

**BELLEVILLE AREA
DISTRICT LIBRARY**

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Progressions

FALL 2025

Belleville Area District Library

167 Fourth Street

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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

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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, Sept. 1 – Labor Day

Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Veterans' Day

Thursday, Nov. 27 &

Friday, Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

Thursday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

Wednesday, Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

Thursday, Jan. 1 – New Year's Day

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



A Little Something for Everyone!

Classic Movie Nights Thursdays, September 11, October 9, November 13, 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.

Kitten Café Saturday, September 20, 1-4 pm

In the style of a cat café, register to reserve a 15-minute time slot for you or your family to meet and socialize with current residents of the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR). You may also schedule an adoption appointment with FMAR for a later date. All minors must be accompanied by an adult. *Registration required.*

Classic Michigan Food and Drink Thursday, September 25, 6:30 pm

Did you know the Ritz Cracker was invented in Jackson? Or that Michigan is the pickle-growing capital of the US? Join Jon Milan and Gail Offen, authors of the book *Classic Michigan Food and Drink: The Stories Behind the Brands* as they present fascinating stories about many Michigan food and drink brands we know and love.

Vampires at Sea Mocktails with Lindsay Merbaum Monday, October 6, 6 pm

Enjoy an evening with witchy local author and mixologist Lindsay Merbaum as she celebrates the release of her sexy new horror-comedy novella, *Vampires at Sea*, from Creature Publishing! Lindsay will serve original mocktails inspired by the book's moods and themes, then read an exclusive excerpt, followed by a Q&A. Bring a friend and wear your fangs! This program is intended for adult audiences. *Registration required.*

Dark Side of the Mitten by Tom Carr Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 pm

Author Tom Carr shares lively narratives of murder, robbery, and mayhem in the Great Lakes, blending humor and historical context in his tales covering a range of true crimes, from passion-driven murders to greed-fueled robberies.

Cryptids Decrypted Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 pm

A history of curious cases when mysterious creatures turned out to be all too real! Everyone knows famous Cryptids like Bigfoot or the Loch Ness Monster, but many more mysterious creatures exist worldwide! From not-so-extinct fish to animals now common to zoos worldwide, hear the stories of animal demystification.

Operation Market Time: Remembering the Vietnam War

Monday, October 27, 7 pm

Join us for this presentation by local author and retired Captain Randy Hotton, USN, on the anniversary of his enlistment, as he recounts the story of how he operated on ten-hour patrols both day and night in all weather conditions along Vietnam's 1200-mile coast during operation Market Time. Copies of his memoir will be available for purchase.

Native American Influence on Michigan Architecture

Thursday, November 6, 6:30 pm

Historian and photographer Jeff Morrison, author of *Guardians of Detroit* and *Guardians of Michigan*, will present a sixty-minute program showcasing over 85 stunning images of architectural sculptures influenced by Native American forms across Michigan.

Storytimes

September 8 – October 16

November 3 – December 11

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)

Thursdays, 10 am & 11 am

Saturday Storytime (all ages)

Last Saturday of the month, 11 am

September 27, October 25, November 29, December 27



Programs for Children & Teens

Little Scientists Take Flight (ages 2-6)

Saturday, September 20, 11 am

Every child is a scientist! Let's learn about flight and see if we can make some objects soar! *Please register.*

Spooky Cotton Candy Science (all ages)

Saturday, October 18, 11 am

Join us for a spooky and sweet time learning and experimenting with cotton candy! Everyone will get a taste, but beware, some mystery flavors might make you go "lck!"

Teen Oreo Tasting (ages 12-18)

Saturday, October 25, 2 pm

Taste interesting Oreo cookies, guess the flavor, vote on your favorite, learn some Oreo trivia, and even make Oreo art. *Please register.*

Dino Storytime (all ages)

Wednesday, November 12, 11 am

Give a ROAR for dinosaur stories, activities, and crafts!

Family Movie Fun

Saturday, December 27, 2 pm

Watch *A Minecraft Movie* (PG), enjoy some popcorn with us, and craft something of your own.



Comic Book Clubs

Comic Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Third Tuesday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm

September 16, October 21, November 18

If you like comic books, this is the club for you! We will read and discuss a variety of comics and make our own. A free copy of each book will be available for participants! *Registration required.*

Teen Comic Book Club (Grades 7-12)

Third Monday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm

September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15

Do you love to draw comics? Read comics? Talk about comics? Join our Teen Comic Book Club! Kam, our local comic book artist, will help you put your story and ideas together. *Registration required.*

Special Programs!

Take Flight – Sumpter Media Center Open House

Saturday, September 13, 11 am–2 pm

Join the Belleville Area District Library for a fun-filled day at the Sumpter Media Center. Enjoy snacks, activities, crafts, tours of the Media Center, library card sign up, and a visit from the Michigan Avian Experience!

Michigan Birds of Prey

Sumpter Media Center

Saturday, September 13, 1 pm

Learn about the remarkable survival adaptations and behaviors of Michigan raptors.

Staff from the Michigan Avian

Experience provide an up-close and personal experience with live, native birds of prey including hawks, falcons, and eagles.



DIA: The Essentials

Saturday, September 27, 2:00-3:30 pm

The Detroit Institute of Arts is a world-class museum housing countless works of art, from painting and sculpture, to clothing and furniture, from pre-history to the modern era. Join us and a volunteer from the Institute to explore select DIA artworks and gain an appreciation of the diversity, quality, and world-class status of the museum's collection. Registration for the program is not required. Sign up to receive a reminder one day before the event.



A Seed Walk in the Park

Saturday, October 4, 10 am-12 pm

Join the BADL Seed Library on this ranger-led walk, and help collect native seeds for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks (and yourself). Learn what to look for while saving seeds and put your knowledge into practice! *This event will take place at Oakwoods Metropark, 32901 Willow Rd, New Boston starting at the Butterfly Viewing Area.* The \$10 park entry fee will be waived for participants.



Small Business Savvy Programs

Our 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

September 17

Entrepreneurship for Women and Vets with the SBA

October 8

Social Media Influencers and You

October 15

Canva 101: Leveraging Canva for your Small Business

November 5

Every Person's Guide to the Business Plan

November 19

Pitch Deck - An Underutilized Multipurpose Tool



**DINO-VEMBER
in the Kids Hub:
fun activities all
November long!!!**

Programs for Seniors

P.A.C.E. (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly)

Monday, September 22, 6:30 pm

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 P.A.C.E. model and how services can help keep seniors living safely at home.

Monthly Memory Café

Third Wednesday of the month, 11 am

September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17

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!

Book & Writing 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.



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 pm, at restaurants throughout the community. Check with the library for our next location!

African American Literature Book Club

Meets Thursdays at 7 pm
September 25, October 30, November 20
(NO December meeting)

“Cook the Book” Book Club

Registration is required.

Monday, October 27, 7 pm
Harvest (5 Year Anniversary)

Monday, December 15, 7 pm
Celebration (5 Year Anniversary)

The Write Stuff Writers' Group

Meets the 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!

Special Author Workshop with Talesha Wright

Saturday, September 27, 1-3 pm

Published author, Ms. Wright, will discuss “Finding Your Writer’s Voice.”
No registration needed.

Computer Scams & What Not to Click!

Monday, September 15, 6:30 pm

Don't let your computer control you! Find out what you should and should NOT click on. The instructor will discuss scams, including frustrating and suspicious pop-ups, advertisements, a malfunctioning computer, email ads, and links.

Computers and Devices

Classes are held at the Sumpter Media Center, 23465 Sumpter Road. Call the library or visit our online calendar to register.

Computer Basics Class Series (Beginners)

Thursdays, 10 am

September 11 – Computer Basics III: The Internet

September 25 – Computer Basics IV: Email

Saturdays, 3:30 pm

November 1 – Computer Basics I: Intro to Computers

November 15 – Computer Basics II: Windows

November 29 – Computer Basics III: The Internet

December 13 – Computer Basics IV: Email

Microsoft Excel Introduction Series (Intermediate)

Thursdays, 2:30 pm

October 9 – Microsoft Excel: Part 1

October 23 – Microsoft Excel: Part 2

Using Canva for Graphic Design

Monday, October 20, 6:30 pm

Friday, November 7, 3 pm

Chat from the Chair

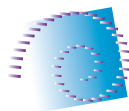
This year at the Belleville Area District Library, we have been marveling at the completion of five years in both our main and branch locations. The branch had its Grand Opening first, in January of 2020, and operated as a pick-up and drop-off location for books and materials during the brief period between the closure of the old library location and opening of our new building. The Soft Opening for the main building took place on Leap Day – February 29, 2020 – with a plan for a Grand Opening later that same year. Of course, the pandemic changed all of that, and both locations closed down in mid-March. The main library Grand Opening was delayed for two years.



In celebration of our five-year anniversary, and to promote Library Card Sign-up Month, we will be hosting an Open House at the Sumpter Media Center on September 13th from 11 am to 2 pm. There will be games, crafts, and snacks, but the highlight will be a visit at 1 pm by Michigan Avian Experience! Eagles, falcons and hawks are among the Michigan birds of prey that will be live on site to help us learn about raptors.

As we move along into fall, our library has so many more special programs to offer. Our first-ever Witching Hour Book Group will stretch through the months before, during and after Halloween. This will be one of many opportunities we'll be offering to get into the mood of the season and come together as a community. Read about all of them in the pages of this newsletter. This fall, as always, there is truly something for everyone at the Belleville Area District Library.

Sharon Claytor Peters, Chair,
Belleville Area District Library Board

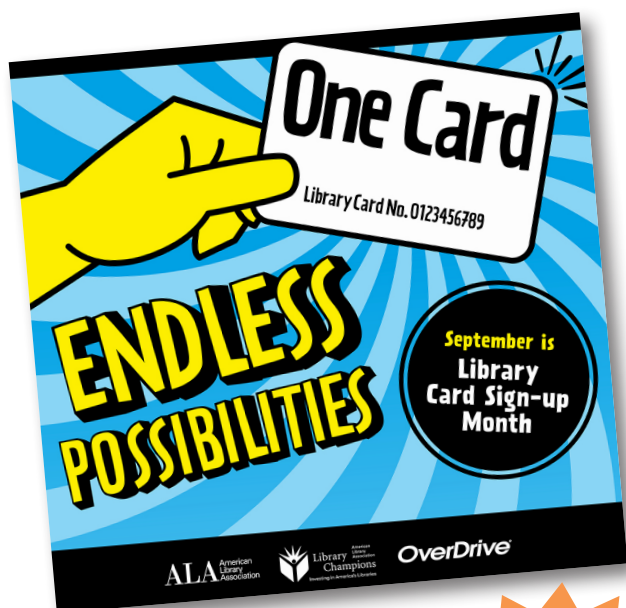


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NEW!

Music at the Library!



Jazz Night - The Dawn Giblin Quartet Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7 pm

The Dawn Giblin Quartet brings the golden age of jazz to life with their performance of timeless classics. Inspired by the vocalists and small ensembles of the era, they capture the spirit of vintage jazz for a modern audience.

Sea Shanties with Ben Traverse Monday, Nov. 10, 7 pm

Ben Traverse, Michigan songwriter, folksinger, Earthwork Music artist, and educator, is coming to our library for a sea shanty singalong!

Don't miss this chance to connect with a centuries-old tradition of communal singing.



Mahjong 101 Saturday, September 6, 1 pm

Discover the basics of American-style Mahjong with instructor Dawn Hach. In this introductory class, you'll become familiar with the tiles, rules, and fundamental strategies of this timeless and captivating game. Perfect for beginners looking to learn and enjoy a new challenge.



Mahjong Meetup Fridays, 11 am, September 19-December 19

Join us for a lively and engaging session of Mahjong, the timeless game of strategy and skill. Whether you're a seasoned player or just beginning, these weekly gatherings offer a welcoming space to connect with fellow community members. All skill levels are welcome.

The Witching Hour Book Group Thursdays, 6:30 pm September 11, October 9, November 13

This special 3-month book group focuses on contemporary horror. We will dive into worlds unnerving, surreal, and downright creepy. Anyone — from the spook-curious to hardcore horror lovers — is welcome!

Quiet Reading Book Group First and Third Mondays, 7 pm

Bring your books and your friends for an evening of quietly reading together at the library, without the reading assignments! Need a book? We can help you find your next read! Refreshments provided.

Belleville Harvest Fest

Saturday, October 11, 11 am-3 pm

Crafts for kids and adults, recipe-sharing, play areas, prizes, and more!

Harvest Fest Community Project – Recipe Sharing

Share your family's favorite recipe with the community as part of Harvest Fest. Recipe cards will be available at the library between September 2 and October 6. Completed cards will become part of a display during Harvest Fest.

