




Bellwood Public Library

2018 Spring News

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Bellwood, IL 60104

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Library Hours

M- Th 9:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

F 9:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sat 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Sun. 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

*Closed Sundays from Memorial
Day weekend through Labor Day*

Library Closings

Good Friday Friday, March 30

Easter Sunday, April 1

Memorial Day Monday, May 28

Board of Trustees

Ms Mary Clements

Ms Janice English

Ms Deborah Giles

Pastor Michael Horton

Ms Constance Riales

Mrs. Dorothy Clark Smith

Mrs Gloria Ward

Mrs. Jacqueline Spratt, *Director*

Library Board Meetings

6:00 p.m. on the second
Tuesday of each month at the
Library. Public is encouraged to
attend.

Accessibility

Individuals with disabilities who
plan to attend any functions at
the library and who require
certain accommodations in
order to allow them to observe
or participate or who have
questions regarding
accessibility are requested to
contact us at least five working
days prior to a function.

Director's Message



Jacqueline Spratt
Library Director

In today's society, many wonder if libraries are relevant since much of what we have to offer can be found on the Internet. Depending on who you ask you will most

certainly receive a different response.

Those who are unemployed, retired, or searching for a job and unable to afford internet service at home find the library of value. Some library users appreciate other library services and programs that for the most part are **free** to the public. These services include books, media, having a safe place to spend time, read, or study. In addition, there are friendly library staff that are trained to assist you in finding the information you need in applying for jobs, government programs or local services.

Here are some of the things you may

not know about your library!

- You can check out Roku, digital cameras or Wi-Fi hotspots
- Check out and download free ebooks, audiobooks, music and free streaming movies to your device
- Use our equipment in-library to transfer VHS tapes to DVD, or vinyl albums to CD. Try out a 3D printer. Use our scanner to save photos and documents to USB or email for free.

If you have not taken the opportunity to visit Bellwood Library recently, I encourage you to take advantage of all the programs and services we have to offer!

Village of Bellwood Firefighters Come to the Rescue!

Recently the Library was testing the telephone in its elevator to make sure that it was working properly. We called from the lower level, thinking the phone was broken, and before I could get back to the main level of the library, Bellwood Firefighters were entering the library! Although it was a false alarm, we truly appreciate how quickly they expedited help. Thanks for all you do for Bellwood Library and the Bellwood Community.

Jacqueline Spratt, Library Director and Staff

TECH CORNER OPENS THURSDAY, MARCH 15!

Unleash your creativity! Develop marketable skills! Preserve your precious memories! The Tech Corner is located in the Lower Level, and patrons can reserve blocks of time on the equipment they want to use. Choose from:

- 3D Printer and Tinkercad software: great for hobbyists and small businesses!
- Digitize your Vinyl LPs, VHS tapes, slides and negatives
- Audio/Visual: USB microphone, pop screen and audio editing software
- Digital Photography & Video Making: use either basic digital cameras or GoPro Camera

Reservations will be accepted beginning Thursday, March 15. Email armstronge@bellwoodlibrary.org for an appointment to learn how to use the equipment.

Tech Corner Hours

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00-5:30.



The Library has notaries public on staff. Please call us at 708-547-7393, ext. 4 to make sure a notary is available at the time you plan to come. We will notarize most documents except real estate and immigration documents. This service is **free**. Please bring your government-issued identification and documents. All signers must make a personal appearance before the notary at the time of notarization.

Adult Programs and Services

Registration is required for programs marked with the phone icon: ☎ Call 708-547-7393 option 4.



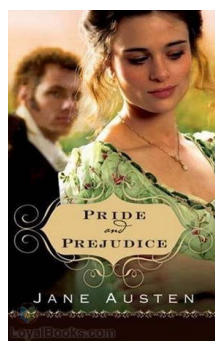
Join us for a librarian-led discussion of recent notable books by African Americans. Books available one month before each discussion. Large Print or Audiobook editions may be available on request for some titles.

March 5 - *Land of Loving and Drowning* by Tiphonie Yanique

April 2 - *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke

May 7 - *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue

June 4 - *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward



The Jane Austen Book Club *Pride And Prejudice*

Saturday April 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of one of the best-loved novels in the English language.

Bring your copy or order a library copy from us. Available in print, audio and eBook editions.

Register at the Reference Desk or call (708)547-7393

Educational & Informative

Living a Winning Life ☎

Sundays, March 4-April 29 (no session April 1) 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Stop living your life by default, believing things “just happen.” Gregory Stanton, CEO of Catalyst Coaching, Counseling & Consulting, will show you how to understand and implement his 5 Universal Principles of “IDIAD” — Imagination, Desire, Intentions, Affirmation & Daily Inspired Action. Position yourself to intentionally and deliberately *Live a Winning Life!*

One-on-One Mini Resume Review Session ☎

Tuesday, March 27, 4 - 6 p.m.

Stop by for your one-on-one resume review with Laina Krisik, Certified Resume Writer & Career Coach from the Maywood American Job Center. Sign up today for your free 15-minute personalized session! Spots will fill quickly.

What are your old coins and jewelry worth? ☎

Saturday, March 10, 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what those old silver dollars or Indian Head pennies you have lying around are worth? Lifelong coin collector Dave Ekstrom will present a short program on the value of old coins and gold jewelry. Then Dave will allow participants to have one item appraised for free. *No buying or selling will take place at this program.*

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren ☎

Thursday, March 15, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Are you an older adult who has taken over the responsibility of raising one or more children under the age of 18 when their parents are temporarily or permanently unable to care for them? There are resources available to help you!

Mattie Stevenson, a Caregiver Specialist from Aging Care Connections, will highlight local support groups and ways to connect with others in your situation.

SCORE Mentoring — By appointment only ☎

Thursdays, Mar. 15, April 19, May 17: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

SCORE business mentors give one-on-one free consultation

sessions that provide strategic counseling, discussion of business issues, help formulating business plans, and answers to your concerns. Appointments are one hour long and **MUST** be made through the SCORE website at:

<https://scorechicago.org/request-meeting/>. Call the reference desk with questions or for help on how to register.



Finding the Right College—and Paying for It! ☎

Wednesday, April 11, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Take a tour through the complex world of admissions and financial aid. Understand how admissions decisions are made, and what the admissions committee really considers when deciding admissions and financial aid awards. The workshop will unveil important strategies you can use to get into—and pay for—the college of your choice. Both parents are encouraged to attend.

Internet Job Searching

Wednesday, April 18, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Stumped by job searching on the Internet? Michael Buhmann, a career resources librarian at Skokie Public Library, will show how to maximize your search with the best websites to find job listings, where you can learn essential new skills, how you can stay organized by using websites like JibberJobber.com, the best ways to network with others in your field, and more!

Accomplishing Your Dreams Workshop ☎

Saturday, April 21, 12:00—2:00 p.m.

When it comes to achieving your dreams and reaching your goals, you must have a plan. Let author and speaker Angela Underwood walk you through the steps you will need to be successful. Whatever your desires are in life, they can be achieved! Lunch will be served: registration required.

I-Cash

Monday, April 23, 3:45—7:45 p.m.

Do you have unclaimed cash in Illinois? Stop by the I-Cash table in the lobby and check to see if you have any unclaimed property or cash being held by the Illinois Treasurer's office and learn how to claim it.

How to Expunge or Seal Criminal Records

Saturday, April 28, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Expunging or sealing a criminal record can appear complicated. However, the process has been revised to help people clear their record with or without an attorney. Catherine Dixon, President/CEO of New Life “Living to Live Again,” will address common questions like: Where do I file my petition? Do I need a lawyer? How much will it cost? How long will it take? Clearing your record can remove barriers to employment, housing, student loans, educational opportunities and more.



Caregiving 101



Wednesday, May 16, 1:30—2:30 p.m.

Are you a caregiver who feels overwhelmed by the responsibilities and stress of caring for an older parent or relative? Kathleen McKenzie from Aging Care Connections will speak about the impact of caregiving on caregivers and the importance of self-care for caregivers. She will also outline the many programs available through Aging Care Connections, and highlight other local resources that can benefit you.

Environmental Programs

Green Clean: DIY Cleaners

Wednesday, May 2, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Homemade cleaning formulas are some of the easiest and cheapest ways to clean your home. Make and take greener, safer cleaners in this hands-on workshop using simple, non-toxic ingredients to make disinfectant, dishwasher detergent and laundry soap.



Planting Pollinator-Friendly Gardens

Wednesday, May 9, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Planting pollinator-friendly gardens increases the productivity of your plants by attracting pollinators like honey bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Remic Ensweiler, College of DuPage Prairie/Outdoor Lab Manager, will describe what you need to know to create a stunningly beautiful, lush, safe, and bountiful garden that also helps our threatened native pollinators.



Just for Fun!

Stitches Crochet Club

Mondays, March 5 through May 21, 6:30—7:45 p.m.

No meeting May 28.

Drop in every Monday evening for fellowship and fun! Beginners are welcome. Bring an “I” or “J” crochet hook and #4 yarn.



Bingo at the Library

Thursdays, March 15, April 19 and May 17, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

Join us at the library for an afternoon of community fun. Will you get lucky and win one of the prizes? For ages 18+.



Wellness Programs

CHAIR Yoga

1st & 3rd Fridays in March, April & May, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Have you always wanted to do yoga without getting down on the floor? Join Susan Wilkens for a gentle session of CHAIR yoga to help achieve mental and physical fitness without discomfort. Yoga props will be available if needed.



Yoga Drop-In Class

Thursdays, March 1 through May 31, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Drop-in yoga classes continue this spring taught by local fitness expert Rhonda Fentry. No registration required. Come to unwind and socialize! Participants should wear layers and bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle.



Zumba Drop-In Exercise Class

Saturdays, March 3 through May 19,

10:00—11:00 a.m. No class May 26.

Stay in shape this spring in energetic and FUN Zumba classes led by certified fitness instructor Rhonda Fentry. Class is for ages 14+ only. Limited to the first 25 participants.



Computer Classes

Limited Space—register early!

Call (708) 547-7393 x 4



Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Tuesday, March 6, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

Learn the basic features of Microsoft Excel such as how to create a workbook, how to enter data into cells, how to format columns, and more.

Microsoft Excel: Beyond the Basics

Tuesday, March 20, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

Learn more advanced features of Excel such as using formulas, sorting data, creating tables and charts, and other statistical functions of Excel.

Email Help Session

Tuesday, April 10, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

Get answers to your email issues in this help session from a technology specialist.

Digital Estate Planning

Tuesday, April 24, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

Learn how creating a digital estate plan prevents identity theft and helps your family easily locate your online accounts such as email, banking, social media or investments.

En Español

Microsoft Power Point En Español

Los Sábados, 10, 17 y 24 de marzo, 10:00 a.m. á 11:30 a.m.

Enseñado por el informático local Ailime Traore. Introducción y conocimientos básicos para crear una presentación con diapositivas usando PowerPoint. Registro en el Departamento de Referencia en persona o por teléfono (708) 547-7393 x 4.

RULES FOR PATRON BEHAVIOR

In order to provide a safe and pleasant atmosphere for library patrons and staff, the Library Board of Trustees has established the following rules:

Any misconduct or inappropriate behavior that hinders others in their use of or access to the library is prohibited; this includes but is not limited to profanity, threatening others and fighting.

Theft or vandalism of library property may be prosecuted, as will any violation of federal, state, or local ordinances on library property or misuse of library materials, equipment, furniture or facilities, or another's property.

Solicitations, distribution of leaflets, taking surveys, asking for petition signatures, or similar activity is not allowed except as authorized by the library.

Playing in the library parking lots and around the entrances to the building can be hazardous and will not be permitted.

The library may limit the number of people who may sit together at a table in order to promote a quiet environment. Furniture is placed for the convenience of all and should not be rearranged.

Children under 8 years of age must not be left un-attended and must be under the direct supervision of a parent or other responsible caregiver 12 years of age or above.

Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times; the library is not responsible for belongings left unattended.

Animals are not allowed in the library except those licensed as aides for the disabled.

Use of the lower level is restricted to adults unless an exception is made by a librarian.

Cell phone usage must not disturb the public or the staff. You may be asked to use your phone outside the library.

Sleeping, panhandling, and running is prohibited.

Posting notices without approval of the library is not allowed.

Being under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, and or possession or consumption is not allowed.

Laundering clothes in the library; hygiene that disrupts staff or patrons from using library facilities, collections or services; shaving and bathing is prohibited.

Consequences:

Minors: Children will be warned at least two times before being asked to leave the Library. Those who cause repeated disruption in the Library will be warned that their library privileges will be restricted. If the behavior continues, they will be barred for one month. Whenever possible the parents will be contacted. If the behavior continues, the second restriction will be up to one year, depending on the offense.

Adults: Adult patrons who cause disruptions in the library on a repeated basis will have their library privileges revoked and they will not be allowed to enter the building. If the behavior continues, they will be barred for one month. If the behavior continues, the second restriction will be up to one year, depending on the offense.

Persons violating these rules will be warned and may be required to leave the library building and grounds.

Board adopted: December 12, 2017

YOUTH SPRING EVENTS 2018

Toddler Storytime

Every Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers. Come enjoy stories, craft, songs and snacks. *Every 3rd Thursday of the month is Toddler Workout World!* Registration preferred, but not required. Limited space!



SUPER EASTER EGG HUNT

Thursday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Immediately following story time the library will be hosting a Easter Egg Hunt for babies and toddlers. Join us for stories, crafts and an egg hunt. Registration required!



Box Car "Drive-In" Movie

Wednesday, March 14 - 6:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy a 'drive-in' movie at Bellwood Library. Decorate your own 'box car' and enjoy the film *Turbo*. Snacks will be provided. Registration required. Limit 20



Wednesday, April 18 - 4:30 p.m.

Stray Sock Sewing

Bring in your stray socks and join Ms. Lina to make your very own, easy sewing sock friend. Registration required. Limit 15

Balloon Ping Pong Tournament

Wednesday, March 28 - 3:30 p.m.

Join us and you can become the Library's Ping Pong Champion. The winner will receive a special prize. Registration required. Limit 16



Boys Super Hero Party

Wednesday, March 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Boys ages 6-12, join Ms. Sophia for a super great time. Enjoy stories, games, craft, snack and more! Registration

Make Your Own Holiday

Monday, March 26 - 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate your own Holiday with Mrs. Lina by creating banners for your very own holiday! Registration Required.



Family Game Night Clinic

Wednesday, April 25 - 6:00 p.m.

Looking to spice up family night? Attend this family game night clinic. Ms. Lina will introduce several *Do It Yourself* family games. Registration required. Limit 10 families

Saturday Family Story time at 11 a.m.

March 31 & April 21 and May 26

A special story time, intended for children under age 5 and their caregivers. Registration preferred, but not required.



Calling All Toddlers

Put on your dancing shoes and come dance and play the morning away with Ms. Sophia and company!
Thursday, April 19

girls ★
just want to have
★ **fun!**

Thursday, April 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Girls ages 6-12, You are invited to an all girls party. Join Ms. Sophia for great stories, dancing, crafts, food, and more. Registration

Picture Perfect Earring Frame

Friday, May 11 - 3:30 p.m.

Mother's Day is right around the corner. Join Ms. Lina to make your special lady a gift. Registration required. Limit 15.



Make Your Own Stuffed Animal

Monday, May 14 - 4:00 p.m.

Join Ms. Lina in a simple sewing project to make your own stuffed animal. Ages 6-12. Registration required. Limit 15

DR **EVERYTHING** **AND** **READ**

Thursday, April 12 at Bellwood Library

Beginning at 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

You can bring your pillow and blanket and we will have books for everyone!

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Spring Programs for Teens and Tweens



Every Tuesday thru Thursday
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

TEEN CAFÉ is designed for students ages 12 and up. The club meeting is held in the lower level of the library. Join us and enjoy games, movies, crafts,



Are you a G.O.A.T? You think you got what it takes to be the champ? Join Ms. Lina in a 2K Tournament. Registration is required. Ages 13-17
Fridays at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

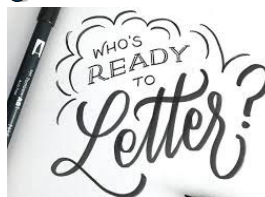
TEEN PAINT PARTY



Is Baaaaack!

Monday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m.
Bring a friend and make new ones. Painting! Music! Snacks!
Art supplies will be provided.

Hand Lettering 101



Want to beautify a note?
Want to send a beautiful letter to a special somebody?
Here's your chance to learn.
Join Ms. Lina for hand lettering 101. Participants will learn basics of hand lettering and will make a hand lettered craft. Ages 12 and up.

Registration required. Limit 15
Classes meet on Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Register Today! **TEENS GOT TALENT** Limited Performers!

Wednesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.
Showcase Your Talent @ Bellwood Library
Calling all Participants between the ages of 12-18
All performers must agree to abide by talent show rules and guidelines

Teen Anime Club

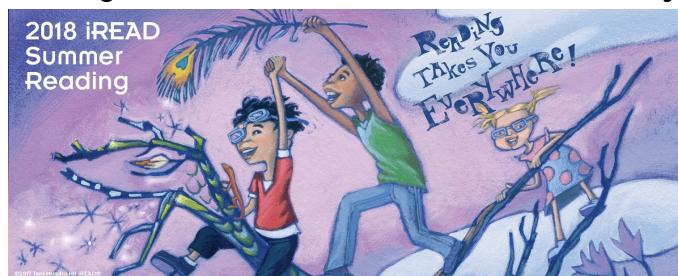


Anime Club takes place Every
Thursday during Teen Café at
3:30 p.m.

Ask at Children's Desk for more details!



Coming this Summer 2018 at Bellwood Library!



Summer Reading Program for
Adults, Teens, Children and Babies!