



BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

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Progressions

WINTER 2025

Belleville Area District Library

167 Fourth Street
734-699-3291

www.belleville.lib.mi.us

Library 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

Joy Cichewicz
Dan Fleming
Alma Hughes-Grubbs
Sharon C. Peters
Linda Priest
Maria Jackson-Smith
Tanya Stoudemire

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

The library will be closed on the following days:

Wednesday, Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day
Monday, Jan. 20 – MLK, Jr. Day
Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday
Friday, April 25 – Staff Training Day

History and Culture

African American Storyteller: Ivory Williams

Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 pm

Let’s welcome Elder Master Storyteller Ivory Williams from the Detroit Association of Black Storytellers (D.A.B.S.)! Ivory’s storytelling is a unique blend of humor, wit, and fun, creating an engaging experience for his audience. He is dedicated to promoting and preserving the ancient art of African and African American storytelling in the oral tradition. His presentations are entertaining, highly interactive and educational. A must-see for those interested in learning about this rich tradition.



Michigan Roots: African American Migration in Michigan

Monday, February 10, 6:30 pm

Presented by Rozlyn Kelly, this program will focus on the migration of black Americans to Michigan in the mid-1880s, before the Great Migration from the South, with specific examples in Marquette, Midland, and Detroit.

Detroit’s Dynamite Dames: The Famous and Not-So-Famous Women Who Changed Detroit

Monday, March 3, 6:30 pm

Cate Waldecker, Education Coordinator from the Detroit Historical Society, will lead us in exploring Detroit through the eyes of the women who shaped the city, from Madame de Cadillac to the Queen of Soul. This presentation focuses on the lives of twelve trailblazing women who lived and worked in Detroit—some well-known and others unsung—and their impact on the history of Detroit and the nation.

A Woman’s Place is Under the Dome

Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm

Valerie Marvin, Director of Education and History at the Michigan State Capital, presents the story of Women’s Suffrage in Michigan. Beginning in 1846 at the first capital building, citizens gathered to discuss and lobby for married women’s property rights, improved healthcare and sanitation, equal access to higher education, and the right to run for and hold government offices. Hear these women’s inspiring words and relive some of Michigan’s most important suffrage moments.

Jazz Nights

Sweet sounds of jazz will once again fill the library, courtesy of these talented Detroit area musicians.

January 29, 7 pm - The Aston Neighborhood Pleasure Club

April 30, 7 pm - Phil Hale Quartet



For all of our programming and to register for events, visit <https://bit.ly/BADLevents> or scan



Small Business Savvy Programs Winter 2024-25

Our Winter Small Business Savvy series is for those who own or want to start a small business. Presented in partnership with the Ann Arbor area SCORE office and the Ypsilanti District Library. Registration is required to join these virtual classes on Zoom.

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm **Virtual**

January 8 - Smarketing (Marketing/Sales): Consumer marketing in a Digital Age

January 22 - Podcasts: an all-purpose Marketing Strategy

February 5 - Business Etiquette in the Digital Age: Do’s, Don’ts, Maybes

February 19 - Creating Delighted and Loyal Customers

Storytimes

January 13 – February 20

March 10 – April 17

All children are invited to join us for in-person songs and stories with our children's librarians. Scan, or visit <https://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/storytimes/> to register.

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

Toddler Time Storytime (ages 2-4) Tuesdays, 11 am

Baby Storytime (ages birth-2.5 years)

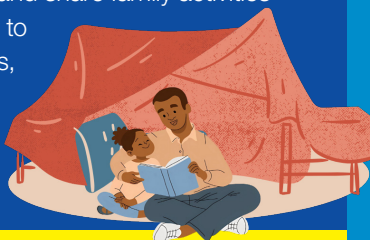
Thursdays, 10 am & 11 am

Saturday Storytime (all ages)

Last Saturday of the month, 11 am

Family Fort Night Friday, March 14, 6:30 – 8 pm

March is Reading Month! What better way to celebrate than as a family with some after-hours library fun? Hear stories with a librarian, make a craft, grab a snack, and share family activities like building blanket forts in the library to enjoy stories in. Bring sheets, blankets, pillows and a flashlight to use; We will have extra supplies available. *Registration is required.*



Gardening and Seed Library Programs



All Ages Welcome!

Seed Library Season Opener
Saturday, March 1, 11 am

Join us to prepare for the planting season! We're gathering all of our gardening collections in one place: Select seeds, browse (and borrow from) our garden tools, and check out gardening books. Library staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Starting Seeds for Early Season Crops

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 pm

Lindsey Kerr, Michigan State University Extension Educator, will show us how to start early season crops like kale, cabbage, peas, and onions from seed!

Starting Seeds for Warm Season Crops

Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 pm

In this second program, Lindsey Kerr, Michigan State University Extension Educator, will focus on what you need to know to start warm season crops like tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant from seed!

Grow Great Vegetables with Bevin Cohen

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 pm

Discover how to plan, plant, and grow your most productive garden ever! Learn from Bevin's decades of growing experience, including tips on soil health, seed starting and transplanting, mulching and weeding, and when to harvest your perfect produce. Bevin's books will be available for purchase after the lecture.



Boredom Busting Spring Break!

Build It! Monday, March 24, 10 am – 12 pm

Drop in and build with a variety of materials, including Lego bricks, blocks, and Strawbees.

Craft-A-Palooza Wednesday, March 26, 10 am – 12 pm

Drop in for fun crafting projects!

Kid Movie Matinee

Thursday, March 27, 2 pm

Movie, popcorn, lots of fun! Movie TBA.

Little Scientists - Plants (ages 2-6)

Saturday, April 26, 2 pm

Every child is a scientist! How does a seed turn into a tree? What do plants eat? Learn all about plants and what makes them grow, through fun and exploration.



Let's Get Creative!

The Write Stuff Writers' Group (Teens and Adults)

Last Saturday of every month from 1-2 pm

Enjoy the camaraderie and support of other area writers and hone your skills with fun writing exercises and prompts! New members welcome!

Comic Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Third Tuesday of the month

January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Let's have some fun reading, discussing and creating comics.

Teen Comic Book Club (Grades 7-12)

Third Monday of the month

February 17, March 17, April 21, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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.

Artists' Workshop for Teens and Tweens (Ages 11-18)

Monday, January 27, 6:30 – 8 pm

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.*

Never Used a QR Code?

You see them everywhere – at your favorite restaurant, on your TV, even in the library newsletter! QR codes are a special type of barcode embedded with information (usually a web address) that your smartphone or tablet can interact with. To use, open the camera app on your device, point the camera at the code, and tap the link that pops up on your device's screen. That's it! You will automatically be directed to the web address linked in the QR code.

Just like clicking a link from a spam email, QR codes can direct you to a malicious website or ask you to install software that can damage your device. For safety tips and more information, visit <https://digital.gov/resources/introduction-to-qr-codes/> or scan the code above.



Programs for Seniors

PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)

Thursday, February 13, 11 am

P.A.C.E. is a unique health plan and care provider, committed to keeping aging adults with challenging healthcare conditions in their home. Attendees will learn about the PACE model and how services can help keep seniors living safely at home.

Monthly Memory Café

Third Wednesday of the month, 11 am
January 15, February 19, March 19,
April 16

Crafts, conversation, snacks, and fun! Our themed monthly gathering for those with memory issues and their caregivers and loved ones is not to be missed!

Alzheimer's Association of Michigan Presentations

Last Wednesday of the month, 11 am

January 29 - Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal and Financial Planning

February 26 - New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment

March 26 - Empowered Caregiver Series: Building Foundations of Caregiving

April 30 - Empowered Caregiver Series: Exploring Care and Support Services

Book Groups

New members welcome! Books available at the library. Visit belleville.lib.mi.us/book-groups or scan QR code for titles, exact dates, and additional information.



"Cook the Book" Book Club

Registration is required.

February 24, 7 pm: Deeply Divine Chocolate

April 28, 7 pm: Your Taste, Your Sandwich

The Evening Book Group

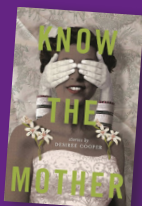
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm.

The Other Book Group

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

African American Literature Book Club

Meets the last Thursday of every month at 7 pm.



Computers and Devices

All computer classes are held at the Sumpter Media Center, 23465 Sumpter Road. Space is limited. Call the library or visit our online calendar to register.

Computer Basics Class Series Thursdays at 1:30 pm

February 13 – Computer Basics I: Intro to Computers

February 27 – Computer Basics II: Windows

March 13 – Computer Basics III: The Internet

March 27 – Computer Basics IV: Email

Microsoft Excel Series Saturdays, 3:30 pm

April 12 – Microsoft Excel: Level 1

April 26 – Microsoft Excel: Level 2

Tame Your Email Tuesday, February 4, 1:30 pm

Using Canva for Graphic Design Thursday, March 6, 10:30 am

Using Canva: Level 2 Thursday, April 3, 10:30 am

Google Drive 101 – Files and Storage Tuesday, February 18, 1:30 pm

Google Drive 102 – Apps Tuesday, March 18, 1:30 pm

Google Calendar Tuesday, April 22, 1:30 pm

Tech Tutoring

Tech Tutoring is held at the main library.

Are you struggling to learn a piece of technology? Make a FREE appointment with a librarian for a 45-minute private lesson. Call the library or go to our events calendar to sign up!



Chat from the Chair

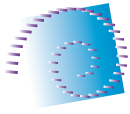
As we all enter into a New Year, the Belleville Area District Library Board of Trustees is entering a new era! Long term library trustee and community advocate John Juriga will retire from the board at the end of December. It's hard to put into words the contributions John has made to the library community. John's enthusiasm and his perspective as a career shop teacher have been invaluable to the effort to establish our new building. One of my personal favorite features in this library, the second-floor terrace, is named for John's family in recognition of the generous donations they made to the completion of the new library project. We will miss John's presence on the board, and have made him promise to come back to visit our board meetings from time to time as a member of the general public (an invitation we extend to all of you as well).



Our board will remain strong, however. In John's place, the citizens of the tri-community have elected Dr. Maria Jackson-Smith, an English professor on the faculty of Wayne County Community College District with a passion for literacy promotion. Maria will bring new energy and perspective to our board, and we are eager to welcome her among us.

In the fall election, two veteran board members were re-elected: Joy Cichewicz, who led the new library building process as head of the building committee, and Alma Hughes-Grubbs, who has long served as secretary of the board. Daniel Fleming, Vice Chair Linda Priest, and Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire fill the remaining slots on our board. It is my deep pleasure to serve with all of them. We all look forward to another amazing year working to provide our patrons with the best possible library programs and services.

Sharon Claytor Peters, Chair
Belleville Area District Library Board



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JOIN THE FRIENDS!

Join the Friends of the Library and help BADL in its mission to Engage, Empower, and Enrich the community! We help make the Summer Reading Program possible, help at library events, and run the popular Used Book Sale at the library. For more information on this active group, go to bit.ly/BADLFriends or scan QR code.



The Tea Rex T-Party was a roaring success! Here, young party-goers sport their hand-made party favors: bowties and fascinators!

Check Out Our Gallery!

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

October – December:
BACA Art Show Award Winners

January – March 2025:
Danielle Whitehead
(acrylic, oil, mixed media)

"I never got a notice!"

When your book is due or your hold request arrives, you should receive a notification either by phone, email, or text message. If you are not receiving notifications, please check your account settings to verify your email and phone number, and that you have notifications turned on. Need help? We're happy to take a look! **Did you know...** Books stay on the hold shelf for only 7 days? You can pick them up in person or call the library to use our curbside service.

Classic Movie Night

Tentative Dates:

February 13, March 13, April 10, 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 BADL and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

