



# BOOKS AND BEYOND

April 2025

## BPLD is Reopening with Exciting Changes!

Dear Broadview,

Since February 19, 2025, the Broadview Public Library District has been closed due to unexpected flooding. While our doors may have been temporarily shut, our commitment to serving our wonderful community never wavered. Behind the scenes, we have been diligently working to restore and enhance our space, and we are thrilled to finally welcome you back!

As a result of this challenge, we've taken the opportunity to make exciting improvements to BPLD. Our **IT modernization project** will introduce brand-new public computers, and we've installed a large screen in our **Adult Computer Commons** to offer expanded technology training classes. Additionally, thanks to the **Digital Navigator Incentive Program Grant**, we now have laptops available for in-library use, allowing patrons to book **self-guided technology assistance** in our private study rooms.

We're also making updates throughout the building! In the coming weeks, we will **relocate young adult graphic novels to the Teen Room** and enhance access to our **video gaming systems**. Downstairs, we are launching a **new Art Gallery** to showcase local artists, and our **Makerspace and Meeting Room** will soon be transformed into a more versatile, creative space for both active and passive programs.

All of these improvements will be completed in time for our Summer Reading Program kickoff on June 2nd, and we can't wait to share them with you! Thank you for your patience and support—we look forward to seeing you back at BPLD!

Tanya King  
Executive Director

### Enhancing Digital Literacy at BPLD

BPLD is committed to improving digital literacy within our community. Patrons will now have the opportunity to participate in drop-in, **self-guided technology sessions** in our private study rooms. Please visit our Help Desk with your library card and government issued photo ID to check out a laptop and written course materials. This initiative provides **personalized assistance** tailored to individual learning needs, helping patrons build confidence in using technology. Laptops and study rooms are available on a first come first serve basis.

### Programming Sneak Peek

**Matriarch Interviews**- Entire Month of May  
**Mother/Daughter Tea**- Wednesday, May 7th  
**Mocktail Mixology**- Tuesday, May 13th  
**BPLD's Senior Social is back!**- Wednesday, May 14th  
**Financial Literacy series begins**- Wednesday, May 21st



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### Illinois Libraries Present

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### The Art of Foraging with Alexis Nikole Nelson

**Thursday | April 10th | 7 PM**

Celebrate Earth Month with BlackForager, Alexis Nikole Nelson. A forager, outdoor educator, chef, and influencer based in Ohio, Nelson uses her platforms to yell, sing and celebrate all the edible plants hiding in plain sight. She invites all to come on her foraging journey with her via @alexisnikole (TikTok) and @blackforager (Instagram). Through her search for freely accessible edible plants, she peels back historical layers on African American and Indigenous food traditions that have traditionally been repressed and empowers those living in food deserts with greater self-sufficiency. **Register for this virtual program**

at [bit.ly/ILP\\_AlexisNikoleNelson](https://bit.ly/ILP_AlexisNikoleNelson)

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth programs will resume as soon as we reopen

## Monday

### MOVIE Matinee

3:45 PM to 5:45 PM

Come join us every Monday for great family friendly movies, snacks will be provided.

### Teen Hangout

5:30 PM to 7 PM

Hangout in a safe, positive, non-judgmental environment, playing games watching movies or just hanging with friends. Snacks will be provided.



## Tuesday

### Storytime

11 AM to 11:30 AM

Parents and caregivers - join us for Early Literacy Storytime with songs, rhymes, and activities to help your little ones learn, grow and develop a love of reading.

### Gaming Hangout

3:30 PM to 5 PM

Stop in to play video games, board games, or card games every Tuesday afternoon!

### ABC-123 Art Adventures

5:30 PM to 6 PM

Drop by for playful learning adventures in literacy, math, and book-themed crafts.



### Preschool S.T.E.M & Stories

6 PM to 6:30 PM

From science to technology, engineering, and math, learners in preschool and kindergarten will love the awesome STEM activities. (Ages 3-5 with caregiver)

## Wednesday

### Chess Strategies

4 PM

Learn winning strategies to improve your chess game. All levels are welcome to join us.



### Family Fun Game Night

5:30 PM to 7 PM

Spend an evening together relaxing and having fun playing games or doing family activities. Snacks will be provided.

## Thursday

### Thursday Clubs

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Bored? Looking for something to do? Join a club! Every Week a new club will meet. Week 1: STEM, Week 2: Art, Week 3: Books, and Week 4: Journaling.

## Friday

### Take & Make Craft Kits

While Supplies Last

Stop by the library and pick up a different art kit.



## NOAH'S ARK WORKSHOP

Wednesday | April 9th | 5:30 PM to 7 PM

Spark joy with our DIY Stuffy Workshop, designed to engage and promote learning while having fun. **In Person!**

## HAPPY EARTH DAY!



Wednesday | April 16th | 5:30 PM to 7 PM

We all can make positive change for this amazing planet we call Earth. In this program we will learn how to start a garden! April 22, 2025 is Earth Day.

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Monday - Thursday: 10 AM to 9 PM

Friday & Saturday: 10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday: Closed

April 11: Closed for In-Service

April 18: Closed for Good Friday

