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SPECIAL EVENTS

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY: OUR 2020 SEED LIBRARY
Grow your own vegetables, herbs, and flowers from seed — with your BCPL library card! Our 2020 Seed Library is launching up again this spring, and we’re encouraging our patrons and community members to try their hand at growing (and harvesting!) seeds. You may "borrow" up to five seed packets consisting of no more than two of each variety. This season, our seed library launches on March 16, 2020!
On and after that date, you will be able to select your seed packets at the Circulation Desk. Read more about our seed library at benlib.org/seed-library.

CHILDREN’S CLOTHING DRIVE | MAY 1—31, 2020
All month long bring in your new or gently used children’s clothes to the Youth Services Department! Our Teen Justice League will package and donate to local charities that supply clothing to children in need. See page 15 for more details.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. Blackhawk Middle School Cafeteria
Kids 10 and younger are encouraged to join the Bensenville Community Public Library and Bensenville School District 2 for our second annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny in the Blackhawk Middle School Cafeteria. This event includes a pancake, tater tots, sausage, and egg breakfast, a photo -op with the Easter Bunny, as well as other crafts and activities. See page 10 for more information.

SUMMER READING 2020: READING IS TOTALLY RAD!
Everyone is invited to join the Library’s annual summer reading program! This summer our theme is “Totally 80s”! Registration for Summer Reading begins on Sunday, June 7 at our Summer Reading Kick Off event! Complete your reading log to earn your summer reading t-shirt and a chance in the grand prize drawing! For more information, stop by the Youth Services Desk or the Adult Services Desk!

UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
Sunday, April 12 – Easter
Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day
Saturday, July 4 – Independence Day
Friday, August TBA – Staff In-Service
Visit benlib.org/locations-hours for a complete listing of 2020 closing dates.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE
Thursday, May 14 | 2:00—6:00 p.m.
(BCPL & WDPL cardholders only, please!)
Friday, May 15 | 12:00—5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 16 | 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Calling all book lovers! Browse through fiction and non-fiction titles, children’s and teen books, and more at the Library’s annual book sale. Everyone is invited! We will begin accepting donations starting April 1.

PLANT SALE
Saturday, May 16 | 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Celebrate spring and the planting season! Join us at the Library for the Garden Club of Bensenville’s Plant Sale!

CENSUS DAY CELEBRATION: BE COUNTED!
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 FROM 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. AT THE BENSVENILE LIBRARY
Musical performance by Cielito Lindo at 5:30 p.m.
2020 is a census year! Join us on Wednesday, April 1 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. — we’ll have computers to access the census questionnaire, giveaways, food, kids crafts, an appearance by Uncle Sam, and a musical performance by family folk band, Cielito Lindo!

On April 1, Census Day will be observed nationwide. By this date, every home will have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. In partnership with the Village of Bensenville and funded by a grant through the Illinois Department of Human Services, via Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) and The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC), we want to celebrate Census Day with our community and let you know why the census matters. Be counted! When we all respond, we all benefit. When everyone is counted in the 2020 Census, our communities get the funding they need for things like health care, education, library services, roads, and more.

For more information on Census 2020, our grant, and our Census Day event, visit benlib.org/census.
The Local History Center at Bensenville Community Public Library is finding a new life in the Illinois Digital Archive. Over the last year, our Digital Librarian & Archivist, Elizabeth Morris, has been reorganizing and preserving the Library’s physical local history collection, while also digitizing resources for the Bensenville Historical Collection online.

Through making our historical collection available online, we hope that our community gains better access to this special collection — whether it is simply for the enjoyment of history, or for genealogical research. This coming spring and summer, join us at the Bensenville Library for a selection of programs that will introduce you to this new local history digital collection and also assist you in preserving and archiving your own personal family historical collections.

To start browsing our historical collection on the Illinois Digital Archives, please visit: benlib.org/local-history-online.

Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Morris at emorris@benlib.org.

KORTHAUER LOG HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

March 8 | June 14 | July 12 | August 9
Take a trip back in time at our Korthauer Open House! Join local historian Janis Arquette on the second Sundays in September, October, and November from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Korthauer Log House for an exploration into local history. The Log House is located at 900 W. Wood Ave. in Bensenville, and parking is available at the library.

Please note: The Log House will not be open on the second Sunday in April or May.

BENSENVILLE HISTORY:
Introduction to Our New Local History Digital Collection

Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Join our Digital Librarian for an introduction to the new Bensenville Historical Collection on the Illinois Digital Archive. Learn about this grant funded project, how it was done, the collection today, and what you can do to help the library continue to save the history of Bensenville. Bring your family archiving questions and see Bensenville’s past come to life.

FAMILY ARCHIVE WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Do you know where your family history is? If you are like many busy people, the answer lives in unorganized boxes and computer files. Bring in one or two boxes of your family history; photos, letters, tapes, textiles and digital files, and learn how to do basic preservation and organization of your precious family memories and history with Elizabeth Morris, the Library’s Digital Librarian & Archivist. Be a hero in saving memories for future generations. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS | Adult

BOOK BRUNCH
Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

March 26
Everyone Brave Is Forgiven by Chris Cleave

April 23
Less by Andrew Sean Greer

May 28
American War by Omar El Akkad

COOKING THE BOOKS
For each discussion, we pick a selection of cookbooks around one theme. You borrow one, peruse it, make a recipe from it, and join us as we all get together to share the finished products, and our opinions and experiences. Meets at 7:00 p.m. on:

Thursday, March 12
Celebrity Cookbooks

Thursday, May 14
Cupcakes

LIT CHICKS
This all ages YA book discussion group meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

March 16
Nick and June Were Here by Shalanda Stanley

April 20
Lovely War by Julie Berry

May 18
Life in Reverse by Beth Michele

THURSDAY NIGHT
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

March 5
My Sister, the Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite

April 2
Life After by Katie Ganshert

May 7
Less by Andrew Sean Greer

Copies of the books are available at the Library’s Circulation Desk one month prior to the discussion.
SILHOUETTES OF THE PAST: Growing Up in Chicago During the 50's & 60's
Saturday, March 14 at 2:00 p.m.
Join Dr. Leslie K. Best as she gives us a brief but comprehensive history of the South Side of Chicago, which will touch on the 1893 Chicago Columbian Exposition, the 1919 Race Riot, the transformation of various communities, and a glimpse into the sights, sounds, and social venues of the 1950's and 1960's.

ILLINOIS MILITARY MONUMENTS
Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Throughout Illinois there are monuments dedicated to national figures as well as lesser-known heroes. For example, Abraham Lincoln served in the Illinois Militia as a captain during the Black Hawk Wars, and on April 11, 1930, the State of Illinois dedicated a monument in Dixon in honor of his service. Join author and historian Major Lorenzo A. Fiorentino (Ret.) and learn about some of Illinois most important military monuments.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY: Whirlwind of Reform
Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.
More than any other leader in the fight for women’s right to vote, Susan B. Anthony sticks in our minds and in our hearts as the “Mother” of “The Cause.” Anthony devoted 50 years of her adult life to advocacy for women’s political, educational, and professional equality. Come watch Anthony’s dedication and passion for equal rights and woman suffrage come vividly to life through Annette Baldwin’s portrayal of the “Mother” of the Women’s Rights Movement. This program is sponsored by the Office of Kathleen Willis, State Representative of IL District 77.

HERB GARDENING
Saturday, April 4 at 2:00 p.m.
Master Gardener Linda Dickerson from the University of Illinois Extension shows us the basics of herb gardening. Whether you’re a new or advanced herb gardener, this program offers information useful in selection, care, and uses of a variety of herbs.

FORGING A PRESIDENT: How the Wild West Created Teddy Roosevelt
Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.
He was born a city boy in Manhattan, but it wasn’t until he lived as a cattle rancher and deputy sheriff in the wild country of the Dakota Territory that Theodore Roosevelt became the man who would be president. Join author William Hazelgrove as he uses Roosevelt’s own reflections to illustrate the formative seasons that America’s twenty-sixth president spent in "the broken country" of the Wild West.

KIDDIELAND REMEMBERED
Saturday, April 25, at 2:00 p.m.
From 1929 to 2009, Kiddieland in Melrose Park brought joy to thousands of families. Join us and relive the past with historian and Oakton College professor Cheryl Brown, as she revisits the history of the park with vintage photos. Re-experience the park through videos of the park on a busy summer day. Learn about the final auction of the rides, why the park had to close approximately 10 years ago, and where the rides are today.

THE HISTORY OF CHICAGO’S MAYORS
Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m.
How much do you know about Chicago’s mayoral history? Probably a little, but I’ll bet there’s a bunch of things you aren’t aware of. Join College of DuPage professor Richard Flint as he takes us through a history of Chicago’s mayors, from Carter Harrison all the way up to Chicago’s current mayor, Lori Lightfoot.
ADULT PROGRAMS

LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS  
Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m.  
During the Victorian era, flowers and flower arrangements were used to send private messages—also known as the tradition of floriography. Join floral expert Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh for a lively presentation on the language of flowers. Learn about this mode of communication and how these coded messages could communicate love, appreciation, and even hatred.

BACKYARD HABITATS  
Saturday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m.  
There is a growing movement to change our pristine suburban lawns back into thriving habitats for wildlife. Join us as we welcome back Kim White, the “Natural Naturalist” who will talk about some of the things we need to consider to be able to attract, and keep our wild, and non-wild neighbors happy.

RETURN TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME  
Saturday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m.  

FOOD FALLACIES AND FAKE NEWS: What’s Real and What’s Media Hype?  
Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.  
We’re constantly being bombarded with changing, contradictory nutritional headlines—how do you know what to believe? Join nutrition expert Joan Davis as she clears the confusion and highlights practical approaches to determining what’s fake and what’s real.

AMERICA’S FIRST LADIES: Presented by Leslie Goddard  
Sunday, July 19 at 2:00 p.m.  
The role of First Lady comes with no job description, no pay, and no written requirements. Yet America’s presidential spouses have wielded great influence and have always been subject to intense public scrutiny. In this fascinating illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores which First Ladies have rated highest and lowest—or most in-between—with historians.

THE MODERN OLYMPICS: ATHENS TO TOKYO  
Thursday, July 2 at 7:00 p.m.  
It’s an Olympic year! The summer games in Tokyo will continue the longstanding, historic tradition of the Olympic Games. Join Terry Lynch of HFK Presents as we hear about how Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the International Olympic Committee began the first international Olympic games in Athens in 1896. We will also learn how modern history has affected the international games.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE GREEN STREET GRILLE  
First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. — 120 W. Green St. in Bensenville  
Join staff from the Bensenville Community Public Library on the first Monday of every month from 7:00—9:00 p.m. and flex your trivia muscle at the Green Street Grille! Gather some friends and compete against other teams for prizes by answering questions about history, pop culture and more!  
March 2 | April 6 | May 4 | June 1 | July 6 | August 3  
Registration is not required to attend Trivia Night, but reservations at Green St. Grille are recommended. Please call (630) 474-1201 to reserve a table.
Join us monthly for some fun seasonal crafts at the Library! We’ll supply the materials and direction, you just show up, get creative, and then bring home your creation!

**DIY SOCK BUNNIES**
*Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.*
*AGES: Adults only*
Looking for a cute handmade gift to add to an Easter basket or to display as adorable home décor? Join us for a fun night of crafting with this quick and easy sock bunny! All materials will be provided and participants will leave with a perfect pair of bunnies.

**DIY FABRIC BOOKMARKS**
*Monday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.*
*AGES: Adults only*
In April we will be celebrating both National Library Week and Earth Day, so let’s upcycle some bookmarks! With scrap fabric, leftover cardboard pieces, and other odds and ends, we will be making custom bookmarks for you to use over and over. These are great for yourself, for a handmade Mother’s Day gift, or for all book lovers alike.

**DANDELION Q-TIP ART**
*Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.*
*AGES: Adults only*
Did you know that something as common as a Q-Tip could transform into a blowing dandelion on a piece of art? Join us for something new and fun as we use Styrofoam balls and cotton swabs that we will craft into beautiful floral dandelion scene.

For all adult crafting and DIY programs, registration is not required to attend, but space is limited. Doors to the event will open 15 minutes prior to the event start time. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, and seats cannot be held.

**DIY CORK AMERICAN FLAG**
*Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m.*
*AGES: Adults only*
Get ready for an easy, patriotic, hot glue gun craft! With a (large) handful of corks, some paint, lots of hot glue, and some twine, we’ll craft up a perfect piece of door décor just in time for the Fourth of July. Corks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own to use if you choose.

**DIY TILE COASTERS**
*Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m.*
*AGES: Adults only*
A BCPL favorite returns! We will be making DIY tile coasters using 4” x 4” white tiles, photos, and a little Mod Podge! Scrap magazines and a limited selection of paper patterns will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own materials (photos, patterns, clippings, etc.) to make your own custom coasters! Everyone will leave with a set of four coasters to take home, or to gift!

**MAKE YOUR OWN PUZZLE**
*Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m.*
*AGES: Adults only*
Let your imagination solve your very own do-it-yourself puzzle! Each crafter will receive a 5” x 7” pre-cut wooden puzzle to decorate. We will have a variety of supplies available for you to create your own unique work of art to put back together again and again!

**ART AND RELAXATION**
*March 11 | April 8 | May 13 | June 10 | July 8 | August 12*
Join us every second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 — 8:30 p.m. for some calming coloring and peaceful music. Stop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time if you like; however long it takes for you to unwind!

**AN INTRODUCTION TO AROMATHERAPY BLENDING**
*A MAKE & TAKE CLASS*
*Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.*
Explore the art and science of creating harmonious essential oil blends that offer aroma-therapeutic benefits and walk away with a custom roller bottle you made in class yourself! Uncover what essential oils are, the history, production and safety of oils, plus how to effectively balance top, middle, and base note aromas to make a perfume blend you will love! Presented by Brittany Hogan, a Certified Advanced Aromatherapy Blending Specialist.
ADULT PROGRAMS | Computer Classes & More

The Library is proud to offer a variety of free technology/computer classes. A reservation is required to attend. To register, please call the Library or sign up at the Adult Services Desk.

COMPUTER CLASSES

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**INTRO TO PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS**
Learn the basics of Adobe Photoshop Elements. Photoshop is the industry standard tool for digital imaging.

- Monday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 30 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m.

**PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS 2**
This class is meant for those who have taken our introductory Photoshop class and are ready to take their skills to the next level.

- Thursday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 22 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.

**COMPUTER BASICS**
Learn the fundamentals of using a computer and gain a greater understanding of how it works.

- Thursday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 20 at 2:00 p.m.

**INTRO TO MICROSOFT WORD**
In this introductory level class, learn the basics of Microsoft Word: a word processing program that allows you to create various types of documents, letters, papers, flyers, resumes, and more.

- Thursday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 9 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 6 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m.

**USING THE INTERNET**
Learn how to use the internet, including opening web pages, browsing the internet, learning about browsers, and more.

- Thursday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 27 at 2:00 p.m.

**SETTING UP GMAIL**
Looking for help with your new Gmail account? Still trying to figure out what your settings mean? Do you need to set up a brand new account? Learn the introductory basics of Google’s web based email, Gmail.

- Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 28 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 18 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 2 at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 30 at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m.

**DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES**
Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Join the Library on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. for our documentary film series! Take advantage of stadium seating and our HD projector in the Library’s Auditorium. For trailers and more, please see the Library website.

- **March 9 — American Factory** (2019, TV-14, 1hr 50min) **2020 ACADEMY AWARD WINNER**
  - In post-industrial Ohio, a Chinese billionaire opens a new factory in an abandoned General Motors plant. Early days of hope and optimism give way to setbacks as high-tech China clashes with working-class America.

- **April 13 — Icarus** (2017, TV-MA, 2hrs) **2017 ACADEMY AWARD WINNER**
  - When filmmaker Bryan Fogel sets out to uncover the truth about doping in sports, a chance meeting with a Russian scientist transforms his story from a personal experiment into a geopolitical thriller. Dirty urine, unexplained death and Olympic gold are all part of the exposure of the biggest scandal in sports history.

- **May 11 — Chasing Coral** (2017, TV-PG, 1hr 29min)
  - Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. Divers, photographers and scientists set out to discover why the reefs are disappearing and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world.

- **June 8 — Winter on Fire: Ukraine’s Fight for Freedom** (2015, TV-MA, 1hr 38min)
  - A documentary on the unrest in Ukraine during 2013 and 2014, as student demonstrations supporting European integration grew into a violent revolution calling for the resignation of President Viktor F. Yanukovich.

- **July 13 — The Mars Generation** (2017, TV-PG, 1hr 37min)
  - Self-professed teenage “space nerds” at Space Camp chase their dreams of traveling to Mars, while experts reflect on NASA’s history and future. These aspiring astronauts reveal that Mars is closer than you think.

- **August 10 — Jim & Andy: The Great Beyond** (2017, TV-MA, 1hr 33min)
  - Using 100 hours of footage from the set of “Man on the Moon,” filmmaker Chris Smith documents Jim Carrey’s transformation into legendary performance artist and comedian Andy Kaufman.
**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**
First Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. | All ages
March 3 | April 7 | May 5 | June 2 | July 7 | August 4
Join the Library the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and take advantage of stadium seating, new HD projection, and free popcorn in the Library’s auditorium for a showing of our favorite family films. Admission to the show is free! Film titles for this program are announced one month prior to the event. Visit our website for more information. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**LEGO NIGHT**
Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
AGES: 3 to 11 years old
Join us the second Tuesday of every month for LEGO Night at the Library. Meet other LEGO fans as you compete in our LEGO building challenge! Space is limited to the first 30 children, and builders will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
March 10 | St. Patrick’s Day
April 14 | Spring
May 12 | Free Build
June 9 | Under The Sea
July 14 | Silly Monsters
August 11 | Free Build

**FAMILY ART NIGHT**
Third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
AGES: 3 to 11 years old
March 17 | April 21 | May 19 | June 16 | July 21 | August 18
Join us the third Tuesday of every month to channel your inner artist. See what you can create with different types of paints, stamps, and more, available from the Library’s art supply stash. We will present themed project ideas to get you started. All of our supplies are washable, but there is a chance for a mess, so wear something that can get messy! Space is limited, and artists will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**BINGO FOR KIDS**
Fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
AGES: 3 to 11 years old
Children can head to the Library for a night of gaming fun, where players have a chance to win Bingo Bucks that they can redeem for prizes. Bingo cards will be provided to children only. Space is limited to the first 30 children, and players will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
March 24 | Easter Bingo
April 28 | Spring Bingo
May 26 | All-American Bingo
June 23 | Summer Bingo
July 28 | Ocean Bingo
August 25 | Animal Bingo

**CRAYONS AND GAMES**
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | All ages!
March 4 – May 27, June 10 – August 12
Bring your family and friends to an evening of challenging games and relaxing coloring at the Library! Board games, crayons, and pages will be provided – all you need is your creativity and laughter. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FAMILY STORYTIME**
Second and fourth Saturday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
AGES: 0 to 8 years old
March 14, 28 | April 11, 25 | May 9, 23 | June 13, 27 | July 11, 25
Join us for a weekend celebration of our favorite authors! We will hear stories from Eric Carle, Oliver Jeffers, Mo Willems, and many more! Playtime will follow with a variety of toys that the whole family can enjoy. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FAMILY STORYTIME: EASTER CELEBRATION**
Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m. | AGES: 0 to 8 years old
Join us for a special Family Storytime as we celebrate Easter! We will be celebrating with stories, a craft, and a special treat. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FAMILY STORYTIME: FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION**
Saturday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m. | AGES: 0 to 8 years old
Join us for a special Family Storytime as we celebrate firefighters! We will be celebrating with stories read by a special firefighter, a craft, and a special treat. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FAMILY STORYTIME: OLYMPICS CELEBRATION**
Saturday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m. | AGES: 0 to 8 years old
Join us for a special Family Storytime as we celebrate the Olympics! We will be celebrating sports with stories, a craft, and a special treat. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.
YOUTH PROGRAMS | Special Events

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m.
Blackhawk Middle School Cafeteria
AGES: 10 years old and younger
Kids 10 and younger are encouraged to join the Bensenville Community Public Library and Bensenville School District 2 for our second annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny in the Blackhawk Middle School Cafeteria. This event includes a pancake, tater tots, sausage, and egg breakfast, a photo-op with the Easter Bunny, as well as other crafts and activities. Buses will also be available for transportation to and from the breakfast, bus route information will be available one week from event. Registration is not required, but space is limited. All children must be attended by an adult. All adults must be accompanied with a child. For questions or further details, please contact the Library at (630) 766-4642.

NO SCHOOL MOVIE
Friday, April 10 at 1:00 p.m. | ALL AGES
No school? No problem! Join us for a movie on the days that school is closed and take advantage of stadium seating, new HD projection, and free popcorn in the Library’s auditorium for a showing of our favorite family films. Admission to the show is free! Admission is open to all, though space is limited. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Movie title to be released one month prior to showing.

SPRING BUTTERFLY BALL
Wednesday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m. | AGES: 0 to 5 years old
Join us for a special spring event just for preschoolers! Wear your fanciest clothes and spend the morning dancing, hearing stories, and creating a special butterfly keepsake! A small refreshment will be served, as supplies last. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

MOTHER’S DAY CARD MAKING
Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. | AGES: 3 years and older
Join Mr. Parish as we make beautiful cards for the amazing mothers and women in our lives. All materials will be provided - just bring your creativity! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit five cards per child.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY
Saturday, May 2 All Day | ALL AGES
The superheroes are coming! Join the Library for Free Comic Book Day, a nationwide event held the first Saturday in May each year where participating comic book shops and libraries around the world give away comic books absolutely FREE. Limit three comic books per person, while supplies last.

FATHER’S DAY CARD MAKING
Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. | AGES: 3 years and older
Join Mr. Parish as we make beautiful cards for the amazing fathers and men in our lives. All materials will be provided - just bring your creativity! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit five cards per child.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY:
WHAT IS EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS?
Explore More Illinois is a cultural pass program that allows Illinois public library cardholders to get free and discounted tickets from museums, park districts, historical societies, performing and visual arts centers, and other attractions. Explore More Illinois is free and can be accessed 24/7 from any computer, tablet, or smartphone.

HOW DO I GET A PASS?
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YOUTH | Spring Break Programs

**LUNCHTIME THEATER**
**Monday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. | ALL AGES**
Bring your sack lunch and join us for a special Spring Break movie while taking advantage of stadium seating, free popcorn, and new HD projection in the Library’s auditorium! Movie title will be released approximately one month prior to event. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**BUILD-A-POEM TERRARIUM**
**Tuesday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m.**
**AGES: 3rd through 12th grade**
In honor of National Poetry Month, join us for a special poetry inspired craft! We will provide all the materials needed to put together your poem’s terrarium, you bring your creative word building! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 20 children.

**ART CLUB**
**Wednesday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m.**
**AGES: 2 to 12 years old**
Families are invited to join us for a fun and easy Spring Break craft. We will provide a different project for each age group, as well as a variety of supplies for you to create your own masterpiece.

**TEEN CRAFTING**
**Wednesday, April 1 at 2:00 p.m.**
**AGES: 12 to 18 years old**
Teens are invited to join Mr. Parish for a fun and easy Spring Break craft. All materials will be provided by the library. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**VIDEO GAME CLUB TOURNAMENT**
**Game: Super Smash Bros. Switch**
**Thursday, April 2 at 1:00 p.m.**
**AGES: 10 to 18 years old**
Join the library for another great video game tournament! – complete with pizza! Participants will play against other participants to become the Super Smash Bros. champion! After the tournament we will eat pizza. Registration is not required, but space is limited. Participants will not be allowed in after the first 10 minutes, so please arrive early.

**LIFE-SIZE CANDYLAND—FAMILY EDITION!**
**Friday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m.**
**AGES: Families with children 3 years old and up**
You’re invited to play our life-size Candy Land game! The meeting room will transform into the game board with YOU as the game piece. Compete with your family for your Candy Land prize! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.
**LIL’ BLOCK PARTY**
First Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. | June 5 | July 3 | August 7
AGES: 0 to 4 years old, older siblings welcome to attend
Are you new to the area, newly a parent, or just looking to make more parent friends? Join the library as we celebrate our community at our monthly indoor/outdoor gathering! Activities include sensory play stations, sidewalk chalk, and bubbles. No registration is required. Meets rain or shine.

**DUPAGE COUNTY FARM BUREAU PRESENTS: HONEYBEES**
Friday, June 12 at 10:30 a.m. | ALL AGES
Join the library as we welcome the DuPage County Farm Bureau! They will be presenting on honeybees and pollination. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**DIY BOOKENDS**
Friday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m. | AGES: 5 to 18 years old
Need help holding up the books in your personal book collection at home? Join the library as we recycle our extra bookends for your decorating fun! We will provide all the materials required, you just bring the creativity. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**ANDERTOONS PRESENTS: BOOM! POW! SMASH!**
Friday, June 26 at 10:30 a.m. | AGES: 5 to 14 years old
Holy cartooning class! Learn to draw awesome superheroes and terrible villains and then decide what happens next! Will Beltman use his scowl of justice? Will Ms. Quito bite him?! Will they decide to put their squabbles aside and play Monopoly?! (Get out of jail free indeed!) Stay tuned! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited to the first 25 children and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**ROCKIN’ AND READING WITH LEONARDO!**
Friday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m. | ALL AGES
Bring your dancing shoes and best air guitar moves... it's time to go ROCKIN' and READING with LEONARDO. He is a Parents’ Choice Award winning family musician from Chicago strumming into town with a humorous high energy musical program that inspires little rockers to become big readers! This highly interactive performance has plenty of sing-a-longs and dance moves to inspire imagination, creativity and a love of reading in audiences of all ages and abilities. No registration is required.

**DRIVE-IN THEATER**
Friday, July 17 at 10:30 a.m. | AGES: 2 to 8 years old
Make a cardboard car, bring a sack lunch, and take in a show! To start off our special program, every child will decorate a box car, supplied by the Library, and enjoy watching one of our favorite short films while parked. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis, limited to the first 30 children. Siblings younger than 3 years old are welcome to attend, but will not be given a cardboard box to decorate. NOTE: No other food or drink will be provided by the Library.

**NURSERY RHYME OLYMPICS**
Friday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. | AGES: 3 to 11 years old
Join us as we celebrate the 2020 Summer Olympics! Think you’re strong or fast enough to win a gold medal? Test out your abilities and participate in each of our stations based on popular nursery rhymes. Every 1st place finish earns you a medal to add to your Olympic Necklace. Registration is not required to attend this class, but space is limited. Spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**THE STU SHOW: BE KIND, BE POSITIVE, AND READ!**
Friday, July 31 at 10:30 a.m. | AGES: Kindergarten through 5th grade
Join us for this unique 45-minute interactive, engaging, message-themed performance of original, fun, and motivating songs about being kind, being positive and about reading — starring Stuart Jacobson, a songwriter, humorist, and sociologist.

Stu is also the author of the popular self-esteem building book I Like to Be Liked, 12 Things to Do (All of The Time) To Be Liked. Books and CDs will be available for purchase at the show.
**STORYTIME AT THE PARK**  
**Mondays at 10:30 a.m. | June 8 – August 10**  
**AGES: 0 to 8 years old**  
Join us Mondays all summer long for stories & play time at the park! The Library will be at Sunset Park as your child enjoys sunshine, fresh air, as well as exciting stories and lots of play. NOTE: Park Play will be relocated to the Library’s meeting room in inclement weather.

**THE READING CLUB**  
**Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. | June 9 – July 28**  
**AGES: Entering 1st to 3rd Grade**  
Join the library for our introduction to book clubs! Every week we will meet and read together in order to practice our read aloud skills and learn new vocabulary. A healthy snack will be provided. No need to check out books ahead of time or remember them for the week – we will keep them on our shelves for your convenience. Space is limited to the first 10 children, and readers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**KLUB KSIĄŻKI**  
**Second Tuesdays: June 9 and July 14 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**AGES: 4 to 7 years old**  
Mrs. Kap will pick a selection of books around one theme, and you will pick one favorite book to take home and read with your child. Books will be at the circulation desk a month before the program starts. We will get together to discuss the topic, play games, and make a craft! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**ART CLUB**  
**Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. | June 10 – August 12**  
**AGES: 2 to 12 years old**  
Join the Library every Wednesday morning for Art Club. Each week we will provide a different project for you to complete as well as a variety of supplies for you to create your own masterpiece. No registration is required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**SUMMER READING WITH ADELE**  
**Second Wednesdays of the month at 10:30 a.m.**  
**June 10 | July 8 | August 12 | AGES: Kindergarten and older**  
Kids are invited to practice their reading skills with Adele and Ms. Penny! Adele, a friendly, trained therapy dog is at the library once a month to help reluctant readers gain confidence and improve their reading skills with her patient, nonjudgmental, and furry nature. Registration is not required, but space is limited to 20 minutes per reader. Spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**DISNEY+ LUNCHTIME THEATER**  
**Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.**  
**June 11 – August 13 | ALL AGES**  
Bring your sack lunch and join us for a weekly summer movie while taking advantage of stadium seating, free popcorn, and HD projection in the Library’s auditorium! Ask at the Youth Reference Desk for titles. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**SUMMER READING KICKOFF**  
**Sunday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
Join us at the Library and kick off Summer Reading 2020: Reading is Totally Rad! At the event, kids and adults can sign up for Summer Reading, enjoy a FREE hot dog, listen to a rad concert, make a craft during our CRAFT-A-PALOOZA, and SO much more! It’s the summer event you won’t want to miss!

**THE LUCKY BAND**  
**Sunday, June 7 at 1:30 p.m. | ALL AGES**  
Join the library as we welcome Grammy Award winning Lucky Diaz and his family band! This bilingual concert will showcase the band’s smart, crafty lyrics with irresistibly fresh pop beats catering to families yearning to immerse their youngest listeners in dual language right from the start. No registration is required.

**TEEN CRAFTING**  
**Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. | June 10 – August 12**  
**AGES: 12 to 18 years old**  
Teens are invited to join Mr. Parish every week for fun and easy crafts. Each week will be a different project, using a variety of materials. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**VIDEO GAME CLUB**  
**Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. | June 9 – July 28**  
**AGES: 12 to 18 years old**  
Join the Library for video game playing! Each week we will be using a different game system to truly test your skills! At the club, we will vote on which game we will be playing that day. Registration is not required, but no attendees will be accepted after an hour into the program. The games played will be rated from E to T.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

A.M. PROGRAMS

STORIES WITH GRAMMY
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
March 2 – May 18
AGES: 2 to 5 years old
Whether they call them Grandma, Nana, or Abuelita, kids love their grandmothers! Join us for gentle calming tales and rhymes from our favorite librarian, Grammy Bonnie. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

STAY & PLAY
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.
March 3 – May 21
June 9 – July 30
AGES: 0 to 5 years old
Children are invited to join us after storytime on Tuesdays and Thursdays for play and socialization with children and parents/caregivers alike. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and families will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

TODDLER TALES
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
March 3 – May 19
June 9 – July 28
AGES: 6 months to 2 years old
Toddler Tales is our introduction to early learning! Join Ms. Kyrie as she shares her favorite books, rhymes, movement activities, and a simple craft. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and toddlers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

LITTLE LISTENERS
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
March 5 – May 21
June 11 – July 30
AGES: 3 to 5 years old
Join Ms. Diane as we read lively stories, sing songs, and do some early learning about letters and counting. We will finish by making a fun craft to take home! This program is designed for children with a little longer attention span. (We also love homeschoolers!) Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and preschoolers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

P.M. PROGRAMS

CUENTOS & CRAFTS
Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
March 2 – July 27
AGES: 0 to 8 years old
Join Mrs. Priscyla as she shares all of our favorite books, songs, riddles, and movement activities bilingually! Stay until the end for a fun craft that the whole family can enjoy. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

POLISH STORYTIME
Second Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
March 10 | April 14 | May 12
AGES: 4 to 7 years old
Join Mrs. Kat as she shares all of our favorite books, songs, and movement activities bilingually! A simple craft will also be provided. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

TWILIGHT TALES
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
March 5 – May 21
June 11 – July 30
AGES: 0 to 8 years old
Families are welcome to join us after a long day to listen to our favorite relaxing bedtime tales and rhymes. A simple coloring craft will also be provided. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN
AGES: Birth to Kindergarten
1,000 books sounds like a lot of books, but if all you do is read your child one book every night at bedtime, you will have read 1,000 books before your child turns 3! Besides being a nice way to spend time together, you will be helping your child get ready for Kindergarten. Stop by the Youth Services Desk to sign up and hear more about the program, including prizes you can earn and recommended titles from our librarians to read aloud. Brought to you in partnership with Bensenville School District 2.
TEEN JUSTICE LEAGUE
Second Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. | AGES: Incoming and current high school students
Are you a student in high school who is looking for community opportunities? Do you like pizza? Join us at the library for a free pizza lunch and earn some volunteer hours while doing so. This is a community service club made for teens. Teens will develop and implement service projects to learn leadership skills.

March 10 | Easter Bunny Workshop (preparing crafts, etc.)
April 14 | Clean Up Your Library
May 12 | Korthauer Log Cabin *Meets at 2:30 p.m.
June 9 | Children’s Clothing Drive
July 14 | Teen Choice
August 11 | Library Summer Toy Cleaning

CHILDREN’S CLOTHING DRIVE | May 1 – 31, 2020
All month long bring in your new or gently used children’s clothes to the Youth Services Department! Our Teen Justice League will package and donate these to local charities that supply clothing to children in need. Get your name on the “Wall of Fame” for every item donated, a $20 gift card prize will be awarded to the person who donates the most items! New items ONLY accepted for socks and underwear, gently used items accepted for shirts, pants, and sweaters in children’s’ sizes 2T to 10. All items must be in good condition; items with holes or tears will not be accepted.

BEADING WORKSHOP
Third Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. | AGES: 8 to 16 years old
March 21 | April 18 | May 16 | June 20 | July 18 | August 15
Join Mr. Parish for an awesome, casual craft the third Saturday of each month! Let your imagination run wild as you use all sorts of different colored beads and create whatever design you’d like. Every month we will highlight a different style bead - pony beads, perler beads, glass beads, and more. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

AFTER SCHOOL HANGOUT
Please note: After School Hangout does not meet on no school days or during Spring Break (March 30–April 3)

DIY CRAFT MONDAYS
Mondays at 3:00 p.m.
March 2 – May 18
AGES: 6th to 12th Grade
Join us on Mondays for a special craft each week after school gets out! Crafts will change every week and instructions will be included with each craft. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

THE GAMING CLUB
Wednesdays & Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
March 4 – May 21
AGES: 6th to 12th Grade
Join the Library every Wednesday and Thursday for gaming after school gets out. We will be rotating through a variety of board games and video games to truly get the competition started. The games played will be rated from E-T. Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

DAY OF THE CHILDREN & BOOKS
DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS Y LIBROS
Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.
ALL AGES
Join Mrs. Priscyla as she reads books about the day of the children and makes a fun craft at the end. Then check out some books to celebrate this special day! Registration is not required to attend, but space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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