




# Bellwood Public Library

## 2019 Fall News

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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 — 5:00 p.m.

*Open Sundays from September  
8 through May 24*

### Library Closings

*Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2*

*Columbus Day, Monday, Sept. 14*

*Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11*

*Thanksgiving, Thurs., Nov. 28*

### Board of Trustees

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### 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.

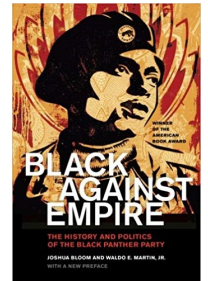


## ONE BOOK ONE PROVISO

The inaugural book, to  
commemorate Maywood native Fred Hampton's birthdate in August  
and the anniversary of his assassination, is ***Black Against Empire:  
The History and Politics of the Black Panther Party*** by Waldo  
Martin and Joshua Bloom.

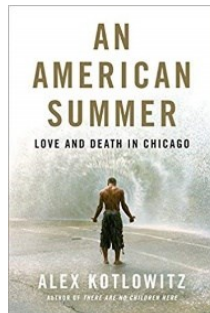
To support this special ongoing event, the Bellwood Library is  
offering three special events on the topic of social justice.

We at the Bellwood Library are  
excited to be participating in the One  
Book One Proviso, launching in late  
August. (For more information, go to  
[1book1proviso.com](http://1book1proviso.com) or [https://  
www.facebook.com/1book1proviso/](https://www.facebook.com/1book1proviso/).)



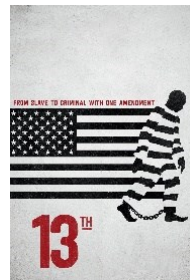
### 100 Years of Black History, Saturday, October 5 at 3 pm – A Family Event

An East African proverb states, "Until the lion starts writing  
down his story, the hunter will always be the hero." In this  
program we celebrate African American heroes who have  
who made phenomenal contributions to this country over the  
past 100 years – often under difficult circumstances. Linda  
Gorham incorporates music, personal narrative, quotes, and  
interesting facts to celebrate over 30 African American men  
and women.



### Shades of Fiction Book Club – An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago by Alex Kotlowitz, Monday, November 4 at 6:30 pm

A richly textured, heartrending portrait of love and death in  
Chicago's most turbulent neighborhood.



### Streaming @ the Library, Saturday, November 16 at 1 pm – 13th (documentary)

A 2016 American documentary by filmmaker Ava DuVernay,  
exploring the "intersection of race, justice, and mass  
incarceration in the United States." Discussion period  
following.



### Wi-Fi Hotspots are back!

Bellwood Library Cardholders ages 18 and up may check  
out a Wi-Fi Hotspot for 7 days. No deposit necessary.

# Adult Programs and Services

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


## Shades of Fiction Book Club

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

**September 9** — *Queenie* by Candice Carty-Williams

**October 7** — *My Sister, the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite

**November 4** — *An American Summer* by Alex Kotlowitz

**December 2** — *The Wedding Date* by Jasmine Guillory 

## Learn more!

### The 3 Biggest Problems with Utility Bills ☎

Thursday, September 12, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

You are probably overpaying for gas and electricity and don't even know it! A representative from Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will show you how to decode your bills, spot errors, and take advantage of real programs designed to save you money.

### The Science of "The Martian" ☎

Wednesday, October 2, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

The 2015 movie *The Martian* realistically portrayed scenes of exploring, living and working on Mars. But what did the movie get right...or wrong?



### Medical Cannabis Q&A ☎

Wednesday, October 30, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Learn the science behind medical cannabis, discuss current laws, the application process, and get your questions answered in this informative workshop.

### Economics in Context: the Minimum Wage ☎

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Explore the pros and cons of raising the minimum wage examining the effect on businesses, the local economy and whether or not it reduces poverty.

### Rightsizing the Juvenile Court in Illinois ☎

Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Betsy Clarke, President of the Juvenile Justice Initiative, will discuss the impact of raising the age of juvenile justice to 17 and whether it should be raised to 21.

### Gardening with Herbs! ☎

Wednesday, October 9, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Summer might be over, but you can still enjoy fresh herbs by growing them yourself indoors!



## Netflix Streaming at the Library

**Roma:** Saturday, September 14, 1:00-3:30

Semi-autobiographical take on Alfonso Cuarón's upbringing in 1970s Mexico.

**Beyonce: Homecoming:** Saturday, October 26, 1:00-3:30

The documentary of her historic 2018 Coachella performance.

**13th:** Saturday, November 16, 1:00-3:30

The history of the 13th Amendment that abolished slavery and created prison labor.



## Jobs & Career

### Application Tracking Systems and the Behavioral Interview ☎

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Are you confused by the online job application process? Learn all about how Application Tracking Systems work, what keywords to use, and how to format your resume in this informative workshop. Sponsored by workNet DuPage.

### Career Transitions Program ☎

Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

There are many reasons for a career or job change -- some are in our control and some are not. This workshop is designed for individuals who are re-entering the job market or looking for new employment. Sponsored by Career Vision.

## College Corner

### Don't Pay the College Sticker Price! ☎

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

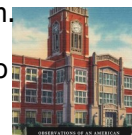
Dismayed by the high cost of a college education? There are many ways that parents can reduce the overall price tag, including tax-saving strategies, grants, and finding colleges with the most financial aid. Be prepared! Learn these strategies and more in this key workshop.

### Curious Proviso Book Talk ☎

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

Join author Robert C. Cox as he discusses and reads from his new book about Proviso East High School.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



CURIOUS PROVISO  
ROBERT C. COX

## Senior Living

### Low Cost or Free Senior Services in

#### Proviso Township ⓘ

Tuesday, September 17, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Learn how you can take advantage of low cost or free handyman and transportation services available to seniors in Proviso Township.

### Applying for Medicaid & Protecting

#### Your Assets ⓘ

Monday, September 23, 10:30 — 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to avoid spending down your assets when applying for Medicaid so that you can protect some for your spouse, children, or grandchildren.

#### Medicare 101 ⓘ

Wednesdays, September 25 & October 23, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 13, 10:30 — 11:30 a.m.

Theo Maynard from Premier Medicare Benefits will review all your Medicare options and more!

For anyone 65+ or about to turn 65.

#### AARP Safe Driving Class ⓘ

Tuesday, October 1, 12:00 — 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 2, 12:00 — 4:00 p.m.



#### Driver Safety



Brush-up on your driving skills in this 2-part refresher course for drivers age 50+. Participants

must attend both days to receive a certificate that could result in lower auto insurance premiums. The fee for course materials is \$15 for AARP Members, \$20 for non-AARP members. Please bring a check payable to AARP.

#### Medicare Fraud ⓘ

Tuesday, November 5, 6:30— 7:30 p.m.

Find out how to detect and prevent Medicare fraud

## Focus on Relationships

#### Talk Saves Lives ⓘ

Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

This presentation will focus on ways to prevent suicide by knowing common risk factors, spotting warning signs in others, and learning about current research on suicide prevention.

#### Supporting a Friend or Family Member in a Difficult Relationship ⓘ

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to recognize the signs of domestic abuse, what kind of questions to ask, and how to provide support to a friend or family member. Presented by Metropolitan Family Services.

## Health & Wellness

#### Learn the Warning Signs of a Stroke ⓘ

Thursday, October 10, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Tour the Rush Mobile Stroke Treatment van and learn how to identify the warning signs of an impending stroke. Presented by Rush Comprehensive Stroke Program.

#### Dementia Conversations ⓘ

Wednesday, October 16, 6:30

— 7:30 p.m.

When someone you know shows signs of dementia, it's time to talk! Join us for tips on how to have

honest and caring conversations with family members.



#### Crisis of Caring Workshop ⓘ

Thursday, November 7, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

The workshop will provide you with knowledge and resources that can help you better manage the emotional, physical and financial stress of caring for an elderly family member.

#### Take Charge of Your Health! ⓘ

Mondays, November 4 through December 9,

10:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Get all the information and tools you need to manage your health and lead an active lifestyle in this 6 week series presented by Age Options. Workshops meet weekly for 2½ hours and are led by two trained facilitators.



*Minimum of 10 needed for the*

## Hobbies & Fitness

#### Yoga Drop-In Class

Thursdays, Sept. 5—Nov. 21, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

No class November 28

#### Drop-in CHAIR Yoga

Fridays, September 6—November 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Now every week!

#### Zumba Drop-In Exercise Class

Saturdays, Sept. 7—Nov. 30, 10:00 — 11:00 a.m.

Come exercise with instructor LaToya Towns.

Limited to first 25 participants. Ages 14+ only.

#### Stitches Crochet Club

Mondays, Sept. 9 through Nov. 25, 6:00 — 7:45 p.m.

No class September 2 (Labor Day)

#### Bingo at the Library

Thursdays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17 & Nov. 21, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

Join us at the library for an afternoon of community fun. For ages 18+.



# 2020 CENSUS

*Everyone Counts!*

On April 1, 2020, a census will be taken of all persons living in the United States. It is important that every Illinois resident, down to the youngest babies, and especially minority community members, be counted so our state population accurately reflects our needs!

When you fill out the census, you help:

- Determine how many seats Illinois gets in Congress.
- Guide how more than \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year.
- Create jobs, provide housing, prepare for emergencies, and build schools, roads and hospitals.

Commit to be counted!



## Are You Registered To Vote?

You can register yourself or look up your voter status any time at [ova.elections.il.gov](http://ova.elections.il.gov)

*Your vote is your voice!  
Be sure you are heard!*

## September is **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!**

*A library card brings stories to life!*



## A **UNIVERSE** of Stories

### Thank You to Our Adult Reading Program Sponsors:

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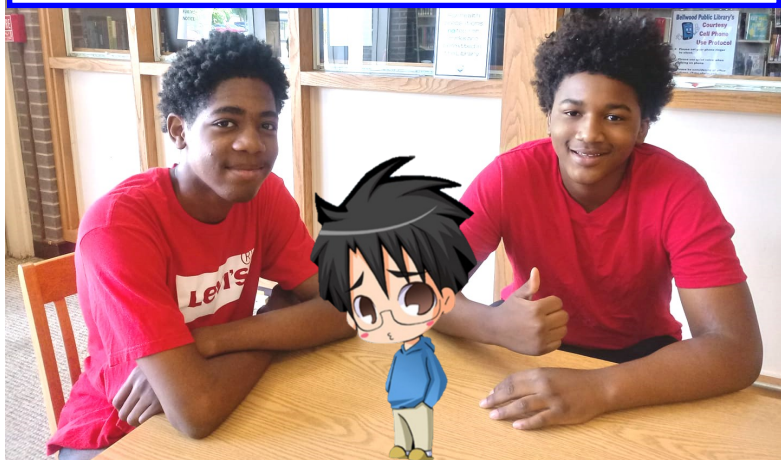
# YOUTH & TEEN FALL PROGRAMS

## Back to School Celebration

Wednesday, September 4 at 4:00 p.m. Join us for food, music and entertainment. Free book for all participants! Ages 6 - 14. Registration required.



Anime Drawing Classes with local teen artist **Marquise and Lamareon**. Join us and learn the fundamentals of drawing Anime. No prior skill is required. Art supplies and snacks will be provided. **EVERY TUESDAY at 4:30 p.m. Beginning on September 10 thru October 29.** Registration required. Ages 8 - 14!  
**Limit 20 students.**



## Sign up and Join the



## TEAM @ BPL

Join us for an educational approach to learning using **Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics**. It's a fun way to engage future innovators, educators, leaders, and learners of the 21st century!  
**Ages 6 and up! Registration required**

*Painting with Forces*

**Thursday, September 19 @ 3:30 p.m.**

*Mini Marshmallow Shooter/with a story*

**Thursday, October 17 @ 3:30 p.m.**

*Create Milk Planets*

**Thursday, November 14 @ 3:30 p.m.**

## Build it Yourself @ Bellwood Public Library!

Children ages 5 -12, join us on **Mondays, September 23, October 21 and November 18 at 4:00 p.m.** Pick up your very own workshop in a box and enjoy an hour of fun building together at Bellwood Library. Registration required. Limited supplies available.



## Storytimes for Children and Families

Join us for special Saturday story times for our littlest friends & their families. **Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.**  
**September 28, October 26, November 23.** Registration Required.

## Toddler Story Time and Jazzercise

**Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.**

Children ages birth to 5, join us on Thursdays for stories, songs, crafts and more.  
**Every 3rd Thursday will be Jazzercise class.**



## Just for Girls

Girls ages 6 - 12 join us for some amazing fun with stories, crafts, treats and more. **1st and 3rd Wednesdays beginning September 18 thru October 23 at 3:30 p.m.**

## Just for Boys

Boys ages 6 - 12 join us for some amazing fun with stories, crafts, treats and more. **2nd and 4th Wednesdays beginning September 15 thru October 30 at 3:30 p.m.**

*Registration required for both classes*





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## We Celebrate Our Summer Reading Sponsors!

Bellwood Library thanks all the local sponsors that donated to make our Summer Reading a great success. Please patronize these businesses in our community and let them know that we are extremely grateful for all they do.

**Classic Cinemas** - 1022 Lake St, Oak Park, IL

**McDonalds** - 520 25th Ave, Bellwood, IL

**Mickeys Restaurant** - 635 Mannheim Rd, Bellwood, IL 60104

**Nubani** - 2850 Oak St # A, Bellwood, IL 60104

## Teens Create @ Bellwood Library

Studies show that the creative arts are an important aspect of academic learning.



## Kindness Rock Party

Be inspired and join us on a kindness rock decorating craze. **Wednesdays in September at 4:00 p.m.**

## Teen Paint Party

You don't have to be a professional artist. Join us and create your own masterpiece. All materials supplied. **Thursday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m.**



## TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION

Join Ms. Sophia in a lively discussion of

***The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas**

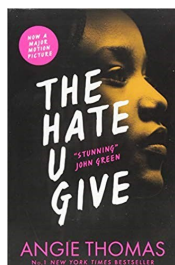
Pick up a free copy of the book by September 9.

**Book Discussion date:**

**Monday, October 21 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Movie Showing date:**

**Monday, October 28 at 4:30 p.m.**



## Autumn Apple Fun Hour!

There are so many great things to do with apples. Children ages 5 - 12 are invited to join us on **Thursday, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.** for tons of Apple fun! Limited space available. **Registration is required!**



## Thursday Night Movie Days



**Shazam - September 19**

**Bumblebee - October 17**

**Ugly Dolls - November 21**

*Movies will begin at 4:00 p.m. and are shown in the Children's Dept. on the big screen. No registration required. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.*

## Stories, Stuffing and other Stuff

In recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday, **children ages 5 - 12** are invited to hear great stories while feasting on good food. Stick around and create a special Thanksgiving take home craft.

Space is limited! **Registration required**

**Tuesday, November 26 ~  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

