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Hours

Monday-Thursday: **9am-9pm**
Friday & Saturday: **9am-5pm**
Sunday: **1pm-5pm**

Library Closings

Easter

Sunday, April 20

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26

Location & Contact

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A promotional image for the Spice Library. It features several glass jars filled with various spices, including turmeric, paprika, and other ground spices, arranged on a dark surface. The background is a collage of colorful spices. In the top right corner, there is an orange square with a white hand icon and the text "Spice Library". Overlaid on the image is the text "Explore new flavors with our Spice Library!" in white and orange. Below the text is a paragraph describing the library's offerings and a monthly featured spice packet.

Explore new flavors with our Spice Library!

Spice up your cooking with our newest offering: the Spice Library! Like our popular Seed Library, this collection lets you "borrow" small amounts of spices to experiment with in your kitchen. Whether you're looking to try turmeric, za'atar, or smoked paprika, the Spice Library is your introduction to exploring bold flavors without committing to a full jar.

Every month, we'll feature a new spice with a recipe and a spice packet for you to try. The featured spice of the month will be released every 3rd Saturday of the month and added to the collection. Each visit will bring a dash of discovery!

Copies, Faxes, & Notary Public Services

The library offers a black-and-white copier for public use at 10¢ per side. Faxing is available during open hours for \$1 per side within the U.S. and \$5 per side internationally. Incoming faxes are \$1 per side; please provide your contact information to the library before sharing the library's fax number.

Our Notary Public service is available to you for free! The Notary is accessible on weekdays from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. However, we recommend calling the library beforehand to verify their availability.

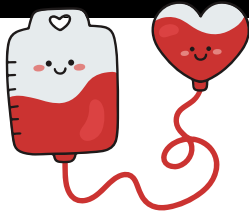
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Renew materials, check the status of your holds, and create wish lists by logging in at bvd.swanlibraries.net or through the **SWAN Library App**, available in your device's app store. Use your library card number and PIN (the last 4 digits of the phone number on file). Need help? Call the library for assistance.

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SPECIAL EVENTS



Versiti Blood Drive: Save Lives With Us— SHARE THE RED

Join us at the library for a blood drive hosted by Versiti Blood Center of Illinois. Donating blood is a quick and impactful way to support your community. Walk-ins are welcome, but it's best to reserve an appointment at bit.ly/SaveLives2025. Remember to bring a photo ID, and expect your appointment to last between 45-60 minutes.

Tuesday, March 18
12:30-5:00 p.m.

Discover More at Your Library: National Library Week

Celebrate National Library Week with us! Stop by the library and explore all the exciting resources, programs, and services we have to offer. From bestselling books and digital collections to creative workshops and hands-on learning opportunities, there's something for everyone. You might even walk away with some exclusive, free library swag—while supplies last!

Sunday, April 6 - Saturday, April 12

Shred, Recycle, Renew: Earth Day Community Clean-Up

Celebrate 54 years of Earth Day with the library! Since the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, people around the world have come together to protect our planet. Join us for the library's inaugural Earth Day event, where you can bring your documents for shredding and recyclables for proper disposal. We'll be joined by several local vendors and community organizations.

Saturday, April 12
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



A Community Garden in Your Neighborhood!

Beginning March 1, 2025

We have exciting news: a brand-new Community Garden is coming to the library, and we want YOU to get involved!

You'll have your own 4' x 8' garden space to grow fresh vegetables this summer. Applications will be available at the library starting March 1st. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional Information:

- **Eligibility:** The garden plots are open to Bensenville Community Public Library card holders (one per family) only.
- **Cost:** Each garden space will cost \$30 to reserve.
- **Tentative Opening Date:** The garden plots will be available for planting starting April 15th.
- **Garden Guidelines:** There will be guidelines on what you can plant and any maintenance responsibilities, such as watering and keeping the garden plot tidy.
- **Plot Maintenance:** Gardeners are responsible for the upkeep of their plots throughout the growing season and clean up at the end of the season.

Seed Library

The Seed Library is reopening on March 1! Stop by to choose from a variety of seeds to "borrow" to get your summer garden started. Limit 5 packs of seeds per library card.

March 1 thru September 15, 2025

Free Comic Book Day

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the library with free comics from Gem Comics, a fun craft activity, and a visit from two special spider friends!

Saturday, May 3
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

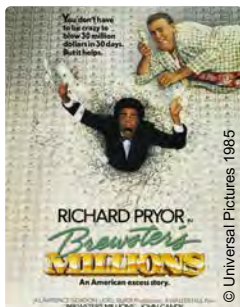
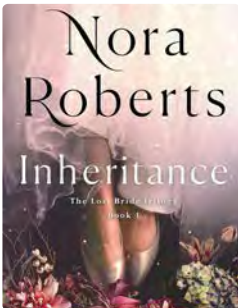
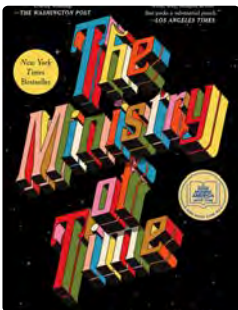
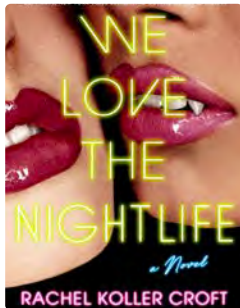
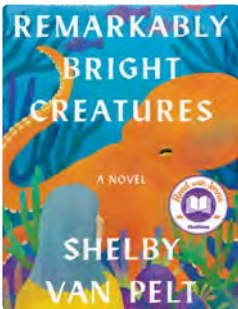
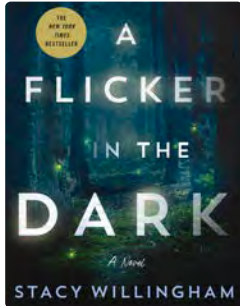
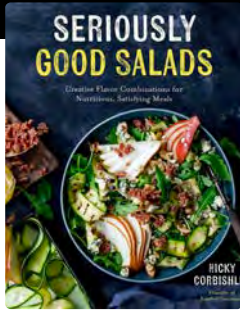


Plant and Book Sale

Book and plant lovers, it's time for our annual sale! Discover a handpicked selection of flowers, veggies, and houseplants, plus a huge collection of books, movies, puzzles, and games for all ages. Don't miss out – everyone's welcome!

Saturday, May 17
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

BOOK & FILM CLUBS



Taste & Tell

Each month we will dive into a new theme and cookbook. Pick your own cookbook or online recipe that fits the theme, cook the recipe at home, then join our discussion as we share recipes and culinary experiences.

Theme: March Into Flavor with Comfort Food
Suggested Cookbook: "Modern Comfort Food" by Ina Garten
 Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

Theme: Salad Sensations
Suggested Cookbook: "Seriously Good Salads" by Nicky Corbishly
 Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

Theme: Smokin' Good BBQ
Suggested Cookbook: "The Best Grilling Cookbook Ever Written by Two Idiots" by Ryan Fey and Mark Anderson
 Wednesday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

Thursday Night Book Club

We read popular titles, bestsellers, and more! Join us for discussions virtually on Zoom. **Register at benlib.org/events.**

A Flicker in the Dark by Stacy Willingham
 Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
 Thursday, April 3 at 7 p.m.

We Love the Nightlife by Rachel Koller Croft
 Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m.

Book Brunch

We read popular titles, bestsellers, and more!

A Flicker in the Dark by Stacy Willingham
 Wednesday, March 12 at 2 p.m.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
 Wednesday, April 9 at 2 p.m.

We Love the Nightlife by Rachel Koller Croft
 Wednesday, May 14 at 2 p.m.

LoveLit Book Club

We blend romance and literary fiction to explore love, loss, and human connections through storytelling. Join us for engaging discussions.

The Ministry of Time by Kalieane Bradley
 Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m.

A Light in the Flame by Jennifer L. Armentrout
 Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

Inheritance by Nora Roberts
 Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

Film Talk

Share your perspectives with fellow movie enthusiasts about these handpicked titles chosen by Emily every month.

Death Becomes Her Rated PG-13
 Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

The Holdovers Rated R
 Wednesday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

Brewster's Millions Rated PG
 Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

Trivia Night at 37 Bar & Grill in White Pines Golf Club

Gather your friends and family to compete against other teams by answering questions about current events, music, sports, and more. The top 3 teams will win gift cards! Follow Bensenville Library on Facebook or Instagram for a free answer on Trivia Nights. **Walk-ins are welcome, but we recommend calling 37 Bar & Grill to reserve a table at 630-766-0304.**

First Mondays of the month from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
March 3, April 7, and May 5

Spring Umbrella Garland

Spring is on the way, which means the rain will be coming down and the umbrellas going up! Design your own mini umbrellas and string them together to make a playful garland. All materials will be provided.

Thursday, April 17 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Terracotta Pot Painting

Did you get seeds from our Seed Library? Need something to put them in? Come on down and paint a terracotta pot! Please wear something you won't mind getting dirty.

Wednesday, April 23
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Virtual Reality Drop-In

Did you know you can experience virtual reality right here at the library? This incredible technology immerses you in a virtual world filled with images, sound, and interactive elements. Drop in for a hands-on session where the whole family can explore and enjoy the fun! Headsets and all necessary equipment will be provided, and an instructor will guide you through the experience.

Thursday, May 29 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD FOREST - FREE TREES FOR KIDS!

Neighborhood Forest is giving kids a chance to grow something special this Earth Day with a free tree to plant and care for. Parents can sign up by **March 15th** to reserve a tree for their child. Trees will be ready for pickup at the library on **April 21st**, along with a planting guide to help families nurture their new tree. The library will reach out to every family when their trees arrive. Ready to make a difference? Sign up at bit.ly/Earth-Day-BCPL.



Mini Canvas Painting

Paint your own mini canvas any way you like! Please wear something you won't mind getting dirty.

Wednesday, April 2
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Mothers (and Others) Day Cards

Drop in to make one-of-a-kind cards for the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or other special people in your life.

Monday, May 5 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

LEGO Night

Brick Builders of all ages are welcome to let their imagination soar with our LEGO bricks. LEGO pieces cannot leave the library, but we are happy to display your child's creations in the Youth Services Department.

Third Tuesdays of the month
March 18, April 15, and May 20
from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

DIY Body Scrub

Give your skin some love! Join us to make a nourishing body scrub using simple, natural ingredients.

Wednesday, March 19 and
Wednesday, May 21
from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

DIY Lip Scrub

Ever wanted to create your own lip scrub? Now's your chance! Join us to craft a personalized lip scrub using simple, natural ingredients.

Wednesday, May 7
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Family Movie Night

Get the family together to watch a movie on the big screen at the library. Movie titles are selected each month based on the latest family-friendly movie releases. To find out the movie title in advance, please call the library at 630-766-4642.

First Tuesdays of the month
March 4, April 1, and May 6
from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Bee Hotels

Save the bees! A bee hotel is a great way to help your local bees and other pollinators. Put your crafting skills to good use by helping our native pollinators by upcycling old water bottles and brown paper into bee hotels to put in your own garden. All materials will be provided.

Thursday, March 20 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.



TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Illinois Libraries Present

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present (ILP), a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events.



Exploring Space with Coralie Adam

Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Get an inside look at the space industry with Illinois' own Coralie Adam.

Register at bit.ly/ILP_CoralieAdam



Documentary Screening:

9to5: The Story of a Movement

March 21 thru March 23

Discover the story behind the 9to5 movement, which fought for workplace equity and inspired the hit film *9 to 5* starring Jane Fonda, Dolly Parton, and Lily Tomlin. Register at bit.ly/ILP_9to5



The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Forager Alexis Nikole Nelson (Black Forager) shares her expertise on edible plants and food traditions. Register at bit.ly/ILP_AlexisNikoleNelson



Art and Adventures with Author/Illustrator Dan Santat

Saturday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Dan Santat, recipient of the 2015 Caldecott Medal and the 2023 National Book Award, will be discussing his work. Register at bit.ly/ILP_DanSantat



Poverty: A Discussion with Matthew Desmond

Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us with author Matthew Desmond in conversation with award-winning journalist, Natalie Moore. Register at bit.ly/ILP_MatthewDesmond



Iditarod Adventure: Tales of Triumph and Teamwork

Experience the thrill of the Iditarod from the comfort of your home with a Zoom program featuring Josi Shelly, straight from Alaska! Join us for a virtual journey through Alaska's legendary race, featuring expert insights and behind-the-scenes stories from the trail. **Registration is required at benlib.org/events.**

Wednesday, March 12

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Women in Baseball

Join us for an inspiring Women in Baseball program featuring speaker David Zeman, as we explore the groundbreaking stories and achievements of women in the sport! Gain valuable insights and discover the lasting impact these trailblazers have had on baseball.

Tuesday, March 25

7:00-8:30 p.m.

The Windy City on the Air: Chicago and the Golden Age of Radio

Chicago was a major radio epicenter during the medium's early years. This program explores Chicago's many groundbreaking contributions to the medium, including soap operas, juvenile adventure serials, early morning radio shows and local legends that became national sensations.

Thursday, March 13

7:00-8:30 p.m.



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TALKS & WORKSHOPS

First-Time Homebuyer Essentials: What You Need to Know

Are you ready to buy your first home? This seminar will walk you through the home-buying process, from budgeting and securing financing to making an offer and closing the deal. Get the information you need to confidently navigate this important milestone.

Thursday, April 3
7:00-8:00 p.m.

Stay Safe: Spotting and Avoiding Scams

Learn to recognize the warning signs of various types of scams and leave with practical advice on how to safeguard your personal information from fraudulent schemes. **Registration is required for this virtual Zoom event at benlib.org/events.**

Thursday, April 24
7:00-8:00 p.m.



Container Gardening

Participants will discover how to choose, plant, and care for container gardens to keep them looking beautiful throughout the season. The program includes recipes for stunning container displays. Master Gardener Pat Kosmach will create a container planting live, and attendees will have a chance to win the finished project in a drawing! **Registration is required at benlib.org/events.**

Wednesday, May 14 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Adults Only

Celebrating the Cherry Blossoms Festival

Japan has been a fascinating American tourist attraction for decades. Educator Yvonne Wolf lived and worked in Japan. She will give a brief overview of Japan and welcome Spring the Japanese way, through its national flower, the cherry blossom. Cherry Blossom season is from early March to early May. **Registration is required at benlib.org/events.**

Wednesday, April 2 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Adults and Teens

Genealogy Events



Roots Revealed: Personal Genealogy Sessions

Unlock your family history with a personalized genealogy appointment. Receive one hour of guidance and solve genealogy research challenges. Bring a USB thumb drive to save your work. **Schedule a 1-on-1 appointment with Elizabeth by registering for a time slot at benlib.org/events.**

Saturdays at 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. | March 15, April 12, and May 10



A Guide to Overseas Genealogy with Jacquie Schattner

Tracing your ancestors across the ocean is easier than you think! This session covers five key areas of overseas genealogy: emigration, voyages, immigration, naturalization, and top genealogy websites. You'll also receive a curated list of books and over 70 websites for research in both the U.S. and Europe. **Registration is required for this virtual Zoom event at benlib.org/events.**

Monday, May 5 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.



Genealogy 101: FamilySearch Sleuthing

FamilySearch.org offers free access to billions of records, including census, birth, and immigration documents, plus tools for building family trees and collaborating with others. We'll explore the basics and discover its under-utilized features, perfect for both beginners and experienced researchers. **Registration is required for this virtual Zoom event at benlib.org/events.**

Monday, May 19 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

CRAFTS & GAMES

Art for Relaxation: A Coloring Program

Experience relaxing creativity sessions enhanced by art and music. Participants can explore a selection of printed seasonal subjects while expressing their artistic flair. You're welcome to bring your own art supplies or use the colored pencils and markers provided. **Registration is required at benlib.org/events.**

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
March 12, April 9, and May 7



Puzzle Challenge

Get ready to test your skills in our Puzzle Challenge! Form a team of up to 4 people (ages 8 and up) and compete to solve a 500-piece puzzle. The fastest team will be crowned ultimate puzzle masters! A parent must be present if a child is attending. Teams must register together at the same time. **Register for this event at benlib.org/events.**

Thursday, April 10
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Teams of 4 max, ages 8+

Mother's Day Card

Celebrate Mother's Day with a card-making program led by Moira Schultz. Create a heartfelt, personalized card for Mom. Registration is not required, but space is limited.

Thursday, May 8 | 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Adults Only

Empowerment Dolls



Empowerment Dolls Workshop

Join Victoria Reeves for a hands-on workshop to design, hand-sew, and embellish your own Empowerment Doll. Create a unique doll with a positive message and name it as a reminder that you are powerful and wonderful! **Registration is required at benlib.org/events.**

Saturday, March 1 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
For Adults

Needle Guild

Knitting, crochet, and embroidery enthusiasts—want to grow your skills and connect with others? Join the Needle Guild, your creative community! Whether you're a seasoned pro working on a project or a beginner eager to learn, we've got you covered. Bring your work-in-progress or just yourself—we'll provide yarn, needles, fabric, and other materials to get you started.

Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
March 4 and 18
April 1, 15, and 29
May 13 and 27

Anytime Crafts

Get crafty on your own time with Anytime Craft Kits! Kits are available all week long beginning the first Saturday of the month, or while supplies last. Each kit includes materials and instructions for one project. Anytime Craft Kits are for **adults only** on a first-come, first-served basis. Limit one craft per adult and holds are not allowed.



Trinket Dish
Pickup March 1

We will transform a plain ceramic dish into a one-of-a-kind trinket dish using alcohol inks.



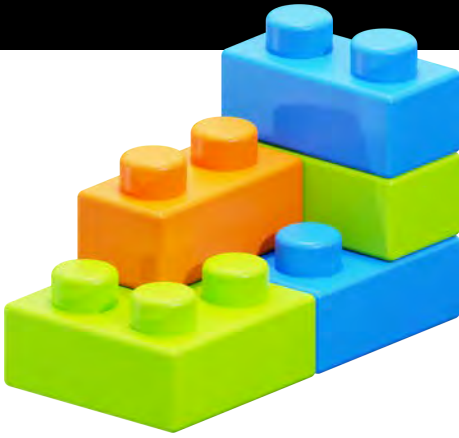
2x4 Bunny
Pickup April 5

Make an adorable bunny craft for spring—easy, fun, and perfect for seasonal decor!



Glass Bead Sun
Catchers

Pickup May 3
This suncatcher shines beautifully in the sun and is simple to make!



LEGO Club for Teens

Build something amazing with LEGOs after school! It's a fun way to challenge yourself, try new designs, and relax with friends.

Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
March 13, April 17, and May 15
Grades 6-12

Teen Volunteer Hour

If you're a teen looking for volunteer hours, join us after school to complete some different tasks. Snacks will be provided!

Thursday, March 20 and
Thursday, April 24
3:30-4:30 p.m. | Grades 8-12

After School Gaming

Middle schoolers can join us on early dismissal days for some gaming fun on the library's Nintendo Switch! *Please note that if District 2 calls an eLearning Day this program will be canceled for that day.*

Every Tuesday | 2:30-4:00 p.m.
March 4 thru May 27 (No April 1)
Grades 6-8

Monday Mayhem

Monday Mayhem is a time to kick-back, relax, and have some fun. It might be a game, a craft, a film, a project - who knows? You might even learn something. The only guarantee - it will be fun! Virtual Reality will be featured this semester.

Every Monday | 3:30-5:00 p.m.
March 3 thru May 19 (No March 31)
Ages 8-18



Boba and Anime

After school, unwind with boba and anime! Grab a cup of boba tea, sit back, and enjoy some epic anime episodes with friends.

Thursday, May 22 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Grades 6-12

Mochi and Anime

Join us after school to try some mochi and watch anime with friends.

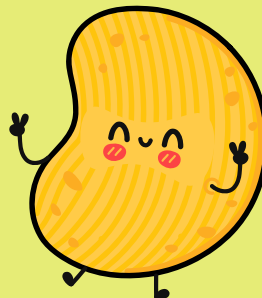
Thursday, May 29 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Grades 6-12



DIY Body Scrub for Teens

Get creative after school and make your own custom body scrub! Using natural ingredients, you'll mix up a soothing scrub with your favorite scents to take home. Perfect for self-care or as a thoughtful gift.

Thursday, May 8 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 6-12



Snacks from Around the World

Drop in after school to try out a variety of snacks from around the world! Bring your appetite and explore new flavors from different countries.

Thursday, March 6
from 3:30-4:00 p.m.
Grades 6-12



Dungeons & Dragons

Gather after school for a weekly high-octane, rules-light game session. In Dungeons & Dragons, players create characters, embark on epic quests, and work together to overcome challenges using dice rolls and creative problem-solving. Beginner, experienced, and new players welcome!

Every Wednesday (except April 2)
March 5, 12, 19: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Starting March 26: 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Grades 6-12

Build a Stuffy Chair

Encourage creativity and problem-solving in this fun, hands-on STEM and craft activity! Kids will use clothespins, popsicle sticks, and their imagination to build a chair or throne for their favorite stuffed animal. Kids are welcome to bring a plush friend from home to test their creation.

Tuesday, March 11
6:30-7:30 p.m. | All Ages

Straw Structures: What Will You Make?

Build and play with straw structures and see what you can make! Straw creations do need to stay at the library, but we can display your creation proudly if you would like.

Tuesday, March 25
6:30-7:30 p.m. | All Ages

Kindness Rocks

Stop by after school to paint your very own kindness rock! Add a splash of color, a fun design, or a kind message on your rock—then choose to leave it in our library garden to spread some cheer or take it home as a special keepsake.

Thursday, March 27
3:30-4:30 p.m. | All Ages

Peeps-O-Rama

Create a diorama using Peeps marshmallows! Use your imagination and skills to create a unique take on a book, movie, pop culture, or anything that inspires you. **Registration is required at benlib.org/events.**

Monday, April 14 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.
All Ages

Scavenger Hunt

Stop by the library to find all of the images hiding throughout the Youth Services Department to earn a prize from our treasure chest.

March 9 thru March 15
April 13 thru April 19
May 11 thru May 17
Ages 0-10

Grab & Craft

Stop by the Youth Services Department the first Saturday of each month and pick up a craft kit. Each kit will include materials and step-by-step instructions. *Kits are available on a first-come, first serve basis, while supplies last. One craft kit per child.*

First Saturdays of the month
March 1, April 5, and May 3
Ages 3-18

Water Bead Painting

Make your very own messy masterpiece using water beads and paint. Dress for mess and prepare for a sensory artistic experience!

Tuesday, April 8 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
All Ages

DIY Pet Toys

Turn old t-shirts into fun toys for your pets! We'll provide the materials, but feel free to bring your own worn-out shirts to upcycle.

Friday, April 18 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Ages 8+

Earth Day Art

Celebrate Earth Day at the library and make your very own blue planet with a coffee filter and markers.

Tuesday, April 22 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
All Ages

Build a Birdhouse

Did you know bird houses help birds to survive? And in turn, birds can breed, keep weeds in control, pollinate flowering plants, and so much more. Let's help our feathered friends and build them a home. The avian kingdom and environment will thank us for our role in nature. All materials will be provided. **Advance registration is required at benlib.org/events.**

Thursday, May 15 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Ages 6-18



Week of the Young Child

During Week of the Young Child, come to the ELC for a different activity on Monday-Thursday to celebrate the unique ways young children learn and play!

April 7 - April 10 | All Ages

Music Monday

April 7

Come make some music with us! Instruments need to stay in the library.

Tasty Tuesday

April 8

Play pretend with toy food and velcro cookies!

Work Together Wednesday

April 9

Build and play with LEGO and Magna-tiles to make awesome creations!

Artsy Thursday

April 10

Love to color at the library? This is your chance to color on a big mural. Everyone has something to add!

May Flowers Craft

Those April showers brought May flowers! Make your very own May flowers with cupcake liners and buttons.

Tuesday, May 13 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Water Bead Squish

Make your very own squishy ball with water beads!

Tuesday, May 27 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

STORYTIMES

All Together Now

Gather the family for a fabulous story time, perfect for ages 0-5! We will sing, read, talk, and play our way through a half-hour of delightful stories, songs, and rhymes.

Every Wednesday
10:30-11:00 a.m.
March 5- May 28 | Ages 0-5

Book Buddies

Join Miss Diane for a themed storytime designed to help develop your child's literacy skills while creating lasting memories together. Your little ones will enjoy listening to charming picture books, singing songs, and doing flannel board rhymes. Each session will end with a fun craft to take home.

Every Tuesday | 10:30-11:15 a.m.
March 4 thru May 27 | Ages 0-5

Saturday Stories with a Principal

Bring your little ones to a special storytime and craft session with a Principal from District 2! Kids will enjoy stories that spark their imagination while getting to meet a local Principal. After stories, parents and children can enjoy some quality time together creating a fun, hands-on craft.

Third Saturdays of the month
March 15 and April 19
9:30-10:15 a.m. | Ages 0-11

Cuentos en Español e Inglés

Looking to promote early literacy in Spanish for your kids? Join us Thursday evenings as we read our favorite books and create a craft - in Spanish AND English.

Thursdays from 6:00-6:30 p.m.
March 13, April 10, May 1, May 22
Recommended for ages 0-6

Polish Storytime

Join Ms. Maggie for Polish stories and enjoy crafts and games that encourage creativity.

Every Thursday | 10:30-11:00 a.m.
March 6 thru May 29
Ages 0-6 with a caregiver



Yoga for Grown Ups, Playtime for Kids!

Are you a parent or caretaker that needs a little self-care break? Join Ms. Stephanie for some yoga and Ms. Callie will play with the littles! This program is designed for ages 3-5; children must be potty-trained to participate.

Thursday, April 3
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Ages 3-5 with a caretaker

Picture Book Surprise Bag

Sign up to reserve a bag with two picture books, early readers, or board books along with a button and coloring page. Fill out the survey below to let us personalize your bag! **Designed for ages birth through kindergarten.**



Theme: Celebrating Wonderous Women
March 17 - April 14

This bag will feature stories by prominent female authors and stories about girls who dream and work towards a better tomorrow.



Theme: Celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Month
April 19 - May 30

We're celebrating Asian-American and Pacific Islander authors and characters with this box!

Lit Loot Subscription Box

Sign up to reserve a box containing 2 books for checkout along with treats, activities, and crafts for you to keep. Fill out a brief survey to receive books tailored just for you. **For grades 1-12.**

Theme: Wonderful Women
March 17 - April 14

This box celebrates the lives and stories of women and girls.

Theme: AAPI History & Lives
April 28 - May 24

We're celebrating Asian-American and Pacific Islander authors and characters with this box!

There's 4 ways to sign up for a box!

1. Sign up at bit.ly/Lit-Loot or scan the QR code to fill out the survey.
2. Fill out a paper survey at the Youth Services desk.
3. Email dblock@benlib.org.
4. Call 630-766-4642 and ask for Youth Services.





SPRING CLEANING?

**DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS, MOVIES,
PUZZLES, AND MORE TO THE LIBRARY!**

Join us for the annual Plant and Book Sale on Saturday, May 17.
Drop off donations at the library. Here's what we can and can't accept:

Acceptable Items:

- Gently used books
- DVDs/Blu-rays
- Video games
- Music CDs (in cases)
- Audiobooks
- Puzzles (complete)
- Board games (complete)

Not Acceptable:

- Damaged books
(liquid/mold damage,
bad odor, falling apart)
- Encyclopedias
- Broken DVDs
- Magazines

The library will be accepting donations from **Monday, March 3 through
Saturday, May 3, 2025**. Thank you for your donation!

PROGRAMACIÓN

Primavera 2025 | Marzo, Abril, Mayo



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Como obtener una tarjeta de la Biblioteca

Para registrarte, renovar, o reemplazar una tarjeta de la Biblioteca Comunitaria Publica de Bensenville, deberás mostrar una identificación con fotografía que muestre tu residencia en el distrito, o una identificación con fotografía y correspondencia que muestra tu nombre y domicilio en el distrito. Para más información, visita benlib.org/get-a-card o llámanos al 630-766-4642 y pregunta por el Departamento de Circulación.

Reglas de fotografía

Los trabajadores de la Biblioteca Comunitaria Pública de Bensenville podrán tomar fotografías de las personas que participan en los diferentes programas y/o actividades. Estas fotografías pueden ser usadas en un futuro en publicaciones de la Biblioteca. Los participantes dan permiso que su foto sea tomada para tales fines. Si algún participante no desea ser fotografiado, por favor avisa a algún trabajador de la Biblioteca.



Ven y conoce nuestra nueva colección de Especias!

Descubre nuevas formas de sazonar tus platillos con nuestra nueva colección: La Biblioteca de Especias. Como nuestra Semilloteca, esta nueva colección te permitirá llevarte diferentes especias para que experimentes en tu cocina. Si buscas explorar los sabores de especias como la cúrcuma o paprika, nuestra colección te ayuda a que pruebes sin tener que comprar una botella grande. Tendremos una especie que será destacada cada tercer sábado del mes. Ven y descubre nuevos sabores.

Como tener acceso a tu cuenta

Para renovar material, ver en donde se encuentra el material que pusiste en reserva y crear listas de material que te gustaría leer/escuchar/ver, simplemente entra a la página bvd.swanlibraries.net o a la aplicación de **SWAN**, descargándola de la tienda de su dispositivo móvil, usando tu número de tarjeta de Biblioteca y número de contraseña (los últimos 4 dígitos del número de teléfono que tenemos en tu registro). O llámanos a la Biblioteca si necesitas ayuda.

Servicios de Notario Público

Nuestro servicio de Notario Público esta disponible sin costo alguno. Los servicios de Notario están disponibles entre semana de 9am a 5pm. Aún así, te recomendamos llamar de antemano para asegurarte que alguien está disponible.

DIVERSIÓN FAMILIAR

Realidad Virtual

La Realidad Virtual es una tecnología fascinante que te permite sumergirte totalmente en un mundo imaginario de imágenes, sonido e interactividad. ¡Pase por esta sesión única y pruébela! Se proporcionarán los auriculares y la tecnología, y un instructor nos mostrará cómo usarlos.

29 de mayo | 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

Hogar, Dulce Hogar

Pon en práctica tus habilidades para las manualidades ayudando a nuestros polinizadores nativos reciclando botellas de agua viejas y papel marrón para crear hoteles para abejas que puedas colocar en tu propio jardín. Se proporcionarán todos los materiales.

13 de marzo | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Pintura en mini lienzo

¡Únete a nosotros para una noche de pintura! ¡Toma un mini lienzo y decóralo como quieras! Ponte algo que no te importe ensuciar. Te proporcionaremos todos los materiales.

2 de abril | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Descubre que más te ofrece tu biblioteca - Semana Nacional de las Bibliotecas

Celebra la Semana Nacional de las Bibliotecas este año descubriendo cosas nuevas que ofrecemos. Tendrás oportunidad de obtener mercancía gratis.

6-12 de Abril

Arte para el Día de la Tierra

¡Celebra el Día de la Tierra en la biblioteca y crea su propio planeta azul con un filtro de café y marcadores!

22 de abril | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Todas las edades



Día del Cómic Gratis

Para celebrar el día del cómic gratuito, la biblioteca ofrecerá cómics gratuitos de Gem Comics, así como una manualidad y la visita de dos amigos arácnidos especiales.

3 de Mayo | Todas las edades

Venta de Libros y Plantas

Atención a todos los amantes de las plantas y los libros: nuestra venta anual se acerca. Descubre una gran variedad de flores, verduras y plantas para tu casa, así como una gran selección de libros, películas, rompecabezas y juegos para toda la familia.

Sábado, 17 de Mayo
9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.



Aprende y Defiende tus Derechos

La organización Despertar Latino estará visitando la Biblioteca para brindar información y orientación sobre los derechos que tenemos en este país.

8 de Marzo, 5 de Abril y 3 de Mayo
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Donación de Sangre con el Centro Versiti de Illinois

El Centro Versiti de Illinois estará visitándonos para aquellos que gusten donar sangre. Donando sangre es uno de los mejores y más impactantes formas de ayuda a tu comunidad. No es necesario hacer cita, pero te lo recomendamos. Recuerda traer tu identificación con fotografía, y tu cita durará de 45 a 60 minutos.

18 de Marzo | 12:30-5:00 p.m.
Para adultos, 16 & 17 con consentimiento de un adulto a cargo

Jacque Schattner: Guía a tus historia familiar del otro lado del mundo

En esta sesión, su cubrirán áreas claves: inmigración, viajes, naturalización y sitios principales de historia familiar. También recibirás una lista especial con libros y más de 70 sitios de internet para explorar más, tanto de Estados Unidos como de Europa.

Lunes 5 de Mayo | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Arte para Relajarte: Colorea para Aliviar el Estrés

Una forma de aliviar el estrés es coloreando. Acompáñanos mientras escuchamos música relajante. Puedes traer tus propios lápices de colores o usa los que tenemos nosotros.

12 de Marzo, 9 de Abril, 7 de Mayo
7:00-8:30 p.m. | Adultos



¡Yoga para adultos y tiempo de juego para los niños!

¿Es usted un padre o cuidador que necesita un poco de descanso de auto-cuidado? Únase a la Srta. Stephanie para un poco de yoga y la Sra. Callie jugará con los más pequeños. Por favor, asegúrese de que su hijo está entrenado para ir al baño.

3 de abril | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Edades 3-5 con cuidador

Prepara tu propio exfoliante casero

¡Amplía tu rutina de cuidado personal haciendo una exfoliación corporal en la biblioteca! Se proporcionarán todos los materiales.

19 de marzo y 21 de mayo
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Exfoliante Labial Casero

¿Alguna vez has querido hacer tu propio exfoliante labial? ¡Ven y haz uno con nosotros!

7 de Mayo | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Todas las edades



Manualidades para Llevar

¿Te gustan las manualidades pero no tienes tiempo de venir a algún programa? Tenemos la solución: kits que puedes llevarte a tu casa y que incluyen todo el material e instrucciones para un proyecto. Puedes recoger tu kit al principio de la semana, hasta agotar existencias. Los kits son diseñados para adultos. Límite de un kit por persona y no podrás reservarlos.



Porta-anillos
3/1/2025

Convertiremos un simple plato de cerámica, a algo único, usando tintas de alcohol.



Conejito de Pascua
4/5/2025

Construye un conejito de Pascua de madera, perfecto para decorar tu casa esta primavera.



Atrapasoles de Cristal
5/3/2025

Este atrapasol con cuentas de cristal, es increíblemente fácil de hacer.

DIVERSIÓN FAMILIAR



Noche de Pelicula Familiar

¡Reúna a la familia para ver una película en la pantalla grande de la biblioteca!

4 de marzo, 1 de abril, 6 de mayo
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Noche de LEGO

Los constructores de ladrillos de todas las edades son bienvenidos a dejar volar su imaginación con nuestros ladrillos LEGO. Las piezas de LEGO no pueden salir de la biblioteca, pero estaremos encantados de mostrar las creaciones de sus niños

18 de marzo
15 de abril
20 de mayo
6:30-7:30pm
Todas las edades



Sombrillas de primavera

Diseñarás tus propios paraguas, harás un montón y los colgarás para formar una divertida guirnalda. Se proporcionarán todos los materiales.

17 de abril | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Todas las edades

Arte en Macetas

¿Consiguió semillas de nuestra Biblioteca de Semillas? ¿Necesita algo en donde poner las semillas? Ven a pintar una maceta de terracota. Ponte algo que no te importe ensuciar.

23 de abril | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Celebrando a las madres y figuras maternas

Ven a hacer tarjetas únicas para las madres, abuelas, tías u otras personas especiales en tu vida.

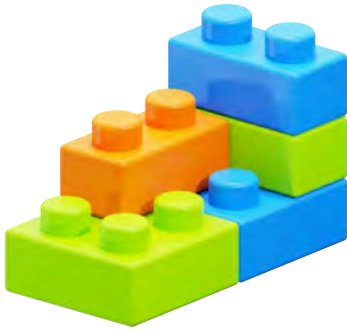
5 de Mayo | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Vamos a crear una casita nido para pájaros

Que ven a la biblioteca y ayudemos a nuestros amigos emplumados. El reino aviar y el medio ambiente nos agradecerán nuestro papel en la naturaleza. Se proporcionarán todos los materiales. **Es necesario registrarse con antelación.**

15 de mayo | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Edades 6-18

ADOLESCENTES



Club de LEGO para adolescentes

¡Ven después de clase y construye algo increíble con ladrillos LEGO!

13 de marzo, 17 de abril, y
15 de mayo | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grados 6° - 12°

Horas de Servicio

Si eres un adolescente que busca horas de voluntariado, ¡únete a nosotros después de la escuela para completar diferentes tareas! Habrá merienda.

20 de marzo y 24 de abril
3:30-4:30 p.m. | De 8.º a 12.º

Lunes de Alboroto

Lunes de Alboroto es un momento para relajarse y divertirse. Puede ser un juego, una manualidad, una película, un proyecto... ¿quién sabe? A lo mejor hasta aprendes algo. La única garantía: ¡será divertido! Este semestre se incluirá la Realidad Virtual.

Lunes de 15.30 a 17.00 h.
(No hay clases el 31 de marzo ni el 26 de mayo) | De 8 a 18 años

Juegos después de la escuela

Los estudiantes de secundaria pueden unirse a nosotros en los días de salida temprana para divertirse jugando en el Nintendo Switch de la biblioteca. Tenga en cuenta que si el Distrito 2 llama a un Día de eLearning de Emergencia, este programa será cancelado para ese día.

Del 4 de marzo al 27 de mayo
(no hay sesión el 1 de abril)
2:30-4:00 p.m. | Grados 6° - 12°



Boba y Anime

Pasa después de clase y relájate con boba y anime. Toma una taza de té de boba, siéntate y disfruta de algunos episodios épicos con tus amigos.

22 de Mayo | 3:30-5:00 p.m.
6° a 12° curso

Mochi y Anime

Únete a nosotros después de clase para probar mochi y ver anime.

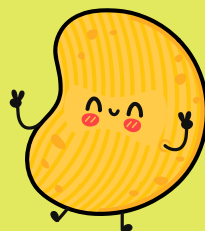
29 de Mayo | 3:30-5:00 p.m.
De 6.º a 12.º



Prepara Tu Propio Exfoliante Casero para adolescentes

¡Pása después de clase y usa tu creatividad para hacer tu propio exfoliante corporal personalizado! Con ingredientes naturales, mezclarás un exfoliante relajante con tus aromas favoritos para llevártelo a casa. Perfecto para el cuidado personal o como regalo.

8 de Mayo | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grados 6° a 12°



¡Merienda de Alrededor del Mundo!

¡Ven y prueba deliciosas delicias de todo el mundo! ¡Trae tu apetito!

6 de marzo | 3:30-4:00 p.m.
De 6.º a 12.º



Calabozos y Dragones

Reúnete después de la escuela para una sesión semanal de juego de alto octanaje y reglas sencillas. Se admiten jugadores principiantes y experimentados.

Todos los miércoles hasta el 28 de mayo, excepto el 2 de abril
3:00-5:00 p.m. | de 6° a 12° curso

NIÑOS Y ADOLESCENTES



Rocas de bondad

¡Pásate después de clase y pinta una roca de la bondad! Después podrás colocarla en el jardín de la biblioteca o llevártela a casa.

27 de marzo | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

A partir de 10 años

Busca y Encuentra

Pasa por la Biblioteca y encuentra todas las imágenes escondidas por el Departamento de Servicios Niños para ganar un premio de nuestro cofre del tesoro.

9-15 de marzo

13-19 de abril

11-17 de mayo

De 0 a 10 años

Hacer una silla para tu peluche

¿Puedes construir una silla o un trono para sostener a tu amigo de peluche favorito? ¡Ven a la biblioteca y descúbrelo!

11 de marzo | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Todas las edades

Manualidad de flores de mayo

Las lluvias de abril trajeron las flores de mayo. Haz tus propias flores de mayo con moldes para magdalenas y botones.

13 de mayo | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Todas las edades

Sábados de cuentos con un director de escuela

¡Traiga a sus pequeños, de 0 a 11 años, a una sesión especial de cuentos y manualidades con un director del Distrito 2! Los niños disfrutarán de historias que despertarán su imaginación mientras conocen a un director local. Después de los cuentos, los padres y los niños pueden disfrutar de un momento de calidad juntos creando una manualidad divertida y práctica.

15 de marzo y 19 de abril

9:30-10:15 a.m. | De 0 a 11 años

Squishy de perlas de agua

¡Haz tu propia bola squishy con perlas de agua!

27 de Mayo | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Todas las edades

¡Ahora todos juntos!

Reúne a toda la familia para disfrutar de un fabuloso cuento, ¡perfecto para niños de 0 a 5 años! Cantaremos, leeremos, hablaremos y tocaremos a lo largo de media hora de encantadores cuentos, canciones y rimas.

Todos los miércoles

5 de marzo - 28 de mayo

Edades 0-5

Pintura con perlas de agua

Haz tu propia obra de arte con perlas de agua y pintura. Vístete para el desorden y prepárate para una experiencia artística sensorial.

8 de Abril | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Todas las edades

Peeps-O-Rama

¡Crea un diorama con las golosinas de malvavisco de Peeps! Usa tu imaginación y tus habilidades para crear una versión única de un libro, una película, la cultura pop o CUALQUIER COSA que te inspire. Se proporcionarán los materiales.

Es necesario inscribirse en benlib.org/events.

Lunes 14 de abril | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Todas las edades



NIÑOS Y ADOLESCENTES

Libros Ilustrado Bolsas de Sorpresa

Regístrate para reservar una bolsa con dos libros ilustrados, libros de lectura temprana o libros de carton, juntón con un boton y una pagina para colorear. !Completa la encuesta a continuacion para que podamos personalizar tu bolsa!



Celebrando a las mujeres maravillosas
1 de marzo - 18 de abril



Celebración del Mes de la Herencia Asiáticos-Americanos y de las Islas del Pacífico
19 de abril - 30 de mayo



Cuentos en Español e Inglés

Acompáñanos los jueves por la tarde a leer nuestros libros favoritos y a crear una manualidad, en español y en inglés. Todas las edades; recomendado hasta los 6 años

13 de marzo, 10 de abril, 1 de mayo, y 22 de mayo | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Juguetes Caseros Para Nuestras Mascotas

Convierte camisetas viejas en juguetes caseros para tus amiguitos de cuatro patas. Te proporcionaremos los materiales, pero si quieres, puedes traer tus propios desechos.

Viernes 18 de Abril | 2:00-3:00 p.m.
A partir de 8 años

¡Semana del Niño Pequeño!

Durante la Semana del Niño Pequeño, venga al ELC de lunes a jueves y participe en una actividad diferente para celebrar las formas únicas en que los niños pequeños aprenden y juegan.

Del 7 al 10 de abril | Todas las edades

Lunes de música

7 de Abril

¡Ven a hacer música con nosotros! Los instrumentos deben permanecer en la biblioteca.

Martes Sabrosos

8 de Abril

¡Juega con galletas y comida de juguete!

Miércoles de Trabajar Juntos

9 de Abril

¡Construye y juega con LEGO y Magna-tiles para hacer creaciones increíbles!

Jueves artístico

10 de Abril

¿Te gusta colorear en la biblioteca? Esta es tu oportunidad de colorear un gran mural. Todo el mundo tiene algo que añadir.

Botín literario: Caja de Suscripcion



Regístrate para reservar una caja que contiene dos libros para prestar, junto con golosinas, una actividad y una manualidad para que te la quedas. Rellena una breve encuesta para recibir libros diseñados especialmente para usted.

Mujeres Maravillosas

17 de marzo - 12 de abril

Esta caja celebra las vidas y las historias de mujeres y niñas.

Historia y vida de los AAPI

28 de abril - 26 de mayo

¡Con esta caja celebramos a los autores y personajes asiático-americanos e isleños del Pacífico!

Regístrate en bit.ly/Lit-Loot ; escanea el código QR o llenando la forma proporcionada en el Escritorio de Servicios para Niños.

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11 de marzo | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Todas las edades

Creatividad Móvil para adolescentes y preadolescentes

Pása por el Departamento de Servicios de niños el primer sábado de cada mes y recoge un kit de manualidades. Cada kit incluye materiales e instrucciones paso a paso. Los kits están disponibles por orden de llegada, hasta agotar existencias. Un kit de manualidades por niño.

Primer sábado de mes: 1 de marzo, 5 de abril, 3 de mayo

Módulos de paja: ¿Qué vas a construir?

¡Construye y juega con estructuras de paja y descubre lo que puedes hacer! Las creaciones de paja deben quedarse en la biblioteca, pero podemos exhibir tu creación con orgullo si lo deseas.

25 de marzo | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Todas las edades