

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS



Music and Movement Story Time
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Develop early literacy skills with music, dancing, singing, and stories. Ages 2-6.

Preschool Story Time
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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.

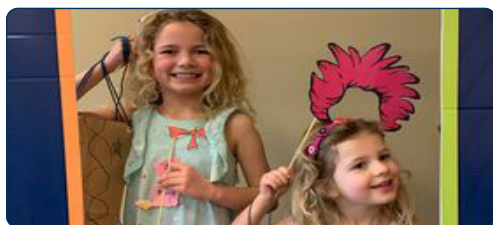


Special Music and Movement Story Time with Fred & Friends
Monday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.
A library favorite returns for a special, musical story time! Fred & Friends is an interactive, kids' music show with original songs (parent-friendly!) and puppets. Sing and dance along to their silly songs and amusing antics! Ages 2-6.

PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL AGE KIDS



"When I Grow Up..." Story Time with PBS KIDS
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Mar. 9: *Interior Designer* (Adrienne Tracy)
Apr. 13: *Welder* (Joseph Kluge)
May 4: *Electrician* (Bob Johnson)
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, while supplies last.



Celebrate Seuss
Saturday, Mar. 2, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Join us for some classic Seuss stories, crafts, and green eggs and ham on Dr. Seuss's birthday! Ages 12 and under.

LEGO Club
Second Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13
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.



BookQuest Competition
Friday, Apr. 12, 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
Cheer for your favorite Beloit-area school as 4th and 5th graders team up to win this fun competition. This event is possible thanks to the Judith H. Adams Family Fund.

Best Children's Books of 2023
Saturday, Apr. 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Explore the captivating world of award-winning books from 2023, as you listen and discover why they claimed top honors. Plus, unleash your creativity with a fun book-related craft activity to enjoy at the end of the session! Ages 4-12.



Lyla in the Loop PBS Screening
Thursday, May 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Join us at the library for a double feature of the latest PBS KIDS series, "Lyla in the Loop"! We'll have tasty snacks and engaging activities to keep kids aged 4-8 entertained in between the episodes. Don't miss out!



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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.
(608) 364-5770
friendsatbeloitlibrary@gmail.com

Beloit Public Library Foundation
Our Foundation maintains an endowment to provide funding for special projects. Make your tax-deductible donation today.
(608) 364-5774
lingalls@beloitlibrary.org

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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www.beloitlibrary.org



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EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

FABL Warehouse Book Sale
Thursday, Mar. 21, 1:00-6:00 p.m.
Friday, Mar. 22, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 23, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Stock your home library at our semi-annual used book sale featuring thousands of gently used books, movies, music, and more. Choose from a large variety of genres, from non-fiction to popular fiction. Hardcover books are \$.50 each. Paperbacks, media, and all children's books are \$.25 each. On Saturday, fill a paper sack with books for just \$1.00. Bags provided. Proceeds are returned to the library for special programming and initiatives.

EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

Welty Presents
Fleeting Beauty: Spring Wildflowers
Saturday, Mar. 30, 2:00-3:00 p.m.



There is a magical time in spring when it is warm enough for plants to grow, but early enough that the leaves are not large enough to shade the forest floor. This is a time for wildflowers. We will explore to find as many of our native species as we can, learn to identify them, and match the pollinator to its favorite bloom. All ages.

EARLY LITERACY EVENTS

Bilingual Children's Day Story Time
Tuesday, Apr. 30, 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Delve into the fascinating world of El Día Del Niño (Children's Day) in this bilingual story time hosted by Maria Elena White of La Voz de Beloit. Presented in both English and Spanish, this story time provides an opportunity for families to immerse themselves in the traditions and language of another culture. Ages 0-5.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Family History Techniques for Beginners and Experienced Genealogists Part 1
Thursday, Mar. 28, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Discover your family history through practical exercises and examples, using both basic and advanced genealogy research methods. Learn to search physical and online archives, gather evidence, organize your genealogy, use timelines and "FAN" clubs, analyze records, and uncover missing clues based on your existing knowledge.

Each of the classes in this three-part series can be taken individually or as a part of the series.

EVENTS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

Kids and Community Festival
Saturday, Apr. 20, 12:00-2:00 p.m.



Celebrate all of the fun ways we learn in our community with a variety of hands-on activity booths hosted by local organizations. Interact with therapy dogs from SWCT Dog Association, control a robot with First Robotics, draw with John Martin, and so much more. Free refreshments provided by Dwelling Angels. For kids and families.

EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

Off to a Flying Sketch: Drawing Lessons for Beginners
Saturday, May 4, 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, and stippling. Materials are provided, while they last. All ages and abilities are welcome.

Don't have a library card?
GET YOURS TODAY!

beloit public library
Monday-Thursday 9:30am-9:00pm
Friday-Saturday 9:30am-5:30pm

Library cards are FREE for residents. Bring a photo ID and proof of address, and we'll send you home with a shiny new card that opens a world of opportunity.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

MONDAYS

Music and Movement Story Time
10:00 a.m.
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TUESDAYS

Tech Tuesdays
3:00-6:00 p.m.
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!

Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club
6:00-8:30 p.m.
Bring a project, and hang out with other yarn crafters for inspiration, conversation, and collaboration.

WEDNESDAYS

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

Spanish Fluency Club for Beginners
5:00-8:00 p.m.
Learn conversational Spanish and appreciate Mexican culture in our new Spanish Fluency Club for Beginners.

Gaming Club
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Use our Switch or Wii consoles, or connect your own. Tables are available for card and board games. Ages 12+.

THURSDAYS

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

Dungeons & Dragons
6:00-8:30 p.m.
No advanced knowledge of the game is required. Characters will be offered to you at each session, or you can bring your own created characters. Every week is a different short adventure! Ages 8+.

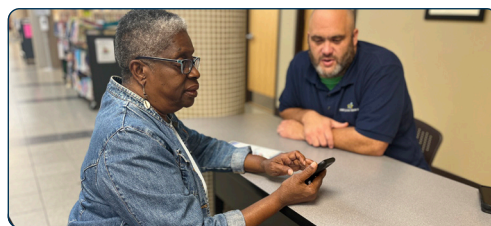
FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

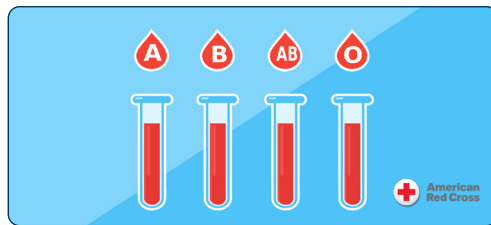
Saturday Morning Chess Club
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Join us for a game of chess, learn the basics, or watch others. All skill levels are welcome. Ages 5+.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



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Every Tuesday, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
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Bring your own knitting or crocheting project, and hang out with other yarn crafters for inspiration, conversation, and collaboration.



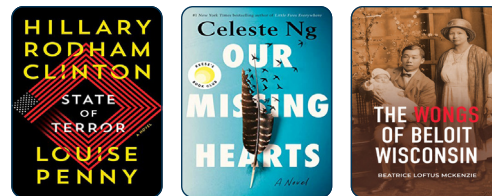
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Monday, Apr. 29, 1:00-6:00 p.m.
Save a life; donate blood. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



Family Craft Night
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Apr. 4: Mushroom Craft
May 9: Decoupage Tin Can Planters
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.
Connect with others in friendly competition. Use our Switch or Wii consoles, or connect your own to our gaming cart. Tables are available for those who want to bring card games like *Magic: The Gathering*. Ages 12+.



4th Wednesday Book Discussion
Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Mar. 27: *State of Terror* by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny
Apr. 24: *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng
May 22: *The Wongs of Beloit, Wisconsin* by Beatrice McKenzie
Read the book and join us for a healthy discussion around the fireplace in the library's Riverside Room.



Kombucha 201 Class
Thursday, May 30, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Ready to take your kombucha home brewing to the next level? We'll start with continuous brewing and herbal tea kombucha, move on to flavor-infused kombucha vinegars and kombucha mocktails, and wrap up with using SCOBY in a variety of recipes. Extra SCOBYs will be available so you can start at home right away!

Dungeons & Dragons
Thursdays, 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Bring your friends, your creativity, and your adventurous spirit to our first Dungeons & Dragons series led by local Beloit Bob Peryea. No advanced knowledge of the game is required. Characters will be offered to you at each session, or you can bring your own created characters. Stop in when you can, as every week will be a different short adventure! Ages 8 and up.



Saturday Morning Chess Club
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Meet up with others 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.
Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15
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!



Teen Movie Night
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Mar. 21: *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*
Apr. 25: *It's Kind of a Funny Story*
May 23: *The Fault in Our Stars*
Join us for this monthly film series featuring iconic films made for teens. Free refreshments.



Teen Pride Book Club
Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Mar. 18: *Heavy Vinyl* by Carly Usdin
Apr. 15: *All That's Left in the World* by Erik J. Brown
May 20: *A Man's Skin* by Hubert Boulard
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 teens 13+.

BILINGUAL PROGRAMS



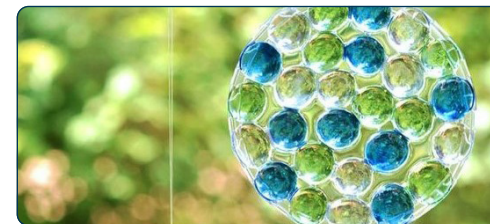
Spanish Fluency Club for Beginners
Wednesdays, 5:00-8:00 p.m. and
2nd & 4th Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Learn conversational Spanish and appreciate Mexican culture in our Spanish Fluency Club for Beginners, led by Andero Anderson. Fluent English and/or Spanish speakers are invited.



Teen DIY: Leprechaun Gardens
Thursday, Mar. 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
You've heard of fairy gardens. Well, leprechauns deserve a garden too! They are known to bring you good luck! Use your imagination. For teens.



Teen DIY: Upcycled Frame Decorating
Thursday, Apr. 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Customize your very own frame with a variety of upcycled art supplies. Frames and all supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own materials! For teens.

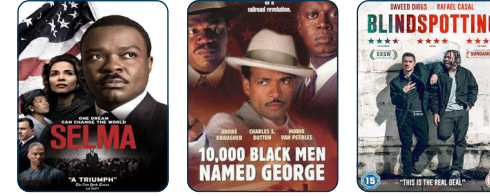


Teen DIY: Glass Bead Sun Catchers
Thursday, May 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Enjoy the colors of spring and summer with these vibrant and easy-to-make DIY sun catchers. For teens.



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MOVIES



Black Cinema Series
Third Mondays, 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 18: *Selma*
Apr. 15: *10,000 Black Men Named George*
May 20: *Blindspotting*
This new monthly film series features iconic Black films. Free refreshments. Drawing for free movie.



Rainbow Movie Series
First Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 5: *Milk*
Apr. 9: *All About My Mother**
May 7: *A Fantastic Woman*
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. *Note: Date change



FABL Film Series
First Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 6: *What Happens Later*
Apr. 3: *97 Minutes*
May 1: *Gran Turismo*
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.
Mar. 20: *Kiss Me, Stupid*
Apr. 17: *Avanti!*
May 15: *Mrs. Miniver*
This film series is hosted by local film buff Don Ferguson. Learn insider, behind-the-scenes gossip about the film before each showing. Free refreshments. Drawing for free movie.