

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN



Celebrate Seuss!
Saturday, March 8, 2:00-3:00 PM
 Enjoy some classic Dr. Seuss stories, plus crafts, activities, and a Seuss-y snack! Ages 12 and under.

LEGO® Club
Second Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM
March 10, April 14, May 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.

PBS Family Fun Night
Thursday, March 13, 4:30-6:00 PM
 Grab the family and join us as we watch PBS episodes, explore crafts and activities, and enjoy a tasty snack! This event is aimed at children ages 4-8 and their families.

Beginning Cartooning for Kids
Saturday, March 15, 2:00-3:00 PM
 Bring your inner artist and come prepared to learn the basics of how to make cartoons. Registration is required and will be open one month before the program. Ages 7-12.

Award-Winning Children's Books of 2024
Saturday, March 22, 2:00-3:00 PM
 Explore the captivating world of award-winning books from 2024 as you listen and discover why they claimed top honors. Among the prestigious awards are the Caldecott and Coretta Scott King. Plus, unleash your creativity with a fun book-related craft. Ages 4-12.

Earth Day Celebration and Community Festival
Saturday, April 26, 1:00-2:00 PM
 Listen to stories connected to Earth Day; learn how you can help protect our planet; meet Splash, the mascot for Protect Wisconsin Waterways; check out some cool displays; play fun games; and make a theme-related craft. All ages. This event is part of the Badgerland Learning Days.



EARLY LITERACY



Music and Movement Story Time
Mondays, 10:00-11:00 AM
 Develop early literacy skills with music, dancing, singing, and stories. Ages 2-6.

Preschool Story Time
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 AM
 Enjoy stories, songs, and fun with a new theme each week. Ages 2-6.

Baby Play Date
Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 AM
 Connect with other parents and your baby with simple songs and stories. Ages 0-2.

Toddler Yoga
Fridays, 10:00-11:00 AM
 Follow along as staff from Stateline YMCA lead stretching, songs, and fun. Ages 0-5.

Preschool Story Time: Evening Edition
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM
 This newer evening story time includes stories, songs, and fun with a new theme each week! Ages 2-6.



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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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Beloit Public Library Foundation

Our Foundation maintains an endowment to provide funding for special projects. Make your tax-deductible donation today.

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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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SPRING '25 EVENTS GUIDE

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ADULTS & TEENS

Seed Library Series: Starting NOW for Gardeners
Thursday, March 27, 6:30-8:00 PM
 April is THE month for starting cold-season vegetables outdoors and tender plants indoors. We'll talk you through all the possibilities and set you up with seeds to take home and get started! Kaelyb Lokrantz, Manager of the Merrill Community Sharing Garden, will share wisdom for starting your early planting.



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A Taste of the Farm: Around the Farm Table Live Cooking Presentation
Friday, March 28, 6:00-7:00 PM



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ALL AGES

FABL Warehouse Book Sale
Thursday, April 10—1:00-6:00 PM
Friday, April 11—10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Saturday, April 12—10:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Our Friends at Beloit Public Library (FABL) group hosts this great used book sale with basement bargain pricing! Paperback books are \$.25, and hardcovers are \$.50. Saturday is bag day with the price of each bag full of books at only \$1. Proceeds are returned to the library for special programming and initiatives.



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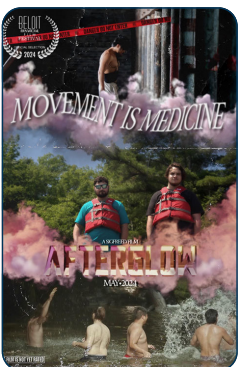
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Go Green/Save Green Mini-Expo
Saturday, April 26
Expo — 1:00-4:00 PM
Presentations — 2:00-4:00 PM
 Improve your energy efficiency through energy audits, air-sealing, high-efficiency furnaces, heat pumps, solar panels, water heaters, clothes dryers, induction stoves, lighting, and more. Specialists will guide you through options for saving money on these upgrades. Meet experts one-on-one in our exhibit space and hear presentations beginning at 2:00 PM.



ADULTS & TEENS

Afterglow: Film Screening and Director Talk
Thursday, May 29, 6:00-8:30 PM
 Watch *Afterglow* (PG-13), an 80-minute documentary feature about a group of parkour athletes who explore their shared history. Looking at how emotions and mindsets are challenged, the film explores themes of trauma and the youth experience of trying to find belonging. How do friendships shape us and what does it mean to grow up? Director Nathan Sill, an aspiring Beloit writer and filmmaker, will join us.



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



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.



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BookQuest Competition

Thursday, April 10, 12:00-2:00 PM
Watch Beloit-area students and scholars compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in this exciting 42nd Annual BookQuest Competition!

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Saturday Morning Chess Club

Every Saturday, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
All skill levels are welcome in this friendly drop-in program. Ages 5+.



ADULTS & TEENS

Introducing Beloit Public Library's Seed Library Series

We invite you to listen, learn, and (optionally) help us get early start seeds packaged and labeled for our Seed Library's April distribution. Get answers from experienced gardeners, find resources, and TAKE HOME SEEDS from this year's library before they're offered to the public. Beyond the seeds for starting now we'll have other limited quantity seed reserved just for program attendees, so show up to score some surprises! Adults and teens.



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Gardening in Small Spaces

Thursday, April 24, 6:30-8:00 PM
Think you don't have space for a garden? We can help you make the most of whatever space you have, even if it's just a balcony, windowsill, or a small patch of poor soil. Master Gardener Mary Kay Thompson will share tricks for growing not just herbs and flowers, but food crops in containers, including which plant varieties are best suited to small spaces and how to get the most out of them.



THE BPL SEED LIBRARY IS OPEN!

ADULTS

Get Cooking with LIBRARY CHEF!

On-demand cooking & wellness classes – Anytime, Anywhere!



Meet Chef "Teey" the Library Chef

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30-8:00 PM
We'll gather to explore the latest addition to our online resources — Library Chef — offering cooking lessons, recipes, and quick kitchen skills tutorials for adults of all levels. We'll watch a class, check out a couple of tutorials, distribute recipes, and taste a few things as well. Let's make cooking a joyous adventure, right here at your library!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, April 24, 1:00-6:00 PM
Save a life; donate blood. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

Senior Bingo

Every Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 AM
Connect and compete with other seniors in this weekly get-together in our cozy Riverside Room.

ADULTS & TEENS



4th Wednesday Book Club

4th Wednesdays, 6:00 PM
March 26: *The Golden Gate* by Amy Chua
April 23: *There, There* by Tommy Orange
May 28: *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt
Read the book and join us for a healthy discussion around the cozy fireplace in the library's Riverside Room.

Hooks & Needles Yarn Craft Club

Every Tuesday, 6:00-8:30 PM
Bring your own knitting or crocheting project, and hang out with other yarn crafters for inspiration, conversation, and collaboration.

Job Services Live Help Desk

Mondays – 12:30-4:30 PM
Tuesdays & Thursdays – 9:30 AM-4:30 PM
Job service staff from Department of Workforce Development provide application assistance, resume building, employment and training referrals, and help navigating Job Center of Wisconsin and unemployment websites. No appointment necessary.

TEENS/TWEENS



Teen Taste Test: Goldfish Crackers

Tuesday, March 18, 4:00-5:00 PM
Love to try new things? In this fun quarterly series, taste-test a variety of treat and snack flavors and vote on their favorites. Grades 6-12.

Teen Craft

Select Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM
March 25: Upcycled Tin Wallets
April 15: Spring Pot Painting
May 20: Paint Your Pet (bring a photo)
These craft sessions are made for teens! Make a craft and meet new friends. All materials provided, while supplies last. Grades 6-12.

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Tech Tuesday

Every Tuesday, 3:00-6:00 PM
Drop in for one-on-one assistance with learning how to use and understand your device. Our staff can help you learn to use library apps, resources, and more! PLEASE NOTE: Staff are not permitted to perform repairs.

Spanish Fluency Club for Beginners

Tuesdays, 5:00-7:00 PM
2nd and 4th Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 PM
Learn conversational Spanish and appreciate Mexican culture in this club led by Andero Anderson. Fluent English and/or Spanish speakers are invited.

Teen Anime Appreciation Club

First Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM
March 4, April 1, May 6
Meet fellow anime and manga lovers, watch parts of an anime series, and create an optional anime-related craft. All materials provided, while supplies last. Grades 6-12.

Teen Advisory Board

Select Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 PM
March 11, April 8, May 13
Earn an easy volunteer hour per month, share ideas with others, and help our teen space grow ... and make new friends while doing so! FREE PIZZA at the end of each meeting! Grades 6-12.

Gaming Club

Every Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 PM
Hang out for a fun evening full of video games. The library has a Nintendo Switch and Wii. Feel free to bring your own system or even a favorite card game to share with others.

MOVIES

Free refreshments are served at every movie.

TEEN

Teen Movie Night

3rd Thursdays, 4:00 PM

March 20: *The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes* (PG-13)

April 17: *Free Guy* (PG-13)

May 15: *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World* (PG-13)

Teens! Grab your friends and snacks and hang out at the library while we watch a movie. Grades 6-12.



FAITH

Faith Film Night

2nd Mondays, 6:00 PM

March 10: *Risen*

April 14: *When Do We Eat?*

May 12: *Summer, Fall, Winter ... and Spring*

This new film series features characters and movies of different faiths.



BLACK

Black Cinema Series

Mondays, 6:00 PM

March 24: *King Richard*

April 28: *The Woman King*

May 19: *Till*

This monthly film series features iconic Black films curated by members of the community. There will be a drawing for the movie at the end.



RAINBOW

Rainbow Movie Series

1st Tuesdays, 6:00 PM

March 4: *Carol*

April 1: *Knock at the Cabin*

May 6: *Kajillionaire*

This monthly film series features an LGBTQ+ friendly film.



FABL

FABL Film Series

1st Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

March 5: *Wicked*

April 2: *Alien: Romulus*

May 7: *A Real Pain*

This monthly film series features new releases. There will be a drawing for the movie after the showing.



CLASSIC

Classic Film Series

3rd Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

March 19: *Summer of '42*

April 16: *Goodbye Charlie*

May 21: *The Sting*

This popular monthly film series features classic films as they were intended to be seen — on a big screen and with an audience. Drawing for the movie after the showing.

