

## SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN



### LEGO® Club

**Second Mondays | 6:30-7:30 PM**  
**Sept. 8, Oct. 13., Nov. 10**

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.

### Preschool STEAM Lab

**Select Tuesdays | 10:00-11:00 AM**  
**Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 11**

Join us for a fun-filled program as we explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) through play! Each session we'll learn about a different topic through hands-on games and activities. Ages 3-6. Younger siblings are welcome, but the activities may be too difficult.

### Scout Robotics Workshop

**Thursday, Oct. 16 | 5:00-6:00 PM**  
**Grades 2-5: 5:00-6:00 PM**  
**Grades 6+: 5:30-7:00 PM**

Hosted by Turtle TEK, this workshop is for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts looking to earn their robotics badges or modular design adventure. Registration required.

### Playdough Palooza

**Monday, Nov. 3 | 2:00-3:00 PM**

Squish, roll, and create at this hands-on playdough adventure! Learn the simple science behind playdough, make your own batch to take home, and get creative with open-ended play. Fun for all ages.



## EARLY LITERACY



### Special Music & Movement Story Time with Firefighters

**Monday, Oct. 6 | 10:00-11:00 AM**

This special story time is a crowd favorite! Meet real-life firefighters from the City of Beloit's Fire Department, learn about fire safety, and climb inside a real fire truck! Ages 2-6.

### Pete the Cat Party

**Tuesday, Oct. 14 | 10:00-11:00 AM**

Hang out with everyone's favorite groovy blue cat for a morning of stories, crafts, and hands-on fun. From singing along to making cool creations, kids will step right into Pete's colorful world. Perfect for ages 3-6, but all are welcome.

### Halloween Preschool Story Time

**Wednesday, Oct. 29 | 10:00-11:00 AM**

Little ghouls and goblins, get ready for a spook-tacular story time! Enjoy not-so-scary stories, songs, and festive fun including a parade around the library. Perfect for ages 2-6. Costumes encouraged.

### 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

**Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 | 6:00-7:00 PM**

This evening story time includes stories, songs, and fun with a new theme each month! Ages 2-6.



beloit public library

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 (608) 364-2905

### 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](mailto:friendsatbeloitlibrary@gmail.com)

### 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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# FALL '25 EVENTS GUIDE

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## ALL AGES

### Drive-In Movie: A Minecraft Movie

**Friday, Sept. 26 | 7:15 PM**

Enjoy a big-screen outdoor film from your car or in a lawn chair! We're hosting A Minecraft Movie in the parking lot. Free food and drinks will be available while supplies last. Follow four misfits pulled into a strange, blocky world where imagination rules. To get home, they'll team up with an expert crafter on an epic quest.



## ALL AGES



### Wonderland Tea Party

**Saturday, Oct. 18 | 12:00-1:30 PM**

You're invited to a delightfully mad adventure at our Mad Hatter's Tea Party! Expect zany treats, curious games, and wacky fun. Come dressed as your favorite character or even a peculiar object. Registration required. Ages 6-18.

*(Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult who is also registered.)*

## ALL AGES

### Dia de los Muertos Celebration

**Saturday, Nov. 1 | 1:00-4:00 PM**

Celebrate this lively Mexican holiday rich on traditions that celebrates those who came before us. Enjoy activities, dances, food, and more. Presented by La Preferida.



## ADULTS & TEENS

### Dia de los Muertos Catrina Workshop

**Wednesday, Oct. 29 | 6:30-7:30 PM**

Lily Herbold teaches how to make Catrinas, a cultural symbol for the Day of the Dead. Materials provided, while supplies last.

## EARLY LITERACY

### Special Music & Movement Story Time with Firefighters

**Monday, Oct. 6 | 10:00-11:00 AM**

Meet firefighters from the Beloit Fire Department, learn about fire safety, and touch a real fire truck! Ages 2-6.

### Halloween Preschool Story Time

**Wednesday, Oct. 29 | 10:00-11:00 AM**

Join us for Halloween-themed stories, songs, and fun! Ages 2-6.



## ALL AGES



### FABL Warehouse Book Sale

**Thursday, Oct. 23 | 1:00-6:00 PM**

**Friday, Oct. 24 | 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**Saturday, Oct. 25 | 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

Find incredible bargains at the Friends at Beloit Public Library (FABL) used book sale—with paperbacks just 25¢, hardcovers 50¢. Saturday is \$1 bag day; stuff an entire grocery bag full for \$1. All proceeds support library programs and initiatives.

## ADULTS

### Looking for Mr. Wright: An Artist Looks at Frank Lloyd Wright

**Wednesday, Nov. 12 | 6:00-7:30 PM**

Discover the work, philosophy, and innovations of America's most famous architect. Artist and author Jeff Hagen—former senior guide at Wright's Taliesin—will share stories from homeowners, students, and his own experiences, along with his published writings and watercolor paintings of Wright's buildings nationwide.



Don't have a library card?

**GET YOURS TODAY!**



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.



## ALL AGES



**Mindful Mile(s) – A Walking Group**  
Mondays | 9:00-11:00 AM  
Sept. 8 & 22,  
Oct. 6 & 20, Nov. 3 & 17  
Join us every other week for a mindful stroll around the river and back again.

Wear a sturdy pair of walking shoes and weather appropriate clothing. Children must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver.

### WisLUG LEGO Showcase

**Saturday, Oct. 4 | 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**  
LEGO fans of all ages! Meet WisLUG builders and check out their incredible displays. Then create your own and participate in other family-friendly building activities.

### Pop-Up Makerspace

**Thursday, Oct. 9 | 6:00-7:00 PM**  
**Monday, Nov. 3 | 12:00-1:00 PM**  
Use our arts and crafts supplies to whip up something amazing! Our materials + your creativity = endless possibilities! Ages 3-103.



### Hoo's Woods Raptor Center Visit

**Saturday, Oct. 11 | 2:00-3:00 PM**  
Hoo's Woods Raptor Center will show off four feathered friends, one of which will be a Golden Eagle. See these creatures up close and learn all about them. Due to the nature of the event, ages 8+ only. No pets, including service dogs.

### International Games Day: A Drop-In Event

**Saturday, Nov. 1 | 2:00-3:30 PM**  
Drop in to celebrate International Games Day by learning a new game or enjoying an old favorite. Featuring games from Beloit's own PlayMonster. Create a game craft and enjoy a snack!

### 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+.

### Food/Personal Hygiene Drive for Fines All of November

Add a donation to our collection and help a community member in need while paying down your library fines. Food will be donated to **Salvation Army**, and personal hygiene items will be donated to **DEFY Domestic Abuse Shelter**. Watch our website for details.

## TEENS/TWEENS

### Teen Anime Appreciation Club

**First Tuesdays | 4:00-5:30 PM**  
Sept. 2, Oct. 2, Nov. 4  
Meet fellow anime and manga lovers, watch some anime, and create an anime-related craft. Grades 6-12.

### Teen Advisory Board

**Select Tuesdays | 4:00-5:00 PM**  
Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 11  
Earn an easy volunteer hour, share ideas with others, help our teen programs grow ... and make new friends! Grades 6-12.

### Teen Taste Test

**Select Thursdays | 4:00-5:00 PM**  
Sept. 11: Mini Donuts  
Oct. 9: Iced Coffee  
Nov. 6: Pretzels  
Think you've got the best taste buds in town? Put them to the test! Sample different flavors of snacks and treats, then cast your vote for the ultimate favorite. Grades 6-12.

### Teen Craft

**Select Tuesdays | 4:00-5:00 PM**  
Sept. 16: Pumpkin Sign Painting  
Oct. 28: Skull Painting  
Nov. 18: Felt Pies  
These craft sessions are made for teens! Make a craft and meet new friends. All materials provided, while supplies last. Grades 6-12.



### NEW! Teen Page Turners Book Club

**Select Thursdays | 4:00-5:00 PM**  
Sept. 18: *Firekeeper's Daughter* by A. Bouley  
Oct. 16: *Pumpkinheads* by R. Rowell  
Nov. 20: *Scythe* by N. Shusterman  
Join us to read and discuss books with fellow bookworms. Pick up a free copy of each month's title at the main desk. Grades 6-12.



### Teen Murder Mystery Night:

**The Brie, The Bullet, & The Black Cat**  
Tuesday, Oct. 14 | 4:30-7:30 PM  
Everyone is a suspect when murder is on the menu! Gather your friends to help solve the mystery of The Brie, The Bullet, & The Black Cat. Seats are limited, so registration is required. Snacks provided, while supplies last. Ages 13+.

### NEW! Teen Creative Writing Club

**Select Fridays | 4:00-5:15 PM**  
Sept. 5 & 19, Oct. 3 & 17, Nov. 7 & 21  
Whether short stories, fantasy epics, poetry, or even graphic novels, we'll help you bring your ideas to life. No experience needed. Ages 13+.

### Teen Game Night: Life-Size Clue

**Tuesday, Oct. 21 | Two Sessions**  
Session 1: 4:30-5:30 PM  
Session 2: 5:30-6:30 PM  
Step into the mansion, gather your crew, and become part of the mystery! Who did it? Where? With what? Work together to solve the classic game of Clue—super-sized and brought to life. Registration is required.

### Gaming Club

**Every Wednesday | 6:00-8:00 PM**  
Hang out for video games on our Nintendo Switch and Wii. Or bring your own system or favorite card game to share.

## ADULTS



### Adventurer's Guild: Adult Tabletop RPG Night

**Thursdays, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6:00-8:30 PM**  
Explore new realms unravel dark mysteries, and roll the dice with fellow gamers! Each week features a different TTRPG, beginner-friendly play, and all materials provided. Ages 18+. Registration required.

### Beloit Heritage Days Presents:

**Wisconsin Hometown Stories-Beloit**  
Friday, Sept. 5 | 6:00-8:00 PM  
Join us for a PBS documentary screening on Beloit's history, with special guests including local historians Fred Burwell and Wanda Sloan, and PBS team members Holly Ruyter, Kyra Lyons, and Samantha Nash.

### Salsa Making Workshop

**Tuesday, Sept. 30 | 6:30-8:00 PM**  
Late September is the perfect time for salsa making with freshly ripened tomatoes and peppers available before the first frost. Learn how to make both fresh salsa and fermented salsa you can refrigerate for months of storage.

### Zine Workshop: Learn, Plan, Make

**Tuesday, Oct. 14 | 6:00-7:30 PM**  
Learn about the history of self-published booklets called "zines," then make your own about a topic you're interested in! Beloit College librarians Tristan Draper and Mary Schiavone will lead this workshop.



### Mobile Mexican Consulate

**Sat.-Sun., Oct. 18-19 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**  
Access consular services close to home, including passports, consular IDs, and other official documentation.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Monday, Oct. 20 | 1:00-6:00 PM**  
Save a life; donate blood. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### 2nd Annual Halloween Soiree

**Tuesday, Oct. 21 | 6:30-8:00 PM**  
Back by popular demand! Enjoy spooky fun, activities, and treats, plus guest speaker Annelise Ryan (Beth Amos), USA Today bestselling author of the *Monster Hunter Mysteries*. Costumes or formal attire optional.

### Kombucha 101

**Thursday, November 6 | 6:30-8:00 PM**  
Discover what kombucha is, why it's good for you, and how to brew it at home for less. Includes demo, tasting, and a free starter kit for the first 10 registrants.



### 4th Wednesday Book Club

**4th Wednesdays | 6:00-8:00 PM**  
Sept. 24: *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult  
Oct. 22: *The Gift of Our Wounds* by Pardeep Kaleka and Arno Michaelis  
Nov. 19\*: *Driftless* by David Rhodes  
Read the book and join us for a healthy discussion around our cozy fireplace. \*One week early due to the holiday.

### 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.

### 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.

## Seed Library Series

### Seed Library Fall: Seed Saving

**Tuesday, Sept. 16 | 6:30-8:00 PM**  
If you want a sure thing instead of a "Frankenfood" or "Frankenflower," you need to understand how seeds form and how pollination can affect them. Learn how seeds form, how pollination affects them, and the basics of harvesting, processing, storing, and testing seeds to keep them strong and viable.



## MOVIES

### TEEN Teen Movie Night

**Thursdays | 4:00 PM**  
Sept. 4: *The Wild Robot* (PG)  
Oct. 30: *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice* (PG-13)  
Nov. 13: *Wicked* (PG-13)  
Grab your friends and snacks for a movie at the library. Grades 6-12.



### FAITH Faith Film Night

**Mondays | 6:00 PM**  
Sept. 8: *The Fabelmans*  
Oct. 13: *Life of Pi*  
Nov. 10: *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*  
Featuring characters and movies of different faiths.



### BLACK Black Cinema Series

**Mondays | 6:00 PM**  
Sept. 22: *Black Messiah*  
Oct. 27: *The Learning Tree*  
Nov. 24: *The Wiz*  
Featuring iconic Black films curated by the community.



### RAINBOW Rainbow Movie Series

**Tuesdays | 6:00 PM**  
Sept. 2: *Bottoms*  
Oct. 7: *Companion*  
Nov. 4: *Every Body*  
Featuring an LGBTQ+ friendly film.



### FABL Film Series

**Wednesdays | 6:00 PM**  
Sept. 3: *Sinners*  
Oct. 1: *The Woman in the Yard*  
Nov. 5: *The Alto Nights*  
Featuring new releases.



### REWIND NEW! Be Kind, Rewind Series

**Saturdays | 2:00 PM**  
Sept. 27: *Batteries Not Included*  
Oct. 25: *Flight of the Navigator*  
Nov. 22: *Matilda*  
Relive the glory days with this family-friendly series.



### CLASSIC Classic Film Series

**Wednesdays | 6:00 PM**  
Sept. 17: *Somewhere in Time*  
Oct. 15: *Ed Wood*  
Nov. 19: *Lady and the Tramp*  
Enjoy timeless films on the big screen—together.

