





Bellwood Public Library

2019 Summer 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.

**Closed Sundays from Memorial
Day weekend through Labor Day**

Library Closings

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27

Independence Day, Tuesday, July 4

Labor Day, Monday, September 2

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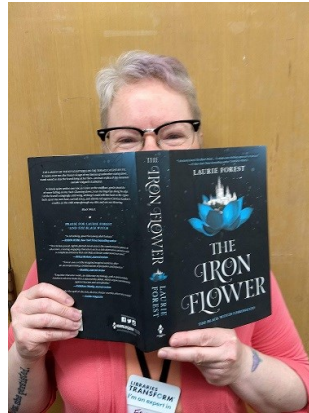
Library Board Meetings

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.



From the Director

By Amy Crump

As I near the six-month mark of serving as the Director at Bellwood Library, I am pleased with the status of our biggest project thus far: developing a strategic plan.

“If you don’t know where you are going, any road will take you there.” This saying, attributed to Lewis Carroll, sums up why the library administration decided to develop a strategic plan. In order to serve the Bellwood community well, we need to know where the

community would like us to be!

A strategic plan will help us do even better what we already do so well.

Excellence must be defined locally. It is imperative to have community input for strategic planning. A Community Survey was available on our website for several weeks.

On May 8, our Strategic Planning Consultant Amanda Standerfer hosted a day of focus groups at the library. Maybe you took part in one. The focus groups allowed us to gather stakeholders’ and citizens’ views for consideration.

Over the summer, both the Library Board and the library staff will participate in separate half-day retreats, learning about what the community told us and moving forward in the next step of the planning process – developing goals and activities to meet those goals.

We anticipate that the proposed plan will be presented to the Library Board by September for approval, giving us enough time to work on an implementation process for January 2020.

We appreciate all the input the community has made and look forward to serving you even better as a result!

 **Wireless Hotspots**
Coming this July!

Change in Notary Hours

Notary services will now be available
Monday—Thursday, 12:00—7:00 p.m.
There is no charge for this service.
Please call first for availability.

E-Books Count for Summer Reading!



media on demand

Use your library card to check out E-books & audiobooks through Hoopla and Media on Demand!

Using the Libby app for Media On Demand counts too!

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.

June 3—*August Snow* by Stephen Mack Jones

July 1—*Between Lost and Found* by Shelly Stratton

August 5—*Broken Places* by Tracy Clark

September 9—*Queenie* by Candice Carty-Williams

Announcing . . .
Bring Your Own Book: a different kind of book discussion!
Read any book of your choice and come tell us what you thought of it. Get ideas from other participants what to read next! Meets monthly on the Third Tuesday from 11:00-12:00: **June 18, July 16, Aug. 20.**

Educational & Informative

Rightsizing the Juvenile Court in Illinois ☎

Wednesday, June 19, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Betsy Clarke, President of the Juvenile Justice Initiative, will discuss the impact of raising the age of youth in juvenile court to seventeen, then examine current research and international trends that support further expanding juvenile court up to age twenty-one.

DUI: the Road to Restoring Your Driving Privileges ☎

Saturday, July 20, 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

This informative workshop will educate you on DUI laws in Illinois, how to apply for a restricted driver's permit, how to reinstate your driving privileges following a DUI, and more!

For Seniors & Caregivers

Slip and Fall Prevention Workshop ☎

Tuesday, June 4, 10:30 — 11:30 a.m.

Victoria Prewitt from Oak Street Health will discuss strategies for seniors to identify and reduce risk factors for falls.

Long Term Care Planning ☎

Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 p.m.— 7:45 p.m.

Learn about care options for loved ones including home care, adult daycare, independent living, assisted living, and nursing care, plus Medicare, Medicaid & VA benefits, and how to negotiate a contract with a nursing home or home care agency.

Crisis of Caring Workshop ☎

Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Caring for elderly family members is often an all-consuming situation, requiring time, emotion, and money. This lively presentation provides knowledge and resources that can help you manage a crisis of caring.

Historical

The Apollo Program to the Moon:

History & Legacy ☎

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11, which successfully landed two men on the moon. Join astronomer Michelle Nichols as she discusses the history of the Apollo program, the science learned from the moon landings, and how decisions made during and after Apollo have effected U.S. space exploration.



Ann Bradford Stokes: African American Civil War Nurse ☎

Saturday, June 22, 1:00 p.m.— 2:00 p.m.

Join Marlene Rivero as she breathes life through storytelling and reenactment into Ann Bradford Stokes, African American Civil War nurse who served on the *U.S.N. Red Rover*. **This presentation is for all ages!** Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SCORE Mentoring

(by appointment ONLY)

Thursdays, June 20, July 18, August 15, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Make an appointment for a free business consultation at <https://chicago.score.org/branch/bellwood-public-library>

Financial

"Pay Yourself First" ⓘ

Fridays, August 9, 16, 23 & 30, 4:00—5:30 p.m.

This Money Smart class series for adults will cover basic financial topics such as deposit & credit services, how to choose and maintain a checking account, the importance of saving, how to obtain/build/repair credit, deposit & credit and much more! Presented by Proviso Community Bank.

Motivational

Get Your "BUT" Out of the Way! ⓘ

Wednesday, July 31, 6:30 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.

We all have those awesome thoughts dripping with possibility, but then out of nowhere comes "BUT." Our thinking then turns to all the reasons why we CAN'T realize the vision that we were given. We must not let what we CAN'T do get in the way of what we CAN do. Presented by Robb Hill, President of R Hill Enterprises.



For Homeowners

Stage Smart, Sell High ⓘ

Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Thinking of selling your home? Gloria Simpson of *Staging It Works LLC* will discuss ways that homeowners can easily and cheaply smarten up their homes when selling to achieve maximum profit.

First Time Home Buyers Workshop ⓘ

Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

This workshop is designed for individuals who are contemplating a home purchase and will cover basics such as financing, how and where to apply for a mortgage, and more! Presented by Monica Pineda from MB Financial Bank.

Gardening

Gardening with Herbs ⓘ

Thursday, July 11, 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Please join University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator, Gemini Bhalsod, as she discusses gardening with herbs! Learn different types of herbs, how to grow them, their uses, and wildlife benefits.

CPR Certification and First Aid

Thursday, June 6, 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.

Technology!

Microsoft Excel Basics ⓘ

Wednesday, August 7, 2:00 — 3:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel!



Intermediate Excel ⓘ

Wednesday, August 21, 2:00 — 3:30 p.m.

Learn more advanced features of Excel such as using formulas, adding charts, and other statistical functions.

Author Visit ⓘ

Saturday, June 15, 1:00 — 3:00 p.m.

Local author Lolita Young will discuss her book, *Restored: a Journey of Faith in Health & Marriage*, and share her life experiences in this motivating workshop. Autographed copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Just for Fun!

Stitches Crochet Club

Mondays, June 3 through August 26, 6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

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, June 20, July 18 and August 15, 2:00 p.m.

Drop in for a stimulating game of Bingo and the chance to win a prize!

Exercise Classes

Drop-in CHAIR Yoga

Every Friday in June and July!

Fridays, June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2 & 16

1:30-2:30 p.m.



Tree Pose

Yoga Drop-In Class

Thursdays, June 6 through August 29

6:00—7:00 p.m. No class June 20 or July 4.

Zumba Drop-In Exercise Class

Saturdays, June 1 through August 31

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. No class June 22 or July 6.

Free Ravinia Concert Tickets!

The Library is once again partnering with Ravinia Festival to offer free tickets for lawn admission to selected Ravinia concerts. Tickets will be available at the reference desk on a first-come first-served basis beginning June 8.

Summer Reading 2019

Let's Blast Off into a universe of stories. Summer reading begins June 8th and runs through August 3rd. Children ages Newborn—17 are welcome to participate in Summer Reading with the Youth Services Department. For more information please give us a call at 708-547-7393 extension 216.

Rules for ALL Summer Reading Participations ages Birth –17:

Summer reading logging will begin June 15th, 2019 and ends August 9th, 2019.

Each reader can only check-in ONCE PER WEEK.

Readers of all levels and abilities encouraged to take part.

We encourage readers to read books on their reading level.

Summer reading participation includes library program attendance.

Rules BY AGE:

Little Learners

Each literacy activity completed, book read or program attended:

color one planet.

Library staff will stamp log during check-in.

Children

Every 20 minutes read or library program attended:

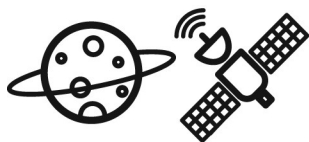
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Library staff will total the number of minutes read during check-in.

Teens

Every task completed on the 'teen participation grid', **color one square.**

Library staff will initial and date each completed task during check-in.



**Adult
Summer
Reading
Program**

**A
UNIVERSE
of Stories**

**June 8
through
August 3**

Come in to the Library and register starting **June 8.**

Each book you read is a chance in our weekly prize drawing—just log it on line or bring your entry blank to the Reference Desk!

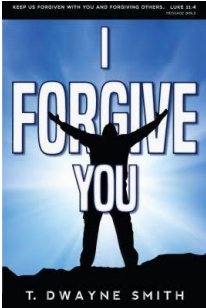
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YOUTH & TEEN SERVICES 2019 Summer Events



The Forgiveness Series Children and Teens

Tuesdays: July 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 5:30 p.m.

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!

New Girls Club!

Girls ages 6 - 12 join us at Bellwood Public Library for some amazing fun with stories, crafts, treats and a whole lot more! **1st & 3rd Wednesdays, June—August @ 1:00pm**

New Boys Club!

Boys ages 6 - 12 join us at Bellwood Public Library for some amazing fun with stories, crafts, treats and a whole lot more! **2nd & 4th Wednesdays, June—August @ 1:00 p.m.**



Children's BINGO Hour

Thursday, June 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m.

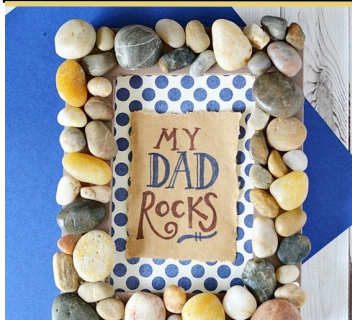
Join Mrs. Lina for a game of BINGO! Prizes and treats provided. Ages 6-12.

Registration Preferred.

Family Movie Series—Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Join us for a weekly movie series in the children's library at Bellwood Public Library.

Registration Preferred.



Make a Father's Day Gift

Friday, June 14th at 2:00 p.m.

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

Registration is required! Limit 20.

A Universe of Story Time

Tuesdays at 2:00pm

A Story Time for children Ages 6-12! Each week we will share a new theme while enjoying stories, craft, fun times and snacks!

Registration preferred.

Cool Kids Computer Club

Mondays, June 10th and 24th

Mondays, July 8th and 22nd

Mondays, August 12th and 26th

Join other cool kids for monthly computer gaming, fun and new friends.

Ages 8-12.

Registration Required.

10 Participants Max.

Toddler Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Bellwood Baby Made

June 11th, July 9th & August 13th at
10:00 a.m.

Join us for a monthly maker session for Bellwood's littles members! We will do tummy time crafts and enjoy a snack. Registration preferred.

Ages 2 and under.



SURPRISE!

It's a Program!

**June 21st, July 19th and August 16th
at 2:00 p.m.**

Join us at Bellwood Library for a monthly surprise program. Will it be a game, a craft or a dance party? Join us to find out!

Registration preferred. Ages 6-12.

**Register at the Youth Services desk
or call us at (708) 547-7393 extension 216 or option 5.**

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Summer Reading 2019

Get Ready to join us this summer!



Teen Time!

Teen Recipe Discussion

June 17th—Birthday Cake Dip

July 15th—DIY Doritos

August 19th—As Seen on Social Media

Join Mrs. Lina for a monthly
'cooking & discussion' club.

Registration preferred.

Ages 13-17.

Summer Reading Kick-Off

Are you ready for a universe of fun? Bellwood Library will kick off another great summer with our readers with special guest Black Girls Jump!

Join us Saturday, June 8 from 11a.m.-3p.m.



Registration for Summer Reading

begins at 11:00 a.m.

Stick around for Black Girls Jump at 1:00 p.m.

Binge Watch @ Bellwood Library

Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

Other than reading, another great way to spend your summer is BINGE WATCHING!

Join Mrs. Lina for a weekly binge watch:

June

**STRANGER
THINGS**

July

**ON MY
BLOCK**

August

**FAST &
FURIOUS**