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PROGRAM GUIDE

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WHAT'S NEW?



Curbside Pickup Service

Access library materials safely, easily, and conveniently with curbside pickup! Check out books, audiobooks, magazines, DVDs, Blu-rays, CDs, board games, a selection of YS book bundles, and WiFi hotspots! Printing, scanning, copying, and faxing services are also available for curbside service. For more information about curbside pickup and frequently asked questions, please visit: benlib.org/curbside.

In partnership with SWAN and RAILS, Bensenville Library cardholders now have free access to 16 new online databases, including: **Consumer Reports, Auto Repair Source, Business Source, eBook and reading recommendation collections, homework help,** and more! Visit our website to start browsing.



Check Out
New Online Resources

Register to vote at the Library!

Live in DuPage County and aren't registered to vote? We can register you! When registering, be sure to bring two forms of identification with you, one of which must have your correct address on it. Please call ahead to confirm registrar availability and we will be able to register you on site. You can also register online at: ova.elections.il.gov



U.S. Census Completion Assistance

Wednesday, September 16 | 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Friday, September 25 | 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you haven't yet completed your census, stop by the Library to join representatives from the Village of Bensenville and the Bensenville Community Public Library for one-on-one assistance in filling out your 2020 U.S. Census. It is a short and easy online form that just takes a few minutes to complete. Together, we can do this!

Is the library open?
What are your hours?

For the most up-to-date information, including hours of operation and additional library services, please visit us online at benlib.org or call us at (630) 766-4642.

Please note that library hours, programs, and services are subject to change due to the ongoing pandemic.

LIVE

BENSENVILLE READS: IBI ZOBOI

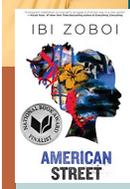
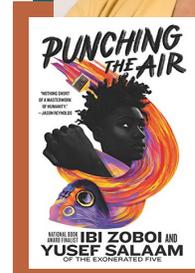
Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. | Live on Zoom

From award-winning, bestselling author Ibi Zoboi and prison reform activist Yusef Salaam of the Exonerated Five comes a powerful YA novel in verse about a boy who is wrongfully incarcerated.

The BCPL and Bensenville Arts Council are proud to announce *Punching the Air* for the 14th annual Bensenville Reads program! Each year, the Library selects a book or author to promote reading in the community. This year, Ibi Zoboi will join us live on Zoom for a discussion about her book. Registration is required via our [calendar](#) or by phone. Limited free copies of the book will be available at the Library starting October 12, 2020. One book per family, please.

Ibi Zoboi was born in Haiti and immigrated to New York with her mother when she was four-years-old. She loves reading and writing science-fiction, fantasy, and mythology. Ibi wears lots of bright colors and is a huge fan of mangos, avocados, dry humor, long-winded storytellers, and modest skirts. She also smiles, laughs, and cries often—sometimes all at once. She lives in New Jersey with her three children, her husband, their cat, and three pet turtles.



VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Turning to literature to pass the time and stay busy? Join a virtual book club and let's talk books! Our virtual book clubs will be meeting on Zoom once a month. We feature a variety of book clubs for different interests.

Registration is required through our online calendar or by phone; space is limited. Books will be available one month prior to the event and can be picked up at the Circulation Desk or by using our Curbside Pickup Service. Registration closes one day prior to the event. Invitations to the Zoom event will be emailed to participants after registration closes.

New! 20/30ish Book Club LIVE

Were you born between 1981 and 1996? If so, that makes you a millennial! 🔥🔥🔥 Join this new virtual book club that is for (and by) your generation! The 20/30ish book club will be focusing on discussing interesting titles with your peers from the community. Meet new people and read good books in the process!

Meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Wednesday, September 30 | *Circe* by Madeline Miller

Wednesday, October 28 | *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson

New! Non-Fiction Book Club LIVE

There's a lot going on in the world around us, and thankfully there are a lot of fantastic non-fiction titles to help us gain perspective. Join our new non-fiction book group to read and discuss non-fiction titles that address important issues relevant to our society today.

Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. | *Between The World And Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Carapia's Coven *Meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom*

Love horror but don't have the time to read an entire book? Join Carapia's Coven! We read horror short stories and novellas available for free digitally on Project Gutenberg!

LIVE Monday, September 14 | *Dracula* by Bram Stoker
Monday, October 12 | *The Wendigo* by Algernon Blackwood

Thursday Night Book Club LIVE

We read popular titles, best sellers, award winners, and more!

Meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Thursday, September 3 | *American Spy* by Lauren Wilkinson

Thursday, October 1 | *Mostly Dead Things* by Kristen Arnett

Book Brunch LIVE

We read popular titles, best sellers, award winners, and more!

Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.

Thursday, September 24 | *American Spy* by Lauren Wilkinson

Thursday, October 22 | *Mostly Dead Things* by Kristen Arnett

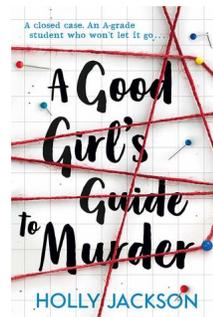
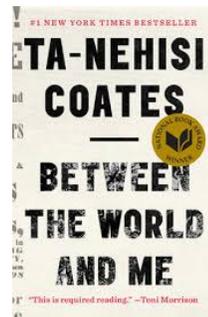
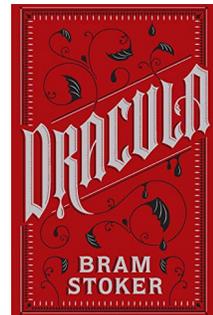
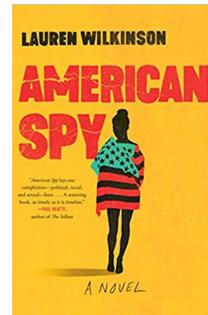
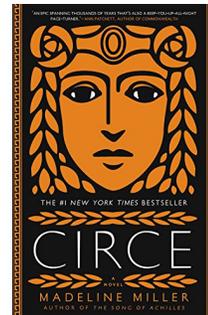
Lit Chicks LIVE

Lit Chicks now meets on a new day! We read young adult fiction; teens and adults welcome!

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Tuesday, September 15 | *Good Girls Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson

Tuesday, October 20 | *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano



Cooking the Books... From Home!

Grab your apron and join Cooking the Books... from home! For each discussion we pick a selection of cookbooks around one theme. You borrow one of the books, peruse it, select and make a recipe from it, and join us as we all get together (virtually) to talk about the finished products, our opinions, and experiences.

Meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

September 10 | Blogs

(No books required for this one! Make something from your favorite food, cooking, or lifestyle blog!)



YOUTH PROGRAMS & SERVICES

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS



Tuesday Tales **LIVE**

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. | Live on Zoom
September 1 - October 27
AGES: 0 to 6 years old

Storytime is now live! Join the Youth Services staff every Tuesday for live virtual storytimes filled with songs and books!

Registration for this virtual Zoom program is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited.

Friday Features

Join the Youth Services staff **every Friday at 10:30 a.m.** for a variety of specialty virtual storytimes filled with songs and books! Visit our [Facebook](#), [Vimeo](#), or [Instagram](#) (IGTV) to watch each week!

September 4 and October 2 | Polish Storytime
September 11 and October 9 | Signs and Stories
September 18 and October 16 | Spanish Storytime
September 25 and October 23 | Yoga Storytime
October 30 | Spooky Tales!

Twilight Tales **LIVE**

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. | Live on Zoom
September 14 and October 12
AGES: 0 to 8 years old

Wear your pajamas and join Miss Kyrie for our favorite relaxing bedtime tales and rhymes. We will end the evening with a simple craft to help us off to sleep!

Registration for this Zoom program is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited. Craft materials are available one week prior.



New! Kidding Around! with Penny & D **LIVE**

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. | AGES: 5 to 7 years old
September 3 | Amazing Apples
October 1 | Autumn Leaves are Falling

Join Miss Penny and Miss Diane as they cook up some fun, seasonal activities and crafts. They'll share some stories, and some laughs, with you too!

Registration for this virtual Zoom program is required. Craft materials are available one week prior. Please see below for details.

STEAM Club **LIVE**

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. | AGES: 8 to 12 years old
September 17 | Lights and Circuit Creations
October 15 | Cauldron Slime

Be your very own scientist in STEAM Club! Each activity will explore a new concept and make a cool experiment!

Registration for this virtual Zoom program is required. Craft materials are available one week prior. Please see below for details.

New! Youth Kits

Check out our new kits — bags filled with books and interactive toys or other items that are fun and educational! Check out these themes:

- *Great for little learners:*
 - Colors
 - Numbers
 - Potty Training
- *Great for different languages:*
 - Animales (Spanish animals)
 - Colors/Colores (Spanish/English Bilingual)
 - Zwierząt (Polish Animals)
- *Great for littles and elementary school kids:*
 - Dinosaurs
 - Birdwatching with Binoculars

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LIVE

LAUNCHPADS

Now available!

Screen time doesn't have to be bad with our new Launchpads! [Launchpads](#) are preloaded tablets designed for children to be both fun and educational. Launchpads are safe; they don't retain personal information and they run without internet! From preschoolers to teens, our Launchpads come in a variety of age ranges and interests. Visit the Youth Services Desk to check one out today!



How do I register for the library's virtual programs?

Registration for our virtual Zoom programs is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited. If materials are provided for a program, they will be available one week prior to the event and can be picked up at the Library or using our Curbside Pickup; participants must be registered prior to pickup. Materials are provided free of charge. Registration closes one day prior to the event. Invitations to the Zoom event will be emailed to participants after registration closes. Clicking on the link within these invitations will take you to the right place when it is time for the event to begin.

FAMILY & TEEN PROGRAMS



Family Craft Night: Fall Paper Bag Fall Tree

LIVE

Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m.
AGES: 3 to 11 years old

Let's celebrate the upcoming fall season and join Miss Kyrie as we create a fall tree centerpiece using paper bags!

Registration required. Materials provided.



Let's Play Lotería!

LIVE

Tuesday, September 22
at 6:30 p.m. | ALL AGES

Kids & adults are invited to join us for a special bilingual game night in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month! We will be playing lotería, a popular game in Mexico – if you like bingo, give lotería a try! We will be playing on special lotería boards. Win prizes!

Registration required. Materials provided.



LIVE

Family Night: DIY Sugar Skulls

Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m.
AGES: 3 and older; adults welcome!

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and decorate your own sugar skulls! Sugar skulls, or calaveras, have been used as a form of decoration for many Latin communities during All Saints Day and Día de los Muertos. Join Ms. Priscyla and Ms. Sofia for this family craft!

Registration required. Materials provided.



Family Game Night

LIVE

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
September 8 and October 20

The whole family is invited to join the Youth Services staff for a virtual game night! Prizes can be won!

Registration required. See page 4 for details.



Virtual Show and Tell and Scavenger Hunt

LIVE

Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m.
AGES: 2 to 8 years old

Join in a fun virtual show and tell scavenger hunt! Families will be provided with a list of items to find prior to the group. We will use these items for a show and tell. During the group, we will ask families to search for other items in their home! Everyone receives a prize bag containing a prize for every scavenger hunt item found in their home.

Registration required. See page 4 for details.



Bingo for Kids!

LIVE

Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.
AGES: 3 to 11 years old

Join Miss Diane and Miss Penny for a virtual night of gaming fun as we play Bingo online, where players have a chance to win prizes!

Registration required. Bingo cards provided.



LIVE

Día de la Independencia Sombrero Craft

Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.
AGES: 3 to 11 years old

Join Ms. Priscyla for a fun craft night celebrating Mexico's Independence Day. We will be making small sombreros!

Registration required. Materials provided.



Family Craft Night: Pool Noodle Monsters

LIVE

Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m.
AGES: 3 to 11 years old

Create your own spooky monster out of pool noodles in this virtual craft program! Customize your monster to look as scary or crazy as you'd like!

*Registration required.
Materials provided.*



LIVE

VIRTUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Join the whole youth services staff for a spooky good time as we read stories, make crafts, and have snacks for Halloween! Goodie bags with everything you'll need are available after registration!

*Registration required. Materials provided.
See page 4 for details.*

Teen Crafts

LIVE

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
September 10 | DIY Lava Lamps
October 8 | Weaving for Beginners
GRADES: 6th and up



Show off your creative and crafty side with crafts just for teens!

*Registration is required.
Craft materials are available one week prior.
See page 4 for details.*

Teen Game Night

LIVE

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.
September 24 and October 22
GRADES: 6th and up

Calling all teens! Join us for a virtual game night and hangout! No gaming experience required! Some games may require a mobile device to play.

Registration for this virtual Zoom program is required. See page 4 for details.

Teen Subscription Book Boxes



Take our short survey about your reading preferences and receive a personalized monthly subscription box with a book hand-selected by our Youth Services staff and other goodies. We think you'll love what we pick!

Once you finish the book, return both the book and the box, but keep everything else inside it! To fill out your survey and sign up, visit benlib.org/teen-book-box. Sign up and complete the survey by the first Monday of each month to receive that month's box!

ADULT PROGRAMS | GUEST SPEAKERS & PRESENTATIONS



LIVE

Remembering Route 66

Sunday, September 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Route 66... The name evokes images of gas stations, mom and pop motels, quirky attractions, and adventure on the open road. In this nostalgia packed lecture, historian Leslie Goddard explores the history of Route 66, the iconic road that linked Chicago to Los Angeles from 1926 until its closing in the mid 1980s.

Registration for this virtual Zoom program is required. Please see below for details.



LIVE

Forging a President: How the Wild West Created Teddy Roosevelt

Thursday, September 17 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 Wild West.

Registration for this virtual Zoom program is required. Please see below for details.



Creating an Oral History

LIVE

Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to save oral history stories about your family and friends? Join Elizabeth Morris, our Digital Librarian & Archivist, to learn the basics of how to conduct interviews, develop questions, and record and present living histories. There is no better time to preserve history, culture and traditions, by interviewing living links to history in your family and community.

Registration required. See details below.

The Potato Masher Murder Death at the Hands of a Jealous Husband

LIVE

Monday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.

True crime author (and Bensenville native) Gary Sosniecki's great-grandmother was horrifically murdered in Mishawaka, Indiana in 1906. Sosniecki, also an award-winning journalist, began researching the case in 1996 and his book *The Potato Masher Murder: Death at the Hands of a Jealous Husband* is the product of these many years of hard work spent uncovering the truth surrounding his ancestor's fate.

Registration required. See details below.



LIVE

Redlined: A Conversation with Author Linda Gartz

**Monday, October 19
at 7:30 p.m.**

Join author, educator, and archivist Linda Gartz for a discussion of her award-winning book *Redlined: A Memoir of Race, Change, and Fractured Community in 1960s Chicago*. Inspired by a trove of long-hidden family letters, diaries, photos, spanning the 20th century, *Redlined* interweaves a riveting family story with the history of redlining. In this live Zoom talk and discussion, Linda will read short excerpts from *Redlined*, and connect the dots between today's racial profiling and inequities to the government policy of redlining that separated America into Black and white. She'll also share digitized versions of original 1940s redlining maps. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.

Registration for this virtual Zoom program is required. Please see left for details.



LIVE

Kiddieland Remembered

Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. Registration required. See details below.

From 1929 to 2009, Kiddieland in Melrose Park brought joy to thousands. Join historian and Oakton College professor Cheryl Brown as she revisits the history of the park with vintage photos and videos. Learn about the final auction of the rides, why the park had to close 10 years ago, and where the rides are today.



LIVE

Documenting the Dead with Syfy Channel's Dustin Pari

Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. Registration required. See details below.

Join Dustin Pari, from the Syfy Channel's "Ghost Hunters," as he discusses paranormal research and some of the earliest spirit communication techniques. Complete with historical stories, evidence (and "would be" evidence), Dustin presents an honest and respectful retrospective piece on contacting the other side. Filled with anecdotal tales from his travels and investigations, this presentation is just the right mix of educational, fun, and creepy.

Okay, I registered! What is Zoom and where is the link?

Zoom is an online meeting platform that has served as an extremely popular way to connect with people during the pandemic. Zoom requires an internet capable device such as a computer, tablet, or smartphone, as well as an internet connection. You must install the Zoom software to use the program, but it's pretty quick and easy.

Registration for our live Zoom programs is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited. Registration closes one day prior to the event. Invitations to access the Zoom event will be emailed to all participants one day prior to the event, after registration closes, and will contain the Zoom link for the online event. Clicking on the link within these invitations will take you to the right place when it is time for the event to begin.





Adults are invited to join us live on Zoom for DIY crafts! We'll supply the crafting materials for free — we'll have them bagged up ready to go and you can pick them up!

Registration for Take & Make programs is required through our [online calendar](#) or by phone; space is limited. Materials are available one week prior to the event; participants must be registered prior to pickup and must be a BCPL cardholder. One Take & Make kit per person, please.

Invitations to access the Zoom event will be emailed to all participants one day prior to the event, after registration closes, and will contain the Zoom link for the online event. Clicking on the link within these invitations will take you to the right place when it is time for the event to begin.

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Cooking Made Easy
Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m.
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Thinking about cooking for yourself more often but hate how much of a hassle it is? Join Bill and learn some quick and easy dishes with minimal clean-up!

Visit our [Facebook](#), [Vimeo](#), or [Instagram](#) (IGTV) to watch!

DIY Thimble Necklace

Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. | Adults only

Do you like miniature things? We'll be creating mini flower pots out of thimbles and colored pins that you'll be able to string on a necklace or wherever you'd like. *Materials provided.*



LIVE

Corn Husk Dolls

Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. | Adults only

Native Americans used every part of the corn plant so that nothing went to waste. The parts of the plant that weren't edible was made into baskets, mats, brushes, pillow padding, and even dolls. Learn about the Native American history behind corn husk dolls and make one of your own. *Materials provided.*



LIVE

Worry Dolls

Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. | Adults only

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and make your own worry dolls — small, hand-made dolls from Guatemala. A person who cannot sleep due to worrying can express their worries to a doll and place it under their pillow before going to sleep. *Materials provided.*



LIVE

DIY Halloween Tile Coasters

Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. | Adults only

We will be making spooky DIY tile coasters using 4"x4" white tiles, halloween-y photos, and a little Mod Podge! *Materials provided.*



LIVE

Witch's Hat & Pumpkin Button Craft

Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. | Adults only

Do you like fun little dangly things to put on keychains or earrings? Then you'll love this witch's hat and pumpkin made out of buttons! Join us on Zoom and make some cute little accoutrements to get in the Halloween spirit. *Materials provided.*



LIVE

Sugar Skull Decorating

Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. | ALL AGES

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and decorate your own Day of the Dead sugar skulls! Sugar skulls, or calaveras, have been used as a form of decoration for many Latin communities during All Saints Day and Día de los Muertos. Join Ms. Priscyla and Ms. Sofia for this family craft! *Materials provided.*



LIVE



Mexican Tin Hearts

Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and learn how to create something using one of Mexico's oldest folk art mediums: tin. We will learn how to create Mexican tin hearts using lotería images and flowers!

Visit our [Facebook](#), [Vimeo](#), or [Instagram](#) (IGTV) to watch!



Halloween Picture Candles

Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Feeling like you don't have enough scary decorations around? Learn how to create your own professional-looking Halloween decor by transferring spooky images onto a white pillar candle.

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