

CONNECTIONS

Bellaire Public Library Quarterly Newsletter

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The mission of the Bellaire Public Library is to serve people of all ages by actively providing easily accessible information, materials, services, and programs designed to meet the community's evolving educational, recreational, cultural, and informational needs.

Library Winter Hours

Tuesday through Friday

9am-5pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

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Meets 3rd Friday of the month, 10am

From the Desk of Cindi Place, Director

I read a funny meme the other day, describing winter in Michigan as "reaching the time of year where we simply go straight home and stay there." The thought of staying home, enjoying a good book and a cuppa is my idea of heaven!

BPL is committed to offering collections which meet the "educational, recreational, cultural, and informational needs" of our patrons and our community. To that end, be watching for a short survey in which we are asking YOU, our library users, about what types of collections, programs, and services you would like to see BPL have available for you. We plan to send out the survey in the next few months as a mass mailing to all community members (whether or not you are patrons), in the next few months. This survey will be available online or in-person (paper form). We really hope the Bellaire Community responds to our survey so we can make plans for a very exciting future here at BPL!

We have a few programs re-starting this winter and a few new programs as well. Check out this newsletter as well as our website at www.bellairerlibrary.org or our Facebook (Bellaire Public Library) for upcoming programs and more. Or stop by the library for a chat!



Special events in WINTER 2022-23

A Visit with Santa, a scavenger hunt, and a movie!

Join us on Saturday, December 10th beginning at 10am for a visit with Santa! The Big Guy will be here until 12 noon to listen to special requests, have pictures taken (on your own), and more! There will also be a Polar Express scavenger hunt activity. Then at 12 noon, we will watch the movie "The Polar Express" and munch on treats! Free events and no registration is required.

History Hounds on the Big Screen

Every third Thursday of each month at 6pm the Bellaire Public Library and the Bellaire Area Historical Society are presenting "History Hounds on the Big Screen". Upcoming presentation topics will be:

December 15th - From Alcona to Wexford: Naming Michigan's Post Statehood Counties. Very interesting bits of Michigan History. Some are just plain made up words.

January 19th - Ambitious Honor: Custer's Life of Service & Lust for Fame. This is a look at the controversial General from a historian who has much good to say about him. Did you know he was a best selling author who was poised to go on a lecture tour on par with Twain's. He was to be in similar venues and receive similar fees as Twain and Buffalo Bill.

February 16th - From Aladdin to Sears: A history of America's Kit Houses. This seems to be a very American endeavor. You would pick your house from a catalog and it would be delivered by rail to your town. Everything you needed to build a house.

There will be time for discussion following each presentation. Join us!!!

Leap Into Science

Interested in science? Enjoy doing experiments? Then "Leap Into Science" is for you! Ages 5-12, February 25th, March 25th, and April 22nd, at 10am join Miss Jessi as we explore "Light & Shadow", "Wind", and "Balance". Lots of hands-on experiments and fun. Class size is limited, registration required either online at www.bellairelibrary.org. Choose the calendar and click on the date February 25, 2023, then register; or call us at 231-533-8814 and we can make a reservation for you.

Crafternoons Return in January!

Crafternoons will return on the 4th Thursday of each month beginning January 26th, 4-5pm. Registration is required either online at www.bellairelibrary.org. Choose the calendar, then January 26th, then register, or you can call the library 231-533-8814. January's class will be making beads from paper.

Winter 2022-23 MONTHLY events at BPL

(Links or registration for programs are available on our website www.bellairelibrary.org, look for the Calendar, pick the event date, and register.)

Daily: Friends of Bellaire Library used book sale room is open daily!

Tuesdays: 10am, Storytime with Miss Diane.

Tech Tuesdays with Gabe - 11am-2pm, bring in all your technology questions

Tuesdays, 2pm: Computer Class with Gabe, call for weekly topic

2nd Wednesday each month, 6:30pm: Page Turners Book Club

Last Tuesday each month, 2pm: Last Tuesday Book Club (easy to remember, right?)

Friday, November 18th through Friday, December 2nd: Friends of the Library Silent Auction event, takes place online: charityauction.bid/BPL2022. Won items can be paid for and picked up at the library beginning Tuesday, December 6th at 9am.

Saturday, December 3rd, 10am: bread making class: jalapeno cheddar loaf, pre-registration required.

Saturday, December 10th, 10am-12 noon: visit from Santa and Polar Express Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, December 10th, 12 noon: "The Polar Express" movie

Thursday, December 15th, 6pm: "History Hounds on the Big Screen".

Saturday, December 17th, 10am: Kids Coding Club, registration requested.

Friday, December 16th, 10am, Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Saturday, December 24th and Sunday, December 25th: Library is closed for the holiday break

Saturday, January 14th, 10am: Kids Coding Club, registration requested.

Thursday, January 19th, 6pm: "History Hounds on the Big Screen".

Thursday, January 26th, 4pm: Crafternoon, ages 16+. registration required.

Saturday, February 11th, 10am: Kids Coding Club, registration requested.

Thursday, February 16th, 6pm: "History Hounds on the Big Screen".

Thursday, February 23rd, 4pm: Crafternoon, ages 16+. registration required.

Saturday, February 25th, 10am: Leap Into Science, ages 5-14

Check our Facebook page (Bellaire Public Library), and our website www.bellairelibrary.org for any additional programs. As always we welcome ideas, concerns, and input for new programming. Contact us at 231-533-8814 or email bellairelibrary@gmail.com.

Coming to BPL in SPRING 2023

Bellaire Reads

BPL will once again sponsor a multi-generational "Bellaire Reads" starting in April 2023. At this time we are looking for suggestions for a book title. Ideally, the book will be of interest to all ages and a story which families will enjoy reading together. Special book discussions and other events will be schedule in April and May for this program. **Anyone interested in helping us choose a book, please contact the library.** We would like to begin reading the suggested titles in January, so a selection can be made and books ordered by April. Last year we read the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio which was enjoyed by all!

Celebrating our Volunteers!

BPL is hoping to once again invite all our Friends and volunteers to a special celebration at the library this Spring. As long as pandemic restrictions remain low, we are hoping to invite everyone to a special event to thank our Friends, patrons, and supporters as well as update our community on upcoming plans and events.

As soon as we have a date, we will let everyone know.



BECOME A FRIEND!

The Friends of Bellaire Public Library are an incredibly dedicated group of volunteers who work with BPL Staff to fund, implement, and organize all the programming provided by BPL throughout the year. FOL are currently looking for volunteers to help with the used book sale room, hospitality, and fundraising. For more information, or to join the Friends, go to <https://www.bellairelibrary.org/news-events/friends-of-the-library> or call the library at 231-533-8814. The yearly membership fee ranges from \$10 for an individual membership up to \$100 for a Super Friend membership.

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