BOOKS AND BEYOND

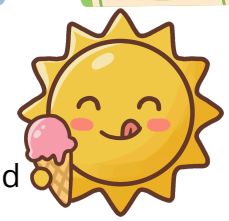
August 2026



First Day of School Chill Out!

Thursday | August 13 | 2:30 to 4:00 PM | Children's Activity Center

It's back to school, and BPLD's got your back with some chill ice cream and crafts! Join us and make your own backpack charms and origami stars. **For Youth & Teens. No registration required.**



Knits and Knots Nook: A Crafters Social Club

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Monday | Aug. 3rd & 17th | 4:00 to 5:00 PM
Makerspace

Feel free to 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!

Registration encouraged, walk-ins welcome!

Drop-in Dungeons & Dragons



Tuesdays | 5:30 to 8:30 PM
Makerspace

Hail and well met traveler! Join Broadview Public Library District for a free, 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. Come whenever you're hankering for adventure.

Registration encouraged, walk-ins welcome!
Refreshments provided.

Tummy Time



Tuesday | Aug. 11th | 5:30 to 6:30 PM
Community Room

Patrons will have the chance to connect with other parents and caregivers and participate in a different baby & toddler friendly activity each month. **August- It's a BABY RAVE! Crawl, waddle, booty scooch your way to Club BPLD and wiggle, hop, and shake with your little ones to the music.** Wear white or glow-in-the-dark for the full rave experience.

Registration encouraged, walk-ins welcome!

Momentum: An Illinois Extension Program

Wednesday | Aug. 26th | 5:30 to 6:30 PM
Community Room

Momentum Small Steps, Big Change is a fun, hands-on wellness program designed to help adults take control of their health and build lasting habits. This isn't about quick fixes or extreme diets. It's about real change through interactive activities, and practical tools, you'll gain the confidence and skills to create sustainable changes that stick. **Registration required.**

Because I Matter: Breast Cancer Education

Thursdays | Community Room T
Aug. 6th, 12:00 to 1:30 PM & Aug. 13th, 5:00 to 6:30 PM

This ninety-minute session teaches **MammaCare® Method**, the recognized standard for performing breast self-examination (BSE).

By the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Discriminate between lumps and normal tissue in a breast model
- Demonstrate the 5 Ps of the MammaCare® Method of Breast Examination
- Feel more confident performing MammaCare® BSE

Registration required.



The No Shush Salon presents: The Infernal Salon!

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

This month's open mic has a twist! Game designers & Science Fiction and Fantasy writers, **Carlos Hernandez** and **C. S. E. Cooney**, will be joining us for a fun creation workshop. With the *Deck of Destiny* participants get a spooky card prompt & for 25 min, everyone writes, draws, composes, etc. This will be followed by our open mic where you can share your infernally-inspired works or other creations! Refreshments provided. **Registration encouraged, walk-ins welcome!**

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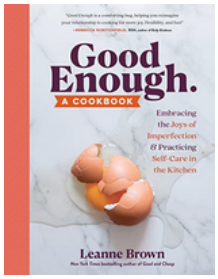
BPLD Book Clubs

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 | August 25th | 6:30 to 7:30 PM | Community Room

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. Coinciding with National Wellness Month, the selection for August is Leanne Brown's *Good Enough a Cookbook: Embracing the Joys of Imperfection & Practicing Self-Care in the Kitchen. Good Enough*, is as much about the healing process of cooking as it is about delicious recipes and contains a generous mix of essays, stories, and nearly 100 dazzling recipes. **Those interested in participating must email Megan at johnson@broadviewlibrary.org to join.**

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



Tuesdays | August 18th & September 15th | 2:00 to 3:00 PM | Makerspace

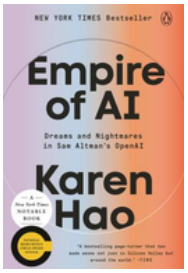
On the third Tuesday of every month, join this group of local women and book lovers to discuss a different novel.

August: *Harlem Rhapsody* by Victoria Christopher Murray

Sneak Peek: September

D.o.T.S. September: *KIN* by Tayari Jones

Watch & Read Discussion Club



Thursday | September 24th | 6:30 to 7:30 PM | Community Room

Starting September 1st, **READ** *Empire of AI* by Karen Hao. On Thursday, September 17th, **WATCH** a timely conversation between New York Time's Best Selling Author and Journalist Karen Hao and Reanna Esmail, Lead Librarian for Instruction at Cornell University and a prominent voice in intellectual freedom through the **Illinois Libraries Present (ILP)** . Lastly, on Thursday, September 24th, join us in person to **DISCUSS** Karen Hao and her work.

National Vinyl Day: Vinyl Café

Wednesday | Aug. 12th | 2:00 to 4:30 PM
Community Room T

Come out for an afternoon of record playing nostalgia in celebration of National Vinyl Day. Bring a record from home to share or play something from the assortment on hand. Sip coffee or tea and get lost in the music.

Community Crafting Hour

Wednesday | Aug. 26th | 1:30 to 2:30 PM
Community Room

Join us on the 4th Wednesday of each month for an afternoon of crafting and conversation. An assortment of cheese and crackers will be available for snacking.

This month: **Paper Quilling**

Computer Classes - Computer Area

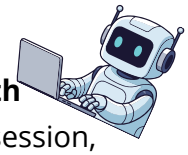
Computer 101

Tuesdays | 4:30 to 5:30 PM | August 4th & 18th

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 | August 25th

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 useful responses using prompt engineering

Computer Basics: Emails

Tuesday | 4:30 to 5:30 PM | August 11th

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



Adult Programs **Registration Required**

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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.

8/3 - Popsicle Stick Challenge
8/24 - Cup Tower
8/31 - Balloon Rockets

Make it Monday

Mondays | 3:45 to 5:00 PM | Children's Activity Center

Join us for some fun summer art projects! Refreshments will be provided.

8/3 - Straw Painting
8/24 - Bean Mosaics
8/31 - Circle Art

Preschool Storytime



Tuesdays | 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!

8/4 -Pug & Pig by Sue Lowell Gallion
8/25 - Nobody Likes a Goblin by Ben Hatke

Kids Kitchen

Tuesdays | 3:45 to 5:00 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.

8/4 - Turkey and Cheddar Lunch Roll ups
8/25 - Easy Ice cream Sandwich Cake

Wednesday Workshops

Wednesdays | 2:30 to 4:00 PM | Makerspace

Each Wednesday, enjoy snacks, games, crafts, and self-guided activities including: board games, puzzle table, comic creations, coloring station, decorations, trivia time and more. **8/5 & 8/19, we will have guided STEM activities with our guest presenter, Corita Key.**

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Did you know Broadview Public Library District is an official ***1000 Books Before Kindergarten*** program site? Stop by the Youth Desk for an instruction sheet and tracking page for the first hundred books. Join families all across the US and get started reading today!

Special Family Game Night: Back to School Party & Food Drive



Wednesday | August 5th | 5:30 to 7:00 PM
Children's Activity Center

Celebrate going back to school with food for the library's food pantry! We will have family friendly games, back-to-school prizes, and yummy snacks!

Family Fun Game Nights

Wednesdays | 5:30 to 7:00 PM
Children's Activity Center

Join us every Wednesday for a fun night out with family, laughter, games, and great snacks.

Lapsit Storytime



Thursdays | August 6th & 27th
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.

8/6 - Don't Push The Button! by: Bill Cotter, Follow Your Heart by: Emma Dodd
8/27 - Runaway Blanket by: Nancy Deas, Clifford The Big Red Dog by: Norman Bridwell

Thursday Clubs

Thursdays | 3:45 to 5:00 PM | Children's Activity Center

Each meeting we will explore a new club activity. Snacks provided.

8/6 - Button Making
8/27 - Nature Journals

Bilingual Storytime | Tiempo de Cuentos Bilingüe



Fridays | Aug. 7th & 21st
11:00 to 11:30 AM | Children's Activity Center

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

8/7: Dragones y Tacos | Dragons love Tacos
8/21: La Bicicleta Nueva | The New Bicycle

Crafternoons on Fridays

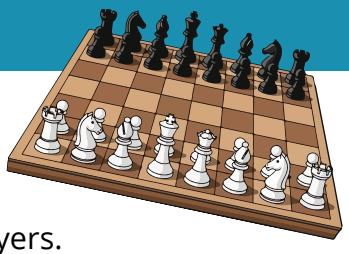


Aug. 7 | 3:30 to 4:45 PM
Children's Activity Center

Join Mz Uvonne for crafting fun!

Aug 14, 21, & 28 | All Day | Youth Play Area

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



Chess Strategies

Wednesdays | 4:00 to 5:00 PM | Community Room
August 19th & 26th

Learn winning chess strategies to improve your game! For seasoned and first time players.

Shadowdark RPG: Session 0

Thursdays | 4:00 to 7:00 PM | Makerspace
August 6

Calling all Teens! Bring some friends, create your characters, and learn how to play Shadowdark RPG! This is the introduction for the campaign we will be playing throughout the school year. Refreshments provided.

Shadowdark RPG!

Thursdays | 4:00 to 7:00 PM | Makerspace
August 20th & 27th

Calling all Teens! Delve into dark dungeons for gold and glory in Shadowdark! Try out this rules-light, fast-paced alternative to D&D. Refreshments provided.

TEEN ROOM

TEENS = AGES 13-18 OR GRADES 8-12

VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENTS

EVERY SATURDAY IN AUGUST, 2:00-3:00 PM

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BATTLE YOUR FRIENDS ONE-ON-ONE IN THE CLASSIC FIGHTING GAME
TEKKEN 8
FOR PS5! BUTTON MASH AND COMBO YOUR WAY TO VICTORY!

8/8
COME BY THE TEEN ROOM TO SEE IF YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS RULE THE FOOTBALL FIELD IN
MADDEN NFL 26
FOR PS5!

8/15
WHICH ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS IS BEST ON THE COURT? STOP BY THIS TEEN ROOM THIS SATURDAY TO PLAY
NBA 2K26 (PS5)
AND FIND OUT!

8/22
CHOOSE YOUR CHARACTER, PLAY AGAINST YOUR FRIENDS, AND BECOME THE CHAMPION IN
SUPER SMASH BROTHERS ULTIMATE!

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

Sneak Peek: September

Did you know that September 2026 is the **30th Anniversary of the Pokémon Trading Cards**? In celebration of this, we will be starting a **Pokémon Club** that meets every other Wednesday in September from 2:30-4:00 pm! On Wednesday, September 2nd, after our first Pokémon Club meeting, join our 5:30 pm **Pokémon Party**! Gotta catch 'em all!

Scan QR code for our program calendar:

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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!*