



BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

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Progressions

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

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
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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:

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day
Friday July 3 thru Sunday July 5
– Independence Day
Monday, September 7 – Labor Day

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



Special Programs for Everyone!

Kitten Café Saturday, May 9, 1-4 pm

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 is required.*



Learn the Language of Tornadoes Saturday, May 16, 1 pm

Explore the world of tornados with Stephen Moore. Learn about their formation, structure, and the distinctive signatures they leave behind.

Memory Café Art Show The month of June

Selected art pieces created during the monthly Memory Café gatherings will be on display in the main floor art space.

Memory Café Art Show Reception Friday, June 26, 2-4 pm

Visit the exhibit in the library and stop by the Cozzad Room for light refreshments, a chance to talk with the artists and participants, and to learn what Memory Cafés are all about.



Somatic Practice Series Wednesdays in June, 6:30 pm

Join our four-part series of one-hour classes to bring the mind and body into alignment. Somatic Practices include yoga, meditation, reiki, breathwork, and chakra work.

In the Garden with the DIA Thursday, June 4, 7 pm

A docent from the Detroit Institute of Arts explores the hidden meanings behind images of flowers, plants, and gardens that are featured in some of our favorite works of art.

Get Hooked on Fishing Saturday, June 20, 1 pm

Want to learn about fishing in southeast Michigan? DNR educator Patrick Endres will teach us how to locate fish habitat and identify species common to Michigan waterways.



UFOs Over Michigan Monday, June 29, 6:30 pm

Did you know that Michigan has some of the biggest UFO cases on record? Find out more about these unusual and well-documented UFO sightings from the Great Lakes State.

American Revolution in Michigan Wednesday, July 1, 6:30 pm

Join historian Andrew Kercher to hear how Michigan shaped the American Revolution through alliances, trade, and resilience—even facing a Spanish attack.

Jazz Night at the Library - A Brief History of American Music

Wednesday, July 15, 7 pm

Celebrate 250 years of American musical history with one-man band Rob Crozier. Enjoy selections from a variety of genres including jazz, blues, country, and folk.

Digging Up History: Why the Past's Trash is Really Buried Treasure

Monday, August 3, 6:30 pm

Join historian Andrew Kercher for a quick look at archaeology's evolution—from early treasure seekers to today's high-tech digs. Uncover key discoveries and how new methods reveal our history beneath the surface.



Storytimes

Scan, or visit <https://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/storytimes/> to register.



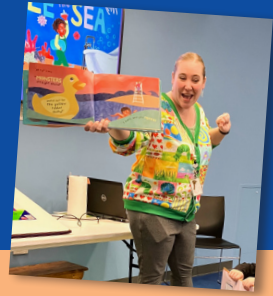
Little's Summer Storytime (Ages 0-5)

June 25, July 9 & 23, 11 am

Come ready to roar, stomp, and read with Mrs. Karen. Enjoy dino stories, songs, and crafts.

Saturday Storytime (All ages)

Last Saturday of the month, 11 am
May 30, June 27, July 25, Aug. 29



Summer Reading Programs

Adult Summer Reading Program (Ages 18-100+)

June 15-August 15

Sign up and start reading on June 15! Visit <https://bellevillemi.beanstack.org> or use the Beanstack app to track your reading and begin earning prizes.

Youth Summer Reading Program (Ages 0-18)

June 15-July 31

Sign up and start reading on June 15! Visit <https://bellevillemi.beanstack.org> or use the Beanstack app to track your reading and begin earning prizes. For every hour you read, earn a prize. Up to 10 prizes per person. Start claiming prizes on June 22.

The Great Belleville Read-A-Thon June 20 – Drop in anytime from 10 am–5 pm to read for as long as you want.

READY, SET, READ! Be a part of our first ever read-a-thon! Bring a book and a friend to the library to help us reach our goal of 50 hours of reading to kick off the summer! Hosted by the Quiet Reading Book Club and the Summer Reading Program.

All ages welcome!

Kids Summer Programs

Some programs occur twice in the same day! Please only attend one.

Crosswinds Marsh Meet and Greet (All ages)

Tuesday, June 23, 11 am

Talk with wildlife experts from Crosswinds Marsh and learn about creatures in your backyard with the aid of nature objects like animal pelts, shells, and more.

Tort-tastic Birthday Party! (All ages)

Friday, June 26, 2 pm

Join us in the Kids Hub anytime from 2-4 pm for games, crafts, face painting, and other birthday fun in honor of our favorite library tortoise, Tortellini!



Science Heroes: Digging It (best for Grades K-5)

Tuesday, June 30, 11 am & 1 pm

Unearth your curiosity as we dig into the incredible science that's all around us!

Digging Into Our Earth with Music and Stories (All ages)

Tuesday, July 7, 11 am

Mrs. Audrey is back with more music and stories from cultures around the world.

Alex Thomas & Friends Dinosaur Puppet Show (All ages)

Tuesday, July 14, 11 am & 1 pm

Discover fascinating facts, meet animated dinosaur puppet characters, and uncover the secrets of fossil hunting in this fun-filled, educational experience for all ages. Get ready to roar, learn, and have a dino-mite time!

Kids Dino Crafts (Ages 3-8) Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 pm

Drop in between 6:30-8 pm and make some fun dinosaur crafts while supplies last.

Dino Dig Bubble Dance Party (All ages)

Saturday, July 18, 11 am

Get ready to stomp onto the dance floor filled with bubbles during the dinosaur dig bubble dance party. Special dinosaur egg for the first 50 attendees!

Jurassic Joel's Magic Show (All ages)

Tuesday, July 21, 11 am

Stomp, chomp, and roar into reading with Jurassic Joel's Magic Show!

Reptarium (All ages) Tuesday, July 28, 11 am

Meet a variety of interesting reptiles from our friends at The Reptarium.

DinoBuilders (All ages) Wednesday, July 29, 6 pm

Using large foam blocks shaped like dinosaur bones, create your own foam dinosaur, and show it off in the DinoBuilder Parade around the room.

Teen/Tween Programs

For some programs, please register at <https://bit.ly/BADLEventsCalendar>

T(w)een Movies: Movies TBD

2 pm (Ages 11-18)

Saturday, July 11; Saturday, July 25; Friday, July 31

Teen Craft

Friday, July 17, 2 pm (Ages 12-18) *Please register.*

Tween Dino Crafts

Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 pm (Ages 9-13) *Please register.*

Kam Komics Workshop

Monday, July 27, 2 pm (Ages 11-18) *Please register.*

Local and independent comic book artist Kamron Reynolds will introduce you to the world of comics. Learn how to draw your own characters, faces, backgrounds, lettering, and much more.



Opportunities to Help!

BADL Adult Literacy and ESL Programs

We are in need of volunteer tutors for our Adult Literacy and ESL tutoring programs. Training will be provided. Please contact Jennifer Richardson, Outreach Librarian, at 734-699-3291 or jrichardson@belleville.lib.mi.us for more information or to volunteer.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 16
11 am-5 pm
Cozadd Room



More Fun Programs!

From Garden to Table and Beyond: Growing, Harvesting, and Using Herbs with Purpose Saturday, August 22, 11 am

From culinary techniques and healing teas to home fragrance and handmade crafts, attendees leave inspired and equipped — whether they're tending their first herb pot or their fortieth garden bed.

Small Business Savvy Programs

Registration is required to join these virtual classes on Zoom.

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm Virtual

May 13 – E-Commerce Essentials

May 20 – Health Insurance for Small Businesses



Weekly Programs

English Conversation Practice for ESL Learners Tuesdays, 1-2:30 pm

Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Literacy Council volunteers. The conversation group meets every Tuesday that the library is open.

Mahjong Meetup Fridays, 11 am-1 pm

All skill levels welcome at our weekly gathering to play this timeless game of strategy and skill.

Monthly Programs

Adult Beginner's Art Workshop First Wednesday of the month, 11 am

In these sessions local artist Kathryn Wood will assist, guide, and encourage you in developing your own style by helping you understand the fundamentals of art. Bring your own supplies and a project you are working on, and learn while creating your own masterpiece!

Monthly Memory Café Third Wednesday of the month, 11 am

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! Special program in July: pianist/singer Matthew Ball will bring a music-inspired smile to our Memory Café participants.

The Write Stuff Writers' Group Last Saturday of the month, 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!



Book Groups

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



Quiet Reading Book Club

First and Third Mondays, 7 pm

The Evening Book Group

First Thursday of the month at 7 pm

The Witching Hour Book Group

Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm

The Other Book Group

Third Thursday of the month, 6 pm, at local restaurants

African American Literature Book Club

Last Thursday of the month, 7 pm

"Cook the Book" Book Club

Registration is required.

Monday, June 29, 6 pm – Sweets (5 Year Anniversary)

Monday, August 31, 6 pm – U.S. Road Trip (5 Year Anniversary)

Chat from the Chair

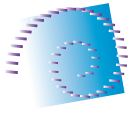
We've made it through one of the harshest winters in years. As I write this note, the weather still ping-pongs between blustery and beautiful, and the problems of the world seem dizzying. Clearly, I'm ready for sunshine and joy, and I bet you are too! So, I want to share some of the things our library offers that are calming, bring joy for me, and are freely available to you, the recipients of this newsletter, as well. They are all things to avail yourself of the moment you walk in the door of the Belleville Area District Library.



- The Terrace: Whether or not you have a patio of your own, our second-floor lake view terrace gives you fresh air, sunshine and a place to read, work or rest.
- Quiet well-lit spaces: If you have work or thinking to do, without the distractions of your home or workplace, we've got a chair, table or private work room for you.
- Art: The first floor Atrium is home to rotating art exhibits to uplift your spirit and curiosity.
- Connections to community: Our creative activities, entertainment, and programs on history and any number of topics bring people together. You might even peek in on children at play in the Kids Hub. Also, our staff members have a tendency to spread as much joy as they do knowledge!

So, come in for the joy of the destination in addition to the vast array of books, films, and even Library of Things items that you expect from us.

Sharon Claytor Peters, Chair
Belleville Area District Library Board



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Exciting News!

There is just too much going on at BADL to cover thoroughly in our print newsletter! You can now sign up to receive our monthly email newsletters and other communications about events and resources. Visit the <http://belleville.lib.mi.us> to find out more and to sign up!

JOIN THE FRIENDS!

Join the Friends of the Library and help support the Belleville Area District Library in its mission to Engage, Empower, and Enrich the Belleville area community! Our Friends 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 <https://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/friends-of-the-library/>.

Used Book Sale

Saturday, May 2
Early access for Friends members:
11 am-Noon
General Public: Noon-3 pm
Buy One Get One Free All Day!
Sunday, May 3, 1-3 pm
Bag Sale! \$5/bag, Sunday only!

Perennial Plant Swap

Saturday, May 2, 2026
12:00 pm-1:00 pm

OUTSIDE THE BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

Bring your perennials to trade with other gardeners.
Clean up your beds and bring home new beauties!

LOOK INSIDE! UNEARTH A STORY™

All about our Summer Reading Program

Computers and Devices

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

Microsoft Word Introduction Series (Intermediate)

Saturdays, 3:15 pm
May 16 – Microsoft Word: Part 1
May 30 – Microsoft Word: Part 2
Thursdays, 10:00 am
July 9 – Microsoft Word: Part 1
July 23 – Microsoft Word: Part 2



Microsoft Excel Introduction Series (Intermediate)

Mondays, 6:30 pm
June 8 – Microsoft Excel: Part 1
June 22 – Microsoft Excel: Part 2