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BARTLETT Public Library District

Let your Reading Bloom



**Plans for the Future of the Library Building –
Library Seeking Continued Community Feedback**

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Registration Information

Program Registration:

Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. Registration opens 30 days prior to each event.

To register for upcoming programs, visit BartlettLibrary.org and click on the Events tab. You may also register by scanning the QR code for Adult & Teen and Youth programs.



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Celebrate National Library Week!

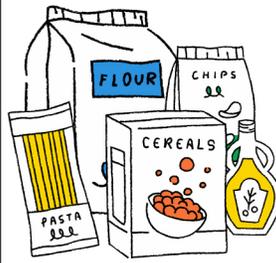
Sunday, Apr. 19–Saturday, Apr. 25 | All Ages

Celebrate National Library Week by exploring your library! Pick up a Library Passport at any service desk, follow the clues to find each destination, and turn in your completed passport for a small prize!



BPLD's Little Free Pantry

We're excited to share that BPLD has a Little Free Pantry in the library lobby during regular library hours. Community members are welcome to take what they need or leave what they can. The pantry will accept unopened, non-perishable food items and personal care items such as toothbrushes, diapers, sanitary products, and shampoo. For safety reasons, we are unable to accept perishable items, expired food, or opened packages.



SEEKING New Directors

Join the
Bartlett Public Library Foundation
– Make a Lasting Impact!

For more information please contact
bartlettlibraryfoundation@gmail.com

Potential Plans for the Future of the Library Building – Library Seeking Continued Community Feedback

Dear Community Members,

For more than 50 years, the Bartlett Public Library District has been a welcoming space for learning and discovery, thanks to our dedicated staff and fiscally responsible operations. And we've accomplished this while serving our community at the lowest cost per person compared to neighboring districts.

However, our aging facilities, built in 1983, no longer meet the community's needs. Outdated spaces and furniture limit the library's potential as an inviting hub for all.

In 2025, we engaged our community and heard from residents through surveys and presentations as we gathered feedback on improvements and funding options. One thing that was clear was Bartlett residents overwhelmingly support the library (85% favorable rating) and would like to see investments in books, technology, accessibility, youth spaces, and programming areas.

The top choice from this feedback for addressing these needs was a \$16.3 million renovation and expansion plan, with an estimated tax impact of \$120 annually for a \$400,000 home or a new library, the second choice, costing \$32.5 million with a \$239 annual tax impact.

The library has worked to develop potential plans for what these two options could look like. The renderings will be available for viewing on Tuesday, March 17. We invite you to attend one of our upcoming community meetings to review the plans for both a renovation and expansion as well as a new building and let us know your thoughts!

Community Focus Groups

Monday, March 30, 2026 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

Monday, April 6, 2026 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

Friday, April 10, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Meeting Room

Monday, April 20, 2026 | 6:00 PM | The Hub

Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Meeting Room



Over the next several months, the library will be refining the plan and considering a referendum on the November 3, 2026 ballot to seek funding approval from the community. We will keep you informed as the plan proceeds. To stay up to date, please visit us at www.bartlettlibrary.org.

Sincerely,
The Board of Trustees
Bartlett Public Library District

Book Discussions

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Mystery Readers Book Discussion
Thursdays | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room
 ■ **Mar. 5** | *Murder in an Irish Village* by Carlene O'Connor
 ■ **Apr. 9** | *A Cryptic Clue* by Victoria Gilbert
 ■ **May 7** | *Daisy Darker* by Alice Feeney



Non-Fiction Book Discussion
Last Wednesdays | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room
 ■ **Mar. 25** | *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain
 ■ **Apr. 29** | *Saving Simon: How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me the Meaning of Compassion* by Jon Katz
 ■ **May 27** | *Empire of Blue Water: Captain Morgan's Great Pirate Army, the Epic Battle for the Americas, and the Catastrophe That Ended the Outlaws' Bloody Reign* by Stephen Talty

* Please note new time



Booklite
Third Thursdays | 6:30 PM | JC's Mexican Restaurant
 ■ **Mar. 19** | *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson
 ■ **Apr. 16** | *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston
 ■ **May 21** | *The Swimmers* by Julie Otsuka



Thursday Morning Book Discussion
Thursdays | 10:00 AM | Meeting Room
 ■ **Mar. 26** | *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang
 ■ **Apr. 30** | *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict
 ■ **May 28** | *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad



20's and 30's Book Discussion
West Conference Room
 A brand-new book discussion for anyone in their 20s and 30s!
 ■ **Saturday, Mar. 21 | 2:00 PM** | *A Tempest of Tea* by Hafsa Faizal
 ■ **Thursday, May 21 | 7:00 PM** | *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros



Online Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted.

Resume Review
Wednesdays | Mar. 4, Apr. 1 and May 6
6:30 PM and 7:00 PM | Zoom
 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.

Freshwater Freedom Seekers
Wednesday, May 6 | 7:00 PM | Zoom
 When people think of the Underground Railroad, they likely think of Harriet Tubman and other abolitionists guiding enslaved people through forests and mountains. However, most enslaved people escaped by boat. The Great Lakes were a major Underground Railroad route. Dr. Emilie Le Beau Lucchesi recounts three harrowing stories of freshwater freedom seekers and the abolitionists who helped them cross.

Registration opens 30 days prior to the event.

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Adult Programs

* Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. *

Adult Book Bag Registration

Sunday, Mar. 1 | 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 March 27, April 24, and May 22. Register once for the March-May series. Please email mroundtree@bartlettlibrary.org with any questions.

Cold Case Registration

Mondays | Mar. 2, Apr. 6 and May 4 | 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 solve correctly will receive a prize!

Jack the Ripper

Monday, Mar. 2 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

Join British expat and former London Blue Badge tour guide John Gowing for a captivating program exploring the dark history and enduring mystery of Jack the Ripper. * *Please note: This presentation may not be suitable for anyone who may be easily shocked and is not suitable for children.*

Introduction to Line Dancing

**Thursdays | Mar. 5, Apr. 16 and May 21
6:30 PM | Meeting Room**

Line dancing is a fun and energetic way to get moving, enjoy great music, and connect with others. No experience? No problem! Line dancing is simply a set of steps repeated. Whether you're 16 or 86, you can join in, smile, and enjoy the rhythm. No boots required—just wear comfortable footwear and come ready to have a great time!

Tri-Village Garden Club Spring Seed Exchange

**Saturday, Mar. 7 | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
West Conference Room | Drop-In**

Get an early start on your spring planting by dropping in to our seed exchange hosted by the Tri-Village Garden Club. A variety of seeds will be available for pick-up. If you have any harvested seeds to share, please feel free to bring them!



Genealogy Group

**Second Wednesdays | Mar. 11, Apr. 8 and May 13
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.

Cooking for a Crowd **A**

Wednesday, Mar. 11 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

It's time for you to join the party! Chef Cherise Slattery will reveal tips and recipes designed to feed a very tasty meal to a very hungry group. Delicious samples of Roasted Garlic Bean Dip, and Dark Chocolate Cookies will be served.



Galway Gals Present: Irish Classics!

Wednesday, Mar. 18 | 6:30 PM | Meeting Room

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.

Computer Spring Cleaning

Thursday, Mar. 19 | 2:00 PM | Meeting Room

Is your computer out of control? Michael Gershbein of Very Smart People (VSP) is here to give you tips on getting rid of and organizing files so that your Mac or PC will run faster and more efficiently.

The Women:

The Story of Two Army Nurses in Vietnam

Monday, Mar. 23 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

Join storyteller and author Lynn Rymarz as she weaves the fictional story of Army Nurse Frances McGrath from *The Women* by Kristin Hannah and the true story of Army Nurse Lynda Van Devanter from her memoir *Home Before Morning*.

Board Game Night

Thursday, Mar. 26 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

Join us for a night of open gaming with fellow board games enthusiasts! We'll have a selection of games to choose from, or you can bring your own to share with the group. Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking to have some fun, everyone is welcome. Play, meet new people, and enjoy a relaxed evening at the library!

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Adult Programs

* Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. *

So, You Think You Know a Lot About Babe Ruth? Let's Find Out!

Wednesday, Apr. 1 | 6:30 PM | Meeting Room

During the first half of the twentieth century, America experienced profound cultural changes. Many of those changes were the direct result of the life of one man: George Herman "Babe" Ruth (1895-1948). Author and Baseball Historian Gary Livacari will deliver a one-hour presentation about the life and times of this original American sports icon. Includes a 'Babe Ruth trivia quiz' and a question-and-answer session.



Self Defense for Seniors

Wednesday, Apr. 8 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

Martial artist Peter Honigmann of Best Defense Concepts is here to instruct seniors in basic self-defense techniques, as well as provide tips on how to de-escalate situations non-violently when possible. Presentation will also include real-life examples of older people successfully defending themselves from a variety of attacks.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Saturday, Apr. 11 | 1:00 PM | Meeting Room

Think you've got what it takes to piece together victory? Join our Jigsaw Puzzle Competition for a day of fun, teamwork, and friendly competition! Teams of 2-4 people will race against the clock to complete the same 500-piece puzzle within a 2-hour time limit. One adult registers the team. * Space is limited.



Conspiracy! On the Trail of the Assassins

Tuesday, Apr. 14 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

On the 161st anniversary of Lincoln's assassination, join historian Clarence Goodman as he reveals how Chicago has been involved in nearly every major assassination in American history, including Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley, Malcolm X, and others.

Wills, Trusts & Estates Planning

Wednesday, Apr. 15 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

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.

Pasta Palooza **A**

Wednesday, Apr. 22 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

Buon appetito! Chef Cherise Slattery will show you how easy and fun it is to make eight different shapes of pasta from scratch. She will also share how to prepare a classic Italian meal that will have your dinner companions asking for seconds. Chef's samples will include the authentic taste of spicy marinara sauce on crusty bread along with an Italian chopped salad with red wine vinaigrette.

ChatGPT: Your Personal Job Search Companion

Thursday, Apr. 23 | 6:30 PM | Meeting Room

What is ChatGPT and how do you use it in your job search? Join us for an evening with People's Resource Center to learn more about using ChatGPT to aid in your job hunt.



Bartlett Historical Society Presents: Bartlett History Bingo

Sunday, Apr. 26 | 2:00 PM | Meeting Room

Have fun learning about Bartlett's history while playing picture BINGO led by members of the Bartlett Historical Society. Winners will select from a variety of Bartlett-themed prizes.

Joyous Japan

Monday, Apr. 27 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

Join world traveler Brian Michalski as he retraces his five-week adventure in Japan. The presentation intermingles interactions with locals and striking original photography to transport you to the Land of the Rising Sun.

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Adult Programs

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Route 66 from Chicago to St. Louis

Monday, May 4 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

You don't have to drive to California to experience Route 66 during its 100th anniversary year. Join Illinois traveler John Kokoris to explore the cool towns, great food, interesting history, and quirky roadside attractions that line the Mother Road from here to St. Louis.

Grow Your Own Cut Flower Garden

Wednesday, May 13 | 6:30 PM | Meeting Room

Are you dreaming of filling your home with gorgeous fresh flowers but have no idea where to begin? Growing your own cut flower garden is a fun and easy project. Join us to learn everything you need to plant, grow, and cut your own fresh flowers right in your own backyard.

DuPage Master Gardener Talk

Thursday, May 14 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

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 make your garden shine.



Creativity Begins Here

* Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. *

Knit & Stitch

First and Third Sundays

Mar. 1 & 15, Apr. 19 and May 3 & 17

1:00 PM | East 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.

* No meeting on April 5

Bartlett Creative Writers

Tuesdays | Mar. 3, Apr. 7 and May 5

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.

Flower Votive Craft

Thursday Mar. 19 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

Join us for an evening of crafting and leave with a flower votive vessel. A perfect craft for getting ready for spring.

Tiny Art Index Card Contest

Wednesday, Apr. 1–Thursday, Apr. 30

Adult Services Desk | Drop-In

Create an artwork on a standard 3 inch by 5-inch index card. Stop by the Adult Services desk to pick up an entry form. Index cards and art supplies will be available by the Adult Services Desk or create your index card artwork at home. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Entry deadline is Thursday, April 30 at 1:00 PM.

Adult Coloring Club

Thursday, Apr. 2 | 7:00 PM

West Conference Room | Drop-In

Drop by and color in some fun designs. Coloring pages and colored pencils will be provided.

Journal and Planner Party

Saturday, Apr. 25 | 2:00 PM

West Conference Room | Drop-In

Join us to plan for the next few months and to update our calendars! Bring your own journal or planner. Decorating materials will be provided.

Book Page Bouquet

Wednesday, Apr. 29 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

A 3D "bouquet" created from old book pages and an old book as its frame, using simple sewing to add dimension and texture that you will love to display in your home. All materials will be provided. Presented by Twisted Fiber Studio.

Fairy Garden Pots

Wednesday, May 20 | 7:00 PM | Meeting Room

Fairy gardens give us a special opportunity to express whimsy in our indoor or outdoor gardens. We'll be making a sweet Fairy Garden Pot in which you can add miniature plants and perhaps even a fairy or two. In addition, we'll make a few Pinterest fairy garden accessories. All materials will be provided. Presented by Twisted Fiber Studio.

ADULT



Teen Programs

* Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. *

Teen Book Bag Registration

Sunday, Mar. 1–Tuesday, Mar. 31 | Online

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. Pick-up begins Friday, May 1.*

March Snackness: Ice Cream Edition

Sunday, Mar. 1 | All Day | Teen Space

Grab a bracket from the teen space and help narrow down the best ice cream flavor by voting! Match the winner and get a small prize. Match the entire bracket and get a gift card!

An Introduction to Henna Art

Monday, Mar. 2 | 6:00 PM | The Hub

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



Dungeons & Dragons: Session Zero

Saturday, Mar. 7 | 1:00 PM | Teen Space | Grades 6–12

Interested in playing Dungeons and Dragons but not sure where to start? Have you played before, and have an idea for a character you want to try? Join us for a starter session where we go over the basics, create a character, and more!

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Saturdays | Mar. 28, Apr. 18 and May 9 & May 30
1:00 PM | Teen Space | Drop-In | Grades 6–12

Hear the call and join our cause as we campaign our way through the world of Dungeons and Dragons! Each quarter of the year is a new adventure. Attending Session Zero prior to the beginning of the campaign is encouraged but not required.



Mario Kart Tournament

Thursday, Apr. 2 | 1:45–2:45 PM

Grades 4–12 | Teen Space

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

Enchanted Book Garden

Monday, Apr. 6 | 4:30 PM | Meeting Room

Explore your inner artist and celebrate the spring season! Participants will use miniature craft items and a book to create a whimsical fairy garden.



Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2 | All Day | Teen Space

Free comics and craft kits will be available while supplies last.

Read & Craft **A**

Monday, May 11 | 3:30 PM | Teen Space | Grades 4–8

Come to the library to talk about a book, have a snack, and do some crafts. We will vote on which book we read next at the end of every session.

Hydro-Dipped Planters

Tuesday, May 26 | 6:00 PM | Meeting Room

Make a one-of-a-kind planter using water and nail polish!



Volunteer

* Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. *

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 limited.*

VolunTEENS: Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Mondays | Mar. 9, Apr. 13 and May 11

6:00 PM | Teen Space

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. Attendees must be accepted into the VolunTEENS program prior to registration.



TEEN

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 Mar. 6 | Spring Bouquet Pop Up Card
- Pick up on Apr. 3 | Wildflower Seed Bombs
- Pick up on May 8 | Bee Hotel



REV'd up

TEEN READING CHALLENGE

Grades 7–12



April 2026–February 2027

Get involved in the Illinois State book awards process in this yearlong teen reading challenge! The goal is to read three of the current Illinois State book award nominees from your grade level by the challenge deadline. If completed, you will receive a small prize bundle as well as be entered in a gift card drawing. Cast your official vote to help determine the next winner!

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!

**Voting begins February 2027
for Caudill & Lincoln!**



Family Programs

(All Ages)

* Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. *

YOUTH

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Birth–1st Day of Kindergarten | Ongoing



Reading starts long before kindergarten! This program encourages families to read together from birth to the first day of kindergarten, helping children build essential pre-literacy skills. Kids earn prizes for every 100 books read, with a special book and photo on the “Wall of Fame” at the end. Pick up a log at the Library or visit bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com.

Book Button Club

Kindergarten–Grade 8 | Ongoing

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.*

- Mar. 1 | Cloudy Day Buddy
- Apr. 1 | Mosaic Bookmark
- May 1 | Bird Nest

Peep a Good Book A

Sunday, Mar. 1–Saturday, Mar. 21 | Drop-In

Pick up a box and a submission form at the Youth Services Department, create a diorama of your favorite book at home using Peeps, and bring your creation to the Youth Services Department to enter the contest! Winners will be determined by popular vote at the end of the month.

Peep a Good Book Voting

Monday, Mar. 23–Tuesday, Mar. 31

Vote for your favorite Peep a Good Book diorama! Limit 1 vote per person, per day. Winners will be notified via email.



Harmony Hangout

Wednesdays | Mar. 4–May 13

3:45–4:15 PM | Story Room | Drop-In

Enjoy live music while you work on a craft project, read a book, play some quiet board games, or just sit and relax while you listen.



It's Grand Fun!

Sundays | Mar. 15 and May 17

2:00–2:45 PM | Meeting Room

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

St. Patrick's Day Drop-In Craft

Tuesday, Mar. 17 | 9:00 AM–8:30 PM

Stop by the Art Room in the Youth Services Department on St. Patrick's Day to make a special craft. * *While supplies last.*

Drop-In Family LEGO Night

Tuesdays | Mar. 24, Apr. 28 and May 26

7:00–8:00 PM

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.



Celebrate Spring Scavenger Hunt!

Tuesday, Mar. 31–Wednesday, Apr. 1 | 10:00 AM–8:00 PM

Youth Services Department | Drop-In

Come celebrate springtime by participating in a spring-themed scavenger hunt. Those who successfully complete this fun activity will receive a prize at the Youth Services desk!

Spring Into Fun!

Friday, Apr. 17 | 4:00–5:00 PM | Meeting Room

Hop, skip, and craft your way into spring! Enjoy playful games and colorful crafts that celebrate the season's sights and sounds.

Family Programs

(All Ages)

* Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. *

Library Passport

Sunday, Apr. 19–Saturday, Apr. 25 | All Ages

Celebrate National Library Week by exploring your library! Pick up a Library Passport at any service desk, follow the clues to find each destination, and turn in your completed passport for a small prize!



Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2 | All Day

Pick up a packet of comic-themed activities for Free Comic Book Day! * *While supplies last*

Jar Challenge

Monday, May 18–Sunday, May 31

Guess how many items are in the jar at the Youth Services desk for your chance to win a prize.

Let's Celebrate Summer Drop-In Craft

Tuesday, May 26–Friday, May 29

Stop by the Art Room in the Youth Services Department to celebrate the start of summer break with a new, fun craft each day. * *While supplies last.*



Family Art Night

Tuesdays | Apr. 21 and May 19

6:30–7:30 PM | Meeting Room

Join Mrs. Michelle for an evening of collaborative art. Families will create a different art project together each month. Projects may involve materials that can stain clothing so please dress for an art mess. Register one time as a family and add children's ages to "Special Notes."

■ Apr. 21 | Family Puzzle

■ May 19 | Easy Weaving



YOUTH



Baby and Toddler Programs

Babies & Tots

Newborns through 35 months of age with a caregiver | Drop-In

Join Mrs. Phyllis for Babies & Tots, which includes an introduction to emergent literacy skills, music, exercise and movement. **No Storytime on Mar. 17*

■ Mondays | 6:30 PM | Story Room
Mar. 9, Apr. 13 and May 11

■ Wednesdays | 9:30 AM | Meeting Room
Mar. 11–May 13

■ Tuesdays | 9:30 AM | Meeting Room
Mar. 10 & 24–May 12*

■ Saturdays | 10:00 AM | Story Room
Mar. 28, Apr. 18 and May 9



Preschool Programs

* Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. *

Tales & Tunes

Mondays | Mar. 2, Apr. 6 and May 4

10:00–10:30 AM | Meeting Room | Drop-In

Preschool–Grade 2 with caregiver

Get ready to sing, dance, and play during this upbeat musical storytime!

Friends Around the World Storytime and Craft

Wednesday, Mar. 4 | 10:00–10:45 AM

Ages 2–6 with caregiver | Meeting Room

Join Mrs. Rose and Mr. Gus as they share stories, fingerplays and action songs to celebrate Spring with different cultures from around the world. Afterwards, children and their caregiver will create a tissue paper Holi Tree.



Preschool Programs

* Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. *

It's Storytime

Tuesdays | Mar. 10–May 12 | 10:00–10:30 AM
Wednesdays | Mar. 11–May 13 | 10:00–10:30 AM
Ages 3–6 on their own | 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.*

Sensory Storytime

Wednesdays | Mar. 11–May 13 | 10:45–11:30 AM
Saturdays | Mar. 14, Apr. 4 and May 16 | 10:00–10:45 AM
Ages 2–6 with caregiver | Meeting Room
Join us for a welcoming storytime that follows a set routine to give our youngest patrons a predictable experience. We will listen to books, play games, practice fingerplays, and retell our last story using a felt board. Storytime will end with an opportunity to play and socialize.

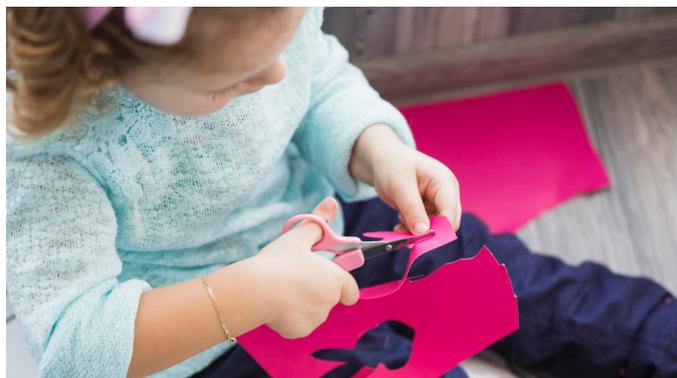


Little Learners

Thursdays | Mar. 12–May 14 | 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.

Preschool Paper Crafts

Fridays | Mar. 13, Apr. 10 and May 15 | 10:00–10:30 AM
Ages 4–6 with caregiver | Art Room
Make a new step-by-step paper craft each month!
* *Drop-ins permitted while supplies last.*



Alphabet Storytime

Mondays | Mar. 16, Apr. 13 and May 18 | 10:00–10:30 AM
Ages 3–5 with caregiver | Story Room | Drop-In
Join Miss Monica for a letter-themed storytime followed by a simple art activity.



Read to the Rhythm Storytime

Saturdays | Mar. 21, Apr. 11 and May 2 | 10:00–10:30 AM
Ages 2–6 with caregiver | Story Room
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!
■ Mar. 21 | Springtime
■ Apr. 11 | Rainy Day
■ May 2 | Mother's Day

Bedtime with Buster Family Storytime

Thursdays | Mar. 26, Apr. 9 & 23 and May 7
6:30–7:00 PM | Story Room | Drop-In
Ages 2–6 with caregiver
Shhh...it's bedtime. Put on your PJ's and enjoy soothing stories and nursery rhymes perfect before going to sleep. There will also be a visit from Little Mouse!

Bartlett's Little Bookworms Book Club

Fridays: Mar. 27, Apr. 24 & May 15 | 3:00–3:45 PM
Story Room | Registration Required
Ages 3–6 with caregiver
Join this book club, designed just for preschoolers! Each session focuses on a different picture book, character, or author. We will play a character/author-related game, read a story, and finish with a craft. Children may attend the storytime portion alone, but a caregiver is needed for the craft.
■ Mar. 27 | Bluey
■ Apr. 24 | Peppa Pig
■ May 15 | Chrysanthemum



Elementary Programs

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General

The Great Character Face-Off

Sunday, Mar. 1–Saturday, Mar. 28 | Ages 3–12

Come join the March Madness Character Bracket in the Art Room! Vote for your favorite 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!

Beginner Chess

Tuesday, Mar. 3 | 3:30–4:15 PM

Grades 2–6 | West Conference Room

Want to learn how to play chess? Come to Beginner Chess to learn the very basics of the game.

Pokémon Club

Wednesdays | Mar. 4, Apr. 1 and May 6

Grades 2–6 | 3:30–4:30 PM | The Hub

Join us to celebrate Pokémon with fun activities, including an introduction to the Pokémon Trading Card Game! Decks will be provided. Trading of cards will not be allowed during the program.

Chess Club

Thursdays | Mar. 5 & 19, Apr. 2, 16 & 30 and May 14 & 28

Grades 2–6 | 4:00–5:00 PM | 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.

Dragon Academy

Friday, Mar. 6 | 4:00–5:00 PM

Grades 2–6 | Meeting Room

Celebrate the newest *Wings of Fire* book with Dragon Academy! Kids will design dragons, complete themed activities, and explore the world of Pyrrhia and Pantala. Perfect for fans and new readers alike.

Cozy Quilters

Tuesdays | Mar. 10 & 24, Apr. 7 & 21 and May 5

3:45–4:45 PM | Art Room

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Enjoy some cozy ambiance while sewing a community quilt. Crafters of all skill levels are welcome; family members and caretakers are encouraged to participate! All materials will be provided.

Nature Center Storytime

Thursdays | Apr. 9 & 23 and May 14 | 3:00–4:00 PM

Friday, May 1 | 3:00–4:00 PM

Ages 5–10 with caregiver | Off-Site

Attend this special library storytime at the Bartlett Nature Center! Enjoy a nature-themed storytime followed by a short hike led by Nature Center staff.

* Register through the Bartlett Park District.

Kindness Rock Painting

Tuesday, Apr. 14 | 3:45–4:30 PM

Grades 2 and up with caregiver | Meeting Room

Help spread kindness around the library and beyond by painting Kindness Rocks! This program involves materials that can stain clothing, so please dress for an art mess.

Library's Got Talent

Friday, May 8 | 3:30–5:00 PM

Grades 2–6 | Meeting Room

It's your time to shine! Library's Got Talent invites kids to share their unique skills, from jokes and stories to songs and dances. Come watch, perform, and celebrate creativity together! Register in person at the Youth Services desk, where specific guidelines will be provided.

K–Grade 3

Mini Makers

Tuesdays | Mar. 3, Apr. 7 & May 5 | 3:45–4:15 PM

Preschool–K with caregiver | Meeting Room

Discover the joy of creativity in this hands-on art program designed for young children. Little artists in preschool and kindergarten will explore colors, shapes, and textures as they create their own masterpieces.

■ Mar. 3 | Color the Rainbow

■ Apr. 7 | Peekaboo Bunny Baskets

■ May 5 | Little Birdie Nests

Super STEM!

Wednesdays | Mar. 4, Apr. 8 and May 6

3:30–4:15 PM | Meeting Room

Grades 1–3 with caregiver

Join Mrs. Jessica as we explore STEM concepts through stories, crafts, games, and activities that encourage the development of logic, problem solving, and creative thinking.

■ Mar. 4 | Lucky Charm Math

■ Apr. 8 | Jellybean Coding

■ May 6 | Playground Engineers

Leprechaun Labyrinth

Friday, Mar. 13 | 3:30–4:30 PM

Grades 2–3 | Meeting Room

Step inside the Leprechaun Labyrinth and navigate a maze of tricky challenges! Follow shimmering clues, crack secret codes, and outsmart a mischievous leprechaun to find the final treasure. A thrilling St. Patrick's Day escape adventure!



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Lights, Camera, Story!

Wednesdays | Mar. 11, Apr. 15 and May 13

3:30–4:15 PM | Meeting Room

Grades K–3 with caregiver

Step into the spotlight! Each program celebrates the magic of storytelling through our favorite animated worlds. We'll read, create and imagine together as we bring stories to life with crafts, games, and a touch of movie-style magic.

Amazing Art!

Wednesdays | Mar. 18, Apr. 22 and May 20

3:30–4:15 PM | Meeting Room

Grades 1–3 with caregiver

Come and create amazing process art! Process art is art that is self-directed, choice driven, and celebrates the experience of discovery.

■ Mar. 18 | Whimsical Spring Castles

■ Apr. 22 | Featherly Birds

■ May 20 | Monet's Garden

Marvelous Monarchs!

Friday, Mar. 20 | 3:15–4:15 PM

Grades 1–3 | Meeting Room

Join our special guest from the Bartlett Nature Center and learn all about monarch butterflies, followed by a nature-inspired craft! This program will begin in the Meeting Room and transition outside, weather permitting.



Legend Explorers

Sundays | Mar. 22 and Apr. 12 | 2:00–2:45 PM

Grades K–3 with caregiver | Meeting Room

Step into the magical realm of fairy and folk tales from around the world. Explore the wonders of fairy and folktales through engaging crafts, games, and activities that bring these timeless tales to life.

Oh, the Places You'll Read!

Tuesday, Mar. 24 | 3:30–4:15 PM

Grades K–3 with caregiver | Meeting Room

Pack your imagination and set off on a reading adventure inspired by the world of Dr. Seuss! Kids will make creative crafts, play whimsical games, and explore stories that take them far and wide.

Adventure Club **A**

Wednesdays | Mar. 25, Apr. 29 and May 27

3:30–4:15 PM | Meeting Room | Grades 1–3 with caregiver

Every month, we'll dive into the culture and traditions of a new country with stories, crafts, games, and activities.

Kids Painting Class

Fridays | Mar. 27, Apr. 24 and May 29

Grades 2–3 | 3:30–4:30 PM | Meeting Room

Get creative and have fun with paint! Follow step-by-step instructions from Mrs. Jessica to create your very own colorful acrylic painting to take home the same day. No experience needed just bring your imagination!

Clay Pot Bunny

Tuesday, Apr. 21 | 3:30–4:15 PM

Grades 2–3 | Meeting Room

Celebrate spring with a sweet bunny-themed craft! Children will decorate clay pots with ears, whiskers, and bright colors to create their own bunny characters.

Green Thumb Club

Saturday, Apr. 25 | 10:00–10:45 AM

Preschool–3 with caregiver | Meeting Room

Join the Green Thumb Club for a short story, craft, and other activities in honor of Arbor Day.

Moms, Memories & Masterpieces

Thursday, May 7 | 3:30–4:15 PM | Art Room

Grades 1–3 with caregiver

Kids are invited to celebrate the special moms and caregivers in their lives through a creative keepsake project. We'll craft a heartfelt masterpiece, explore simple memory prompts, and create something truly meaningful to take home.

Grade 4–6

LEGO Build-a-Thon

Mondays | Mar. 9, Apr. 20 and May 11

3:15–4:15 PM | The Hub

Make your own LEGO around a different theme every month. Prizes will be awarded to those who are voted best in their categories.

■ Mar. 9 | Maze

■ Apr. 20 | Nature

■ May 11 | Hotel

After School STEAM

Thursdays | Mar. 12, Apr. 9 and May 7

4:15–5:15 PM | Meeting Room

Join us at the library for fun STEAM activities after school is out!

■ Mar. 12 | Paper Roller Coaster

■ Apr. 9 | Wind Power

■ May 7 | Egg Drop



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Super Smash Bros Club

Thursdays, Mar. 26 and May 21

Grades 4–6 | 3:30–4:45 PM | Meeting Room

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.

Cultural Board Games at the Library

Tuesday, Mar. 17 | 3:30–4:30 PM

West Conference Room

Play games from around the world and learn a bit about their cultural history.

Young Authors

Wednesdays | Mar. 18, Apr. 8 and May 13

3:30–4:30 PM | West Conference Room

Interested in having an opportunity to create and share stories? Young Authors will help you put your ideas on paper! Prompts will change each session.

Crafty Kids

Wednesdays | Mar. 25, Apr. 15 and May 20

3:30–4:30 PM | The Hub

Put your hands to work with arts and crafts projects you can take home after the program. There will be a different project every month.

■ Mar. 25 | Yarn Art

■ Apr. 15 | Tissue paper flowers

■ May 20 | Cardboard spaceship

Really, Really, Weird Sports with Mark Anderson

Monday, Mar. 30 | 11:00 AM–12:00 PM | Meeting Room

You think Pickleball is weird?! Try Cycleball! Sepak Takraw! Bartitsu! And even... I hesitate to say it... OK, prepare yourself... Fierljeppen! And we're drawing them all!

Make Your Own Alpaca Pal

Thursday, Apr. 2 | 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Grades 3–6 | Meeting Room

Join Terri Murphy and discover the joyful Peruvian festival that honors nature and celebrates alpacas with bright decorations and festive spirit—then make yours ready for the parade! Using pre-cut cardboard, colorful markers, and vibrant yarn, design an alpaca complete with a cozy woven blanket.

Mario Kart Tournament

Thursday, Apr. 2 | 1:45–2:45 PM

Grades 4–12 | Teen Space

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

Craft Stick Challenges

Saturday, Apr. 4 | 4:00–5:00 PM | The Hub

Join us for creative challenges as the librarian invites you to build projects using craft sticks.

Get a Ticket to Ride

Tuesday, Apr. 7 | 3:30–4:30 PM

West Conference Room

Learn how to play Ticket to Ride and see who can travel the farthest in one hour!

Mario Kart Club

Thursday, Apr. 23 | 3:30–4:45 PM

Grades 4–6 | Meeting Room

Join us for fun games of Mario Kart World using the library's Nintendo Switch 2! Participants will be expected to rotate after every race.

Comic Drawing

Tuesday, Apr. 28 | 3:30–4:30 PM

West Conference Room

Create your own comic and share it with others.

Groovin' With Garbage!

Friday, May 1 | 3:15–4:00 PM | Meeting Room

Give your recyclables a second life in this crafty instrument-making workshop.

Read & Craft A

Monday, May 11 | 3:30–4:15 PM

Grades 4–8 | Teen Space

Come to the library to talk about a book, have a snack, and do some crafts. We will vote on which book we read next at the end of every session.

Shadow Puppet Workshop

Tuesday, May 12 | 3:30–4:45 PM | Meeting Room

Create paper shadow puppets and perform a classic tale together. The final performance will be filmed for program participants to view afterwards.



“Uno!”

Tuesday, May 19 | 3:30–4:30 PM

West Conference Room

Play the card game Uno and see who can get their hand down to zero first!

Drawing “Simon Says...”

Friday, May 29 | 4:00–5:00 PM

West Conference Room

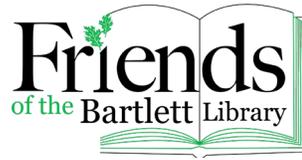
Take turns doing “Simon Says...” to create challenges for everyone to draw.

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 Saturday: 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

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April 5, May 24 & 25

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March 10 and May 12
 7:00 PM | All are welcome!

FOUNDATION MEETINGS

March 23 and April 27
 4:30 PM | All are welcome!

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