



**BELLEVILLE AREA
DISTRICT LIBRARY**

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WINTER 2024

Belleville Area District Library

167 Fourth Street

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Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 am-9 pm

Fri. & Sat. 9:30 am-6 pm

Sun. 1 pm-5 pm



Sumpter Media Center

23465 Sumpter Road

Belleville, MI 48111

Hours:

Mon., Wed., & Sat. 10 am-3 pm

Tue. & Thurs. 3 pm-8 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:**

Sun., December 31 – New Year's Eve

Mon., January 1 – New Year's Day

Mon., January 15 – MLK, Jr. Day

Sun., March 31 – Easter Sunday



The Phil Hale Jazz Quartet
performing on October 11, 2023.

Look What's Happening at Your Library!

Jazz Night Wednesday, January 10, 7 pm

The sweet sounds of jazz will be filling the library once again as we welcome back The Phil Hale Quartet, presented by the Jazz Foundation of America. Light refreshments will be served.

Born Free and Equal: Michigan's Colored Regiment

Wednesday, February 7, 7 pm

Maurice Imhoff, President of the Jackson Civil War Muster, will present the history of the 102nd United States Colored Troops, formed in Michigan in 1863. The 102nd saw action throughout South Carolina, Eastern Georgia, and Florida. From being enslaved in the South to becoming soldiers for the Union army after taking the underground railroad to Michigan, this regiment has one of the most distinct stories in our state's history.

Detroit's City Walls Program: Highlighting African American History through Outdoor Murals Thursday, February 22, 7 pm

Detroit journalist and historian Ken Coleman will give a talk highlighting the City of Detroit's City Walls program. Through outdoor murals, the initiative integrates a multifaceted approach to enhancing public space. The presentation will highlight murals that depict images of noted people and institutions.

Midnight: Detroit & The Underground Railroad

Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 pm

Let's welcome Billy Winkel, Assistant Curator at the Detroit Historical Society who will give a presentation on Detroit's role in the Underground Railroad. Codenamed Midnight, Detroit was a vital station on the Underground Railroad. Thousands crossed the river to freedom in Canada from Detroit. Learn how Detroit abolitionists helped freedom seekers to evade slave catchers and local law enforcement.

Find Your Next Great Read Saturday, March 2, 3:30 pm at Sumpter Media Center

Don't know what to read next? Join our hands-on workshop about using Novelist Plus, a fantastic online tool made available by the Michigan Library. Search for fiction and non-fiction by genre, topic, mood, and more. You can even search for author, title, and series read-alikes.

The Potato Famine and the Coming of the Irish to America with Author and Storyteller Terence O'Leary

Tuesday, March 12, 6 pm

Experience the heartbreaking stories of the Irish during the five long years of the Potato Famine. While it was a time of great injustice when more than one million Irish died, it also became a tragic blessing for over one million Irish who fled to America and survived.

Artists' Workshop for Teens and Tweens

Monday, January 29, 6:30pm-8:00 pm (Ages 11-18)

Do you feel like you never have enough time to create your art? Do you need some artistic help or advice, or just a safe place to escape and be creative for a couple of hours? This program was designed with you in mind! *Bring your art supplies and come hang out and work on your art project.*

Classic Movie Night Series February 8, March 14, April 11, 6:30 pm

Watch and discuss classic films in this series presented by former Detroit Free Press film critic John Monaghan! **Brought to you by the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.**

Storytimes

January 16 – February 22 and March 11 – April 18

All children are invited to join us for in-person songs and stories with our children's librarians. Please register on our events calendar at <https://belleville.evanced.info/signup>.

Family Storytime Mondays, 6:30 pm

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

Baby Storytime (For ages birth - 2 years) Thursdays, 11 am

Saturday Storytime (All ages) Last Saturday of select months, 11 am

January 27, February 24, March 30

Bluey Party Saturday, February 3, 11 am Recommended for ages 6 and under.

We have everything you need to play just like your favorite Blue Heeler family. Enjoy games and crafts all themed around the TV show *Bluey*. It will be wackadoo!

Stuffy Sleepover Ages 4 and up

Stuffy Check in: Tuesday, March 5, 6 pm

Pajama Storytime: 6:30 pm

Stuffy Pick-up: Wednesday, March 6, 5–8:30 pm

Have you ever wondered what happens in the library at night? Now is your chance to find out! Check in your stuffed animal at 6 pm. Then, join us for Pajama Storytime and a craft with your stuffy. Pajamas are encouraged! The next day, check on our Facebook page to see the sleepover fun, and pick up your stuffy after 5 pm.

Please register.

Little Scientists – I Can Build It (Ages 2-6) Saturday, April 27, 11 am

Every child is an engineer! We will be using science and engineering together to build with many different materials. Come explore building – both the animal way, and the human way. *Please register.*

Middle Grade and Teen Book Clubs

A free copy of each book will be available for participants at the Kids' Hub desk when you register.

Comic Book Club (Grades 4-6) Meets Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16

We will read and discuss a variety of comics and make our own.

Registration opens for each session on the first of the month.

Teen Comic Book Club (Grades 7-12)

Second Monday of the month, 6:30-7:30 pm Feb. 12, Mar. 11, Apr. 8

Do you enjoy reading comic books, graphic novels, and manga? Do you doodle or draw different characters in a notebook or sketchbook? This might be the club for you. Come draw, read, and discuss comics with local comic book artist, Kam.

Teen AniManga Club (Grades 7-12)

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30-7:30 pm Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 26, Apr. 23

Are you enthusiastic about anime and manga? Come talk about favorite series, watch anime, and more. Registration opens for each session on the first of the month.

Teen Library Vibes

Second Wednesday of the month, 2:45-3:45 pm

Need something to do after school for a bit? Hang out at the library and do an activity with us. There will be something new to try every month.

January 10 – Candy Vibes: Let's make candy sushi

February 14 – Valentines Vibes: Make a yarn love monster

March 13 – Competitive Vibes: It's time for an Uno Tournament

April 10 – Bookish Vibes: TBD

Visit www.belleville.lib.mi.us

Book Groups

African American Literature Book Club

Meets the last Thursday of the month at the library at 7 pm.

- Jan. 25 – *The Coldest Winter Ever* by Sister Souljah
- Feb. 29 – *Drunk on Love* by Jasmine Guillory
- Mar. 28 – *House of Hunger* by Alexis Henderson
- Apr. 25 – *You Made A Fool of Death with Your Beauty* by Akwaeke Emezi



Evening Book Group

Meets the first Thursday of the month at the library at 7 pm.

- Jan. 4 – *Switch* by Beth O'Leary
- Feb. 1 – *The Maid* by Nita Prose
- Mar. 7 – *The Authenticity Project* by Clare Pooley
- Apr. 4 – *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti Callahan Henry



Other Book Group

Meets at restaurants in the community on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Check with the library for our next location!

- Jan. 18 – *Them: Why We Hate Each Other* by Ben Sasse
- Feb. 15 – *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict
- Mar. 21 – *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson
- Apr. 18 – *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick

Write Stuff Writers' Group

Calling all aspiring writers: Come enjoy the camaraderie and support of other area writers, and hone your skills with fun writing exercises and prompts. This group meets the last Saturday of every month from 1-2 pm.

No registration required.

Contact Tara McCann at

tmccann@belleville.lib.mi.us for more information.

“Cook the Book” Book Club

Enjoy cooking, baking, or just trying new recipes? Join us to try out a variety of cookbooks throughout the year! Cookbooks on our chosen theme are available for checkout 5 weeks before our in-person meeting. We'll discuss the books while sharing and tasting some of our favorite recipes. *Registration required.*

Warm Up with Some Soup!

February 26

Leading Ladies

April 29

Tame Your Email Workshop

Tuesday, January 16, 1:30 pm

Overwhelmed by email? Do you have hundreds or thousands of emails cluttering your inbox? Then this session is for you! In this hands-on workshop we will cover tips and tricks for keeping incoming emails under control, as well as strategies for quickly finding and deleting current emails that you do not want or need.

Computer Classes

We are offering stand-alone classes on a range of topics for beginning and intermediate students. *Registration is required.*

Please note: all classes will be held at our Sumpter Media Center at 23465 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Introduction to Computers

Tuesday, January 9, 1:30 pm

Thursday, April 11, 10:30 am

Our introductory class is designed for the absolute beginner – we start by teaching you how to turn the computer on! Learn about desktop and laptop computer set-ups, basic functions, and get lots of practice using the keyboard and mouse.

Internet Searching: Tips & Tricks

Tuesday, January 23, 1:30 pm

Learn tips and tricks to perform basic, effective Internet searches using popular search engines. Participants must be proficient using a mouse and keyboard!

Microsoft Excel: Level 1

Saturday, March 9, 3:30 pm

This level 1 course will teach you the basics of Microsoft Excel. You will learn how to create an excel spreadsheet and how to use simple formulas. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse and keyboard!

Microsoft Excel: Level 2

Saturday, March 23, 3:30 pm

This level 2 course will be a continuation of our Microsoft Excel: Level 1 course. Patrons will continue to learn how to modify an Excel spreadsheet and use more complex formulas. Prerequisite: Completion of our Microsoft Excel: Level 1 course.

Google Drive 101: Files & Storage

Thursday, February 1, 10:30 am

This is part 1 of a 2-part series introduction to Google Drive. Participants will be introduced to saving, accessing, and organizing their files and documents. To interact with Google Drive participants will need a Google log-in.

Google Drive 102: Apps

Thursday, February 15, 10:30 am

This is part 2 of a 2-part series introduction to Google Drive. Participants will be introduced to the various applications found in Google Drive, such as Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Forms. Participants must be familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Cookware Collection

Cookies and cakes and pies, oh my! Whatever you have a sweet tooth for, we have tools to help you make it. Check out our pie making kit, new popcorn kit, or our ricer for homemade mashed potatoes, all free with your library card! We even have tools to help you meet New Year's resolutions, such as a food scale to encourage well-proportioned eating, a cake decorating kit to practice your skills, or a cookie press kit to use for more family time! Our cookware collection can help you try out new tools without the commitment of buying. Come to the front desk to see what we have!



Using the Job and Career Accelerator Resource

Thursday, February 8, 1:30 pm at Sumpter Media Center

Do you need to update your resume and cover letter? Find a job? Prepare for an interview? Choose a career path? Join us for a hands-on introduction to the **FREE Job and Career Accelerator** resource, part of the Learning Express Library in the Michigan eLibrary, made available through the Library of Michigan.

Chat from the Chair

Happy New Year! Our holiday season is behind us, leaving many happy memories from within and around the Belleville Area District Library. As we face the cold temperatures and long dark nights of a Michigan winter, our library provides this community with a bright, warm place to gather, learn and interact. I have spoken with several folks who have visited the library for programs or meetings in the large first floor conference room, but haven't ventured any further inside to see the building's other offerings. This new year is a good time for everyone to explore and experience what this special place has to offer.

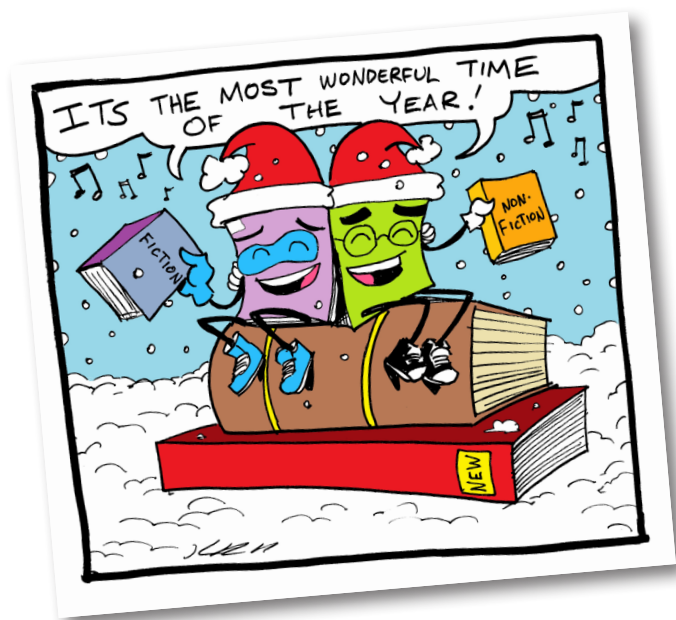


With every step in the process of developing and configuring this library, the goal of "Something for Everyone" was prominent. Now that our building has been fully operational for some time, we are invigorated by the fact that the BADL is truly an intergenerational space. It is gratifying to witness the fulfillment of our goal of providing developmentally appropriate spaces for young children and teens, as well as quiet reading and study spaces, and broad options for computer use for all ages.

Our library, with its proximity to the high school, is fulfilling our hopes to be a place where young people feel comfortable. We are pleased to be a place where teens can gather, study, and socialize after school, to the benefit of the entire community. Of course, some might say we've been too successful in this regard. Sometimes the exuberance of youth competes with the needs of adults to have a quiet place to study and concentrate. We invite parents to talk with their teen library users about appropriate library behavior, and we remind our adult patrons that the afterschool hours are among the busiest and most active hours that we see in our library.

Our programming is designed to appeal across the age spectrum. This season, we offer story times for infants, toddlers and families, as well as our first ever "Stuffy Sleepover" with evening programming for young children and their beloved stuffed animals, the latter of which will spend the night in the Library! For adolescents, we continue our Comic Book Club, Artist Workshops and a number of craft opportunities. Adults will continue to enjoy our various book clubs, the Cook Book Club, and a range of computer classes and special programming. In the spring, we will even be offering a Memory Café for adults who may be experiencing cognitive impairment and their caregivers. You will find details for all of this and more in the pages of this newsletter.

Sharon Claytor Peters, Chair
Belleville Area District Library Board



Memory Café

Friday, April 26, 11 am - 12 pm

A Memory Café is a social gathering with a focus on topics that are likely to inspire pleasant memories, laughter, and positive feelings for those who are experiencing early stage dementia, mild memory loss or cognitive impairment, AND a family member or care partner. It is a place to have fun, find support, and share experiences. The Memory Café is not suitable for people to attend alone if they have specific care needs. Registration is encouraged but not required.



Members of the Evening Book Group celebrated the group's 20th anniversary on November 2, 2023.

2024 Gallery Calendar

The library's first floor gallery features a rotating display of local artists' work.

January – March: Gary Washington
photography

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photography, upcycled

April – June: Van Buren Secondary
Student Exhibit

July – September: Steve Paulsen
(3D and some 2D) and Kim Ensich
(collage artist, fiber, encaustic)

October – December:
BACA Award Winners



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W.H.A.T. (We Have Artistic Talent) exhibit in the library's gallery August-mid-October 2023.