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BARTLETT Public Library District

WINTER READING CHALLENGE
BARTLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT



December 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025



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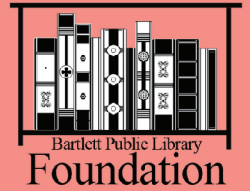
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SPONSOR A HEART FUNDRAISER
Feb. 1 - Feb. 28



The Bartlett Public Library Foundation is accepting donations in support of the Patti Perkins Fund.



Donate \$1 or more and hang a heart in the library for yourself or a loved one.



Make a donation in person at the Circulation Desk or online by scanning the QR code!



To participate in the Dine To Donate at Pasta Mia on Feb. 25, see page 19 for more details.



Friends
Jigsaw Puzzle Sale

Sunday, Jan. 26 | 12:30 - 2:30 PM | Meeting Room

See page 19 for more details.



Join our Winter Reading Challenge!

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Reading
Around
The World

December 1, 2024 - January 31, 2025

Find your reading log in this newsletter!

Birth—6th Grade

Join the Winter Reading Club, Reading Around the World, by registering via our online platform or picking up a log in the Youth Services Department. After completing 8 hours of reading, children can bring home a cup and spoon for that wintry cup of hot cocoa. Babies & Toddlers will receive a sippy cup after completing emergent literacy activities.

Teen & Adult

Register via our online platform, use the log in this newsletter, or pick up a log in the Adult Services Department. Complete 10 hrs of reading and you will receive a BPLD Soup Bowl and be entered into the grand prize drawing!


(Grand Prize: Adults: a Kindle Paperwhite and Teens: a pair of AirPods)






COME CELEBRATE WITH US DURING THIS WEEK-LONG EVENT FEATURING A VARIETY OF PRESENTATIONS AND PROGRAMS.




ADULT:

-  **A Traditional Chinese Tea Demonstration**
Sunday, Jan. 19 | 1:00 PM
The Hub | Registration Required
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Wednesday, Jan. 22
Papel picado is a traditional craft from Mexico made by punching intricate designs into colorful paper. Stop by the Adult Services Department to pick up a kit to recreate this craft using scissors while supplies last.
-  **Trickster Cultural Center Presents: Contemporary Drum and Dance**
Thursday, Jan. 23 | 7:00 PM
Meeting Room | Registration Required
Join the Trickster Cultural Center for a presentation of contemporary Native American drum and dance.

TEEN:

-  **An Introduction to Henna Art**
Tuesday, Jan. 21 | 6:00 PM
The Hub | Registration Required
Join henna artist Asma Bohra to learn about the history of henna art while practicing applying your own designs!

YOUTH:

-  **Crafts Around the World**
Monday, Jan. 20 | 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
All Ages with caregiver | Youth Services Department
Children and their caregivers may explore world cultures by creating crafts from different continents. Craft stations representing cultures from around the world will be set up in the Youth Department for families to enjoy.
-  **Musical Instruments from Around the World**
Friday, Jan. 24 | 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Youth Services Department
Bring your child to the Youth Services Department and explore a variety of musical instruments from different countries around the world including the Chilean Rainstick, Peruvian Gourd Maracas, Japanese Den Den and more. Learn how these instruments were made and how they were used in the culture.
-  **Hawaiian Adventure**
Saturday, Jan. 25 | 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM
Meeting Room | Registration Required
Say “Aloha” to a fun Hawaiian adventure! Kids will learn basic hula dancing, explore traditional instruments like the ukulele and ipu, and discover the meaning behind Hawaiian costumes. We’ll end with a creative craft to celebrate the spirit of aloha.



MERRY AND Bright

Bartlett, IL

FUN EVENTS!

Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Bartlett Park at Oak and North Avenue

Everyone is invited to Merry & Bright in Bartlett – a month of holiday events to bring Bartlett residents and friends together to explore everything the village has to offer, support our local businesses, and celebrate community. This holiday season, when it's time to shop, dine, and play – think local first, think Bartlett!

Donations to the Hanover Township Food Pantry are appreciated!

Please visit
bartlettareachamber.com
for more info

Merry and Bright - Cocoa Crawl

Saturday Dec. 14, 2024
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Join a fun filled day of supporting local businesses and sampling cocoa beverages -- some hot, some cold and even some for those 21 years and older. Get your \$10 tickets today -- includes passport/ ticket book that covers the cost of your cocoa drinks, souvenir mug for each paying adult (while supplies last*), and map to the participating vendor locations, where you can sip some sweet chocolaty goodness as you "crawl" along. Free for 16 and younger (no mug included).

The Cocoa Crawl's first stop of the day on Saturday, December 14:
Bartlett Public Library District
800 S. Bartlett Road, Bartlett

*Limited supply of Cocoa Crawl mugs are available and will be distributed on a first come, first served registration basis. One per paid reservation. Everyone who registered for the Cocoa Crawl will pick up their passport and *souvenir mug at the Library on Saturday, December 14 and are then welcome to visit other participating locations in any order! MUGS CANNOT BE PICKED UP EARLY!



Pick up
your Passport
& Souvenir Mug
at the Library!



Name: _____

Telephone: _____



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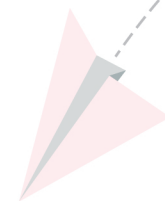
ADULTS | 19 +

Participants who complete our 10 hour reading challenge will get a BPLD Soup Bowl and an entry into our grand prize drawing!

(Soup Bowls available while supplies last)

Log Online!

Bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com



0.5 hr Take Off!	1 hr	1.5 hr	2 hr	2.5 hr
3 hr	3.5 hr	4 hr	4.5 hr	5 hr
5.5 hr	6 hr	6.5 hr	7 hr	7.5 hr
8 hr	8.5 hr	9 hr	9.5 hr	10 hr You have arrived!





Name: _____

Telephone: _____



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TEEN | Grade 7 - 12

Participants who complete our 10 hour reading challenge will get a BPLD Soup Bowl and an entry into our grand prize drawing!

(Soup Bowls available while supplies last)

Log Online!

Bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com

0.5 hr Take Off!	1 hr	1.5 hr	2 hr	2.5 hr
3 hr	3.5 hr	4 hr	4.5 hr	5 hr
5.5 hr	6 hr	6.5 hr	7 hr	7.5 hr
8 hr	8.5 hr	9 hr	9.5 hr	10 hr You have arrived!



Name: _____



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BABIES & TOTS

NEWBORN - 35 MONTHS

Babies & Toddlers will receive a sippy cup after completing emergent literacy activities.

Log Online!

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- 1 Read together
- 2 Look at a book & talk about the pictures
- 3 Playtime!
- 4 Read a nursery rhyme
- 5 Sing a song
- 6 Count together
- 7 Look at a book & talk about the pictures
- 8 Talk about the things you see on a walk
- 9 Read a book about colors
- 10 You & your child turn the pages of a board book
- 11 Playtime!
- 12 Read a nursery rhyme
- 13 Read a book about shapes
- 14 Sing or say the alphabet
- 15 Read an alphabet book

Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Staff Use Only:



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AGE 3 to GRADE 6

After completing 8 hours of reading, children can bring home a cup and spoon for that wintry cup of hot cocoa.

(Hot Cocoa cups available while supplies last)

Log Online!

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0.5 hr Take Off!	1 hr	1.5 hr	2 hr
2.5 hr	3 hr	3.5 hr	4 hr
4.5 hr	5 hr	5.5 hr	6 hr
6.5 hr	7 hr	7.5 hr	8 hr You have arrived!

Book Discussions

Adult Book Bag Registration

Monday, Dec. 2 | 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. Book Bag pickup dates will start Dec. 20, Jan. 24, and Feb. 21. *Please email bpdadult@bartlettlibrary.org with any questions. Space is limited.*

Mystery Readers

Thursdays | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

■ Dec. 5 | *Viviana Valentine Gets Her Man*
by Emily J. Edwards

■ Jan. 9 | *A Flicker in the Dark* by Stacy Willingham

■ Feb. 6 | *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers*
by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Booklite

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

■ Dec. 19 | Book Exchange (Bring a wrapped book to trade)

■ Jan. 16 | *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

■ Feb. 20 | *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride

Non-Fiction

Last Wednesdays | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

■ Dec. 26 | *Memory of a Large Christmas* by Lillian Smith

■ Jan. 29 | *The Bounty: The True Story of the Mutiny on the Bounty* by Caroline Alexander

■ Feb. 26 | *The Wright Brothers* by David McCulloch

Thursday Morning

Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Meeting Room

■ Dec. 19 | Reader's choice – Join us to discuss what you've read recently!

■ Jan. 30 | *Wrong Place Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister

■ Feb. 27 | *One Step Too Far* by Lisa Gardner

Adult Programs

Cold Case

Registration Dates: Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3

Registration Required

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 within 7 days. Those who solved correctly will receive a prize! Space is extremely limited for physical case files. If you would like a guaranteed spot and receive your files digitally, please register for our virtual-only session to have the files emailed to you!

The Brilliant Con of Cassie Chadwick

Wednesday, Dec. 4 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join author William Hazelgrove as he shares the story of Cassie Chadwick, one of America's greatest con artists. Chadwick swindled at least 2 million dollars (equivalent to 60 million today) out of financiers and banks simply by claiming to be the illegitimate daughter of Andrew Carnegie.

The Sweetest Job Ever:

My Time in the Candy Industry

Tuesday, Dec. 10 | 6:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Historical Presenter Jim Gibbons will discuss his years as a sales representative for the E.J. Brach & Sons Candy Company. From the enticing chocolate smell of the plant, to the eye-twinkling displays in the stores, Gibbons will present all the tricks of the trade that help you, the buyer, select your treats.

Genealogy Group

Second Wednesdays | Dec. 11, Jan. 8 and Feb. 12

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.

Hitchcock: The Master of Suspense

Wednesday, Dec. 11 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Indulge in the thrilling side of classic Hollywood by learning about the "Master of Suspense" himself—Alfred Hitchcock! Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek for a discussion about Hitchcock's career, his memorable films, and his legacy today.

Silent Reading Book Club

Thursdays | Dec. 12 and Jan. 2 | 7:00 PM

Saturday, Feb. 8 | 3:30 PM

West Conference Room | Drop-In

Do you like the idea of joining a book club, but already have too many books to read? Bring your own book or grab one from our shelves. Please bring headphones if you plan on listening to an audiobook.

The Legend of St. Nicholas

Wednesday, Dec. 18 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

The Old English Father Christmas tells the stories of St. Nicholas, the protector of children throughout the ages. Learn about the origins of St. Nicholas characters in various countries, along with other popular Christmas symbols and traditions.



Adult Programs



Journal/Planner Party

Saturday, Jan. 4 | 1:00 PM | The Hub | Drop-In

Bring your own journal/planner and come decorate it. Plan for the new year and get ready for the next season of events.

A Traditional Chinese Tea Demonstration

Sunday, Jan. 19 | 1:00 PM

The Hub | Registration Required

Gain a brief background on the origin of tea and its role in East Asian social interactions along with its many benefits. Engage in the ritual of tea handling, teaware function and identification, and proper tea steeping. Try two types of teas, including one non-caffeinated option.



How a Guitar Works

Wednesday, Jan. 22 | 6:30 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Have you ever wondered how guitars make those wonderful sounds? From the earliest guitars to today's screaming electric monsters, this Illustrated Lecture explains in simple terms how these works of art function.

Trickster Cultural Center Presents: Contemporary Drum and Dance

Thursday, Jan. 23 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join the Trickster Cultural Center for a presentation of contemporary Native American drum and dance.



To Think My Son Could Do This to Me!

Was Mary Lincoln Insane?

Monday, Feb. 3 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Who decided that Mary Lincoln should be declared insane? What did her family think? Was she insane, or was she a misdiagnosed and overmedicated victim? In this lecture, Lincoln expert Valerie Gugala explains what has become known as the "insanity episode."

Teatime with Kankakee Tea Company

Saturday, Feb. 8 | 12:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us to learn a brief history of tea. Sample high-quality organic tea from around the world with Kankakee Tea Company and experience the peace of tea as a mindful ritual.

Getting Ready for Spring: Seed Starting with the DuPage County Master Gardener Extension Program

Thursday, Feb. 13 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Are you curious about when and how to start planting seeds for your garden? Come by and get advice from the Master Gardener Extension program. Learn about indoor seed germination to really make your garden shine.

Making the Most of Social Security

Wednesday, Feb. 19 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Stacy Bromann of The Dala Group will provide details on the various filing strategies available to single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals, and widows.

Beyond London - Let's Explore England, Wales, and Scotland

Saturday, Feb. 22 | 2:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

This presentation looks at the amazing areas of Great Britain outside London. Frequent European traveler Eugene Flynn explores major cities like Liverpool and Edinburgh as well as rural villages where the past and present coexist.

Interview Anxiety:

What It Is and How to Manage It

Thursday, Feb. 27 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Learn practical strategies to manage anxiety before, during, and after job interviews to boost confidence and performance. Presentation by the People's Resource Center.



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.

- Dec. 3 | Christmas Around the World
- Jan. 21 | DC Comics
- Dec. 17 | Winter Sports
- Feb. 4 | Famous Love Songs
- Jan. 7 | All Things Disney
- Feb. 18 | Classic Literature

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

Creativity Begins Here

Knit & Stitch

First Sundays | Dec. 1, Jan. 5 and Feb. 2
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

First Tuesdays | Dec. 3, Jan. 7 and Feb. 4
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 aged 18 and older.

Holiday Resin Coasters

Thursday, Dec. 12 | 7:00 PM
Meeting Room | Registration Required

Create festive, custom resin coasters perfect for holiday décor or gifting! All materials provided. Suitable for beginners.

Holiday Petite Felted Friends

Saturday, Dec. 14 | 3:00 PM
Meeting Room | Registration Required

Create your own adorable needle-felted winter animals in this hands-on workshop! Learn basic needle-felting techniques to craft cozy, woolen creatures perfect for the season.

2025 Tiny Canvas Art Contest

Month of January | Adult Services Desk | Drop-In

Create a small masterpiece on a standard 3 inch by 3 inch Post-it Note. Stop by the Adult Services desk to pick up an entry form. Post-it notes and art supplies will be available at the Adult Services Desk, or create your tiny masterpiece at home and bring it in. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. *Entry deadline is Friday, January 31st at 1:00 PM.*

Adult Take & Make: Papel Picado

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Papel picado is a traditional craft from Mexico made by punching intricate designs into colorful paper. Stop by the Adult Services Department to pick up a kit to recreate this craft using scissors while supplies last.

Petite Felted Winter Animals

Saturday, Jan. 25 | 1:00 PM
Meeting Room | Registration Required

Create your own adorable needle-felted winter animals in this hands-on workshop! Learn basic needle-felting techniques to craft cozy, woolen creatures perfect for the season.

Honest Art Night

Thursday, Feb. 20 | 7:00 PM
Meeting Room | Registration Required

Come by and paint a mini canvas. No art experience is needed.

ILLINOIS LIBRARIES PRESENT



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All ILP Presentations will be in ZOOM



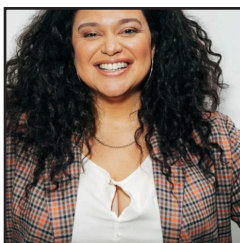
The Magic of Raina Telgemeier
(Youth Program)
Tuesday,
Dec. 10 | 7 PM



Little Women: The Musical (2022), an At-Home Experience
(Recording)
Friday, Dec. 20—Sunday, Dec. 22



Chicago Pizza - Past, Present, & Future with Steve Dolinsky
Thursday,
Jan. 9 | 7 PM



Love and Laughs with Michelle Buteau
Thursday,
Jan. 23 | 7 PM



An Evening with James McBride
Tuesday,
Feb. 4 | 7 PM



Slowing Down with Amy Tan
Wednesday,
Feb. 19 | 7 PM



Online Programs



Financial Wellness

Wednesday, Dec. 11 | 6:30 PM

[Zoom Program](#) | [Registration Required](#)

This program explores how financial health impacts mental well-being and offers strategies for managing both effectively.

Resume Review

Wednesdays | Dec. 18, Jan. 22 and Feb. 19

6:30 PM, 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM

[Zoom Program](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Participate in a 30-minute individual virtual resume review session with the People's Resource Center. Receive expert, personalized feedback and advice to enhance your resume and optimize your job search. Space is very limited.

Saving and Investing Basics

Wednesday, Jan. 15 | 6:30 PM

[Zoom Program](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Join us and Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois to learn important info for beginners thinking about investing.

The History of Elvis Presley

Tuesday, Jan. 28 | 7:00 PM

[Zoom Program](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Elvis revolutionized popular music when he exploded onto the stage in 1956 with his unique blend of rhythm & blues and country music. Music historian Gary Wenstrup will cover Elvis's career—including his huge musical successes, underwhelming films, astonishing comeback, and the sad downward spiral to his death at age 42.

Lighthouses of the Outer Banks of North Carolina

Monday, Feb. 10 | 7:00 PM

[Zoom Program](#) | [Registration Required](#)

The Outer Banks of North Carolina have been called "The Graveyard of the Atlantic" because of the centuries of shipwrecks and disasters. Presented by historical lecturer Laura Keyes, this presentation will share not just the history, but also the beauty of the lighthouses that guard this coastal region.

Scams, Schemes & Financial Predators

Wednesday, Feb. 26 | 6:30 PM

[Zoom Program](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Join us and Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northern Illinois and learn how to stop a scammer from making you a statistic, as well as how to identify emails and phone calls designed to relieve you of your hard-earned cash.



Computer Classes



Managing Google Search Settings

Friday, Dec. 20 | 2:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

Learn how to properly optimize your Google Search settings in this 45-minute tutorial.

ChatGPT: Your Virtual Job Search Companion

Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 7:00PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

What is Chat GPT and how can you utilize it in your job search? Presented by the People's Resource Center.

Password Safety

Wednesday, Feb. 12 | 7:00 PM

[Meeting Room](#) | [Registration Required](#)

The first line of defense in online safety is practicing smart password habits. Join Michael Gershbein of Very Smart People as he shows how to create safe passwords and use password managers to improve your online safety.





Volunteer



TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

Mondays | Dec. 16, Jan. 13 and Feb. 10

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. Before your first meeting, please complete the TAG Interest Form available on the Teen Page of the Library's website.

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 Adult Service Desk and pick up one of our Teen Take & Makes while supplies last.

■ **Pick up on Dec. 6 | Washi Tape Journals**

■ **Pick up on Feb. 7 | Valentine's Day Cards**

■ **Pick up on Jan. 3 | DIY Locker (or Fridge) Magnets**



Teen Programs



Resin Ornaments

Monday, Dec. 9 | 6:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Use resin, glitter, and molds to create fun ornaments! Please note that ornaments need 24 hours to cure, and will need to be picked up the following day.

Bad Art Night

Monday, Dec. 23 | 6:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

You don't have to be an artist to enjoy bad art night. Use an assortment of materials to create the worst (best?) bad art possible. Anything goes so let your imagination run wild! We will vote on the worst (best?) bad art at the end of the night.



Drop-In Pinback Button Making

Thursday, Dec. 26 | 1 - 3:00 PM

Teen Space | Drop-In

Stop by the Teen Space to make pinback buttons. Bring your own pictures or use our designs!

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Monday, Dec. 30 | 2:30 PM

Meeting Room | 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.



Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Tournament

Thursday, Jan. 2 | 1:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us for a fun, local Mario Kart 8 Deluxe tournament using the Library's Nintendo Switch. Prizes will be awarded to top players.

An Introduction to Henna Art

Tuesday, Jan. 21 | 6:00 PM

The Hub | Registration Required

Join henna artist Asma Bohra to learn about the history of henna art while practicing applying your own designs!



Resin Coasters

Tuesday, Jan. 28 | 6:00 PM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Use resin, glitter, and molds to create resin coasters. Please note that coasters need 24 hours to cure, and will need to be picked up the following day.

Join The Club!

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

This program invites families to spend time together reading outside of the library and gaining the pre-literacy skills essential to reading success. Children receive prizes for every 100 books that are read to them, with a grand prize book and 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

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.



Monarch Club

Wednesdays | Dec. 11, Jan 15 and Feb 12
3:30 – 4:15 PM | Grades 1 - 3

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us for fun stories, activities, and crafts as we look at the new Monarch Book Award nominees, and then vote for your favorite book in February!



Adventure Club **A**

Wednesday, Jan. 29 | 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.

■ Jan. 29 | China

Green Thumb Club

Saturday, Feb. 8 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Preschool - Grade 3 with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join the Green Thumb Club and have fun making a craft with the Tri-Village Garden Club members.

Storytimes

It's Storytime

Wednesdays | Dec. 4 & 11, Jan. 8 - Feb. 5 and Feb. 19
10:00 AM | Ages 3 - 6 | Story Room | Drop-In

Join Mrs. Rose and enjoy 30 minutes of stories, music, and a visit from Little Mouse. Older siblings are welcome. Space is limited to the first 20 people to arrive.

Babies & Tots

Mondays | Dec. 9, Jan. 13 & 27 and Feb. 10 & 24
6:30 PM | Story Room

Tuesdays | Dec. 3 & 10 and Jan. 7 - Feb. 18
10:00 AM | Meeting Room

Wednesdays | Dec. 4 & 11 and Jan. 8 - Feb. 19
9:30 AM | Meeting Room

Saturdays | Jan. 11 and Feb. 1
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.

Little Learners

Thursday | Dec. 5 & 12 and Jan. 9 - Feb. 20
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.

Bedtime with Buster Family Storytime

Thursdays | Dec. 5 & 19, Jan. 2, 16 & 30 and Feb. 27
6:30 - 7:00 PM | All ages | Story Room | Drop-In

A special evening storytime. Children are welcome to wear their pajamas and must be accompanied by a caregiver. There will also be a visit from Buster Bear and Little Mouse! While the activities are geared towards the preschool age group, older and younger siblings are welcome to join us.

Valentine's Day Storytime & Craft

Wednesday, Feb. 12 | 10:00 AM

Thursday, Feb. 13 | 6:30 PM

Story Room | Registration Required

Join Mrs. Rose as she shares stories, fingerplays and action songs to celebrate Valentine's Day. Children and parents will create their own valentines – including a "Secret Valentine" to be delivered to a retirement home resident!

Enchanted Tales

Sundays | Dec. 15, *Jan. 26 and Feb. 16
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.

*Jan. 26 will be in the Story Room.

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





Let's Get Crafty



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.

- Dec. | Holiday Sticker Ornament
- Jan. | Paper Snow Globes **will be available on Jan. 2nd*
- Feb. | Dinosaur Craft

Elves' Workshop

Tuesday, Dec. 3 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM | Grades K – 3
Meeting Room | Registration Required

Young elves are invited to this workshop to make different, fun holiday gifts for family and friends this holiday season.



Holiday Card Day

Monday, Dec. 9 | All Day | Ages 3 – 12
Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Drop-in to design and create your own festive cards to spread cheer to family, friends, and senior citizens in our community. **While supplies last.*

Family Art Night

Tuesday, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, and Feb. 18
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.

- Dec. 17 | Watercolor Doodle Art
- Jan. 21 | Mosaic Art
- Feb. 18 | Family Fingerpainted Canvas

Amazing Art!

Wednesdays | Dec. 18, Jan. 22 and Feb. 19
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. Each month will feature a different exciting project.

- Dec. 18 | Paper Bag Gingerbread Houses
- Jan. 22 | Winter Collage
- Feb. 19 | Love Bugs

Festive Sweater Fun

Friday, Dec. 20 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM | Grades K – 3
Meeting Room | Registration Required

Kids can design and create their own unique holiday sweaters, perfect for adding a personal touch to the season's celebrations.

Crafts Around the World

Monday, Jan. 20 | 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

All Ages with caregiver | Youth Services Department

Children and their caregivers may explore world cultures by creating crafts from different continents. Craft stations representing cultures from around the world will be set up in the Youth Department for families to enjoy.



Make a Pinch Pot

Tuesday, Feb. 11 | 6:30 – 7:15 PM

All Ages with caregiver | Meeting Room
Registration Required

Join us to make your own pinch pot made of air-dry clay. Be ready to get messy!



Youth Programs



Elf on the Bookshelf

Sunday, Dec. 1 – Monday, Dec. 23
Ages 3 – 12 | Youth Services Department

Join us for our Daily Elf Adventures at the library! Each day, our mischievous elf will be hiding in a new spot. Can you find where the elf is today? Pick up an Elf Scavenger Hunt Sheet at the youth services desk to track your elf sightings. Write down or draw where you found the elf and return your sheet to receive a small holiday treat!

Super STEM! **A**

Wednesdays: Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5
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.

- Dec. 4 | Candy Cane Coding
- Jan. 8 | DIY Snow
- Feb. 5 | Candy Box Creations



Youth Programs



Christmas Passport Adventure

Friday, Dec. 6 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM | Grades 1 – 3

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Explore different holiday traditions from around the world through activities, stories, and crafts, collecting “passport stamps” along the way.

Holiday Picture Book Trivia

Tuesday, Dec. 10 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM | Grades 1 – 3

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Test your holiday knowledge at our Holiday Picture Book Trivia event! Young readers can enjoy festive fun while competing for prizes in a celebration of their favorite holiday stories.

Read to Rover

Tuesday, Dec. 10 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Saturday, Jan. 18 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 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.



Vision Screening for Children and Young Adults

Tuesday, Dec. 10

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Story Room

Saturday, Jan. 18

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Meeting Room

6 months – 21 years of age

Drop in and get a free vision screening from the Bartlett Lions Club. We’ll have vision themed crafts and activities to do as well.

It’s Grand Fun!

Friday, Dec. 13 | 4:30 – 5:15 PM and Sunday, Jan. 19

2:00 – 2:45 PM | All Ages with a caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

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

Read to the Rhythm Storytime!

Saturday, Dec. 14, Jan. 4, Feb. 15

10:00-10:30 AM | Ages 2-6 with caregiver

Story Room | Registration Required

Singing is a fun and easy way for young children to learn about language and musicality. Join Mrs. Rose to hear stories, sing, and march to the rhythm!

New Year’s Family Fun

Monday, Dec. 30 | 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

All ages | Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Come celebrate the New Year by dropping in between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM to play a variety of family games, some retro, some modern, in the Youth Services Department. Complete your visit by participating in a New Year’s themed Scavenger Hunt and receive a prize at the Youth Services Desk!

Disney Trivia

Saturday, Jan. 4 | 1:30 – 2:15 PM | Grades 1 – 3

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us for a magical Disney Trivia afternoon at the library! Test your knowledge of Disney characters and songs, earn points, and compete for victory.

A Loud Winter’s Nap

Friday, Jan. 10 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM | Grades K – 2

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Bundle up for a cozy storytime with A Loud Winter’s Nap! Enjoy the funny and heartwarming story of Tortoise as he discovers the joys of winter. After the story, we’ll dive into winter-themed crafts and activities inspired by the book.

Cosley Zoo: Critter Class

Tuesday, Jan. 14 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM | Grades 1 - 3

Meeting Room | Registration Required

What makes a mammal a mammal, a bird a bird, or a reptile a reptile? Students learn the criteria that help us place animals in their proper classification or group.



Junior Scientist

Friday, Jan. 17 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM | Grades 2 – 3

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Embark on a frosty adventure with our Junior Scientist Yeti Hunt! Explore the science behind the legendary Yeti through hands-on experiments and activities. We’ll investigate mysterious footprints, create our own snow, and uncover the secrets of this elusive creature.

Preschool & Child Care Fair

Saturday, Jan. 18 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Room

This is a great opportunity for families to meet local preschool and daycare providers. Representatives from various facilities in the area will be available with information, and to answer questions.





Youth Programs



Musical Instruments from Around the World

Friday, Jan. 24 | 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Youth Services Department

Bring your child to the Youth Services Department and explore a variety of musical instruments from different countries around the world including the Chilean Rainstick, Peruvian Gourd Maracas, Japanese Den Den and more. Learn how these instruments were made and how they were used in the culture.



Hawaiian Adventure

Saturday, Jan. 25 | 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Say “Aloha” to a fun Hawaiian adventure! Kids will learn basic hula dancing, explore traditional instruments like the ukulele and ipu, and discover the meaning behind Hawaiian costumes. We’ll end with a creative craft to celebrate the spirit of aloha.



Drop In Family LEGO Night

Tuesday, Jan. 28 and Feb. 25 | 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.

Dog Man Party

Friday, Jan. 31 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM | Grades 1 – 3

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Celebrate your favorite comic book hero - Dog Man! We’ll make crafts and play games all about our favorite hero.

Love Potions

Tuesday, Feb. 4 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM | Grades 1 – 3

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Come join the fun as we create magical, fizzy potions using baking soda and vinegar! Watch your potion bubble and change colors, then decorate it to make it truly special.



Chocolate Factory Escape **A**

Friday, Feb. 7 | 3:30 – 4:30 PM | Grades 2 – 3

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Step into a world of sweet surprises with our “Chocolate Factory Escape” adventure! Kids will solve chocolate-themed puzzles, complete fun challenges, and work together to find their way out of a magical chocolate factory.

Chocolate Explorers: A World of Sweets **A**

Tuesday, Feb. 11 | 3:30 – 4:15 PM | Grades 1 – 3

Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us on a delicious journey as we explore chocolates from around the globe! Kids will sample different types of chocolate, learn fun facts about where they come from, and make their own chocolate-themed crafts.

Family Bingo

Monday, Feb. 17 | 11:00 – 11:45 AM

All Ages with caregiver

Meeting Room | Registration Required

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

National Tell A Fairy Tale Day

Wednesday, Feb. 26 | All Day | Ages 3 – 12

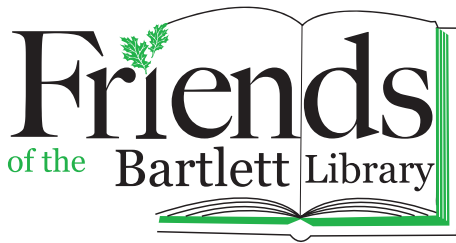
Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Celebrate National Tell a Fairy Tale Day with us! Drop-in and make fairy tale crafts in the art room.

**While supplies last.*



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



Membership Fees:	
Individual (\$10)	Business/Organization (\$25)
Family (\$25)	Lifetime (\$100)

The Friends participate in activities and fundraisers throughout the year. They have contributed funds for prizes, programs, subscriptions, summer concerts, and more. Individuals, organizations, clubs, and businesses are welcome to become members. Annual fees are due at the beginning of the year, which are used to help fund a variety of projects. Fill out the Friends Application on the library's website and return it with your payment to the Library to become a member!

Upcoming Events

Friend's Jigsaw Puzzle Sale

Sunday, Jan 26 | 12:30 - 2:30 PM | Meeting Room

Join the Friends of the Bartlett Library at the Jigsaw Puzzle Sale. Lots of fabulous jigsaw puzzles for sale, \$3 each or 2 for \$5. All proceeds benefit library programs.



Bartlett Public Library
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Founded in 2000, the Bartlett Public Library Foundation was established to provide additional sources of revenue to enhance services that are not paid through library property taxes.

The fund is divided into two parts:

The Main Fund: Supports general projects for the Library

The Patti Perkins Fund: Established in memory of the Library's former Circulation Department Manager. Donations help to purchase materials related to health and medicine and support library programs related to this topic. Since its inception, over \$15,000 worth of materials have been purchased for the Library from donations to the Patti Perkins Fund.

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For more information, please contact Library Director Karolyn Wessel at 630.213.5001 or email kwessel@bartlettlibrary.org.

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Pasta Mia

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
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Dine-in and Carry-Out Only | No Coupons

Pasta Mia will donate a percentage of all dine-in and carry-out purchases to benefit the Library Foundation's Patti Perkins Fund. To participate, pick up a flyer at the library.



To participate in the "Sponsor a Heart Fundraiser", see page 2 for more details.



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Sunday: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

LIBRARY CLOSINGS - ALL DAY

December 24 & 25,
December 31, January 1,
February 21

FRIENDS MEETINGS

January 14
7:00 PM | All are welcome!

FOUNDATION MEETINGS

January 27
4:30 PM | All are welcome!

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February 17 | 7:00 PM

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