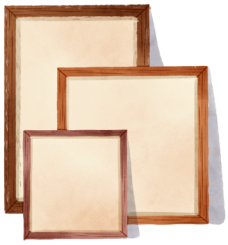
BOOKS AND BEYOND

January '26

Message from the Director, Tanya King!

As we turn the page to a new year, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our community for all of your input, feedback, and support throughout 2025. Your ideas have helped shape our programs, services, and collections, and we are excited to build on that momentum in 2026 with even more engaging programming and a more robust, diverse collection of materials for all ages. As we enter 2026, we are also looking forward to developing our new strategic plan with your input, and everything we do will be tied to that plan. I am always seeking input from the community to help make the library the place you want to be—your neighborhood hub for learning, connection, and discovery. On behalf of the entire BPLD staff and board, I wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!



The Canvas Collective (T)

Monday | January 5th | 5:30 to 6:30 PM | Makerspace

Hang out with other creators and unleash the artist you've always wanted to be. Join the Canvas Collective! Basic art supplies will be available but feel free to bring your own.

Coffee and CommuniTEA

Tuesday | January 6th | 10:30 to 11:30 AM
Community Room

Join BPLD Director Tanya King and special guests for an engaging and informal gathering designed to spark community connection and collaboration. Enjoy coffee, tea, and puzzles.

The No Shush Salon Presents: Open Mic

Thursday | January 8th
6:30 to 8:45 PM | Community Room



The No Shush Salon is a library based gathering space for all creatives who wish to present/perform in any medium including storytelling, music, dance, improv, comedy, etc. Join us at the Broadview Public Library District for a delightful evening of entertainment and comradery! Sign-up to perform at the door, refreshments provided.

Bingo, Bagels, & Brews

Friday | January 9th | 11 AM to 12 PM
Community Room

Mark your calendar for the second Friday of each month to join us for a morning of bingo! Win some prizes and enjoy a light breakfast of bagels and coffee or tea.

Journaling for Healing

Saturday | January 10th | 11 AM to 1 PM | Makerspace

Join us in person or online for a healing journey of journaling. After introductions, we will have a guided visualization and prompts. Sharing is encouraged, but not required. **Registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.**

Tummy Time

Tuesday | January 13th | 5 to 6 PM | Community Room

Socialize with other parents while bonding with your little one over a fun craft or activity. **This month you will create a winter themed sensory kit for your 0 to 3 year old. Sensory kits can enhance cognitive, motor, and language skills as well as support emotional regulation, creativity, and problem-solving abilities.**



Finding Freedom: A Creative and Joyous Celebration of Dr. King

Thursday | January 15th
6 to 7 PM | Community Room

Using words, images, paints and more create a multimedia collage that showcases what freedom means to you. Afterward, hear facts about Dr. King and celebrate his legacy with birthday cupcakes.

Adult Programs

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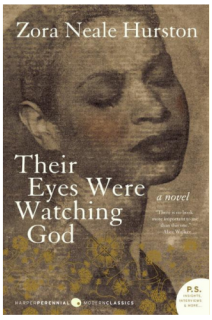
BPLD Book Clubs

February Books are available for checkout at the Help Desk.



Bite Size Books and Bites

Tuesday | February 10th | 6:30 to 7:30 PM | Community Room

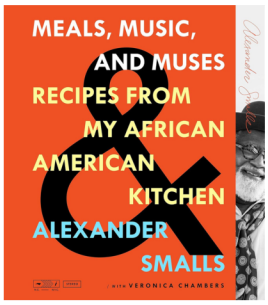
If you just can not seem to find the time to read this group may be for you. Each month we will read a different book under 250 pages. Topics will vary but expect the selection to be short and sweet paired with the perfect appetizer bite to fit the theme of the book. **The pick for February is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston to be paired with milk and dark chocolate covered fruit.**



Good Books and Better Halves (A Book Club for Couples)

Thursday | February 12th | 6:30 to 7:30 PM | Community Room

Date night has arrived at BPLD. On even numbered months, join other couples as we read recent popular books. This book club is for all couples looking to add a little literary spark to their relationship! Whether you're a bookworm or just starting your reading journey, make some memories together, one book at a time. **Our first read is *A Love Song For Ricki Wilde* by Tia Williams.**



Cook the Book

Thursday | February 26th | 6:30 to 7:30 PM | Community Room

Bring your love of food, cooking and eating down to BPLD! Even numbered months we will explore the food related stories in a new cookbook and try out a new recipe to share. Members will have to sign a waiver and disclose any allergies. **As a celebration of Black History Culture, February's cookbook is *Meals, Music, and Muses: Recipes From My African American Kitchen* by Alexander Smalls.**

Sound Healing Meditation (T)

Tuesday | January 20th | 1 to 1:50 PM
Community Room



Led by Rhonda Fentry, join us for a form of meditation using the ambient sounds and vibrations of crystal singing bowls, Tibetan singing bowls, Tingsha Bells, and other instruments to tap into your deeper subconscious, creating a sense of calm, peace, and relaxation, promoting good health, and balanced energy. **Registration Required.**

Tuesday Night Trivia

Tuesday | January 20th | 6 to 7 PM
Community Room

Join us on the Third Tuesday of each month for an exciting game of trivia. Topics will vary month to month so be sure to come out and test your knowledge. **In January discover if you've held on to your elementary school knowledge. Bonus points if you understand "new math".**

Thirstea Thursday (T)

Thursday | January 22nd | 1:30 & 5:30 PM | Makerspace

It's National Hot Tea Month! If you've ever wanted to create you own tea blend tailored to your tastes then this program is for you. Participants will have the opportunity to create, taste, and perfect their very own tea blend to take home. **Registration required.**

Tea Painting (T)

Tuesday | January 27th | 1:30 AND 5:30 PM
Makerspace



Celebrate tea in more ways than one during National Hot Tea Month! Enjoy the journey with this process based art form and try your hand at painting with tea.

Cheese & Crackers, Crafts & Conversations

Wednesday | January 28th | 1:30 to 2:30 PM
Community Room

Join us on the fourth Wednesday for an afternoon of crafting and conversation. An assortment of cheese and crackers will be available for snacking.

Adult Programs

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Youth Programs

Preschool STEM

Mondays | 12:15 to 1:15 PM | Children's Activity Center

Fun learning activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. For ages 3-6

Make it Monday

Mondays | 4 to 4:45 PM | Children's Activity Center

Come join us every Monday for an easy craft.

Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM
Children's Activity Center

Using songs, rhymes, short stories, and gentle movement, caregivers will introduce early literacy skills to their babies and foster a love of books. Ages 6mos.-toddlers

Tween Tuesday

Tuesdays | 4:00 to 5 PM | Children's Activity Center

Stop by the Activity Room for mini art projects each Tuesday afternoon! For ages 11-13.

Wednesday Workshops



Wednesdays | 2:30 to 4:30 PM | Makerspace

Hey Middle Schoolers! Join us for an afternoon of snacks, games, crafts and/or self guided activities.

January 7th and 21st we will have guided STEM activities with our guest presenter, Corita Key

Family Fun Game Nights

Wednesdays | 5:30 to 7 PM
Children's Activity Center

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

1/14- Happy B-Day MLK Jr.: Special family night to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday with a movie, trivia and make your own ice cream sundaes.

1/28- National Puzzle Day: Celebrate National Puzzle Day with fun puzzle activities and puzzle inspired snacks.

Chess Strategies



Wednesdays | 4 to 5 PM | Community Room

Learn winning strategies to improve your chess game. All levels are welcome to join us. For ages 7-17.

Preschool Storytime



Thursdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM
Children's Activity Center

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

- 1/7: *How To Catch A Yeti*
- 1/14: *Winter Woes*
- 1/21: *Snow Party*
- 1/28: *Winter is Here*

Thursday Clubs

Thursdays | 4 to 5 PM | Children's Activity Center

Looking for something to do? Join a club. Each week will explore a new theme with an activity. Snacks provided.

- 1/7: Art Club
- 1/14: Book Club
- 1/21: Journaling Club
- 1/28: Cursive Writing Club

Play Café



Thursdays | 5:30 to 7 PM
Children's Activity Center

Drop into our Play Café for educational play, games, and social time. We will have special drinks each week. **Caregivers are expected to remain with their child at all times. For ages 3 to 7 years.**

Bilingual Storytime | Tiempo de Cuentos Bilingüe



Fridays | Jan. 9th & 23rd | 11 to 11:30 AM
Children's Activity Center

Join us for our Blingual Story Time! For ages 2 to 6. | Unase a nosotros para nuestro Tiempo de Cuentos Bilingüe! Para las edades de 2 a 6.

- 1/9: *Mil Mariposas Blancas* | *A Thousand White Butterflies*
- 1/23: *El Hombrecito Galleta* | *The Gingerbread Man*

Friday Craft Days

January 9th & 23rd | 3:30 to 4:30 PM | Children's Activity Center

Join Mz Uvonne for crafting fun!

January 2nd, 16th, & 30th | All Day | Youth Play Area

Stop in to the Kid's Department for self-guided crafting.

Pizza & Board Games with the Cook County Sheriff's Office



Wednesday | January 21st | 4 to 5:30 PM | Community Room

It's a special night of games and pizza with the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. **Registration required.**

Two New Programs coming to BPLD on Saturdays!

Parenting Hour

Saturday | January 17th | 11 AM to 12 PM
Community Room

Every 3rd Saturday come to BPLD for all things parenting. We will have programs for parents and caregivers in every stage of their journey. In January, get to know BPLD's Tummy Time program with this special Saturday session.

Socialize with other parents while bonding with your little one over a fun craft or activity. This month you will create a winter themed sensory kit for your 0 to 3 year old.

Teen Things

Saturdays | 2 to 3 PM Teen Room

Catch us each week for a different teencentric passive program. On the 3rd Saturday of the month participate in a guided activity or guest speaker. **For January, we will learn about the skill of goal-setting and the art of visualization. By the end of the program teens will take home their very own vision board.**



We will be closed on Monday 1/19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Computer 101

Tuesday | January 6th & 20th | 4:30 to 5:30 PM

Learn the basic functions & operations of Microsoft Windows & Chrome. By the end of the session, learners will be able to:

- Identify and use common computer hardware
- Navigate the desktop with ease
- Understand the file explorer and how to properly use it

Attending patrons will receive a Flash Drive.
Registration required.

Computer Class: Emails

Tuesdays | January 13th & 27th | 4:30 to 5:30 PM

Learn to create and use your own email account. By the end of the sessions, learners will be able to:

- Log into and out of an email account
- Set strong passwords
- Send, receive, and reply to an email

If there is extra time, we'll work on how to structure an email, how to attach a file, and how to paste an image inside the email.

Attending patrons will receive a Flash Drive.
Registration required.

Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig

Tuesday | January 13th | 7 to 8 PM | Online & Makerspace

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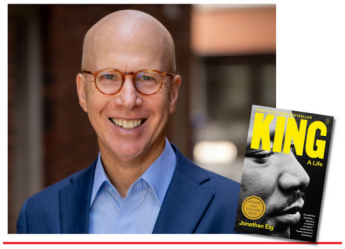
Jonathan Eig is the bestselling author of six books, including his most recent, Pulitzer Prize-winning King: A Life. Vividly written and exhaustively researched, it is the first major biography in decades of civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr.—and the first to include recently declassified FBI files.

You can register to attend this event virtually via zoom or join us in the Library's Maker Space to watch the live stream with snacks and refreshments. Register by scanning the QR Code, going to the listing on our website or by calling (708) 345-1325.



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