

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS



Music and Movement Story Time
Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
 Develop early literacy skills with music, dancing, singing, and stories. Ages 2-6.



Preschool Story Time
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.
 Stories, songs, and fun with a new theme each week. Ages 2-6.



Baby Play Date
Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
 Connect with other parents and your baby with simple songs and stories. Ages 0-2.



Toddler Yoga
Fridays, 10:00 a.m.
 Join staff from Stateline YMCA for stretching, songs, and fun. Ages 0-5.

PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL AGE KIDS

"When I Grow Up..."
Story Time with PBS KIDS
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 • **Jan. 13:** City Council President (Regina Dunkin)
 • **Feb. 10:** Culinary Arts Instructor (Chef Hakim from Blackhawk Technical College)

Learn about careers in this story time featuring experts from the field. Hear stories, participate in hands-on activities, and ask the expert questions. Free book and lunch, while supplies last.

LEGO Club
Second Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12
 Build as a team or work on your own creation. Be sure to bring a camera to capture your creation! Each month will bring a new build challenge. Ages 5-12.



Tween Time Finger Knitting
Saturday, January 20, 2024, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 Learn to knit using just your fingers and some yarn, and impress your family and friends with your new skill. All materials provided, while supplies last. Ages 9-13.



Tween/Teen Movie Night: Elf
Thursday, Dec. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 Calling all teens, tweens, and cotton-headed ninny muggins alike! Kick off the holidays by watching the hilarious *Elf* movie (rated PG). Popcorn, hot chocolate, and select activities will be provided, while supplies last.



BookQuesters Adventures
 Ages 7-12, especially 4th and 5th graders. Sponsored by the family of Judith H. Adams.

Movie Day
Thursday, Dec. 28, 12:30-5:00 p.m.
 Watch *Hugo* and *Holes* while eating spoosh and enjoying book/movie-related activities. We will give away a copy of each movie.

Posted
Saturday, Feb. 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 Explore John David Anderson's book, *Posted*, a humorous story about bullying, broken friendships, social media, and the failures of communication between kids, then get creative with Post-It notes.



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Hours

Monday-Thursday
 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday
 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Our outside book drop, free Wi-Fi, and digital resources are always available!

Library Director

Nick Dimassis (608) 364-2917

Friends at Beloit Library (FABL)

FABL provides support to the library through the sale of donated books. New volunteer members are always welcome, as are donations of gently used books.

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Children

Children 8 and younger should be accompanied by an adult or caregiver age 12 or older.

Accessibility

The library is wheelchair accessible and offers many assistive devices including an electric scooter, walkers, magnifiers, Hearing Loops, and a computer with features to assist persons with sight challenges. Ask any staff member about these and other assistive devices.

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WINTER '23-'24 PROGRAM GUIDE

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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Holidays, Traditions, and Memorials in Beloit Open House

All December Long
 Join us for an open house where you can witness the various holidays, traditions, and memorials that are celebrated during the winter right here in the Beloit area. See how others in our community celebrate such holidays as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, and Las Posadas.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS/TEENS

DIY Stampstastic Jewelry

Thursday, Dec. 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 Are you in need of a simple but elegant gift for the holidays? Join local stamp collector Bobbi Sampson and make your own postage stamp necklace or earrings. Learn a little about the history of postage stamps and how to create something beautiful and unique for that special someone. Adults and teens.

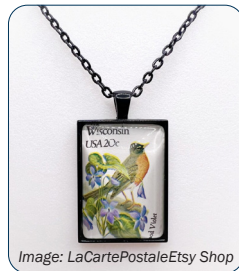
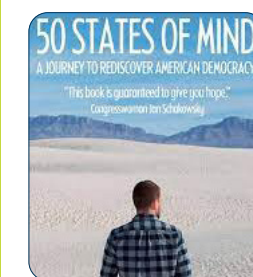


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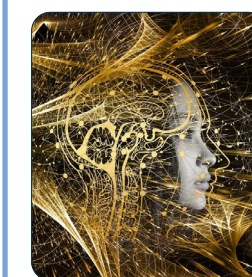
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50 States of Mind

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 Presenter Ryan Bernsten details the 23,000-mile journey through all 50 states that he undertook on a quest to answer the question: Is America as divided as it seems? His book *50 States of Mind: A Journey to Rediscover American Democracy* is a work of travel nonfiction in the style of Alexis de Tocqueville that takes readers on a long and winding journey through all 50 states to explore the complexities of today's America.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



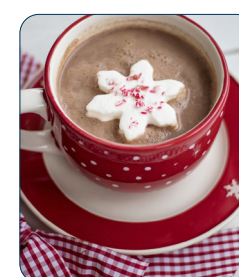
The Impact of Artificial Intelligence

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Seasoned Data Scientist and Machine Learning Professional Dr. Bill Mathis will discuss the impact that Artificial Intelligence (AI) could have on business, our personal lives, and the future of education. This is not meant to be a technical discussion, but to provide a fundamental review of its impact in our daily lives.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Winterfest Games and Hot Chocolate Bar

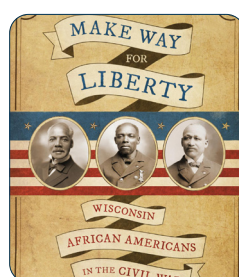
Saturday, Jan. 27, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
 Beat the winter blues with the city's Winterfest - a full weekend of winter activities. Enjoy games at BPL while and cozying up with free hot chocolate and all the fixings. Ages 2-10.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

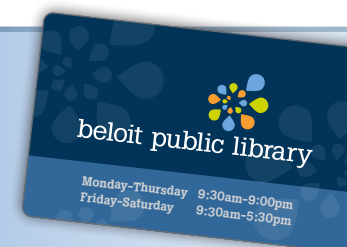
Make Way for Liberty: Wisconsin African Americans in the Civil War

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 Join us as we learn about Rock County African American soldiers and veterans during the Civil War. Author and speaker Jeff Kannel will have books available for purchase after the program.



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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Family Game Day

Thursday, Feb. 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 Ever wanted to shrink into your favorite board games growing up? Now you can enjoy them in life-size scale - no shrinking required! Join us for an evening of LIFE-SIZE Clue and Candyland, as well as regular size board games, all while enjoying drinks and snacks.



BILINGUAL PROGRAMS

Spanish Fluency Club for Beginners
Wednesdays and 2nd & 4th Saturdays,
2:00-4:00 p.m.

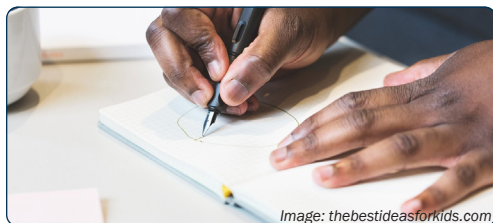
Learn conversational Spanish and appreciate Mexican culture in our new Spanish Fluency Club for Beginners, led by Andero Anderson. Special days will include food. Fluent English and/or Spanish speakers are invited.



La Posada
Saturday, Dec. 9, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the traditional Mexican La Posada holiday with our friends from La Preferida de Beloit. Enjoy folk dancing from "Grupo Folclórico Sangre Mexicana de Beloit," activities, and delicious candies, tamales, and atole.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



Off to a Flying Sketch:
Drawing Lessons for Beginners
Saturday, Dec. 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Learn from local artist John Martin about different drawing techniques including hatching, cross-hatching, stump blending, eraser rendering, random lines, stippling, and color.

Family Craft Night
5:30-6:30 p.m.

- Dec. 12: Light-Up Circuit Holiday Cards
- Jan. 23: Salt and Watercolor Snowflake Art
- Feb. 7: Winter Sowing

No planning, no preparing, and no clean-up... just fun! We provide the supplies and the ideas; just bring yourselves! All ages.

Gaming Club

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Bring your own Yu-Gi-Oh or gaming cards. Try out our gaming card with XBOX and PS4 games. Ages 12+.

Saturday Morning Chess Club
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join us for a game of chess, learn the basics, or watch others. All skill levels are welcome. Ages 5+.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Third Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Jan. 17, Feb. 21

Calling all teens! Help us make decisions on fun teen programming...and eat free pizza! Earn volunteer hours just by meeting with us once a month!



Tween/Teen Movie Night
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Dec. 7: *Elf*
- Jan. 18: *Guardians of the Galaxy: Volume 3*
- Feb. 22: *Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse*

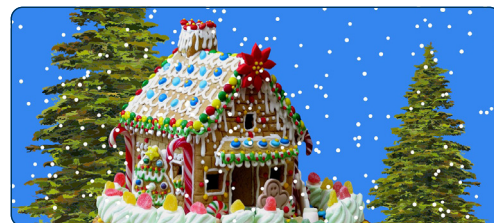
Join us for this monthly film series featuring iconic throwback films made for teens. Free refreshments.



Teen Pride Book Club
Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

- Dec. 18: *Going Bicoastal* by Dahlia Adler
- Jan. 15: *Like a Love Story* by Abdi Nazemian
- Feb. 19: *It Goes Like This* by Miel Moreland

Bring your own snacks as we sit with Yellow Brick Road members and discuss the monthly LGBTQIA+ book! Discussion questions will be provided along with a moment for reflection. For ages 13+.



Teen DIY: Advanced Gingerbread House Decorating

Thursday, Dec. 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Show off your house decorating skills in a festive and delicious way! First come, first serve. All materials provided, while they last.



Women in STEM Event

Friday, Dec. 29, 3:00-7:00 p.m.

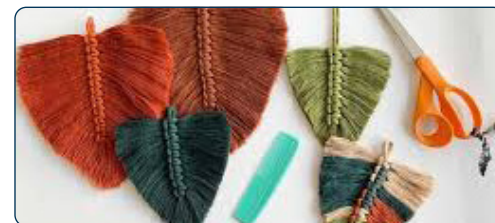
Join Turtle Tek for an exciting opportunity for females in grades 6-12 to talk with various women in STEM fields and participate in hands-on activities. Guest speakers will represent such companies as Fairbanks Morse Defense, Kerry, and SHINE Technologies. A meal will be provided. Registration is required.



College Goal Wisconsin

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Get help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at this official College Goal Wisconsin event. Financial aid professionals and other educators will be on hand to help. For college-bound young adults and their parents.



Teen DIY: Winter Macrame Art

Thursday, Jan. 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn how to make a Boho-chic macrame to hang in your room and be the talk of all your friends. Better yet, bring them along! All materials are provided, while they last.



Teen DIY: Advanced Candy Sushi Making

Thursday, Feb. 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Want to learn about the art of sushi, but not a fan of the traditional? Try the sugary alternative! Roll up your favorite candies with friends. Have an allergy? Let us know. All materials are provided, while they last.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Knitting in the Round: Let's Make a Hat!
Jan. 18 & 25, Feb. 1 & 8, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Local knitter Carol Lisensky will teach this four-part intermediate knitting class for those interested in learning how to knit a hat. Participants should already know how to knit, purl, and cast on. Space is limited, and registration is required.



Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club
Every Tuesday, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Bring your own knitting or crocheting project, and hang out with other yarn crafters for inspiration, conversation, and collaboration.

Tech Tuesdays

Every Tuesday, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Bring your device and drop in for expert assistance with your devices and software with our one-on-one technology support. Our staff also can help you learn to use library apps, resources, and more!

Stateline Night Writers via Zoom

Every Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Meet other writers for hints, tips, suggestions, and encouragement. If you'd like to join, email Jerry at jerrypetersonbooks@gmail.com.



Kombucha Class

Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Learn what Kombucha is, where it came from, why it's good for you ... AND how to make it at home for a fraction of the store-bought price. The first 10 to register will take home a starter kit including tea and SCOBY plus a 1-gallon brewing jar.

4th Wednesday Book Discussion

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

- Dec. 27: *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka
- Jan. 24: *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger
- Feb. 28: *Stand Your Ground* by Victoria Christopher Murray

Read the book and join us for a healthy discussion around the fireplace in the library's Riverside Room.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

1:00-6:00 p.m.

Dec. 12, Feb. 26

Save a life; donate blood. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Ages 18+.

MOVIES



Black Cinema Series

Third Mondays, 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 18: *Black Nativity*

Jan. 15: *Get on Up*

Feb. 19: *Loving*

This new monthly film series

features iconic Black films. Free refreshments. Drawing for free movie.



Rainbow Movie Series

First Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 5: *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret*

Jan. 2: TBD

Feb. 6: *A Man Called Otto*

Join us for this monthly film series featuring an LGBTQ+ friendly film. Co-hosted with Yellow Brick Road Organization. Free refreshments. Drawing for free movie.



FABL Film Series

First Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 6: *Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning Part 1*

Jan. 3: *About My Father*

Feb. 7: *Love Again*

Join us for this monthly film series featuring a new release sponsored by our Friends. Free refreshments. Drawing for free movie.



Classic Film Series

Third Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 20: *We're No Angels*

Jan. 17: *Harvey*

Feb. 21: *40 Pounds of Trouble*

Join us for this monthly film series. Free refreshments. Drawing for free movie.

Hear from local leaders to learn how much their agency receives in property taxes and how they use those funds. The first 25 to register for each session receive a **FREE LUNCH**, courtesy of Stateline Community Foundation.

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NOVEMBER 15, 2023:

City of Beloit

Eric Miller, Finance and Administrative Services Director

DECEMBER 21, 2023:

Blackhawk Technical College

Jim Nemeth, Vice President for Finance and Operations

JANUARY 17, 2024:

Rock County

Sherry Oja, Finance Director

FEBRUARY 7, 2024:

Overview of State School Funding

Jason Stein, Wisconsin Policy Forum

FEBRUARY 21, 2024:

School District of Beloit

Robert Chady, Executive Director of Business Services

MARCH 20, 2024:

School District of Beloit Turner

Brad Boll, Director of Business Services

All Presentations are held 12:00-1:00 p.m. at Beloit Public Library