

**Belleville Area District Library Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
October 10, 2023 at 7:30 PM**

The Belleville Area District Library Board will meet in person in the library's 2nd floor Conference Room.

Agenda:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Cichewicz, Fleming, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, Priest, Stoudemire
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comments
6. Committee Reports
 - A. Building-Cichewicz
 - B. Bylaws-Juriga
 - C. Finance-Stoudemire
 - D. Marketing-Hughes-Grubbs
 - E. Personnel-Priest
 - F. Policy-Fleming
 - G. Art
7. Approve Accounts Payable
8. Director's Report/Comments/Communications
9. Trustee Comments
10. Chair Comments
11. Adjournment

Any citizen wishing to provide input or ask questions about any agenda item may speak during the meeting's Public Comments section or forward comments to the Library Director in advance by leaving a message at 734-699-3291 or via the Contact Us link at www.belleville.lib.mi.us. Any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting may contact the library at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, using the above contact information.

Next Regular BADL Board Meeting: November 14, 2023, at 7:30 PM

**Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, and Tanya Stoudemire. Absent and excused: Dan Fleming and Linda Priest. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.
3. **Approve Agenda:**
Motion by Juriga, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve July 11, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to approve the July 11, 2023, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** None.
6. **Approve Resolutions Authorizing Millages to the December 2023 Tax Bill:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to approve Resolution 2023-02, Winter Tax Levy #1, approved by the voters in August 2022. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. Absent: Fleming and Priest.

Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to approve Resolution 2023-03, Winter Tax Levy #2, approved by the voters in November 2016. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. Absent: Fleming and Priest.

Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Cichewicz, to approve Resolution 2023-04, Winter Tax Levy #3, approved by the voters in November 2016. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Cichewicz, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, and Stoudemire. Nays: None. Absent: Fleming and Priest.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Building:** The terrace railings would need to be completely rebuilt in order to extend their height. Consensus of the board was to not proceed with the terrace railing project at this time.
 - B. **Bylaws:** No report.
 - C. **Finance:** No report.
 - D. **Marketing:** No report.
 - E. **Personnel:** No report.
 - F. **Policy:** No report.

G. **Art:** The summer art installation from WHAT (We Have Artistic Talent) is on display in the 1st floor gallery space.

8. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **Director's Report:** See attached.

10. Trustee Comments:

Juriga – Asked Hilary Savage to check on the library's bees after August's rainstorms (they were OK). Asked Julie Kissel about Dress Our Truck, the Belleville Fire Auxiliary's benefit for equipment for the new fire truck. The benefit will take place on October 7 at 5 pm at the BYC.

Cichewicz – Was happy to see the library hiring an outreach librarian.

Hughes-Grubbs – Extended condolences to Mary Jane Dawson and her family on the death of her daughter-in-law.

Stoudemire – Looking forward to flyers for upcoming programming now that school is back.

11. Chair Comments:

Peters – All three of her granddaughters visited her this summer, and all of them were able to come to the library.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Juriga to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Belleville Area District Library

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Time: 8:04 PM

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Operating:

Check Date	Vendor Name	Check Description	Amount
09/05/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Bldg & Prog. Supplies, Books	265.40
09/05/2023	APPLIED INNOVATION	Copier/Printer Usage	637.22
09/05/2023	BEVERLY MEYER	Library Program Sept. 30	350.00
09/05/2023	CHASE CARDMEMBER SERVICE	Books, Program & Office Supplies	251.67
09/05/2023	DTE ENERGY	Electric Service 4th St.	3,799.84
09/05/2023	DTE ENERGY	Gas Usage 4th St	327.74
09/05/2023	GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC	Sumpster Trip Charge (Alarm Repair)	109.05
09/05/2023	JOHNSTON ENTERPRISES, LLC	Fall/Winter Newsletter	3,722.00
09/05/2023	LIBERTY MUTUAL	Workers Comp Audit Adjust.	558.00
09/05/2023	METCOM, INC	Library Cards	1,754.40
09/05/2023	MI MUNICIPAL RISK MGT AUTH	Building and Liability Insurance	5,582.25
09/05/2023	MICHELE MONTOUR	Fall Newsletter Design	425.00
09/05/2023	NIKKI PICKERAL	Postage Reimbursement	8.74
09/05/2023	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	Office & Bldg. Supplies	334.42
09/05/2023	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	Fuel Impact Fee	1,352.04
09/05/2023	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	Long/Short Term Disability Plan	635.91
09/05/2023	STRYKER SALES, LLC	Lifepak CR2 (AED Devices)	4,855.90
09/05/2023	TARA MCCANN	Program Supplies	290.33
09/05/2023	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	Overdrive Invoice	11,505.69
09/05/2023	UNIFIRST CORP	Maintenance/ Mats	143.32
09/05/2023	UNITED HEALTHCARE	Health Insurance	13,400.86
09/05/2023	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Postage Permit Fee	310.00
09/05/2023	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MI, INC	Dumpster Service	417.02
09/05/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Prog. & Bldg Supplies, Books, PC Monitor	707.65
09/19/2023	A PRODUCTION BUILDING SOLUTION	Monthly Cleaning Sept.	3,565.00
09/19/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books & Prog. Supplies	760.85
09/19/2023	BELLEVILLE AREA INDEPENDENT	Advertising 9/7/23	216.00
09/19/2023	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICH	Dental	871.63
09/19/2023	CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS	Fax Service	286.24
09/19/2023	DC LAWN & SNOW	Grass Cutting Aug	262.08
09/19/2023	DEMCO	Rotor Stand - book display	610.93
09/19/2023	DTE ENERGY	Sumpster Service	178.29
09/19/2023	FRIENDS OF THE BELLEVILLE AREA	August Payout	1,524.75
09/19/2023	LOREN SANDERS	Ceramics Program 9/23	300.00
09/19/2023	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	Office/Bldg Supplies	698.92
09/19/2023	SHARON DUCKWORTH, CPA	Accounting Services Sept.	1,025.00
09/19/2023	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	August Bookbilling	13,287.21
09/19/2023	UNIFIRST CORP	Maintenance/Mats	143.32
09/19/2023	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	Aug Placements	60.75
09/19/2023	UNITED HEALTHCARE	Health Insurance	13,400.86
10/03/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Books, Prog. & Office Supplies	1,077.90
10/03/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Program Supplies	222.00
10/03/2023	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Program Supplies	119.14
10/03/2023	APPLIED INNOVATION	Printer/Copier Usage	626.65
10/03/2023	BRODART CO.	Disc Cases	394.65
10/03/2023	CHASE CARDMEMBER SERVICE	Software, Postage, Supplies	1,502.08
10/03/2023	DTE ENERGY	Fourth St Gas	393.08
10/03/2023	DTE ENERGY	4th St Electric	3,690.96
10/03/2023	GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC	Alarm Service Sumpster Branch	49.05
10/03/2023	MICHELE MONTOUR	Harvest Fest Signs	61.36
10/03/2023	MPLC	Umbrella License	266.24
10/03/2023	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	Office & Bldg Supplies	174.88
10/03/2023	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	Bldg Supplies	130.50
10/03/2023	PIONEER LANDSCAPING AND LAWN	Landscaping Aug	210.00
10/03/2023	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	Long/Short Term Disability Plan	635.91
10/03/2023	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	Library Labels	153.84

10/03/2023	ZOOBEAN, INC.	Beanstack Plus	1,403.00
10/03/2023	TY DALLAS	Library Program Oct 14	200.00

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

October 2023

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

September: Adults: 13 Youth: 14

LIBRARY VISITS	2023/24	2022/23	% change
September	11,487	11,256	2.05%
Fiscal Year	34,974	30,868	13.30%

TOTAL CIRC	2023/24	2022/23	% change
September	21,044	20,181	4.28%
Fiscal Year	67,219	66,752	0.70%

ADULT PROGRAMMING	2023/24	2022/23	% change
September	115	151	-23.84%
Fiscal Year	216	300	-28.00%

YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAMMING	2023/24	2022/23	% change
September	330	246	34.15%
Fiscal Year	1,253	944	32.73%

ALL AGES PROGRAMMING: September: 0 Fiscal Year: 0

REF. QUESTIONS	2023/24	2022/23	% change
September	1,634	1,420	15.07%
Fiscal Year	4,940	4,546	8.67%

INTERNET USE	2023/24	2022/23	% change
September	1,049	930	12.80%
Fiscal Year	3,388	2,793	21.30%

YOUTH/TEEN INTERNET	2023/24	2022/23	% change
September	245	174	40.80%
Fiscal Year	858	504	70.24%

BUILDING: The City completed work on the Roys Street sewer pipe. This pipe did not exist on any of the City's blueprints, and the photographs from the library construction excavation of that site did not show any sanitary mains at the site of their underground work. I share a sense of relief with the City and the Church that this problem has finally been solved. The Roys Street sidewalk has been poured.

The library's analog phone lines are still out of service (fax machine, elevator, fire system). I am exploring options for converting the elevator phone and fire phone to a cellular service.

Dean has installed a temporary Plexiglas cover for the flagpole light. He has contacted his glass person to see about manufacturing a permanent piece of glass as well as to replace a window in the storytime room that has chipped.

PROGRAMMING: Detroit Jazz Musician Phil Hale will perform at the library on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

After last year's Harvest Fest, staff members Karen Dubke, Lindsay Lore, and Nikki Pickeral put their heads together to totally revamp the library's Harvest Fest programs and activities. This year's Harvest Fest (Saturday, October 14 from 11 am -4 pm) will feature new craft activities, harvest themed yard games, and a harvest themed children's play area. Library programs this day will include Ann Arbor Scottish Country Dancing, Bees in the D: B is for Beneficial, and Fall Storytimes with Tanya Dallas.

STAFF: Five library staff members have been sidelined by COVID over the course of the past three weeks. (Most of the cases can be attributed to a family member or general community spread). The library follows the CDC guidelines regarding when a staff member can return to work after testing positive, and free masks are available to all staff and the public. Staffing all of our public service desks during this time has been challenging. Kudos to Nikki Pickeral who has been filling in for Circulation Department Head Lindsay Lore while she has been out of town.

The library welcomes new shelving page Heidi Kendrick and new facilities clerk Haylee Seefeld. Haylee will assist with a variety of projects including meeting room setup and meeting room technology assistance as well as projects involving the library's physical collections. She will also shelve books when any of our shelving pages are absent. Kudos to Nikki Pickeral who has been filling in for Circulation Department Head Lindsay Lore while she has been out of town. Nikki has been training Heidi and Haylee as well as working to keep the circulation desk staffed.

We also welcome the return of library assistant Jessamy Green-Husted, who has been on an extended leave of absence. She will assist us with website maintenance and organization, social media posts, etc. My plan is to enlist the services of a professional library or municipal web designer to update our website, and Jessamy will contribute to the discussion regarding our needs. Additionally, the event calendar and room scheduling software that we use is being discontinued, so we will be evaluating new products for that as well.

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Claire Kelley :



SIMON & SCHUSTER

Could KKR's Ownership of OverDrive Raise Questions About Simon & Schuster Purchase?

KKR's potential acquisition of Simon & Schuster will undergo scrutiny from the Department of Justice before proceeding and could raise questions about how Simon & Schuster will do business with OverDrive in the future.

"Traditionally the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission have said that horizontal mergers are the biggest concern for anti-merger enforcement, because with fewer players in a market there is loss of head-to-head competition, and it is easier for competitors to collude," Vaheesan said. "But vertical mergers are still a concern—especially under this administration,"

Vaheesan explained that a vertical merger in this case could allow OverDrive and Simon & Schuster to engage in favoritism, whereby certain titles were given special placement or top billings at the expense of other publishers. Vaheesan said this would not likely impact larger players like Penguin Random House, but that small or independent presses might be targeted. Publishers set license terms and prices, but OverDrive makes decisions about what it highlights and promotes to collection development librarians on their platform.

A spokesperson for KKR countered any notion of special treatment: "Simon & Schuster and OverDrive are separate and independently managed businesses and they will remain that way. They have different business models and different management teams. We do not foresee KKR's funds' ownership of these businesses to have any impact on their ability to serve the library and education industries and the broader literary community."

A notable precedent is that when KKR acquired OverDrive in 2020, it already had RB Media in its portfolio. KKR acquired RB Media, the largest audiobook publisher in the world, from private equity firm Shamrock Capital in 2018. KKR completed its acquisition of OverDrive on June 9, 2020, and only two weeks later rolled RB Media's digital offerings onto its platform. "Combining the RBdigital library business with OverDrive's industry-leading technologies will greatly benefit libraries and their readers worldwide," Potash said at the time.

While the Department of Justice (DOJ) will likely handle the approval of the KKR purchase of Simon & Schuster, Vaheesan noted that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has made enforcement against vertical mergers a priority, citing the lawsuit against the acquisition of Activision Blizzard by Microsoft. (FTC chair Lina Khan previously worked with Vaheesan at Open Markets Institute.) The FTC filed a complaint in 2022 to block the Activision Blizzard acquisition on the basis that it would hinder competition in the gaming world, but the regulator failed to obtain an injunction against the merger in July 2023.

In the case of KKR and Simon & Schuster, the two parties will file paperwork with the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission to give regulators basic information about the merger. After a 30-day waiting period, it will be determined if there is an antitrust issue.

"In the vast majority of cases the DOJ and FTC don't see a problem and allow the merger to be completed, but in a small fraction of cases—and I think the KKR and Simon & Schuster merger fits into that minority—they'll say they see competitive concerns, and they'll ask for a lot more information," Vaheesan said. "They'll ask for internal communications about the merger, they might do interviews, they'll build out an evidentiary record. That second review process can take anywhere from six to 12 months."

There could be three potential outcomes if that additional review process happens. First, the DOJ could grant approval after careful examination and the deal could close. Second, regulators could engage in a negotiation process with the companies—perhaps asking them to sell off a certain line of business or calling

already come to other media companies and the library ebook marketplace.

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Feeling lonely? Go to the library.

Juliana Kaplan, Eliza Relman 9/24/2023



Costumed attendees at the Library of Congress' Literary Costume Ball wait for their turn at a 360-degree spinning camera in an exhibition of Thomas Jefferson's library. Eliza Relman/Insider

- Americans are lonely. They don't know where to work or how to save money on socializing.
- There's a higher demand for third spaces, where people can convene outside of the home and office.
- Libraries, a quintessential third space, want you to know they aren't just for reading anymore.

Stephanie Garcia was dressed up as Emily Dickinson in a billowy black dress on a recent Thursday evening outside the [Library of Congress](#) in Washington, DC.

Standing in a line of hundreds of costumed people waiting to get into the iconic building, the 53-year-old Department of Labor employee chatted with two of her colleagues, who were dressed as Lisbeth Salander from "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" and Willa Cather, the 20th century American writer.

The three were among about 2,000 people who scored free tickets to the Library of Congress' first-ever Literary Costume Ball, an elaborate event featuring attractions including a DJ, dance floor, rare book exhibits, and literary-themed cocktails and snacks.

Garcia, who works a few blocks away, long thought of the imposing building as a place for research. "I did my thesis here, so I spent a whole year downstairs," she said. But these days, she uses it more as a place to have fun. She loves the Library's relatively new after-hours programming.

"Events like this bring people to the library. It's very important because nobody reads anymore," she said with a laugh.

It's a new bet from libraries, and one that could help address a huge problem the American workforce faces: [Everyone's lonely, and no one knows where to go](#). If libraries can convince people they're for more than just quiet reading, they might just be able to reshape the new social landscape.

Three years into the hybrid and work-from-home world, social time has plummeted. Americans aren't socializing on weekdays, and are spending even less time with friends. Loneliness is on the rise. And it's becoming clearer just how important ["third places"](#) — spaces for socializing outside of work and home — are.

But for cash-strapped Americans, going out for food or drinks is becoming even more costly. That's where libraries come in. [Today's libraries](#) have quietly shed their reputations as just book-borrowing hubs, offering patrons maker spaces, coworking spots, rooftop decks, and even dance parties — at no charge. And, if enough people take advantage of them, they could be key to solving the loneliness puzzle.



Literary Costume Ball attendees line up outside the Library of Congress. Eliza Relman/Insider

Carla Hayden, the Librarian of Congress, said she wants the Library to be a place that isn't just for tourists, but functions as an "uber third place for DC residents," she said.

"We're really trying to make the Library of Congress more a part of the cultural and even social scene in DC," she said in an interview inside her ceremonial office.

The office took over our lives, and then it disappeared

Over the last 15 or so years, Americans in traditionally white-collar careers have been spending more time working and less time socializing.

Average weekly hours spent working by employees in professional and business services

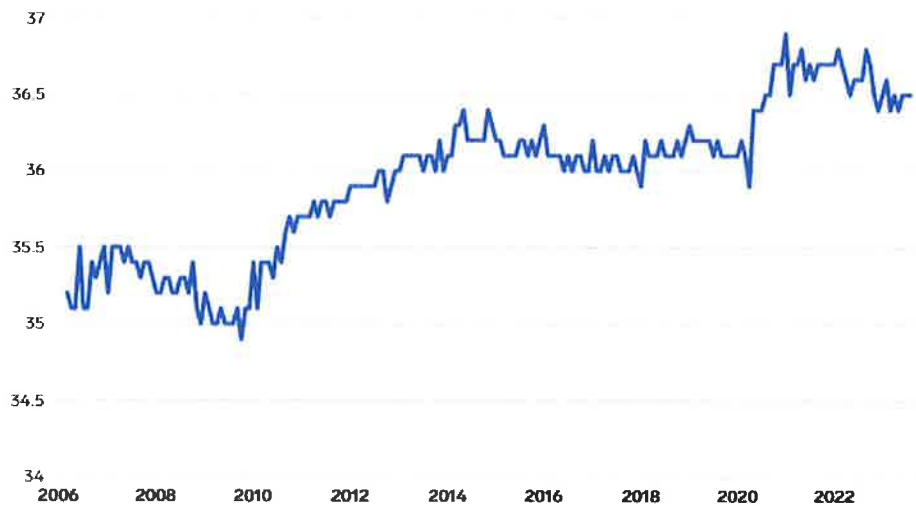


Chart: Juliana Kaplan/Insider • Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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The office became a social hub for workers who only had time to wake up, commute, and then commute home to do it all over again — look no further than television shows like "The Office," "Superstore," or "Industry," where almost all socializing was mediated through work.

At the same time, third places have been in decline for decades. Traditional centers of community like churches and local civil organizations have grown less popular. Younger people are [drinking less and much more sober curious](#), leaving a void for a hangout space that isn't a bar. And the privatization and rising costs of other gathering spaces — from \$6 coffees to [\\$200 gym memberships](#) — have narrowed access to spaces they might want to be in.

Libraries are no exception. Between 2000 and 2018, visits to American public libraries dropped by 31%, [one report found](#). Almost 60% of Americans [surveyed in 2021](#) said they seldom or never visit their local public library.

Meanwhile, Americans have started spending a lot less time with friends and a lot more time online. From 2014 to 2019, the amount of time Americans reported spending with friends [dropped by 37%](#), from about 6 ½ hours to four hours a week.

Then came 2020. Offices suddenly vanished for many and remote and hybrid work have taken over. Where's everyone supposed to go?



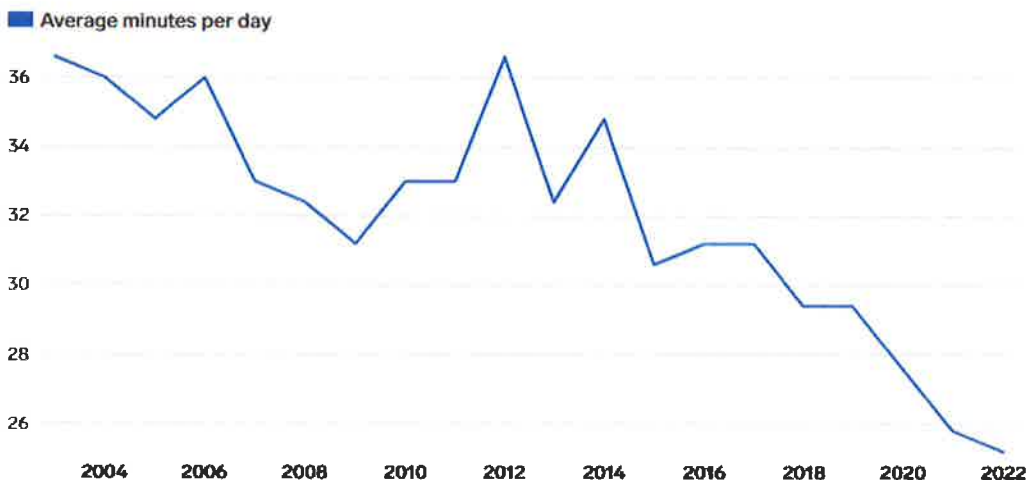
The DJ blasted pop music on the dance floor inside the Library of Congress. Eliza Reiman/Getty Images

"It's so new for everyone, the merging of your first and second place," Brittany Simmons, a New York-based urban planner at a private firm who's racked up over 2 million likes on TikTok for her videos on urban planning, told Insider. For some, especially as socializing went virtual during the pandemic, there was a realization: "Now I just have one place."

People want to get out and do things, Simmons said — just not in either of those places. Maybe that's why [hours spent socializing](#) have not ticked back up in recent years, like they did after past recessions.

"A lot of people like hybrid or remote work, but are really feeling the need for something else, really want their third place," she said.

Weekday socializing and communicating



Note: BLS did not collect data in 2020.

Chart: Juliana Kaplan/Insider • Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics American Time Use Survey

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Libraries could be the answer

Libraries are in many ways the ideal third place. They welcome all kinds of people. They're multi-purpose venues for a range of activities. And they're free.

"In many ways we see libraries as able to create that third space for people to work remotely, to come in and meet with people and serve in many ways much like a coworking space does. But the big difference being a public library is free for everyone to use," Brooks Rainwater, the president and CEO of the Urban Libraries Council, told Insider.

But people often don't see them as places to hang out and socialize.

"It's one of those old stereotypes that just won't die that libraries are quiet places and they're reserved for silent study, but it's just not that way anymore. They're actually very vibrant places," said Emma Wood, a librarian at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

That's certainly the case for the Library of Congress.

"The duality of it is yes, we are a world class research institution, we are a cultural destination, we are a monument to knowledge, and a DC tourism destination, but we're also the local library for a lot of Capitol Hill residents," said Katie Davidovich, the chief of visitor engagement at the Library of Congress.

In May 2022, the Library began opening its doors every Thursday night until 8:30 pm for its Live! at the Library events, like the recent costume ball. Other Thursday night events feature concerts, book talks, and exhibits. They're popular for dates and group happy hours.

"I think we really found our audience recently — we've had huge numbers at these programs over this summer," Davidovich said, adding that there are fewer tourists at the happy hour events. "There's a lot of intention around people coming to these programs."



Ball attendees drank literary-themed cocktails, danced, and mingled in rare book exhibitions. Eliza Relman/Insider

College libraries are also expanding into third places for students. Tim Peters, the associate dean of university libraries at Central Michigan University, said that surveys have found students like the new comfy chairs, collaborative study rooms, and even tables that are easier to push together.

Peters has set out to make the university's libraries meet students where they are. That includes switching up hours after Peters noticed several students trying to come in right before closing time. That's "just recognition that students have different schedules than the library, perhaps. We're making that space available for them to do work."

Wood, who thinks libraries are "one of the last true third places," explained that there are a range of spaces in her library. The first floor is the "loud floor," she said, where students socialize, take Zoom calls with their families and therapists, or have a snack at the cafe.

To open libraries up to more people, Samuel Abrams, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, says they should extend their hours. They should also incorporate businesses like cafes, shops, and restaurants to attract even more people in. Abrams said he regularly drops by the New York Public Library just to pick up sticky buns from Amy's Bread, a bakery with an outpost in the library. Public-private partnerships, he argued, can help fill funding gaps.

Abrams noted that some libraries have moved many of their books to open up spaces that operate more as community centers.

"The most effective libraries enable communities and a whole host of people to congregate and socialize," he said.

One trickier challenge is that there simply aren't enough libraries. Abrams' research has found that in order to become regular hangouts, libraries also need to be within 10 or 15 minutes walking or driving of people's homes.

Library attendance still hasn't reached pre-pandemic numbers. Over 279 million people made in-person visits to libraries in 2019, according to a ULC survey of nearly 100 members across the US and Canada; in 2022, there were only 153 million visits. But, Rainwater said, "once we have the full numbers from 2023, I expect to see that coming close to back where it was pre-pandemic."



A caricature artist at work at the Costume Ball. Eliza Relman/Insider

In Boston, for instance, the Boston Public Library is thriving, Gregor Smart, the head of the Kirstein Business Library and Innovation Center at BPL, said. The institution has "weathered a variety of storms," including new bookstores and coworking spaces moving in on its turf, and has still emerged strong. That might just be because it's a quintessential third space.

"I like to think of us like the third leg of a stool," Smart said. "We have a physical space that people can come to. We have the resources and then we have a slate of KBLIC advisors to help you, whether you're looking to start a business, need help with building credit, tax assistance."

In KBLIC, library patrons can book alcoves for calls, or private classrooms for small group projects. Covid taught the library the need for things like Macs with webcams, for instance, so library goers can hop on Zoom or do job interviews.

"I certainly hear from people who are working remotely, they have an apartment or some place to be, but they can't be there due to roommates, due to distractions," Smart said. "And they're finding that this is a great place to be."



Saturday, October 14
11 am – 4 pm

2023

**At the Library and
 along 4th St Place**

At the Library:

- ♦ Ann Arbor Scottish Country Dancing (11 am)
- ♦ Fall Time Stories with Tanya "Touchdown"
Dallas (1 pm)
- ♦ Bees in the D: B is for Beneficial (2:30 pm)
- ♦ "Stained Glass" Pumpkins
- ♦ Paper Plate Wreaths
- ♦ Paper Bag Scarecrows
- ♦ Grab and Go Crafts
- ♦ Harvest Passport
- ♦ Harvest Themed Yard Games
- ♦ Make your own coaster (Quilt Guild)
- ♦ Apple Coring
- ♦ Harvest-themed children's play area
- ♦ Nickel Dig (2-3 pm)



Traditional Music by Regis & Friends

1-3 pm
 (Sponsored by the CBC)

Tractor Parade on Main St. 11 am



In 4th St Place:

- ♦ **Harvest Market:** Local crafts, bakery, seasonal produce, eggs, meat, etc.
- ♦ **Belleville Fire Truck**
(Belleville Fire Auxiliary)
- ♦ **Amazing Dawgs**
- ♦ **Kona Ice**
- ♦ **Halloween Crafts**
(Kiwanis Club of Belleville)
- ♦ **Corn Shelling**
- ♦ **Washboard Laundry**
- ♦ **FMAR Pet Adoption**
(Coldwell Banker Professionals)



Check out the Scarecrows on Main St!



Pumpkin Painting & Carving (@ the Art Factory)



Belleville Area District Library
 Friends of the Library
 Western Wayne County Quilting Guild

Belleville Area Historical Society
 DTE
 Tucker Insurance Agency
 KSpringer Media Mgt.

Belleville DDA
 City of Belleville
 Belleville CBC
 WCCCD Ted Scott Campus

OCTOBER 14TH
11 AM - 4 PM



AT THE LIBRARY

PERFORMERS!
-BEES IN THE D
-ANN ARBOR SCOTTISH
COUNTRY DANCING
-STORYTELLER TONYA
"TOUCHDOWN" DALLAS
-MUSIC BY REGIS AND
FRIENDS

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**EXCITING
ACTIVITIES!**



**YARD GAMES.
THANKFUL TREE.
HARVEST PLAY. &
MORE**



**CREATIVE
CRAFTS!**



ANN ARBOR SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING

OCTOBER 14TH
@ 11 AM

Celebrate harvest time with some dance! The Tartan & Thistle Ann Arbor Scottish Country Dancers will be here with a live band to show and teach us some dance moves.



TONYA "TOUCHDOWN" DALLAS

Storytelling is an integral part of autumn celebrations. BADL favorite Tonya "Touchdown" Dallas is ready to enthrall us with fall time fun stories for all ages.



OCTOBER 14TH
@ 1 PM

BEEES IN THE D

OCTOBER 14TH
@ 2:30 PM

B Is For Beneficial
Did you know we have a beehive on the roof of the library?! We provide a location, and Bees in the D maintain this beneficial hive. In this program, we will get an introduction to types of bees, how they benefit us and the world, and a bit about honey beekeeping. This presentation is for all ages.





BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY STORYTIMES

September 11 - October 19

November 6 - December 14

Family Storytime (all ages):
Mondays, 6:30 pm

Toddler Time (2-4):
Tuesdays, 11 am

Baby Storytime (birth -2):
Thursdays, 10 & 11 am

Saturday Storytime (all ages):
Last Saturday of the month, 11 am
October 28, November 25, December 30

CHECK OUT THESE TEEN BOOK CLUBS

ANIMANGA CLUB



(Grades 7-12)

Fourth Tuesday of the
month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm



TEEN COMIC BOOK CLUB

(Grades 7-12)

Second Monday of the
month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm



(Grades 9-12)
Second Wednesday of the
month,
NEW time right after school
2:45 - 3:45 pm



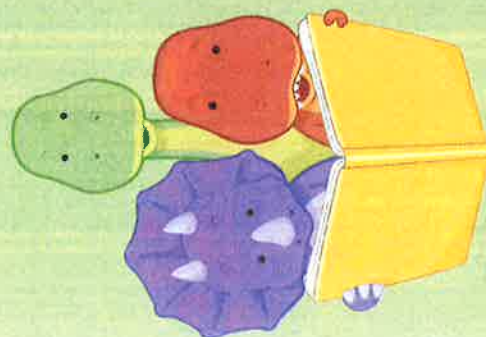
DINO-VEMBER!

The dinos are back for a month of fun at the library. Visit the library to check out dinosaur books, play dinosaur games, and learn fun dinosaur facts.

Register for Dino Storytime November 17th at 11:00 am.
Follow us on Facebook to see what the dinosaurs do at night in the library.

What's that I

hear?!



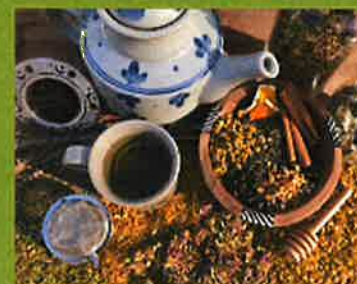
Tuesday, November 7 @ 6:30pm



Blend, brew, and enjoy an irresistible selection of herbal teas while Bevin shares his knowledge of the history and folklore of the various herbal ingredients. Create a custom herbal tea blend to enjoy at home with a make and take activity!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Herbal Tea Tasting Experience With Bevin Cohen



**IT'S HAPPENING
AT BADL!**



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**Classic
Movies
Series**



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All are welcome to classic movie nights at the library! Stop in on the second Thursday of the month @ 6:30 for an evening of nostalgia with former Detroit Free Press film critic John Monaghan. Contact the library for the month's movie title. Next movie night is on November 9th.

Classic Movies Series



A Foreign Affair (1948)

Thursday, October 12 @ 6:30 pm
at the Belleville Area District Library

It's a romantic comedy drama this month with *A Foreign Affair*, directed by Billy Wilder, starring Jean Author, Marlene Dietrich, and John Lund. In occupied Berlin, an army captain is torn between an ex-Nazi cafe singer, and the U.S. Congresswoman investigating her.

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Footlight Parade (1933)

Thursday, November 9 @ 6:30 pm
at the Belleville Area District Library

We have another romantic comedy to view, but this time it's a musical too! Directed by Lloyd Bacon, and starring James Cagney, Joan Blondell, and Ruby Keeler, *Footlight Parade* is a movie about a movie making producer who struggles against time, romance, and rivals to produce live "prologues" for movie houses.

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Check out items from our cookware collection!

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY IN THE
KITCHEN WITHOUT THE COMMITMENT OF
PURCHASING!

PIE MAKING KIT



KNIFE SHARPENER KIT



DINOSAUR CAKE PAN



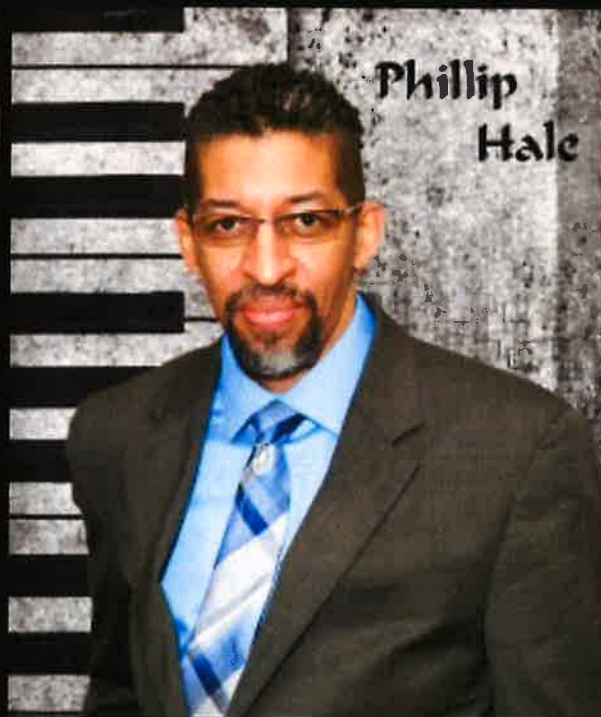
FOOTBALL COOKIE CUTTERS



SPRINGFORM CAKE PAN

PHIL HALE Jazz Night

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH @ 7 PM



JOIN US FOR SEASONAL LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

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