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Fall 2017

Chat from the Chair



I want to start with a thank you to the Library's neighbors for their support for the new library project, including to our local officials, with special appreciation to Congresswoman Debbie Dingell for her interest and assistance. That said, in this issue we devote this space to our extraordinary Belleville Area District Library Director, Mary Jo Suchy's perspective on the things people are most interested in knowing about our new library. *Read on...*

Sharon Claytor Peters, Chair
Belleville Area District Library Board

Notes from the Director

The two questions I hear most frequently about the new library are "Where is it going to be?" and "When are you going to start building it?"

The first question is easy to answer. The new two-story library will be right across the street from the existing library. It will be built in the municipal parking lot and in the portion of 4th St. that is in front of the library. We will be able to remain open while construction is underway, and temporary parking and construction logistics are being worked out. We will endeavor to create as little disruption as possible to our local neighbors and our library users, but a project of this size does prompt us to plead with you to "pardon our dust."

The second question is a little bit harder to answer, but we plan to break ground and begin construction in the spring. By the time you read this, we will have sent our site plan approval submission to the City of Belleville's Planning Commission. We also need to purchase the H&B building on Charles St. (which will eventually be parking) and sign a property exchange agreement with the City.

In the meantime, we are planning for services at the proposed library media center in Sumpter Township and anticipate that this branch will be open sometime in summer 2018. The media center will be located on Sumpter Rd. just north of the Community Center.

For more details and updates about this project, stop by the library and we will show you our plans, or you may visit: www.belleville.lib.mi.us/building-program.

Mary Jo Suchy, Director
Belleville Area District Library

Look Inside for Upcoming Programs and Events!

Belleville Area District Library
167 Fourth Street
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www.belleville.lib.mi.us



Hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 10 am-9 pm
Fri. & Sat. 10 am-5 pm

Library Board

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The library board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

The library will be closed on the following days:

- Monday, September 4 – Labor Day
- Saturday, November 11 – Veterans Day
- Thurs. & Fri., November 23-24 – Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 22 - Monday, December 25 – Christmas Holiday
- Saturday, December 30 - Monday, January 1 – New Year's Holiday

Summer Reading Program



Congratulations Amira Yarbrough, Teen Summer Reading Program Cedar Point ticket winner! (left)
Talented Didgeridoo player Sara John performs during the Summer Reading Program. (right)

24/7 Library Services @
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Children's Programs

Story Times @ the BADL

All area children are invited to join us for our interactive story times. Children can enjoy meeting new friends while acting out songs, listening to stories, and making a thematic craft.

FALL STORY TIMES

Please register for Fall Story Times at the Library Circulation Desk starting September 1.

Family Story Time (ages 5-10)	Mondays 6:30 pm	September 11 – October 16
Tuesday Toddler Time (ages 2-4)	Tuesdays 11 am	September 12 – October 17
Thursday Toddler Time (ages 2-4)	Thursdays 11 am	September 14 – October 19

HOLIDAY STORY TIMES

Please register for Holiday Story Times at the Library Circulation Desk starting November 1.

The library will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Family Story Time (ages 5-10)	Mondays 6:30 pm	November 6 – December 11
Tuesday Toddler Time (ages 2-4)	Tuesdays 11 am	November 7 – December 12
Thursday Toddler Time (ages 2-4)	Thursdays 11 am	November 9 – December 14

SANTA @ THE LIBRARY! December 11, 6:30 - 8 pm

Join Santa for story time and then take turns on his lap to express Christmas wishes. Parents are welcome to take videos and pictures at this holiday event.

Science Kidz!

Our hands-on science program for children ages 6-12 (plus a parent) are fun and educational! Programs are on select Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Registration for the first session begins Sept. 20, at the Circulation Desk.

October 4 Paper Learn how paper is made, and make your own recycled paper to take home. Get ready for some messy fun!

October 11 Rollercoasters We will explore the physics behind roller-coasters and make our own tracks to give our marbles the ride of their lives.

October 18 Life in a Rotting Log Let's get out our magnifying glasses and learn all about this fascinating ecosystem.

October 25 Egg Drop What will it take to protect your egg? Let's do some building with recycled materials and find out!

Registration for the second session begins Nov. 15, at the Circulation Desk.

November 29 Fidget Spinners Do you wonder how your fidget spinner works? We will explore the science behind fidget spinners and make our own to take home!

December 6 Magnification Time to get out the microscopes and magnifying glasses and get a closer look at the world around you!

December 13 Animal Tracks in the Snow Learn how animals survive in the winter and identify some animal tracks. Make a cast of a track to take home.

December 20 Snowflakes Get ready for winter and study the beauty and science behind snowflakes! Together we will learn how to cut paper snowflakes. We'll pass out a crystal snowflake experiment to do at home.

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More Programs!

Taking Control of Your Cash: Eliminating Debt

Tuesday, September 19, 7 pm

A guest speaker from the Society for Financial Awareness (SOFA) presents this free seminar. Discover tips for how to stop living paycheck to paycheck, learn strategies for developing a budget, and ask questions about how to manage your financial future. Please register for this seminar beginning Monday, September 4.

Grown-up Story Time:

A Booville Spooktacular Event

Tuesday, October 24, 7 pm

You're never too old for stories. That's why we're hosting a special Halloween-themed story time, just for adults! Listen to dramatic readings of classic spooky tales, and enjoy some tasty fall refreshments. We'll even have supplies on hand for a Halloween craft! Reserve your space beginning Monday, October 9.

Donut Dolly: An American Red Cross Girl's War in Vietnam

Tuesday, November 7, 7 pm

In advance of Veterans Day, the BADL welcomes Joann Puffer Kotcher, a former Red Cross worker assigned to combat support duty during the Vietnam War. Known as Donut Dollies, these Red Cross workers were the first American women allowed in combat zones. Ms. Kotcher will share stories from her five duty postings in Vietnam, including her time assigned to a Special Forces team in the jungle. After the talk, Ms. Kotcher will be signing copies of her book, available for sale.

Checkmate! Learn How to Play Chess

Saturday, Sept. 30, 10:15-11:45 am or 2-3:30 pm

The game of chess has been a favorite of European nobles, Benjamin Franklin, and, of course, Ronald Weasley. In this workshop, you will learn the rules of the game and get a chance to play against an opponent or two. Ages 10 and up are welcome to this free program.

Registration begins September 18.



Learn Something New!

The Write Stuff Writer's Group

The Write Stuff Writer's Group meets the last Saturday of every month from 1-3 pm. It is open for all aspiring writers, from teens to adults. No matter where you are in your writing journey, you will find support and encouragement in our monthly gathering.

AARP: Job Searching in the Digital Age

Saturday, September 16, 11 am - 1 pm

In the Digital Age, success can hinge on the movement of a mouse and the click of a button! Join presenters from AARP for a free interactive workshop where you'll learn about the newest and best websites and apps for job searching and discover ways to boost your digital presence and get the attention of hiring managers.

Knits & Starts Fiber Crafts Group

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 pm

Join a social group of fiber craft enthusiasts for camaraderie and mentoring. Bring your own project, or borrow some of our materials to learn the basics of knit or crochet.

We'll help you get started!

Knits & Starts SPECIAL CLASS DIY Loom Weaving

Thursday, December 7, 7 pm

Make your own cardboard loom, and learn the basics of weaving. All materials will be provided!

Registration opens

Monday, November 20.



Computer Classes at BADL

Classes for beginner through intermediate computer users. Each class is repeated twice to accommodate more participants: please choose just one time slot to attend! These free classes are 1½ hours long. **Registration is required, and begins Monday, September 11.**

Getting Started with Computer Basics

Monday, September 25, 10:30 am or 2 pm

This class will give the absolute beginner an introduction to the skills necessary to operate a computer.

Beginner's Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Tuesday, September 26, 2 pm or 6 pm

Participants will learn to create and organize a spreadsheet with MS Excel.

Exploring Cloud Computing with Google Drive

Thursday, September 28, 2 pm or 6 pm

In this class, we'll explore the various features of Google Drive: a free cloud-based file storage and management system that allows you to create documents, forms, and spreadsheets as well as store pictures and other files online.

Homegrown Knowledge Series

This monthly series showcases the variety of talents, knowledge, and experiences of your neighbors. Stop by at 7 pm on the second Thursday of each month for interesting stories and snacks.

September 20*	<i>Storm Chasing</i> with Stephen Moore
October 12	<i>Stained Glass</i> with Diane Eissinger
November 9	<i>Greenland and Wild Labrador</i> with Dee Crowe
December 14	<i>3D Printing</i> with Rick Cichewicz

*Note: The program in September will be on Wednesday, September 20.

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Book Groups

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group

meets the first open Monday of the month at 7 pm in the library.

- Sept. 11 – *Hyperion* by Dan Simmons
- Oct. 2 – *Dragon Heart* by Cecelia Holland
- Nov. 6 – *Dinosaur Summer* by Greg Bear
- Dec. 4 – *The Day of the Triffids* by John Wyndham
- Jan. 8 – *Red Mars* by Kim Stanley Robinson

The Evening Book Group meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the library.

- Sept. 7 – *The Red Parts* by Maggie Nelson
- Oct. 5 – *Free Food for Millionaires* by Min Jin Lee
- Nov. 2 – *Desert Queen: the Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell; Adventurer, Advisor to Kings, Ally of Lawrence of Arabia* by Janet Wallach
- Dec. 7 – *Between Georgia* by Joshilyn Jackson

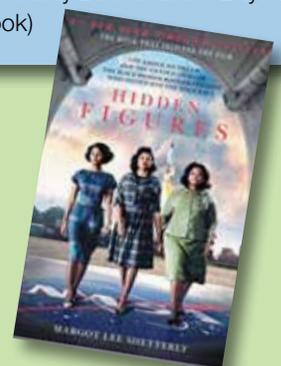
The Other Book Group meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm throughout the community. Contact the library for the next location!

- Sept. 21 – *Just Mercy: a Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
- Oct. 19 – *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- Nov. 16 – *The Satanic Verses* by Salman Rushdie
- Dec. 21 – *Animal Farm: a Fairy Story* by George Orwell

African American Literature

Book Group meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the library.

- Sept. 28 – *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Oct. 26 – *Joplin's Ghost* by Tananarive Due
- Nov. 30 – *Just Mercy: a Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
- Dec. 28 – Holiday Dinner at the Bayou Grill (no book)





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Magician Gordon Russ and Audrey Bruner perform during Summer Reading Program.



The 2018 Belleville Area Garden Walk will be here before you know it! Here's a sneak peek.

Mark Your Calendars!

Harvest Fest

Saturday, October 14, 11 am-3 pm



Kids (and all of us big kids) enjoy a day of butter churning, soap carving, scavenger hunts, pony rides, and much more. All activities are free and take place at the library, museum, and 4th Street parking lot.

Winter Fest

Saturday, December 2, 4:30 pm

Our popular gingerbread decorating will return this year.

Attendance at Library events constitutes consent to be photographed for use in print and/or electronic publicity for the Belleville Area District Library.

Do you know an adult who needs help reading? The Belleville Area District Library offers FREE 1-on-1 tutoring with trained literacy volunteers. Learners must commit to meeting with their tutor once a week for two hours. This service is completely confidential. For more information, stop by the library or call us at 699-3291.

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