





Bellwood Public Library


2021 Fall News

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Library Hours

M—Th 9:30 a.m.—8:00p.m.
Fri 9:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Sat 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Sun. CLOSED

Library Closings

*Indigenous Peoples' Day, Mon.,
Oct. 11*
Veterans Day, Thurs., Nov. 11
*November 24, library closes at 5
p.m.*
Thanksgiving, Thurs., Nov. 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.
See website for details.

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

A letter from the director

Hello again! I am so pleased to reach you through this most recent newsletter - our first one since before Spring 2020 - and to welcome you back to in-person events at the library.

While many of our programs will remain virtual events, we will offer a few in-person events through December. You definitely don't want to miss our family Gingerbread House Workshop on December 22. There are plenty more events so please visit our website for more:
www.bellwoodlibrary.org.

Those of us at the library have been involved in several projects in the past 19 months, even during our closed period. For one thing, we completed a replacement of our 60-year-old boiler with a complete new energy-efficient HVAC system. (No more freezing in the meeting room!) I hope you will find the building a bit more welcoming in temperature.

We also spent quite a bit of time scanning the historical Board records. For those of you who are like me and geek out reading about the history of a place, you can now see Board Meeting minutes all the way from the first meeting in 1932! We are currently up through 1959 and adding new minutes each week. Go to www.bellwoodlibrary.org/board-agendas-and-minutes-archive. Be sure to scroll down to the Historical Archives. Happy browsing!

Finally, I am thrilled to announce that just in time for the library's 90th anniversary, the Bellwood Board of Trustees have approved a \$1.9 million renovation and modernization of the library in 2022. As part of the library's Strategic Plan which began in 2020, the Trustees and staff identified building renovations as a priority, based on input from community focus groups. The current building was built in 1960 and the renovation will provide the Bellwood community with updated library spaces. We hope that this will be a welcomed gift to the community.



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Adult Programs and Services

Registration is required for programs marked with the register icon: 

Shades of Fiction Book Club

Join us for a librarian-led discussion of recent notable books by African American authors. 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. Register for the In-person event at:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/fall-2021-events 

October 4 (In-Person)

A Little Bit of Karma by ReShonda Tate Billingsley

November 1 (In-Person)

Wild Women and the Blues by Denny S. Bryce


December 6 (In-Person)

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Wellness Programs


Yoga

Thursdays, October 7 —December 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Certified Yoga instructor Rhonda Fentry will resume **in-person** classes at the library. All participants MUST wear a mask. **Please note: Classes on September 30 and November 11 will be pre-recorded videos. Register online on the library website to get the YouTube link.** To register, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/fall-2021-events 

Zumba

Saturdays, October 2 —December 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Certified Zumba instructor LaToya Towns will resume teaching **in person** at the library in October. Classes in September will be virtual via Zoom. Register online on the library website to get the Zoom meeting link and password. To register for all classes, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/fall-2021-events 

Reading

Whatcha Watching/Reading


Fridays, October 1 —December 17, 5:30 p.m.

Join us on LIVE on the Bellwood Library Facebook page as we discuss Whatcha Watching/Reading: www.facebook.com/Bellwood.Library

Cooking

Fiesta of Flavors: Living Well with Diabetes

Monday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.

Join Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator Susan Glassman in this virtual class and cooking demonstration featuring a recipe from the website *Fiesta of Flavors--Hispanic Recipes for People with Diabetes*. Learn to decipher the sugar, salt and fat content in foods and cook healthy, but delicious meals and snacks. To register, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 

Vintage Holiday Cookies and Candies

Monday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.

Amy Alessio, award-winning librarian and vintage cookbook collector, will entertain you with a humorous and nostalgic look at favorite sweet holiday treats from the past and provide you with the recipes so you can make them yourself. To register, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 

Local & Cultural History

Exploring Hispanic Heritage Month

Wednesday, October 13 7:00 p.m.

Join pianist Dan Fogel as he celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with familiar songs like Báilame, Besame Mucho, Cielito Lindo, Despacito, El Perdón, Fuiste, La Bamba, La Cucaracha, La Raspa, Livin La Vida Loca, Las Chiapanecas, Macarena, and more.

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Local & Cultural History, continued

Underground Railroad across the Chicago Region (In-Person)

Tuesday, October 26 6:30 p.m.

Larry McClellan, author and Emeritus Professor at Governors State University, will discuss the Chicago-area portion of the Underground Railroad that provided refuge for escaped slaves before the Civil War. He will recount stories from individuals who successfully passed through the area on their way to freedom and from local settlers who provided refuge. To register, go to:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/september-virtual-person-events



It Happened in Chicago

Wednesday, November 3 6:30 p.m.

We all know the big Chicago stories: the world's fairs, the fires, the crime. It's time to see the city anew. Master storyteller William Pack will entertain you with a collection of unusual short stories about Chicago, its forgotten people, places and neighborhoods, that will both surprise and astound you.

To register, go to:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/september-virtual-person-events



Educational/Informational

How to Expunge or Seal Criminal Records

Thursday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.

A representative from Legal Aid Chicago will provide an overview of the procedures involved in expunging/sealing criminal records, the types of offenses that can be expunged or sealed, the differences between expunging and sealing, how Legal Aid Chicago can help, and who is eligible for services, followed by a Q&A. To register, go to:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar



Music and Dance

In the Belly of the Blues (In-Person)

Wednesday, October 20 6:30 p.m.

Author and musician Terry Abrahamson will take the audience back to the crossroads of musical history with tales and photos from his book, "In the Belly of the Blues," recounting his days with musicians like the Rolling Stones, BB King and Howlin' Wolf, sharing rare music, video clips and hilarious first-person anecdotes.

To register, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar



Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency (In-Person)

Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.

What are cryptocurrencies and Bitcoin? Both have been all over the news, but are these good investments? Michael Gershbein, founder of Very Smart People, will explain what they are and how they work, their impact on the financial system, and implications for digital currency in the future.

To register, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar



Holiday Concert Celebration

Wednesday, December 22 6:00 p.m.

Join pianist Dan Fogel for a musical celebration of the season featuring holiday favorites from a variety of traditions, including Christmas, Hanukkah and secular music.

To register, go to: www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar



Adjustment of Status: Getting Your Green Card

Saturday, December 18 6:00 p.m.

Maria del Carmen Rodriguez, USCIS Community Relations Officer, will review the process of adjusting to lawful permanent residency (LPR) or obtaining a green card, including a discussion of different visa categories, eligibility requirements, and U. S. entry procedures, followed by a Q&A. To register, go to:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar



Travel

Travel to the National Parks (In-Person)

Wednesday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

Gib Egge, Instructor/Coordinator of Experiential Education and Training at COD, will discuss the best ways to enjoy some of our national parks and share his experiences as a trained Wilderness First Responder and Leave No Trace Master Educator.

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YOUTH SERVICES


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Young Adult Programs

Wednesday, October 27th at 4:00 PM

Halloween Scrapbooking


Join us for Halloween Scrapbooking! All materials will be provided. To register, go to:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 

Monday, November 1st at 4:00 PM

Sugar Skull Painting


Celebrate Day of the Dead with us by painting Sugar Skulls! All materials will be provided. To register, go to:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 

Wednesday, December 15th at 6:00 PM

Cram Session

Study for finals with FREE pizza! There will be tutors there to help you with studying. To register, go to:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar 



Young Builder's Club

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m., October 19, November 9, and December 14

Grab a FREE kit and let's build together!



Prenda Club (**In-Person**)

October 6 and November 14 at 4 p.m.

Join us in the Youth Room for Prenda Code Club. Miss Kelsey will introduce you to the website, and then you'll be able to continue on your code learning adventure! Spots are limited; registration required.

To register, go to: 
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YOUTH SERVICES, CONTINUED



You, Yours and Yoga (In-Person)

October 28, November 18

Join us on the following Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Bring your favorite stuffed pet to do yoga with you. Listen to stories and music, while we have a

relaxing good time with easy yoga exercises.

To register, go to:

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The Secret Agent Club

Join us on Wednesday, November 3, 10 and 17 at 4:00 p.m.

- Secret coding
- How to make invisible ink
- How to collect evidence and more

To register go to:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar



Family Storytime with Ms. Sophia and Roscoe

LIVE on Facebook

October & November
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

No storytime November 11 and November 25



Fingerplays and Songs for Babies LIVE on YOUTUBE

October- November , Tuesdays at
3:00p.m.

Join Ms. Kelsey and Ms. Sophia for finger plays and songs, not only will your baby learn from them, but it will be entertaining too.

Adopt a stuffed Pet at Bellwood Library

Beginning Friday, October 1 through Monday, December 27

You MUST commit to reading to your pet 10 minutes or more a day through Friday, December 27th.

Bring in your reading logs beginning Monday, January 3, and get a certificate and a prize!

Upon completion, Parents of participants will be entered into a drawing to win a reading teepee for your child! Drawing will be done on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. The winner will be notified!

Fill out your application, pick up your pet and reading kit and start reading.



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HAUNTED STORY WALK

STARTING OCTOBER 6TH AND GOING THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, TAKE A SELF-GUIDED SPOOKY STORY WALK AROUND BELLWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY, WHERE YOU WILL READ A HAUNTED TALE AND DO CHILLING ACTIVITIES ALONG THE WAY. SEE MISS KELSEY IN THE LIBRARY FOR DETAILS!

Paint a Pumpkin Contest

Monday, October 18th and Tuesday, October 19th

Stop in between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and get creative! Your pumpkin can win a prize. Paint, supplies and the pumpkin will be provided!

Registration is required:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar



1st place - \$25.00- Walmart Gift Certificate
2nd Place - \$15.00 gift certificate for Nick's Pizza
3rd Prize - 2 Free Books
Winners will be announced on Thursday, October 28!



The Stuffed Turkey Day (In-Person)

Tuesday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Ever stuffed a turkey? Well, here's your chance! Join Ms. Sophia for a reading of **The Very Stuffed Turkey** by Katherine Kenah and you will get to make your very own stuffed paper bag turkey. Be prepared to write what you're thankful for on your feathers!

To register, go to:

www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar



Gingerbread House Workshop!



Wednesday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m. **(In-Person)**

Bring the family and build a festive gingerbread house while listening to beautiful holiday music. All supplies provided by the library. To register, go to:
www.bellwoodlibrary.org/calendar



Stories & Crafts

Holiday Stories & Cafternoon

Thursday, December 2, 9, and 13 at 12:00 p.m.

Join Ms. Sophia LIVE on Facebook for a holiday story and craft.

Craft bag pickup will begin every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Limited supply of craft bags.