

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Dec 20, 2021 through Feb 28, 2022

Read and complete fun winter activities to earn digital badges and a chance to win a weekly prize drawing. Visit balibrary.beanstack.org to sign up and get started!

For kids, teens, and adults

WHAT'S ON FOR KIDS & FAMILIES



Winter Scavenger Hunt

Dec 1, 2021 – Jan 31, 2022

Complete our winter-themed scavenger hunt and get a sticker. Visit the Youth Services desk to begin your journey!

Big Blue Block Drop-In Play

All ages w/caregiver

Fridays, Dec 3 & 17, 9 AM - 12 PM

Fridays, Jan 7 & 21, 9 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, Jan 15, 9 AM - 12 PM

Drop in to play, create, and build with our Big Blue Blocks. Meeting Room.

Rhyme Time Nature Walk at Crabtree Nature Center

All ages w/caregiver

Thursday, Dec 16, 10 AM

Enjoy rhymes, a nature walk, and playtime at the Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington Hills. Weather permitting. [Register](#).

Preschool STEAM

Ages 3 – 5 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Dec 29, 10:30 AM

Join us as we explore science, technology, engineering, arts, and math with exciting experiments and activities. Meeting Room. [Register](#).

Winter Wonderland Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Jan 5

9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Celebrate the season with this story time featuring songs, rhymes, and books all about winter. Meeting Room. [Register](#).

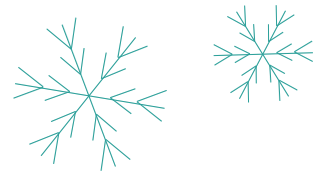
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A NOTE ON REGISTRATION: Some Youth Services Programs require registration. Registration for Dec and Jan programs opens Monday, Nov 29. To register, visit the Library's online calendar or call (847) 382-1300.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS will be in place for indoor and outdoor programs, including adjusted capacity and physical distancing. Indoors: masks are required at all times in programs for ages 2 and up, regardless of vaccination status. Outdoors: masks are encouraged for unvaccinated people ages 2 and up.

WINTER FUN AT THE LIBRARY



Button Making

Grade 3 – 8, caregivers welcome

Wednesday, Dec 8

3:30 PM OR 4:15 PM

Wednesday, Jan 26

3:30 PM OR 4:15 PM

Create your own buttons to show off on your lanyards. Meeting Room. Register.

Cozy Pajama Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Friday, Dec 10, 7 PM

Tuesday, Dec 28

9:30 AM OR 10:15 AM

Dress in your coziest PJs, grab your favorite stuffed friend (and grownup!), and cuddle up for relaxing stories, rhymes, and songs. Meeting Room. Register.

WeDo Together

PreK – Grade 2 w/caregiver

Saturday, Dec 11, 10:30 AM

Thursday, Jan 27, 5:30 PM

Kids team up with their adults to build and code a working LEGO robot! Meeting Room. Register.

Baby Rhyme Time

Ages 0 – 18 months w/caregiver

Tuesday, Dec 14, 9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Tuesday, Jan 11, 9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Bond with your baby as we share rhymes and songs to build early language skills. Meeting Room. Register.

Kindness Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Wednesday, Dec 15

9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Spread a little kindness with rhymes, stories, and songs. Meeting Room. Register.

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Family Story Time

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver

Tuesday, Dec 21

9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Wednesday, Jan 19

9:30 AM OR 10 AM

Children (with a favorite adult) enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement activities while building language and literacy skills. Meeting Room. Register.

Family Reading Night:

Cozy Tales

Grades K – 2 with families

Wednesday, Jan 12, 7 PM

Snuggle up by our pretend campfires for a night of storytelling. Feel free to dress in your PJs for maximum cozy vibes. Younger and older siblings welcome. Meeting Room. [Register](#).

Family Explorers: Bird Count

Grades K – 2 with families

Saturday, Jan 22, 10:30 AM

Join us in reading *Bird Count* by Susan Edwards Richmond (illustrated by Stefanie Fizer Coleman), and exploring more about birds. Then, as a family, build a bird feeder and do your own bird count. Younger and older siblings welcome. Meeting Room. [Register](#) each child and adult.

Little Kids, Big Feelings

Ages 3 – 6 w/caregiver

Tuesday, Jan 25, 10:30 AM

Mister Rogers often said that anything mentionable is manageable. Join us as we create a space to talk about all feelings, big and small, through books, songs, and mindfulness exercises. Meeting Room. [Register](#).



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS ON YOUTUBE

Tune into our YouTube Channel for on-demand story times, rhymes, songs, and puppet shows! Find us at: youtube.com/YSAtBALibrary

All-Ages Story Time

A new, on-demand YouTube story time video every Monday! Stories, songs, and rhymes you can enjoy every day to help your child build confidence, comprehension, and early literacy skills.

Story Time Shorts

Tune into our YouTube Channel for quick rhymes, songs, and movement activities, then follow along at home! New videos added throughout the month.

Puppet Shows

Video puppet performances by the BALibrary Librarians, adapted from some of our favorite picture books.

Dec 14: Time to Sleep

Jan 18: Everybody Says Meow



BLOG!

Read. Play. Make. Grow.

Visit the Youth Services Blog for more activities and book recommendations:
balibrary.org/ys-blog

TAKE-AND-MAKE KITS

Available Dec 20 - Jan 14

Each kit contains materials for a craft or project kids can do at home (with caregiver supervision). Register online and then stop by BALibrary to pick up your kit by Jan 14. Kits not picked up will be available on a first come, first served basis beginning Jan 15.

Toddler/Pre-K: DIY Paint Brushes

Turn some common items and clothespins into paint brushes to see what you can create.

Grades K – 2: Pour Painting

Drip, drop, pour, and spread paint to create a unique work of art.

Grades 3 – 8: DIY Calendar

Put your personal touch on this monthly calendar and use it to keep track of important events throughout the year.

Bonus! All Ages: Maker Challenge Kit

Drop in to grab a mystery bag of supplies and see what you can create. These Bonus! Take-And Make Kits will be available on a first come, first served basis, beginning Dec 20, and while supplies last.



COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY



Buying & Selling Online

Monday, Dec 6, 6 PM

Learn how to buy and sell items as well as how to stay safe and avoid scams while using sites like Craigslist, eBay, and Facebook Marketplace. [Register](#). Virtual.

Photo Slideshow with Canva

Tuesday, Dec 7, 6 PM

Use free, web-based software Canva to create a photo slideshow. Learn to import photos, then add text, animations, and effects. [Register](#). In person or virtual.

If you register to attend virtually, a pre-recorded video will be emailed to you on Dec 7.



Introduction to Podcasting

Thursday, Dec 16, 6 PM

Discover the tools you need to start your own podcast, like recording software and necessary equipment. Then learn how to distribute your content. [Register](#). Virtual.



iPad Basics

Thursday, Jan 6, 1:30 PM

Learn the basic functionality of the iPad. Explore settings, app management, using email, and browsing the internet with Safari. Intended for beginners. [Register](#). Virtual.

Windows 10 Basics

Monday, Jan 10, 1:30 PM

Learn the basic functionality of the Windows 10 operating system. Navigate the most popular features: settings, file explorer, the desktop, taskbar, and applications. [Register](#). Virtual.

Mac Computer Basics

Wednesday, Jan 12, 1:30 PM

Learn the basic functionality of the Mac operating system. Navigate the most popular features: system preferences, finder, the dock, and native Apple apps. [Register](#). Virtual.

DIY Button Craft

Tuesday, Jan 18, 6 PM

Design your own 2" circular buttons using the MakerLab's button maker. Come with your images on a USB drive or design a button at the program. [Register](#). In person or virtual.

If you register to attend virtually, a pre-recorded video will be emailed to you on Jan 18.

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Library Closings

Friday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve

Saturday, Dec 25, Christmas Day

Friday, Dec 31, New Year's Eve

Saturday, Jan 1, New Year's Day

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TAKE, MAKE, AND BE MERRY

Happy Holiday Mail Take-And-Make

Dec 1 – 8, 9 AM

*In collaboration with Billet-Doux
Stationery & Invitations*

Create festive cards and spread holiday cheer to local homebound residents. Return completed cards to the Library by Dec 15 and we'll take care of distributing them. Kit includes materials; provide your own glue and scissors. [Register](#).



Family Heirloom Ornament Take-And-Make

Dec 10 – 17, 9 AM

Gather the family to share stories while creating an ornament for someone special. The felt and wood slice materials, plus accessories, will add a heartfelt touch to your home for years to come. [Register](#).

Wellness Take & Make Kit Dec 7 – 11, 9 AM

Treat yourself to some down time during the holidays with mindful coloring. Take-And-Make Kit includes coloring book and colored pencils. [Register](#).



SECOND FRIDAYS

Second Fridays Presents: Luciano Antonio

Friday, Dec 10, 7 PM

Brazilian guitarist Luciano Antonio plays a selection of original arrangements, ranging from bossa nova to jazz to samba. [Register](#). Virtual.



Second Fridays Presents: Hot 'n' Cole

Friday, Jan 14, 7 PM

Nostalgia Entertainment performs beloved classics like *Begin The Beguine* and *Let's Do It*, while sharing biographical and musical information that will deepen your appreciation for Porter's genius. [Register](#). Virtual.



REGISTER

to be emailed a link to join virtual programs. Programs can be accessed from computer, tablet, or mobile phone. First-time participants may need to download and install free software. We recommend joining a few minutes early.

COOKS WITH BOOKS

Holidays With The Garlands

Tuesday, Dec 14, 2 PM

Chef Glen Zamet from The Garlands inspires your seasonal menu with Sea Scallops and Wild Mushroom Risotto. [Register](#). Virtual.

Pastry With Jessica Ellington

Tuesday, Jan 11, 2 PM

Indulge your sweet tooth with chef Jessica Ellington as she prepares pastry recipes that are sure to delight you all year long! [Register](#). Virtual.



LIT @ HOME

Join Adult Services Librarians to discuss popular titles in a social book club for adults. Virtual.

New: join us for LIT and receive a fun bag of bookish swag! While supplies last. BALibrary cardholders have priority registration. Register for full details.

Book Potluck

Monday, Dec 13, 7 PM

Bring two books to talk about: one you love, and one you hate. Bonus points if it's a book you feel like you *should* love. [Register](#).

The Guncle by Steven Rowley

Monday, Jan 10, 7 PM

When Patrick suddenly has to take on emergency guardianship of his niece and nephew, the three come together to grieve and find a way forward with humor and heart. [Register](#).



BOOK DISCUSSIONS WITH LANNY ORI

Professional book discussion leader Lanny Ori leads thought-provoking discussions of notable titles. [Register](#). Meeting Room. Masks are required for indoor program attendees, regardless of vaccination status.

The Library Book by Susan Orlean

Thursday, Jan 20, 2 PM

On April 29, 1986, a fire destroyed hundreds of thousands of books at the Los Angeles Public Library. More than thirty years later, Orlean investigated the fire to try to determine if the cause was arson.



ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Library Resources for Job Seekers

**Thursday, Dec 9, 12 PM OR
Monday, Jan 10, 1 PM**

In collaboration with Barrington Career Center
Curious about insider tips and tricks to accelerate your job search? Library resources can help, from writing resumes to finding target companies in your area. [Register](#). Virtual.



BrainSavers Game!

Thursday, Jan 13, 3 PM

Play fun, interactive brain games with presenter Brian Reynolds to help keep your memory sharp. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

QPR Suicide Prevention Training Wednesday, Jan 19, 7 PM

In collaboration with BStrong Together
Just as CPR gives you the tools to help in an emergency, QPR will teach you what to do when you're concerned that someone is contemplating suicide. [Register](#). Virtual.



Singing Bowl Meditation Workshop

Thursday, Jan 20, 7 PM

Curl up and let the stress melt away during this Singing Bowl Meditation workshop with presenter Andrea Cortez. [Register](#). Virtual.

Planning Your Own End Game Thursday, Jan 20, 11 AM

In collaboration with Bacoa
What are your final wishes? Deb Kobak of the Neptune Society will discuss the benefits of pre-planning, traditional services vs. cremations and the costs involved, as well as Veteran's benefits. Most important: communicating your desires to loved ones so your wishes are respected. [Register](#). Meeting Room.

Annual Legacy Check-Up: Wills, Trusts and More

Thursday, Jan 27, 3:30 PM

In collaboration with Bacoa
Start your new year out right by giving yourself and your loved ones peace of mind. Attorneys Linda Fine and Caroline Hecht of Buckley Fine Law explore how to perform an annual check-up on important documents such as advance directives, power of attorney, Five Wishes, trusts, wills, and more. [Register](#). Meeting Room.



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Library Closing:
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Dec 24 & 25, 2021
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WELCOME BACK, SEED LIBRARY!

Stop by on Tuesday, Feb 1, beginning at 9 AM, to see what we're offering in the Seed Library this season. Master Gardener experts will be on hand that day to answer questions and share seed starting tips. Learn how to create a custom plant stake with the laser cutter, and pick up Take-And-Make Kits for kids and adults. While supplies last. Seeds are organic and non-GMO.

