




Bellwood Public Library

2020 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.

Fri 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

Good Friday, April 10

Easter Sunday, April 12

Memorial Day, May 25

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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

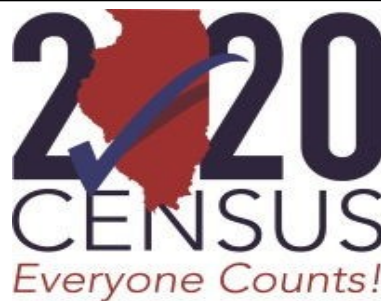
Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend any functions at the library and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe or participate or who have questions regarding accessibility are requested to contact us at least five working days prior to a function.

Introducing Kanopy!

Kanopy is a brand new online streaming resource available with your Bellwood Public Library card. Stream classic cinema, indie festival favorites, and top documentaries instantly to your device. Children's programming is available with **Kanopy Kids**.

Visit <https://bellwoodpublic.kanopy.com/> to browse their whole collection

& create an account with your Bellwood Public Library card number. **kanopy**



Every 10 years, everyone living in the United States is asked to complete a simple task: respond to the Census. The "Bellwood Counts" and "Broadview Be Counted" campaigns held a joint Census kick off rally on January 9 to educate and encourage residents for a high participation on Census Day April 1 from the Bellwood and Broadview areas.

Every Bellwood resident represents \$1,535 per year for the next ten years, a total of \$15,350.00 from the federal government. The Village of Bellwood had a 74% participation rate for the 2010 Census. That means 6,710 residents were missed, for a total funding loss of \$10,286,035 annually and over \$100 million over the past ten years.

These funds go towards schools, libraries, roads, hospitals, housing, social services and other important community projects so please watch for the notice coming in mid-March to complete the 2020 Census and be counted.

There will be dedicated Census 2020 computers at the Bellwood Library for registration. In addition, the Village of Bellwood will be hosting the following information sessions, focus groups, and outreach events.

1. March 13, 6:30 pm Grant Elementary School
2. March 29, 1:00 pm Christian Unity Church
3. April 16, 7:00 pm Bellwood Village Hall
4. April 30, 6:30 pm West Cook County Youth Club
5. May 15, 3:30 pm Sharp Park
6. May 28, 6:30 pm Bellwood Public Library
7. June 6, 11:00 am Memorial Park
8. June 13, 10:00 am Roosevelt Middle School

Adult Programs and Services

If you'd like a reminder for any programs, please call 708-547-7393 option 4.



Frequency Jam Nine Worlds Ensemble

Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m.

Experience the unique chamber music of Nine Worlds Ensemble in this eclectic performance that combines jazz, rock, classical and pop.

Ensemble musicians play original music composed by Thor Bremer using violin, marimba, acoustic guitar, bass, piano, and percussion.

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. Discussion begins at 6:30 p.m.

March 2 — *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

April 6 — *Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson

May 4 — *American Spy* by Lauren Wilkinson

June 1 — *Let Love Have the Last Word* by Common

It's spring!

What Are We Doing This Weekend?

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Chicago is known for its soaring skyscrapers, deep-dish pizza, and lakefront, but these are just the beginning. With so many options, trying to decide what to do can feel overwhelming. Molly Page, author of **100 Things to Do in Chicago Before You Die** and a docent at the Chicago Architecture Center, wants to help! You'll get tips for planning your visit, discover ideas for your next date night, and learn about a few hidden gems to explore with the whole family.

Thinking of Selling Your Property?

Wednesday, April 29, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Spring is when many people think about selling their homes but often don't think about staging. Professional stager Gloria Simpson of *Staging It Works LLC* will discuss minor repairs you can do yourself and give you staging tips to increase your property equity and achieve maximum profit.

Smart Money Week

I-Cash Table

Wednesday, April 8, 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.

For Seniors

Medicare 101

Thursday, March 19 & Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.

Confused about Medicare options? Join Theo Maynard from Premier Medicare Benefits at this free educational seminar to learn about Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplements, Part D Prescription Coverage, and more. For anyone 65+ or about to turn 65.

Free Tax Help for Seniors

Friday, March 27, 9:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Need help with your taxes? **Schedule** a one hour appointment with a volunteer from Triton Community College by **calling** their tax line at (708) 456-0300 ext. 3895 during the hours of 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday, and ask for an appointment at the Bellwood library. For seniors age 60+ with annual incomes of \$55,952 or less.

Basic Estate Planning for Beginners

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Attorney Gina Spada will discuss estate planning basics, including why everyone should have a will (and what happens if you don't), the differences between wills and trusts, Powers of Attorney and why they matter, finding an attorney and costs associated with planning your estate. This workshop is designed for (but not limited to) people who want to learn the basics of estate planning.

Professional Development

Job Search like a Pro: Resumes

Saturday, April 4, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Are you still using an old resume and not getting results from your job searching? Join Erica Reckamp from *TopResume*, *Monster.com* and *ZipJob* as she discusses current research and trends in resumes and Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS). Don't wait until the perfect job posting appears--make sure your content is ready for the next opportunity! This workshop is for both seasoned and new job hunters.

Goals Setting Workshop

Saturday, March 14, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Everyone needs to set goals but how you reach them must be determined by you. Join local author and public speaker Angela Underwood for strategies on how you can become your best and achieve your dreams.

Educational & Informative

SNAP and Medicaid Benefits Workshop

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Dalia Almanza from Greater Chicago Food Depository will discuss the basics of SNAP and Medicaid and provide information on how the Food Depository can assist you.

How to Start a Business in Illinois

Wednesday, March 25, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Are you an aspiring entrepreneur but don't know how to put your dream into action? Then this workshop is for you! A representative from the Small Business Administration will introduce you to business ownership in the State of Illinois. You'll get a wide range of resources and specialized assistance that can make your business successful before you even open the door.

Census Explained

Thursday, May 28, 6:30—7:45 p.m.

Do you still have questions about the Census? The Village of Bellwood is hosting this session to provide more information on the importance of participating.

Computer Classes (Spanish)

Revisión de Conceptos Básicos de PowerPoint, Parte 1 & 2

Saturdays, March 7 & 14, 10:00—11:30 a.m.

Clase Intermedia con Microsoft PowerPoint, Parte 1 & 2

Saturdays, March 28 & April 4, 10:00—11:30 a.m.

Revisión de conceptos básicos de PowerPoint y habilidades más avanzadas necesarias para crear una presentación con diapositivas.

Wellness Programs

Yoga Drop-In Class

Thursdays, March 5—May 28

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Join local fitness expert Rhonda Fentry in a relaxing session of yoga. Bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle.

Drop-in CHAIR Yoga

Fridays, March 6—May 29. No class March 27.

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Achieve physical fitness without getting down on the floor in this weekly class taught by Susan Wilkens.

Zumba Drop-In Exercise Class

Saturdays, March 7—May 30

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Work off those winter pounds with certified Zumba instructor LaToya Towns. Limited to the first 25 participants. Ages 14+ only.

CPR/First Aid Certification



Thursday, April 2

10:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.

Basic CPR and first aid certification class. No fee required for participants. Class limited to 12 students. You must be 18 years of age or older for this class. Bring a small rug or towel for working with a mannequin on the floor and a snack/lunch plus beverage. Bellwood residents only.

Registration MUST be on an individual basis (no group sign-ups).



Just for Fun!

Stitches Crochet Club

Mondays, March 2—May 18, 6:00-7:45 p.m.

No class May 25.

Whether you are new or experienced at crochet, come on out to spend an evening with other crochet lovers learning or perfecting your craft. Please bring your own "I" or "J" crochet hook and #4 yarn.

Bingo

Thursdays, March 19, April 16 & May 21, 2:00 –3:00 p.m.

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

Want this newsletter in your email next time?

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/BPLnewsletters>

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

MARCH MOVIE MADNESS

Marvel vs. DC - who will come out on top? You decide! Fill out & submit your own bracket then vote each day on our matchups to determine who Bellwood thinks is the best. The patron with the closest bracket will be able to check out **6 DVDs** at a time for a month from our library. Pick up brackets from Reference starting Sunday, March 1st. Brackets due by Monday, March 16th. First day of voting is Tuesday, March 17th.

MAGNETIC POETRY

April is Poetry Month! Come to the library and create your very own poems throughout the month with our magnetic poetry tiles. We'll be taking pictures throughout the month to share your poems.



NEW! ONLINE RESOURCES

Available at <https://bellwoodlibrary.org/databases>

African American Newspapers Series 1

Covering a century and a half of the African American experience from 1827 to 1998, featuring 280 newspapers from 35 states, including many rare and historically significant 19th century titles.



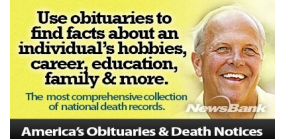
African American Newspapers Series 2

A one-of-a-kind record of African American history, culture and daily life from 1835-1956. Covers life in the Antebellum South through the Civil Rights movement and more.



America's Obituaries

Search more than 63 million obituaries and death notices from over 4,100 U.S. sources. This collection contains valuable genealogical information such as occupation, education, military services, and more.



Bellwood Library Rocks with National Library Week

April 19-25, 2020 is National Library Week, an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role that libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming communities and improving lives.

The Bellwood Library invites all community members to find their place at the library by exploring their passions and discovering new interests through free technology, programs and services.

As a new part of this celebration, 12 patrons will be selected by our staff as Rock Star Patrons and honored at a National Library Week ceremony. Watch for details on our website and Facebook pages.



YOUTH & TEEN SERVICES

2020 Spring Events



St. Patrick's Day Party

Wednesday, March 18 at 4:00 p.m.

In honor of St. Patrick's day, join us for Irish folklore, music, dancing, and the making of green shamrocks. Ages 6 - 12. Registration required. Limit 25.

March Movie Madness



Every Friday

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

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Children ages birth to 5 join Ms. Kelsey and Ms. Sophia for stories, the bunny hop, craft, and an egg hunt. The egg hunt begins at 10:30 a.m. Registration is



Kid's Crafternoon

Are you feeling crafty? Join us and create a craft to take home! All ages! No registration required Every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Poetry Month

Monday, April 20 ~ 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

April is National Poetry month, so let's celebrate. Come to the library and hear and write some poetry! You can even recite some of your own. Limit 25.

LEGO CLUB



If you are a great Lego builder or a first timer, this is the club for you. Stop by the Children's Dept. on Wednesdays, March 25, April 22 and May 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Pajama Storytime

Stories, games and crafts for all. Don't forget your pajamas! Mondays, May 4 and 18 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.



You are cordially invited to the



Pretty in Pink Princess Party

Saturday, April 11
at 1:00 p.m.

All princesses ages 5 to 11 are invited to join us for an **All Pink Party**. There will be dancing, games, food, stories and more! Feel free to wear as much pink as you like.

Make a Mother's Day Gift

Thursday, 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.



Sunday
April 12 from
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Relax and read at Bellwood Library. Bring your pillow and blanket and we'll provide the books!

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Kids Celebrate National Library Week April 19 - April 25, 2020

Join us during the week of April 19 - 25. Don't forget to sign up for the following events.

Monday, April 19 - Make "Happy National Library Week" greeting cards to pass out
Tuesday, April 20 - Give a book a new cover
Wednesday, April 21 - Meet, eat and spend time with local Book Authors
Thursday - April 22 - Participate in the Friendly Book Feud
Friday - April 23 - Watch a movie based on a book
Saturday April 24 and 25 - Get a free book at Bellwood Library



Minute to Win It!

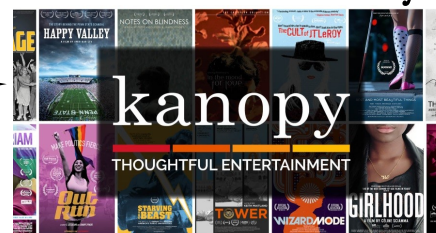
Teens race against time to complete fun homemade challenges. The clock is ticking. Can you win it?

Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

March 12 and 26

April 16 and 30

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BELLWOOD LIBRARY CELEBRATES

Cinco De Mayo

The entire family will enjoy
this special celebration of
food, music and dancing!

Tuesday, May 5 ~
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Teen Conversation Cafe

Join your friends and peers for an afternoon of open conversation! Each session, we will cover different topics from what's going on in the world to popular culture to burning questions about life! Snacks provided.
Wednesdays, March 11, April 15 and May 13 at 5:00 p.m.



SUMMER READING 2020 WILL BE HERE SOON!

Starting Saturday, June 6, we will be kicking off our program, **Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover**. Details will soon be available on our website, as well as in the next newsletter. Watch for more information, and get ready to win prizes with your reading this summer!