *Funded by the Friends of the Bartlett Library.*

Heritage Quest:

Contains info on families and cultural aspects of immigration/migration of America.

Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center:

Find full-text hobby and craft magazines, hobby profiles, recipes, and videos to learn a new skill.

Home Improvement Source:

Find full-text DIY information including home improvement magazines and reference books.

Learning Express:

Find resources for standardized test preparation, career development, and more.

Legal Information Reference Center:

Find full-text legal reference books provided through Nolo and search legal forms by subject area.

LinkedIn Learning:

Find online training to learn new technology skills, build your resume, advance in your career, and more! *Funded in part by the Friends of the Bartlett Library.*

LOTE4Kids:

This database offers over 5000 audio-picture books in 75 languages including American Sign Language, Spanish, Japanese, and Polish. Many of the books also include bilingual formats with activities and quizzes. Funded by the Friends of the Bartlett Library.

Mango Languages:

Learn a new language with Mango! Lessons are available in over 70 languages including Spanish, Polish, and Chinese. Plus you can learn English from 20 different source languages. Funded in part by the Friends of the Bartlett Library.

Morningstar:

Offers accurate, up-to-date data on 35,000 stocks and funds.

Novelist Plus & Novelist K-8 Plus:

Offers information and reading suggestions for more than 200,000 titles.

Points of View:

Find detailed arguments and counter arguments on over 500 topics that includes a guide to critical analysis.

Record Information Services:

Provides public record data to businesses and governmental agencies in Chicagoland.

Scholastic Teachables:

Get worksheets, lesson plans, games, and more for many subjects in any grade.

Small Business Reference Center:

Find state-specific resources that help meet the needs of small business owners.

Weiss Financial Ratings:

A source of accurate and unbiased data for selecting or monitoring a financial services company or investment.

World Book Online:

Includes all of the articles available in the print version plus more.

Volunteer

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Mondays | March 10, April 14 and May 5
6:00 PM | Teen Space | Drop-In

Create your space and earn volunteer hours! At TAG meetings, you will develop ideas to improve teen services, spaces, and collections. You'll also help create teen programs and participate in charitable initiatives.



VolunTEENS

Grades 7 - 12 | Application Required

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to apply to volunteer at the Bartlett Public Library District. Upon approval, teen volunteers will be eligible for in-person volunteering opportunities. Available volunteering opportunities will be posted on the BPLD event's calendar and will require volunteers to self-register.

Applications can be found by visiting the Teen Page of the Library's website. Applicants will receive an email regarding their application status within a week of applying. Space is very limited.

Teen Crafts

Teen Take & Makes

Stop by the Teen Space and pick up one of our Teen Take & Makes while supplies last.

- **Pick up on March 7 | Button Coasters**
- **Pick up on April 4 | Magnetic Poetry**
- **Pick up on May 9 | Painted Rock Photo Holders**



Teen Programs

Teen Book Bag Registration

Monday, March 10 – Monday, March 17
Online | Registration Required

Want to find your next great read? Sign up for our Teen Book Bag! After you register, you will receive an email with a reading preferences survey. Each Teen Book Bag will contain a book as well as other goodies! Please email bpldteen@bartlettlibrary.org with any questions. Space is limited.

March Snackness

Saturday, March 1 | All Day | Teen Space

Grab a bracket from the teen space and help narrow down the best snacks by voting! Match the winner and get that snack as a prize. Match the entire bracket and get one of each snack!

Oreo Taste Test ^A

Thursday, March 6 | 4:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Test your taste buds as we guess and rank the different flavors of Oreos! The smartest cookie will win a prize.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Saturdays | March 15, April 5, April 26 and May 17
1:00 PM | Teen Space | Drop-In

Hear this call and join our cause - the Dungeons & Dragons Club is here. We shall meet every third Saturday. Come slay dragons, create a character, or make your own adventure!



How to Appeal to Colleges for More Financial Aid

Wednesday, March 19 | 6:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Now more than ever, colleges are more willing to say "yes" to appeals for more financial aid and scholarship money for both new and returning students. Presented by My College Planning Team, this workshop provides detailed guidance for families on how to appeal to colleges for more financial aid and how to improve the likelihood of a successful appeal.

Registration opens 30 days prior to the event.

Teen Programs

Break-In Bags

Friday, March 21 | All Day

Adult Services | Registration Required

Put your puzzle-solving skills to the test with our break-in bags! Think "escape room" but instead of breaking out, you gather clues to open the bag's lock and get the loot. Keep all the goodies but return the lock and bag!

Soap-Making 101

Monday, March 24 | 5:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Learn how to make soap with Soapy Roads of Lombard. Perfect to give as a gift or keep for yourself!

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Wednesday, April 2 | 2:30 PM

Teen Space | Registration Required

Join us for a fun, local Super Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament using the Library's Nintendo Switch. Prizes will be awarded to top players.

DIY Bubble Tea ^A

Wednesday, April 30 | All Day | Teen Space

Celebrate National Bubble Tea day with this tasty take-home kit! Available in the Teen Space while supplies last.



Go to College, Not into Debt:

Solutions for an Affordable Education

Thursday, May 8 | 5:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Presented by My College Planning Team, this workshop explores the increasingly complex world of need-based and merit-based financial aid. Parents and students will learn the latest strategies for lowering college costs, and what they can do to find a best-fit college for their student at an affordable price. It will also review the college search, selection and admissions process.



Snack & Study ^A

Monday, May 12 | 6:00 PM

Tuesday, May 13 | 6:00 PM

Grades 7 - 12 | Teen Space | Drop-In

We know you've got finals coming up, so we're reserving the Teen Space as a study/quiet room. Come grab a snack and a drink so you can buckle down for your study session, and unwind at the end with a visit from a therapy dog. Space is limited to a first come, first served basis.

Resin Keychains

Tuesday, May 27 | 6:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Use resin, glitter, and molds to create fun resin keychains! Please note that keychains need 24 hours to set and you will need to pick up the finished product the following day.

Grades 7 - 12

REV'd up
 TEEN READING CHALLENGE

April 2025 - February 2026

During this year-long reading challenge, your goal is to read four of the current Rebecca Caudill and Lincoln Award nominees. If completed, you will receive a small prize bundle and a copy of the previous year's award winner. You will also be eligible to place a vote to help determine which title wins the Rebecca Caudill and Lincoln Award next!

How it Works: Register on our digital platform, ReadSquared or pickup a booklet in the library to track your completed books and become eligible for completion prizes!

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Family Programs

(All Ages)

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Birth - 1st Day of Kindergarten

Learning to read begins long before a child enters kindergarten. This program, designed for children from birth to the first day of kindergarten, invites families to spend time together outside of the library fostering a love of reading, while gaining pre-literacy skills that are essential to reading success. Children receive prizes for every 100 books that are read to them, with a grand prize being a book to take home and having their picture taken for the "Wall of Fame." Pick up a log at the Library or register and track your progress online bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com



Book Button Club

Grades Kindergarten - Grade 8

Are you looking for a fun way to motivate your children to read different types of books? Sign up for our Book Button Club, open to students in grades K-8. Students can choose from 20 different categories of books. Collect one or all twenty custom-designed buttons! Stop by the Youth Services desk to register and pick up your reading log.



Take & Make Crafts

Visit the Youth Services Department to pick up a small craft you can make at home. Crafts will be available on the 1st of each month while supplies last.

- March 1 | Butterfly Suncatcher
- April 1 | April Showers Umbrella
- May 1 | Handprint Flower

The Great Character Face-Off

Monday, March 3 – Sunday, March 30
Ages 3 - 12 | Youth Services Department

Come join the March Madness Character Bracket in the Art Room! Vote for your favorite picture book characters each week as they compete in a fun, tournament-style challenge. After voting, get creative with crafts and artwork inspired by the characters, and watch the excitement build as the winners advance!

It's Grand Fun: Bingo!

Friday, March 7 | 4:30 – 5:15 PM
Sunday, April 13 | 2:00 – 2:45 PM

All Ages with caregiver
Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grab your grandparent or another favorite grown-up and join us for a fun-filled game of bingo!

Justin Roberts Family Concert

Saturday, March 15 | 10:30 – 11:30 AM

All ages with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Get ready to move and have some family fun with five-time Grammy nominee Justin Roberts.



Family Art Night

Tuesdays | March 18, April 15 and May 20

6:30 – 7:30 PM | All Ages with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join Mrs. Michelle for an evening of collaborative art. Families will create a different art project together each month.

■ March 18 | Paper Flower Bouquet

■ April 15 | "Stained Glass" Suncatchers

■ May 20 | Sand Art

It's Grand Fun!

Sunday, March 23 | 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Friday, May 9 | 4:30 – 5:15 PM

All Ages with a caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Grab your grandparent or another favorite grown-up and join us for a themed craft and a variety of fun games!

■ March 23 | Craft Day

■ May 9 | Turtle Day

Drop In Family LEGO Night

Tuesdays | March 25, April 22 and May 27

7:00 – 8:00 PM | Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Stop by the Youth Services Department and create a LEGO masterpiece! We will have plenty of LEGO building blocks set out for you to enjoy.

Bookmark Contest

Sunday, April 6 – Saturday, April 12

Ages 3 - 12 | Youth Services Department

Celebrate National Library Week by designing your own creative bookmark! Pick up a bookmark template from the Youth Services Department and decorate it with your favorite colors, designs, and book characters. Submit your finished bookmark by 3pm on Saturday, April 12, 2025, for a chance to win a prize. Winning entries will be printed and distributed at the Library.



Baby and Toddler Programs

Babies & Tots

Mondays | March 10 & 24, April 14 & 28 and May 12
6:30 PM | Story Room

Tuesdays | March 11 - 25 and April 8 - May 6

10:00 AM | Meeting Room

Wednesdays | March 12 - May 7

9:30 AM | Meeting Room

Saturdays | April 26 & May 17

10:00 AM | Story Room

Newborns through 35 months of age with a caregiver

Join Mrs. Phyllis for Babies & Tots, which includes an introduction to emergent literacy skills, music, exercise and movement.



Preschool Programs

It's Storytime

Wednesdays | March 12 - May 7 | 10:00 AM

Ages 3 - 5 on their own | Story Room | Drop-In

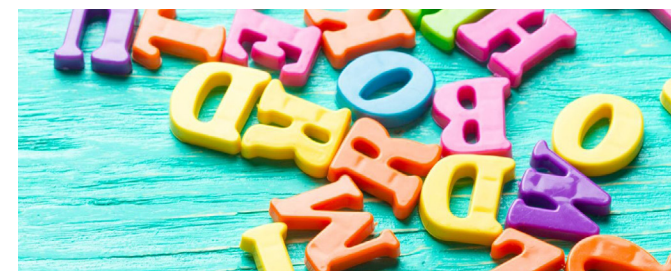
Enjoy 30 minutes of stories, music, and a visit from Little Mouse. Older siblings are welcome.

Little Learners

Thursdays | March 13 - May 8 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Ages 3 - 5 with caregiver | Story Room | Drop-In

Join Mrs. Michelle and listen to stories, move to music, and end with a variety of fun activities that focus on emergent literacy skills. While the activities are geared towards preschool age group, older and younger siblings are welcome.



Bedtime with Buster Family Storytime

Thursdays | March 27 and April 10 & April 24

6:30 – 7:00 PM | Ages 2 - 6 with caregiver

Story Room | Drop-In

Shhh...it's bedtime. Put on your PJ's and enjoy soothing stories perfect before going to sleep. There will also be a visit from Little Mouse!

Read to the Rhythm Storytime

Saturday, April 19 | 10:00 – 10:30 AM

Ages 2 - 6 with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Singing is a fun and easy way for young children to learn about language and musicality. Hear stories, sing, and dance to the rhythm!



Mother's Day Storytime and Craft

Tuesday, May 6 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Wednesday, May 7 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Thursday, May 8 | 6:30 – 7:15 PM

Ages 3 - 6 | Story Room | Registration Required

Join Mrs. Rose as she shares stories, fingerplays and action songs to celebrate Mother's Day! Afterward, materials to make a Mother's Day card for that special someone will be available for the child to create.



Elementary Programs

Mini Makers

Tuesdays | March 4 and May 6 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grade K | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Discover the joy of creativity in this hands-on art program designed for kindergarteners. Little ones will explore colors, shapes, and textures while creating their own masterpieces!
 ■ **March 4 | Line Painting**
 ■ **May 6 | Colorful Tree Painting**

Super STEM!

Wednesdays | March 5, April 2 and May 7
3:30 – 4:15 PM | Grades 1 - 3
Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Join Miss Jessica as we explore STEM concepts through stories, crafts, games, and activities that encourage the development of logic, problem solving, and creative thinking.
 ■ **March 5 | Hoops & Loops**
 ■ **April 2 | Build-a-Book**
 ■ **May 7 | Campground Architects**

Chess Club

Thursdays | March 6, March 20, April 3, April 24, May 8 and May 22 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Grades 4 - 6 | The Hub | Drop-In
 Everyone is invited to play chess with us! Participants should know how the pieces move and the basics of the game.

Enchanted Tales

Sundays | March 9 and May 11 | 2:00 – 2:45 PM
Grades K - 2 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Explore the wonders of fairies and folktales from around the world through engaging crafts, games, and activities that bring these timeless tales to life.

Animal Explorers

Wednesdays | March 12, April 9 and May 14
3:30 – 4:15 PM | Grades K - 1
Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Explore the wild world of animals through fun stories, crafts, and games! Each month, we'll meet a new animal and dive into exciting adventures together.

Leprechaun Trap

Thursday, March 13 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grades 2 - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Create your very own Leprechaun Trap using fun craft materials! Design a trap and see if you can catch a sneaky leprechaun. Will your trap be the one that works, or will the leprechaun outsmart you?

Green Crafts & Games

Friday, March 14 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Grades K - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Get ready for a lucky day of fun at Green Crafts & Games! Make awesome green crafts, play exciting games, and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some magical creativity.

Amazing Art!

Wednesdays | March 19, April 16 and May 21
3:30 – 4:15 PM | Grades 1 - 3
Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Come and create amazing process art! Process art is art that is self-directed, choice driven, and celebrates the experience of discovery.
 ■ **March 19 | Food Letters**
 ■ **April 16 | Flower Pop Art**
 ■ **May 21 | Monet Lily Pads**

Read to Rover

Saturday, March 22 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday, May 13 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Grades 1 - 6 | Story Room | Registration Required
 Reserve a unique "one-on-one" 15 minute appointment to read to a certified therapy dog. Space is limited. Register by phone or in person at the Youth Services Desk.

Birdhouse Painting

Wednesday, March 26 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grades 4 - 6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Assemble and paint your very own custom birdhouse just in time for the birds to return for spring!

Super Smash Bros Club

Friday, March 28 and May 30 | 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Grades 4 - 6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Join us for fun games of Super Smash Bros Ultimate using the library's Nintendo Switch! Participants will be expected to rotate after every round.

Captivating Chemistry Show

Monday, March 31 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Grades K - 6 with caregiver
Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Join us for an engaging presentation that makes science fun! Discovery Center Museum will wow you with an amazing STEM demonstration that will include chemical reactions that create vibrant colors, frothy foams, and explosive effects!

April Fools Fun

Tuesday, April 1 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grades K - 2 | The Hub | Registration Required
 Get ready for a day of laughs at April Fools Fun! We'll play funny games, make goofy crafts, and enjoy some playful pranks to celebrate April Fools' Day.

Elementary Programs

Spring Into Gardening

Friday, April 4 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grades 1 - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Dig into the fun and Spring Into Gardening! We'll learn how to plant seeds, create colorful gardens, and explore the wonders of nature. Come join the fun and watch your garden grow!

Cosley Zoo: Fur & Feathers!

Tuesday, April 8 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grades 1 - 4 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Introduce your students to the different body coverings found on animals. In this class, they'll see examples of feathers, fur, and scales and identify their functions.

Bunny Wreath

Friday, April 11 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grades 2 - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Hop into spring and make a cute Bunny Wreath! Use fun craft materials to create your very own bunny-themed wreaths to celebrate the season.

Found Poetry

Tuesday, April 15 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grades 1 - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 April is Poetry Month, and it's the perfect time to create your own Found Poetry! Search through magazines to discover fun words and phrases, then turn them into a one-of-a-kind poem.

Mario Kart Club

Friday, April 18 | 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Grades 4 - 6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Join us for fun games of Mario Kart 8 Deluxe using the library's Nintendo Switch! Participants will be expected to rotate after every race.

Adventure Club ^A

Wednesdays | April 23 & May 28 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grades 1 - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Discover the world with our Adventure Club for kids at the library! Every month, we'll dive into the culture and traditions of a new country with stories, crafts, games, and activities.
 ■ **April 23 | Brazil**
 ■ **May 28 | Australia**

Junior Scientist

Friday, April 25 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Grades 2 - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Become a Weather Watcher in this fun Junior Scientist program! You'll explore different weather patterns, make your own weather charts, and learn how to track changes in the sky. Get ready for hands-on experiments and discover all the exciting things about the weather!

Jellybean Taste Test ^A

Tuesday, April 29 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grades 1 - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Join us for a delicious Jellybean Taste Test! You'll try different jellybean flavors, guess what they are, and see if you can tell the difference between sweet, sour, and wild flavors. It's a tasty adventure for your taste buds!

Snap Circuits

Wednesday, April 30 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Grades 4 - 6 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Come have fun learning about electrical circuitry and also creating a circuit of your own!

Passport to Asia and the Pacific ^A

Friday, May 2 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Grades 1 - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with Passport to Asia and the Pacific! You'll explore cultures, traditions, and landmarks from Asia and the Pacific through fun games, crafts, and activities. Grab your passport and get ready for an exciting journey.

Nature Mystery Escape Room

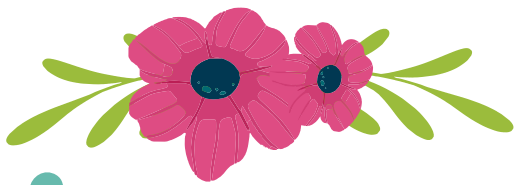
Friday, May 16 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Grades 2 - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 The forest holds a secret, and it's up to you to solve the clues in the Nature Mystery Escape Room! You'll work together to solve clues, puzzles, and riddles to help you escape the forest and unlock the mystery hidden inside. It's an adventure filled with fun and teamwork—can you make it out in time?

Bug Bonanza

Tuesday, May 20 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM
Grades 1 - 3 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Explore the world of creepy-crawlies through hands-on activities, crafts, and games that are all about insects and their fascinating habitats.

Camp-In Adventure

Friday, May 23 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Grades K - 2 | Meeting Room | Registration Required
 Grab your imaginary sleeping bag and join us for a cozy, action-packed time full of camping-themed activities, games, and crafts. We'll explore the great outdoors without leaving the library! From storytelling around the "campfire" to crafting nature-inspired art, this program will make you feel like you're camping under the stars.



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS - ALL DAY

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Holiday
 Sunday, May 25
 Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day

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March 11 and May 13
 7:00 PM | All are welcome!

FOUNDATION MEETINGS

March 31 and June 2
 4:30 PM | All are welcome!

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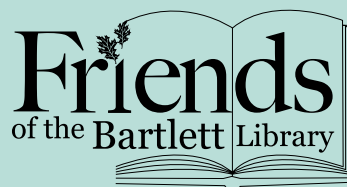
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