




Bellwood Public Library

2019 Spring News

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Bellwood, IL 60104

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Library Hours

M- Th 9:30 a.m.—8:00p.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 Memorial Day weekend
through Labor Day weekend.*

Library Closings

Good Friday, Friday, April 19

Easter, Sunday, April 21

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

Board of Trustees

Ms. Mary Clements

Ms. Deborah Giles

Pastor Michael Horton

Ms. Constance Riales

Mrs. Dorothy Clark Smith

Mrs. Gloria Ward

Director Amy Crump

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.



From the Director

By Amy Crump

Hello,

I wanted to share a short message of introduction
to let you know how excited I am to be here at
the Bellwood Library. I know that anytime a new
person is brought into an organization, there is a
mix of curiosity and excitement.

The following points may give you a little better
sense of who I am and what's important to me:

- I really love coming to work. I am so blessed to be able to work in a public library setting.
- I tend to talk in terms of “we” and “us” when I talk about the library and the work we do. It's not me or the leadership team — it's us.
- I don't have a formula for library success, but I do appreciate the use of best practices since they allow us to focus our creativity where it can make the most difference.
- I believe that successful communities need libraries and successful libraries need people who care about the community. Our people are our community's competitive advantage.

In addition to those work-related items, I thought you might like to know these little tidbits about me:

- One of my biggest hobbies is baking, as the library staff can already confirm.
- I read a lot of nonfiction, but my favorite fiction authors include Diane Galdabon, Kristin Cashore, Marisa de los Santos and Sarah Addison Allen.
- I love storytelling, both as a teller and as a listener.

Please watch for the following updates at the Bellwood Library:

- There is now a larger **Community Happenings board** in a new location by the elevators. We hope this helps patrons be informed about goings-on in the Bellwood community.
- We have installed a new bulletin board titled **You Talk, We Listen** by the copier on the main level. This is where we will respond to suggestions placed in the suggestion box.

In January, the library hosted a **Coffee with the Director** to invite the entire community to keep me informed about what you are looking for from your public library. There's another scheduled for **Tuesday, March 26 from 6:00-8:00 pm**. Please join me!



Adult Programs and Services

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

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 10 launch!



History of Apollo 10 and Bellwood Astronaut, Eugene Cernan ☎

Saturday, May 11, 1:00 — 2:00 p.m.

May 18th marks the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 10 launch to the moon, on which hometown legend, Eugene Cernan, was the lunar module pilot. Explore the history of this famous launch (a “dress rehearsal” for the Apollo 11 moon landing) and learn all about Cernan, the last man on the moon, and his remarkable career.



SCORE

Mentoring (by appointment only)

Thursdays, March 21, April 18 and May 16

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Make an appointment for a free one-on-one consultation with a professional SCORE business mentor. Appointments are one hour long and **MUST** be made through the SCORE website at:

<https://scorechicago.org/request-meeting/>.

Educational and Informative

Sell Your Stuff Online! ☎

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

There are many great options for selling your old possessions online such as eBay, Craigslist, Amazon Seller Marketplace, and Facebook Marketplace. Michael Gershbein of *Very Smart People (VSP)* will discuss the pros and cons of each, as well as offer selling and safety tips.

How to Seal or Expunge Criminal Records ☎

Saturday, March 16, 11:30 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

Expunging or sealing a criminal record can appear complicated. Catherine Dixon, President/CEO of New Life “Living to Live Again,” will address common questions and explain the process in this informational session. No paperwork will be collected.



Before You Call the Handyman ☎

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Dan Findley, professional handyman, and licensed building engineer, will discuss several of the most common fixes you can do for yourself with a small home tool kit, presenting both common home repairs as well as preventative maintenance in a fun and humorous way. Novice homeowners are welcome at this light-hearted educational presentation.



Accessible Travel Using RTA

Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 — 11:30 a.m.

Accessible Metra, Pace and CTA buses and trains are easy to use, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) would love to show you how! Learn about all your transportation options in this informative workshop.



**Summer
Reading
begins
June 8!**

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MONEYSMARTWEEK® CHICAGO MARCH 30 - APRIL 6, 2019



I-Cash Table

Monday, April 1, 3:45 — 7:45 p.m.

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

Establish a Path to a Secure Financial Future

☎ Thursday, April 4, 6:00 — 7:00 p.m.

What do you want your future to be? Plans you make today will significantly impact your financial future and whether you achieve your financial goals. In this free seminar you will learn about options to grow your money, how to set realistic savings goals, protect your investments, save on a regular basis, establish an emergency fund, and how to save for college, retirement, or any other need.

Health and Wellness



Suicide is a health issue.

Talk Saves Lives ☎

Wednesday, March 20,
6:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.

Research shows that

suicide can be prevented. This presentation will cover what we know about this leading cause of death, the most up-to-date research on suicide prevention, and what we can all do to battle the suicide epidemic.

Medical Cannabis Q&A ☎



Wednesday, April 17,
6:30—7:30 p.m.

Medical cannabis is now available in Illinois, but what does it mean for you? Kirsten Velasco will explain the science behind medical cannabis, discuss current laws, the application process, and

answer your questions in this informative workshop.

The Forgiveness Series

Wednesdays, May 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a free "I Forgive You" Series. Author T. Dwayne Smith will lead discussions with lessons to help you to make the decision to forgive. All participants will receive a free copy of the book and a work book. Registration required. Ages 13 and up. Register in youth services, 708-547-7393 ext 216.



For Seniors



Medicare 101 ☎

Thursday, March 21, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Theo Maynard from Premier Medicare Benefits will explain Medicare Advantage & Supplements, Part D Prescription Coverage, and more. For anyone 65+ or about to turn 65.



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association®

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia ☎

Wednesday, May 15,
6:00 p.m.— 7:45 p.m.

Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Join us to learn about the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors, current research, available treatments, and resources available through Alzheimer's Association.

Low Cost or Free Senior Services in Proviso Township ☎

Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 — 11:30 a.m.

Are you a Senior in need of a handyman or free transportation? Join us for a presentation by Proviso Township and you will receive information on how to take advantage of these and other programs.

Drop-in CHAIR Yoga

Fridays, March 1 & 15,
April 5 & 12,
May 3 & 17



CPR Certification and First Aid

Thurs., April 25, 10:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m. ☎

Sign up for this Basic CPR and first aid certification class. 18 +years of age only. No group sign-ups. A \$5 cash refundable deposit is required at time of registration. Bellwood residents only. Limit 12, so register early. Registration starts March 1.



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Shades of Fiction

Book Club

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. We meet 6:30 on the 1st Monday of each month.

March 4: *A Kind of Freedom* by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton

April 8: *The Supremes Sing the Happy Heartache Blues* by Edward Kelsey Moore

May 6: *The Thunder Beneath Us* by Nicole Blades

June 3: *August Snow* by Stephen Mack Jones

Arts and Crafts



Wire-Wrapped Jewelry for Mother's Day ☎

Saturday, April 27,
12:00 — 2:00 p.m.
Rita White from Softly Sister Designs will teach you the basics of creating stunning and

classy handmade wire wrapped jewelry, then you will create a unique piece of jewelry to take home! All materials will be provided. Ages 14+.

Notary Services

The library has two notaries public on staff. We can notarize most documents except real estate and immigration documents. We **strongly suggest** that you call the library before coming to make sure that a notary is available. This service is free.



Spring Readiness!

Get Your Garden Ready for Spring Planting! ☎

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Spring is right around the corner, but is your garden ready? A Master Gardener from the U. of Illinois Extension will give you tips and strategies to clear out winter debris, assess site conditions, and get your garden in top shape for the planting season.



Spring Cleaning for the Mind and Body through Meditation ☎

Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Renate Lanotte, psychotherapist and long time meditator, will show you how the simple technique of meditation can enrich your life personally, professionally and spiritually and grant you the peace you seek.

Just for Fun!

Stitches Crochet Club

Mondays, March 4 — May 20, 6:30 — 7:45 p.m.

No meeting May 27 (Memorial Day)

Drop in every Monday evening for fellowship and fun!

Bingo at the Library

Thursdays, March 21, April 18 and May 16

2:00 — 3:00 p.m.

Drop in for an afternoon of community fun and the chance to win a prize!

Exercise Classes

Drop-in CHAIR Yoga

Fridays, March 1 & 15, April 5 & 12, May 3 & 17
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Yoga Drop-In Class

Thursdays, March 7 through May 30
6:00—7:00 p.m.

Zumba Drop-In Exercise Class

Saturdays, March 2 through May 11
10:00 — 11:00 a.m. No class May 18 or May 25



YOUTH & TEEN SERVICES 2019 Spring Events



Bellwood Library introduces... Local Author **SHAVONDRA WALKER**

Author of "Black Girl Shine"
Saturday, May 18 at 12:00 p.m.

All girls ages 5 - 12
Join us for an unforgettable
evening of fun, entertainment,
food and more.



*All participants will receive a free autographed
copy of the book and picture with the author!*

Registration required. Limit 24!

Drop Everything and **READ**

Friday, April 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Bring your pillow and blanket if you
like and we will provide the books!

Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Join Ms. Sophia and Ms. Lina for the
bunny hop, craft and an egg hunt.
Registration required! Limited space!

Happy Feet Party

Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m.

In celebration of World Penguin Day,
join Ms. Lina and Ms. Sophia for
some magical penguin fun! Stories,
crafts, dancing, snacks and more.

Wii Be Dancing

Mondays, March 11 & May 13 @ 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join Mrs. Lina for a Wii Dance Party. Registration Required.
Ages 6 – 12.

Not Just A Scribble Party

Wednesday, March 27 @ 5:00 p.m.

Join Mrs. Lina for a story and scribble party! We will read the
story "I'm Not Just a Scribble" by Diane Alber and create
scribble art stickers! Registration Required. Ages 6 – 12.

New Girls Club!

Girls ages 6 - 12 join Ms. Sophia and Ms. Lina for some amaz-
ing fun with stories, crafts, treats and a whole lot more!

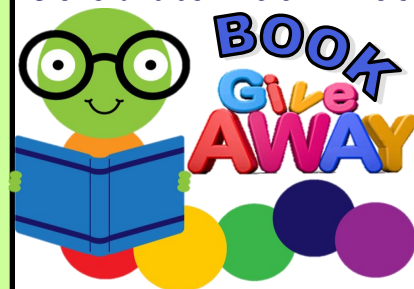
Tuesdays, April 9 and 23 at 4:00 p.m.

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Celebrate Book Week at BPL



Pick up a
**FREE
BOOK**
at Bellwood
Library
April 29 -
May 5!

Toddler Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Bilingual Storytime

Todos los martes
(hora de cuentos bilingües) a las 10:00 a.m.

March Movie Madness

Fridays, March 8 - March 29 at 3:30 p.m.

May Movie Madness

Fridays, May 3 - May 24 at 3:30 p.m.



Make a Mother's Day Gift

Tuesday, May 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Moms love handmade gifts! Children
ages 7 to 12 are invited to hear a story,
tell a story and make a special gift for
moms for Mother's Day!

Registration is required! Limit 20.



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Summer Reading 2019

Get Ready to join us this summer!



GIMME A BREAK:

Mindfulness with
Mrs. Lina

Thursdays in May
Children

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Teens

3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Join Mrs. Lina for a moment of peace, recovery and a kitkat bar. We will be doing some stretching, breathing and relaxation exercises. Registration preferred. Ages 6-12.



Teen Café

Wednesdays @ 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join Mrs. Lina weekly in teen café. Games, Fun, Friends & Snacks! 15 participants max. Registration required.

Poetry Party for Children and Teens:

Wednesday, April 17 @ 4:00 p.m.

In recognition of national haiku poetry day, join us for pizza and poetry. Children ages 7 to 12

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

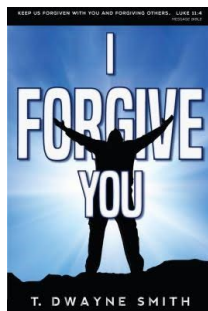
Teens ages 13 to 17

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Spring Paint Party for Teens

Monday, April 29 @ 5:00 p.m.

Join Ms. Sophia for a spring paint party. Registration is required! Limited space available.



The Forgiveness Series Children and Teens

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Join us in a FREE "I Forgive You" Series. All participants will receive a free copy of the book and a work book. Book Author T. Dwayne Smith will lead you in discussions with lessons to help you to make the decision to forgive. Registration required. Ages 13 and up!

Beauty Day @ Bellwood Library

Local beauticians and manicurist will donate their time and talent to give free hairdo's and nail sets to registered participants only. Reserve your seat. Parental consent is required. Parent or caregiver must call to register teens ages 13 to 17!



Monday, May 20 at 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

