BOOKS AND BEYOND

June & July '26



Summer Reading 2026 has arrived

Plant a Seed, Read...with BPLD!

Excitement and fun await those who journey to Broadview Public Library District and participate in this year's Summer Reading Challenge! From June through July patrons of any age will engage in library programming and read their way to fun and exciting prizes. Sign-up begins Monday, June 1st at our County Fair Themed Kickoff. From 5 to 7pm there will be food, prizes, games, face painting, entertainment, and more!

Check out the Special Insert for all things Summer Reading located at the center of this edition of Books and Beyond. There you will find the line-up of Summer Reading programs, rules of participation, and a peek at some of the great prizes up for grabs this year. **Are you ready to read and win?**

The No Shush Salon Presents: Open Mic

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Thursday | 6:30 to 8:45 PM | Community Room
June 4th & July 2nd

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 for a delightful evening of entertainment and comradery! Sign-up to perform at the door, refreshments provided.
Registration encouraged, walk-ins welcome.

Knits and Knots Nook: A Crafter Social Club

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Tuesdays | 5:30 to 6:30 PM | Makerspace
June 2nd, 16th & July 7th, 21st

Mark your calendar for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, or other work in progress. Meet community crafters, utilize library resources, and share your crafting tips and tricks over tea and coffee!

Juneteenth Freedom Fighters Collage

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Tuesday | 1 to 2 PM and 6 to 7 PM | Community Room
June 16th

Celebrate Juneteenth and create a piece of art inspired by Bisa Butler's colorful and celebratory textile portraits while listening to joyful sounds from Black music makers throughout the decades.
In the tradition of eating red foods for Juneteenth, sample hibiscus sweet tea and red beans and rice.

Well Men, Well Life

Wednesday | 5:30 to 6:30 PM | Community Room
June 24th

Well Men, Well Life is a relaxed, practical wellness program for guys who want to feel better, move more, and live healthier—without pressure or hype. It focuses on what works in real life: simple habits, better food choices, smart movement, and honest conversations. Whether you're starting fresh or getting back on track, this is a supportive space to build healthier routines that fit your life—and stick. This program is presented by Illinois Extension.

Sir Duke & The Master Blaster: The Genius of Stevie Wonder

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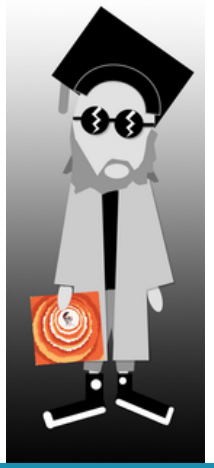
Thursday| 6 to 7:30 PM | Community Room | June 25th

BPLD is honoring **Black Music Month** with a celebration of one of the greats... Stevie Wonder! Stevie Wonder was a child prodigy who began an outstanding career at the age of 13; by the age of 30 he had over a dozen albums. Throughout the 70's his output was ranked among the most inventive music being made by critics and fans alike. In this lively and informational presentation, Professor Moptop, a music historian, and a lifelong fan of Wonder's, will present a class on Stevie, discussing "Fingertips," "Superstition," "Higher Ground," "Isn't She Lovely" and many other hits.



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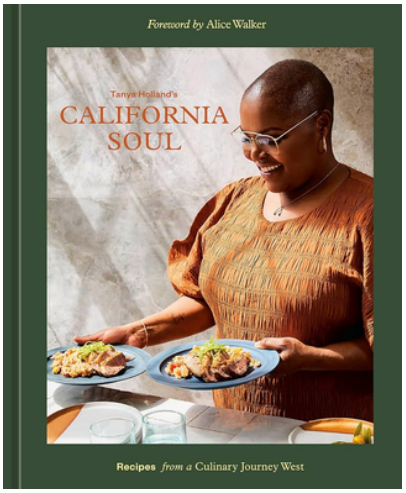
BPLD Book Clubs

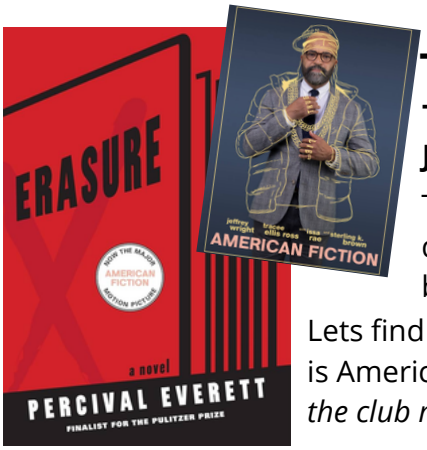
Books are available for checkout at the self-service "BOOKCLUB BOOKS" shelf. To checkout audio-visual material or for assistance, please see a staff memeber at the Help Desk.



Cook the Book: A Cookbook Club

Tuesday | 6:30 to 7:30 PM | Community Room
June 30th

Bring your love of food, cooking and eating down to BPLD. Catch us on even numbered months to explore the food related stories in a different cookbook and try out a recipe to share with the group. The selection for June is Tanya Holland's *California Soul: Recipes from a Culinary Journey West. California Soul* blends African American soul food traditions with California's seasonal, local ingredients, featuring over 80 recipes, stunning photography, and profiles of Black food artisans and farmers. **Those interested in participating must email Megan at johnson@broadviewlibrary.org to join.**



The Book Was Better

Tuesday | 6:30 to 7:30 PM | Community Room
July 28th

The book club for movie lovers. Meet with us on odd-numbered months to discuss a different book and its big screen adaptation. We will compare pivotal book moments to their on-screen scenes. Was the book really better? Lets find out together! The pick for July is Erasure by Percival Everett. The Film adaptation is American Fiction (2023). *Content Advisory: while no graphic content will be shown during the club meeting, American Fiction is rated R.*



Daughters of the Script (D.o.T.S)

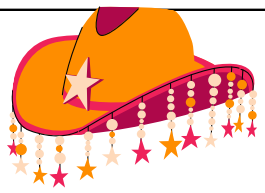
Tuesdays | 2 to 3 PM | Makerspace
June 16th & July 21st

On the third Tuesday of every month, join this group of local women and book lovers to discuss a different novel.
June: Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler
July: We Refuse: A Forceful History of Black Resistance by Kellie Carter-Jackson

Gentle Mat Yoga (T)

Tuesday | 1 to 2 PM | Community Room
July 21st

Gentle Yoga is a softer approach to the Yoga practice. Class includes deep stretching, mindful breathing, meditation, and relaxation. Students must be able to easily get up and down from the floor. While a limited number of mats will be available, students are encouraged to bring their own. **Registration required.**



Last Call Line Dance: Tall Hats & Big Fans

Thursday | 6 to 7:30 PM | Community Room
July 30th

Decorate your own cowboy hat and accordion fan, then enjoy beginner-friendly line dancing in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. No dance experience required—just come ready to move.

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Youth Programs

Preschool STEM

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

Join us for fun learning activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. For ages 3-6.

6/8 - Plant a Seed
6/15 - Slime
6/22 - Lego
6/29 - Salt Painting
7/6 - Salt Painting
7/13 - Slime
7/20 - Magna Tiles
7/27 - Clay Sculpting

Make it Monday

3:30 to 4:45 PM | Children's Activity Center

Fun art projects.

6/22 - Design a Book Cover
6/29 - DIY Book Marks
7/6 - Beaded Bracelets
7/13 - Yarn Painting
7/27 - DIY Ceramic Painting

Kids Kitchen

Tuesdays | 3:45 to 5 PM | Children's Activity Center

Cooking with younger kids is a fun way to learn new skills and make some tasty treats they'll love! Ages 6-12.

6/2 - Breakfast Sundaes
6/23 - Fruity Pebble Parfait
6/30 - Mini Fruit Pizza Cookie
7/7 - Cookie Dip
7/14 - Salad On a Stick
7/21 - Breakfast Sundaes
7/28 - Veggie Pizza Dip

Wednesday Workshops



2:30 to 4 PM | Makerspace

Each Wednesday, enjoy snacks, games, crafts, and self-guided activities. We will rotate one or two workshop stations each week, including: board games, puzzle table, conversation starter jar, comic creations, coloring station, locker decorations, and trivia time.

Family Fun Nights



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

Join us every Wednesday for a fun night out with family, laughing, playing games, and eating great snacks. *Catch us on the dates below for special themed Family Fun Nights!*

6/17: Juneteenth Trivia - Celebrate Juneteenth with a fun filled family game night! Test your knowledge with trivia or learn something new. Snacks will be provided.

Lapsit Storytime



Thursdays | 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.

6/11 - *Moo, Ba, La La La!* by Sandra Boynton & *Jamberry* by Bruce Degen
6/25 - *But not the Hippopotamus* by Sandra Boynton *llama llama &* *Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney
7/9 - *I'm not Ready!* by Jonathan Allen
7/23 - *Blankie* by Ben Clanton

Juneteenth: Make a Mini Djembe



Thursday | 3:30 to 4:30 PM
Community Room | June 18th

Decorate and assemble mini Djembe to take home. Participants will also get to try out two real Djembes. Celebrate Juneteenth by learning the history and significance of the Djembe in African cultural traditions.

Eat the Movies: WALL-E Dirt Cups



Thursday | 1:00 to 3:30 PM | Children's Activity Center
June 18th

WALL-E spends his days tidying up the planet one piece of garbage at a time. Come watch the movie and make a eatable dirt cups.

Thursday Clubs

3:30 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.

6/11 - Book club
6/25 - Make a comic book
7/9 - Chalk Art
7/30 - Book Advisory

Crafternoon Fridays

3:30 to 4:45 PM | Children's Activity Center
June 12th & 26th, July 10th & 24th
Join Mz Uvonne for crafting fun!



All Day | Youth Play Area
June 5th, July 3rd & 17th
Stop by the Kid's Department for self-guided crafting.

Teen Programs for ages 13 - 18 or grades 8 - 12

Arriving this summer at BPLD...

Dungeons & Dragons

Shadowdark RPG!

Thursdays | 12 to 2 PM | Makerspace
June 4th, 11th, 18th 25th
July 2nd 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th



Every Thursday in June and July, delve into dark dungeons for gold and glory in Shadowdark! Try out this rules-light, fast-paced alternative to Dungeons & Dragons. No experience required. Players will learn as the game progresses. Not yet ready to jump into the adventure? Observers welcome!

Drop-in Dungeons and Dragons



Mondays | 3 to 5 PM | Makerspace
June 8th, 15th, 22nd 29th
July 6th 13th, 20th, 27th

Hail and well met traveler! Join Broadview Public Library District on Mondays in June and July from 3-5pm for a free, no registration drop-in Dungeons and Dragons game! Never Played? Never fear! Dungeon Master Viki will assist new players with everything they need to get started playing. Each session is a new game, so come whenever you're hankering for adventure!



Friendship Sunglasses

Saturday | 2 to 3 PM | Teen Room
June 6th

Design and decorate your own sunglasses for yourself or bring a friend and decorate some together. UV got to admit, these shades are pretty rad!

Comic Party and Giveaway

Saturday | 2 to 3 PM | Teen Room
June 13th

Stop by the Teen Room to watch your favorite superhero movie, enjoy some snacks, and take some free comic books home! Comic Book Donations courtesy of Gem Comics.

DIY Essential Oil Diffuser

Saturday | 2 to 3 PM | Teen Room
June 27th

Calling all teens! Want to try aromatherapy but don't know where to start? Come by the Teen Room this Saturday to learn how to make your own essential oil diffuser! You'll get to try mixing different oils--peppermint, eucalyptus, orange, and more--and take home your very own reed diffuser.



Nintendo Switch Party

Saturday | 2 to 3 PM | Teen Room
July 11th

7/11 - Mario Party Jamboree: Team up, compete, and take on your friends in a Mario Party tournament!
7/25 - Super Smash Bros: Choose your character, play against your friends, and become the champion in Super Smash Brothers Ultimate!

Pipe Cleaner Container Cake



Saturday | 2 to 3 PM | Teen Room
July 18th

Did you know that the United States of America turns 250 this year? Celebrate with a cake that doubles as a box for all of your trinkets. Decorate your very own container cake with colorful pompoms and fuzzy pipe cleaners. No trinkets? No problem! Candy will be provided as an alternative filling. You'll get a cake out of this!

Computer Programs - Registration Required

Computer 101

Tuesdays | 4:30 to 5:30 PM
June 2nd & 16th
July 7th & 21st

Learn the basics of Microsoft Windows & Chrome. By the end of the session, users will be able to:

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

Intro to AI

Tuesday | 4:30 to 5:30 PM
June 23rd
July 28th

Learn to use AI tools. By the end of the session, learners will be able to:

- Understand large language models and identify popular implementations of the technology
- Identify potential use cases for AI
- Produce more useful responses using prompt engineering

Computer Basics: Emails

Tuesday | 4:30 to 5:30 PM
June 9th
July 14th

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, attach a file, and paste an image inside the email.

Digital Resources

Did you know that as a BPLD cardholder you have access to many free digital resources including the ones below?

Libby.

Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more.



Access ebooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, TV show episodes, and music albums.

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Legal Information Source

Read current NOLO Legal Guides, full-text law journals, and access printable legal forms.

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Monday - Thursday: 10 AM to 9 PM
Friday & Saturday: 10 AM to 5 PM
Sunday: Closed

Food Policy: *Please be advised that the food served during library programs may contain allergens such as nuts, dairy, gluten, eggs, and/or shellfish. While we take precautions while serving food, we cannot guarantee that any dish is free from traces of allergens. If you have food allergies or sensitivities, please consult with our staff before consuming any food. Your safety is our priority. Thank you!*