

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS



Music and Movement Story Time

Mondays, 10:00 a.m.

Develop early literacy skills with music, dancing, singing, and stories. Ages 2-6.

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Stories, songs, and fun with a new theme each week. Ages 2-6.

Baby Play Date

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Connect with other parents and your baby with simple songs and stories. Ages 0-2.

Toddler Yoga

Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Join staff from Stateline YMCA for stretching, songs, and fun. Ages 0-5.

PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL AGE KIDS



"When I Grow Up..." with PBS KIDS

Second Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sept. 9: Disney Animator (Philo Barnhart)

Oct. 14: Disability Advocate (Samantha Frietag)

Nov. 11: Marvel Comics Author (Matt Forbeck)

Learn about careers in this story time featuring experts from the field. Hear stories, participate in hands-on activities, and ask the expert questions. Free book and lunch, while supplies last.

LEGO Club

Second Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13

Build as a team or work on your own creation. Be sure to bring a camera to capture your creation! Each month will bring a new build challenge. Ages 5-12.

Music and Puppets with Johnny!

Tues., Sept. 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Join our pals from The Castle Band on a musical and educational adventure! Kids of all ages will learn about Rhythm, Melody, and Movement. Music makes the Brain stronger! Musical Puppet Fun for everyone! Ages 0-13.

Fire Truck Story Time

Mon., Oct. 23, 10:00 a.m.

Join us for this special story time with a guest firefighter from the City of Beloit! At the end of the story time, head outside and get a tour of a real fire truck! Ages 0-6.

Halloween Party Story Time

Tues., Oct. 31, 10:00 a.m.

Suit up in your favorite costume, and join us for a special, spooktacular story time! Ages 2-6.

Music and Movement with Fred and Friends!

Mon., Nov. 6, 10:00 a.m.

This special story time is presented by our musically talented guests, Fred and Friends. Ages 2-6.

Partial Solar Eclipse Celebration

Sat., Oct. 14, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Enjoy a variety of activities based on the partial eclipse. A surprise prize will be given out at the end, while supplies last. Ages 5-10.

PBS Family Fun Night: Alma Goes to Puerto Rico

Thurs., Sept. 21, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Watch this new episode of PBS KIDS's *Alma's Way* focused on self-awareness, self-advocacy, social awareness, cultural competency, and responsible decision making. Explore activities and enjoy a Puerto Rican snack. For families.

BookQuesters Adventures

Ages 7-12, especially 4th and 5th graders. Sponsored by the family of Judith H. Adams.

The Sisters Grimm



Fri., Oct. 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us on this special day to explore a magical world where fairy-tale creatures live with humans. Play trivia and create art that personally reflects your true self.

The Wright 3

Sat., Nov. 4, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Join Petra, Calder, and Tommy as they search for the mysteries surrounding the Robie House in Chicago. Create art glass, experiment with pentominoes, and decipher coded messages. Enjoy a special snack.



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Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday
9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Our outside book drop, free Wi-Fi, and digital resources are always available!

Library Director

Nick Dimassis (608) 364-2917

Friends at Beloit Library (FABL)

FABL provides support to the library through the sale of donated books. New volunteer members are always welcome, as are donations of gently used books.
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friendsatbeloitlibrary@gmail.com

Beloit Public Library Foundation

Our Foundation maintains an endowment to provide funding for special projects. Make your tax-deductible donation today.
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foundation@beloitlibrary.org

Children

Children 8 and younger should be accompanied by an adult or caregiver age 12 or older.

Accessibility

The library is wheelchair accessible and offers many assistive devices including an electric scooter, walkers, magnifiers, Hearing Loops, and a computer with features to assist persons with sight challenges. Ask any staff member about these and other assistive devices.

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FALL '23 PROGRAM GUIDE

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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

DRAWN TO LIFE with a Disney Animator

Sat., Sept. 9

Drawing Workshop-12:30-2:30 p.m.

Meet & Greet-2:30-4:30 p.m.

Disney and art fans! Spend the afternoon with former Disney animator and illustrator Philo Barnhart, who worked on films such as *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast*! Learn drawing tips during the workshop, and get all of your questions answered during the meet and greet. Prints of his work will be available for purchase.



PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Drive-In Movie Night:

Puss in Boots: The Last Wish

Fri., Sept. 29, 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy a big-screen outdoor film from your car or in a lawn chair! We're hosting *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish* in the parking lot. Food and drink will be available.

Rain date: Sat., Sept. 30



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

The Murders of H. H. Holmes

Oct. 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Was H.H. Holmes really the infamous serial killer of the 1893 World's Fair that he was said to be, with a murder castle of torture chambers and trap doors? Or were these shocking stories intensified over the years? Historian Michelle Gibbons will discuss Holmes' life, his crimes, and how he was found guilty of only one murder.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

FABL Warehouse Book Sale

Oct. 19, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Oct. 20, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Oct. 21, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Our Friends group hosts this great used book sale with basement bargain pricing! Saturday is bag day with the price of each bag full of books at only \$1. Proceeds are returned to the library for special programming and initiatives.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Holiday Mocktails 101

Mon., Nov. 13,

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join 5Bar mixologist extraordinaire Levi Anderson at BPL as he demonstrates how to make festive and fun mocktails for the holidays! All supplies will be provided. *Registration is required.*



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Through Future Eyes

Sat., Sept. 23,

10:00-11:30 a.m.

View part of Cheryl and Jim Caldwell's 2011 documentary, *Through Their Eyes: The History of African Americans in Beloit 1836-1970*, which showcases the illustrious history of African American families and their challenges and triumphs in the City of Beloit during that time. Cheryl will be in attendance to discuss the urgent need to preserve this history and her next project to do just that.



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MOVIES



Black Cinema Series
Third Mondays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 18: *The Hate U Give*
Oct. 16: *Harriet*
Nov. 20: *The Wiz*
This new monthly film series features iconic Black films. Free refreshments. Drawing for free movie.



Rainbow Movie Series
First Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 5: *Some Like it Hot*
Oct. 3: *My Beautiful Laundrette*
Nov. 7: *Orlando*
Join us for this monthly film series featuring an LGBTQ+ friendly film. Co-hosted with Yellow Brick Road Organization. Free refreshments. Drawing for free movie.



FABL Film Series
First Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 6: *Plane*
Oct. 4: *Army of Darkness*
Nov. 1: *Champions*
Join us for this monthly film series featuring a new release sponsored by our Friends. Free refreshments. Drawing for free movie.



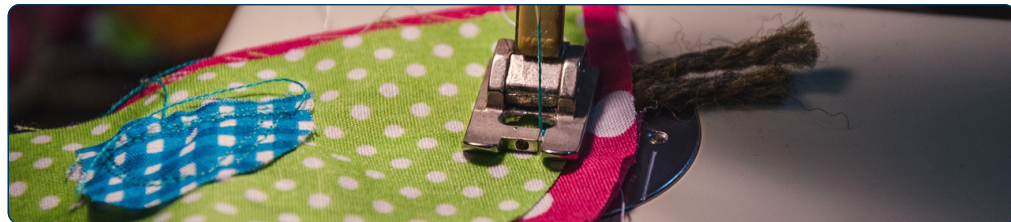
Classic Film Series
Third Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 20: *The Rainmaker*
Oct. 18: *The Notorious Landlady*
Nov. 15: *Good Neighbor Sam*
Join us for this monthly film series. Free refreshments. Drawing for free movie.

LOCAL AUTHOR EVENT



Local Author Terri Mason:
The Golden Book of Prayers
Thurs., Sept. 7, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Meet and greet local author Terri Mason as she introduces her book: *The Golden Book of Prayers*. Signed copies can be purchased after the event.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS



Teen DIYs
Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Sept. 21: Felt Cozies
Oct. 12: Potion Bottles
Nov. 9: Mason Jar Autumn Leaf Lanterns
Get creative with your friends – and make some new ones. All materials are provided, while they last.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Third Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15
Calling all teens! Help us make decisions on fun teen programming...and eat free pizza! Earn volunteer hours just by meeting with us once a month!

Teen Movie Night
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28: *A Wrinkle in Time*
Oct. 19: *Hocus Pocus*
Nov. 16: *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret*
Join us for this monthly film series featuring iconic films made for teens. Free refreshments.

Sew Much Fun: Sewing Lessons for Teens
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8 and Nov. 15
Learn the basics of using a sewing machine from Ann Lankford, owner of Casey's Sewing Center. Ages 13-18. Registration is required for this four-week series: beloitlibrary.org/how-do-i/register-for-a-program/.

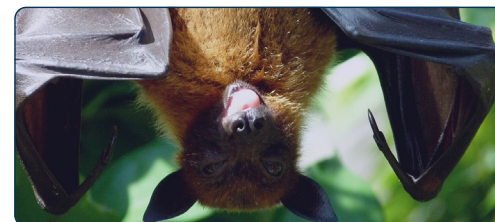
PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



Saturday Morning Chess Club
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Join us for a game of chess, learn the basics, or watch others. All skill levels are welcome. Experienced chess players are available for challenges and/or instruction. Ages 5+.

Gaming Club
Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Bring your friends and hang out with a weekly game night. Bring your own Yu-Gi-Oh or gaming cards. Play our gaming cart with XBOX and PS4 games. Ages 12+.

Family Craft Night
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Sept. 14: Puzzle Tree
Oct. 4: Candy Corn Crafts
Nov. 8: Paper or Twine Pumpkins
No planning, no preparing, and no clean-up... just fun! We provide the supplies and the ideas; just bring yourselves! Win-Win! All ages.



Bats are Superheroes!
Sat., Oct. 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Celebrate Bat Appreciation Week as Jennifer Redell, Wisconsin DNR biologist, teaches about the importance of these superheroes of the night sky and unearths the mysteries of Wisconsin's bats. Hear about why they are superheroes, what their kryptonite is, and what we can do to keep them safe and healthy. Bat skins from all eight native bats will be available to view before and after the program.

International Games Day Celebration with PlayMonster
Wed., Nov. 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Celebrate International Games Day at BPL! Consumer and Community Relations Specialist Christi Bickford will demonstrate several games developed by PlayMonster – a national leader in games that calls Beloit home! Games and puzzles for all ages will be available ... or bring your own game to share!



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



Tech Tuesdays
Tuesdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Bring your device and drop in for expert assistance with your devices and software with our one-on-one technology support. Our staff also can help you learn to use library apps, resources, and more!

Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club
Tuesdays, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Bring your own knitting or crocheting project, and hang out with other yarn crafters for inspiration, conversation, and collaboration.

Stateline Night Writers via Zoom
Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Meet other writers for hints, tips, suggestions, and encouragement. If you'd like to join, email Jerry at jerrypetersonbooks@gmail.com.

Sew Much Fun: Sewing Lessons for Adults
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sept. 9, Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Sept. 30
Learn the basics of using a sewing machine from Ann Lankford, owner of Casey's Sewing Center. Registration is required for this four-week series.

Eat Local
Tues., Sept. 26, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Explore the science and health benefits of eating local foods with Julie Uram of Nature at the Confluence and Kaelyb Lokrantz of Merrill Community Garden.

Caring for Your Quilts: Museum Methods on a Household Budget
Thurs., Oct. 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Learn low-budget methods to provide optimum environments for treasured quilts and other textiles with Donna Langford from Beloit Historical Society. Discussion and demonstrations include temperature, humidity, light, pests, storage boxes, and locations. A trunk show of historic quilts will follow.

Maximizing Generosity: Unleashing the Power of Tax Advantaged Giving
Tues., Oct. 24, 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Jon Urish presents this program that explains how you can donate and reduce your income tax burden. Understand how to structure your investments now to maximize your options as you gain wealth. Already retired? Find out your options for required minimum distributions of your IRAs.

Holiday Survival for Caregivers
Tues., Nov. 14, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Are you providing care for a loved one experiencing dementia? Learn tips and tricks from Dementia Care Specialist Karen Tennyson for successfully navigating the holidays.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tuesdays, 1:00-6:00 p.m.
Oct. 10 and Dec. 12
Save a life; donate blood. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Ages 18+.

BILINGUAL SERIES

Spanish Fluency Club for Beginners
2nd & 4th Saturdays beginning Sept. 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Learn conversational Spanish and appreciate Mexican culture in our new Spanish Fluency Club for Beginners, led by Andero Anderson. Special days will include food. Fluent English and/or Spanish speakers are invited.



Dia De Los Muertos
Sat., Oct. 28, 12:00-4:30 p.m.
Celebrate Dia De Los Muertos at BPL! Enjoy this lively Mexican holiday rich on traditions that celebrates those who came before us. Enjoy activities, dances, food, and more. Presented by La Preferida de Beloit.



Make Your Own Catrina
Wed.-Thurs., Nov. 1-2, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
The magnificent Lily Herbold and Wisconsin Contigo will teach how to make Catrinas, a cultural symbol for the Day of the Dead! This event spans two days, as it involves paper maché. For teens and adults. Presented by Wisconsin Contigo. Registration is required.

BOOK DISCUSSION



4th Wednesday Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Sept. 27: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
Oct. 25: *Code Name Blue Wren* by Jim Popkin
Nov. 15*: *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich
Read the book and join us for a healthy discussion. *NOTE: November date is adjusted due to the holiday.

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Beloit Public Library makes hosting book club easy with our ready-to-go Book Club Bags. Choose from one of 25 titles, each packed with 10 copies of the book and a discussion guide. Bags check out for eight weeks. Simply pull a tote bag off of the shelf, scan the hanger tag, and go on your merry way.

No more excuses ... get hosting!