

Bloom at Your LibrarySM



Serving Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren

Progressions

Winter 2019

Join the Fun!

Storytelling with La’Ron Williams Saturday, February 16, 2 pm

La’Ron Williams joins us once again for an evening of tales with a deeper meaning - addressing race, society, and the struggle to expand the American ideal of democratic inclusion. His stories focus on folk tales from African and African American traditions, as well as tales from his own life. Older children and adults will enjoy this highly-interactive performance, featuring music and singing.



Community Sings with Matt Watroba

Wednesdays: January 23, February 27, April 24 at 7 pm

Join your friends and neighbors for a community sing-along, hosted by WDET’s Matt Watroba.

Community sings are an opportunity for all willing singers to experience the power of song and musical participation. Don’t worry if you don’t consider yourself a “singer” - community singing is not performing. *All skill levels are welcome!*



hoopla

The library has a new digital lending service! In addition to Overdrive, we now offer Hoopla, which allows you to check out content from the comfort of your own home device: eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music, and comics. And the best part? No wait lists! *Get started today by downloading the free Hoopla app from your device’s app store, or talk to a staff member for more information.*

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-6 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, December 31 – New Year’s Eve
Tuesday, January 1 – New Year’s Day
Monday, January 21 –
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Friday, April 19 – Good Friday

National Library Week:
April 7-13

It’s time to celebrate our library community! Stop by and visit us this week for special activities and to learn about all the materials and services we have to offer you.

24/7 Library Services @
www.belleville.lib.mi.us

Wetland Bingo (Ages 7 and up)

Registration is required: Opens on January 14

Saturday, February 9, 11 am

Bring the family in to play Wetland Bingo and learn about some of the plants and animals found in Southeastern Michigan while playing a game favorite of children and adults. Our guide Matt Richardson from Wayne County Parks will also provide hands on exploration of animal shells, furs, and skeletons.

Adult Programs

Bullet Journaling

Thursday, January 3, 7 pm (Registration is required, and opens December 17)
Want to improve your organizational skills and productivity? A bullet journal can be a planner, to-do list, sketchbook, diary, or all of the above. Join us to learn how to put this amazingly flexible tool to work for you.

An Uncommon Criminal Tuesday, March 26, 7 pm

In digging through your family history have you ever come across a criminal and con artist? This happened to Southfield Mayor and historian Ken Siver, and he turned it into his latest book *An Uncommon Criminal*. His great grandfather was an international con artist during his 70 year crime spree. He pretended to be a doctor, war hero and more. Siver will talk about his great grandfather and how he and his family uncovered the true story of Edwin Turner Osbaldeston in an engaging talk and presentation complete with lots of pictures from an era when photography was not the norm.

Smart Phone Photography

Saturday, April 6, 2-4 pm (Registration is required: Opens March 18)
Professional photographer Jeff Smith leads a two hour, hands-on workshop to teach you how to take better pictures with your smart phone. He'll include general photography tips as well as advice on apps for shooting and editing your photos. Space is limited.

Tech Tutoring *Bring your device!*

Have a new phone, and it doesn't work like the old one? Want to organize your email? Interested in all the digital services the library has to offer? Call the library and make a private 45-minute appointment with a staff member who will help you get the hang of your digital devices.

The Write Stuff Writer's Group

Meets the last Saturday of every month from 1-3 pm at the library. *All aspiring writers are welcome to drop in and share their projects!*

SignUp

You can now register to attend library programs online! Go to belleville.evanced.info/signup and click on the program you're interested in to reserve your space.



Librarian Nakenya Lewis-Yarbrough leads Family Story Time on Monday evenings throughout the school year.

Join the Friends!

Meetings are open to members and the public, so all are encouraged to attend.

Friends Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 26, 12:30 pm

Friends 2019 Meetings (10-11:30 am)

Saturday, January 12

Saturday, February 9

Saturday, March 9

Saturday, April 13

Used Book Sale

Saturday, February 2 and May 4

11 am-Noon, Friends only

Noon-3 pm, General Public

Book Groups

African American Literature Book Group

meets at the library on the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

- January 31 – *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult
- February 28 – *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- March 28 – *Imago* by Octavia Butler
- April 25 – *Believing in Magic* by Cookie Johnson



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

- January 3 – *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- February 7 – *The Refugees* by Viet Thanh Nguyen
- March 7 – *Walking Across Egypt* by Clyde Edgerton
- April 4 – *A Spark of Light* by Jodi Picoult

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

- January 17 – *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett
- February 21 – *I Am I Am I Am: Seventeen Brushes with Death* by Maggie O'Farrell
- March 21 – *Mrs. Caliban* by Rachel Ingalls
- April 18 – *Poetry in Michigan in Poetry* edited by William Olsen & Jack Ridl



Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group

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

- January 7 – *Titus Groan* by Mervyn Peake
- February 4 – *The Forever War* by Joe Haldeman
- March 4 – *Artemis* by Andy Weir
- April 1 – *Assassin's Apprentice* by Robin Hobb

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Children's Programs

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 begins February 20 online or with library staff.

March 6 | Speed Racer Science

How fast will your speed racer go? Kids will learn about Newton's First Law of Motion and make a sail car to take home. We will practice racing our cars to see if we can beat our own time.

March 13 | SCRAP Box

Tonight we welcome a presenter from SCRAP Box, the creative reuse and donation center in Ann Arbor. We will learn all about creative reuse and make a craft project to take home.

March 20 | Tools

Not only are humans tool users, but lots of other animals are too! Together we will explore the history of tool use and invent our own tools to solve some unique problems.

March 27 | Geysers

The pressure is on! What is a geyser, and how do they form? Kids will investigate the science behind geysers through a series of hands-on activities, and experiment with making their own geyser.



The library celebrated Booville with crafts and scary stories for adults!

Story Times

All children are invited to join us for our interactive Story Times. Children can enjoy meeting new friends while singing, listening to stories, and making thematic crafts. **Register online or with library staff.**

Family Story Time (ages 4-10)	Mondays 7 pm	January 14 – February 25 March 18 – April 29
Tuesday Toddler Time (ages 2-4)	Tuesdays 11 am	January 15 – February 26 March 19 – April 30
Thursday Toddler Time (ages 2-4)	Thursdays 11 am	January 17 – February 28 March 21 – May 2

The Library will be closed on Monday, January 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Money Smart Week – Storytime and Craft (Ages 4-11)

Saturday, March 30, 11 am (Registration is required: Opens March 11)

Enjoy a money smart Storytime and paint your own piggy bank. While supplies last, participating families will receive a copy of the book, *Earn It! A Moneybunny book*, by Cinders McLeod, compliments of Michigan Credit Unions. Part of Money Smart Kids Read.

Chat from the Chair

The 2018 Holiday Season has truly been one of giving and gratitude at the Belleville Area District Library. As we enter 2019, our library community continues its "Legacy @ Your Library" project and our quest to attract and acknowledge charter donors before the cornerstone of the new library is laid. We are now just over half way to our \$400,000 goal! Our gratitude is immense to all the donors, large and small, who have brought us to where we are today. We are eager for other civic minded library lovers to join in.



The Legacy idea was born from two perspectives. First we wanted a way for private individual and organizational participation to be "built in to" the new library in a lasting way. Through lending their names, legacy donors can literally become a part of a very important community space. Second, we wanted our community to be served by the unique place we initially envisioned, with as many of its special features as possible to be included in the final plan. As with all major building projects, unforeseen circumstances (steel prices, foundation considerations, etc.) cut into our initial cost projections and required painful cuts to special characteristics to stay within budget. Some of those decisions allowed us to find greater cost efficiency in some of the library elements. But some of the cuts diminished aspects that would meaningfully add to esthetic and functional appreciation of the building. To responsibly stretch our taxpayer dollars, private donations can fill in the gap.

The Legacy Project was initiated in the spring by a generous \$50,000 naming-rights grant from the Cozadd Foundation of the Belleville Area Rotary. The community spirit expressed in that action was inspiring. Individuals soon followed suit. Our largest singular donation to date is \$85,000 from an anonymous donor for our ecologically friendly vegetative roof. Naming-right donations for various rooms and features have followed. As always, the Friends of BADL have shown leadership, with over \$25,000 contributed as a group.

All donors, at whatever level, will be acknowledged in a variety of ways. No donation is too small. Naming-rights for the Donor Wall and rooms/special features range from \$1,000 to \$200,000. One of the ideas we are actively pursuing is for charter donors of all levels by spring/summer 2019 to be recorded in a time capsule when the cornerstone is laid.

We encourage you to think about your own legacy opportunity to be part of the new BADL, and we thank all of you for our opportunity to serve this community.

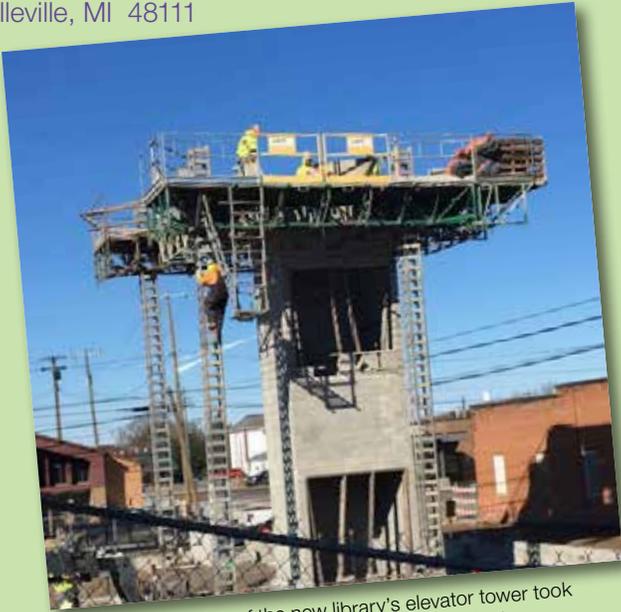
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Construction of the new library's elevator tower took place the week before Thanksgiving!

Homegrown Knowledge Series

Second Thursday of each month at 7 pm

Join us for a monthly lecture series featuring the knowledge and passions of your friends and neighbors. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. *Refreshments served!*

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| January 10 | <i>A Trip to Brazil</i> , with Jonathan Richards |
| February 14 | <i>Librarian Amy Greschaw hosts a night of stories and crafts.</i> |
| March 14 | <i>Toot Suite Brass performs songs of the early 20th Century written by African American composers</i> |
| April 11 | <i>The Role of the Great Lakes in the War of 1812</i> with Theresa Spiteri-Zaidel |

Local Author Fair

BADL's Local Author Fair returns for 2019! This year we are thrilled to announce our keynote speaker is Beverly Jenkins: local author and award-winning writer of dozens of novels. If you're a writer local to Southeastern Michigan with at least one professionally-printed book to sell (either traditional or self-published), then you are eligible to apply! Accepted authors will receive a table at the Fair, and the chance to meet and greet the local community while selling books.

February 4: Author applications available

March 22: Author applications due

April 5: Authors notified of acceptance

May 18: BADL Local Author Fair 2019

Comic Book Club for Grades 3-6

Third Tuesday of the month

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Do you enjoy reading comic books? Want to create your own comic book? This is the club for you. We will read and discuss a variety of comics and make our own. Participants will receive a copy of the book for that month. Space is limited so be sure to reserve your spot online or with library staff. Registration for each session begins the first of the month.



The Comic Book Club (grades 3-6) gets a drawing lesson from artist Noelle Douglas.