



Bellwood Public Library

600 BOHLAND AVENUE, BELLWOOD ILLINOIS

www.bellwoodlibrary.org

Winter 2014-2015



Director's Message

I have been given a unique opportunity to serve as the Bellwood Public Library Director. Along with this opportunity comes an obligation to serve the needs of the community. How can Bellwood Public Library become not just another library, but an *outstanding* public library? We can do so by changing with the times. In a world of rapidly changing technologies, this can be a challenge. We are doing all we can to keep up with the current trends and offer them to the community. In addition, we have wonderful staff that are always willing to help our great patrons.

I hope that you will be as excited as I am about the future of Bellwood Public Library. With your support we will continue to inspire imagination, satisfy curiosity and provide a home away from home.

Thank you for using the Bellwood Public Library!

Jacqueline Spratt, Director

New Library Catalog Coming this Spring



Do you enjoy using the library catalog to find and order books?

You'll have a lot more to like starting this spring! Bellwood Public Library, in connection with other public libraries in the SWAN library consortium, will switch over to a new software system in April 2015. The catalog will be easier to search and will offer many new features to enhance your library experience. Our newsletter will provide more details as they become available.

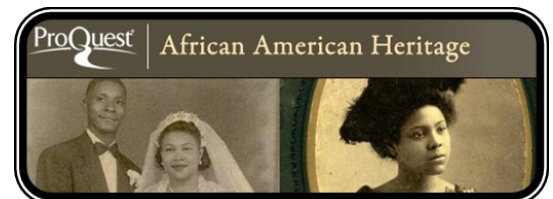
Using your Library is about to get even better!

hoopla® free streaming music & video is here!

We are excited to announce that thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks are all available for mobile and online access for free through **hoopla digital** – all you need is a valid Bellwood Library card! Just download the free **hoopla digital** mobile app on your Android or IOS device, or visit hoopladigital.com, to create an account and begin enjoying thousands of titles from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers.

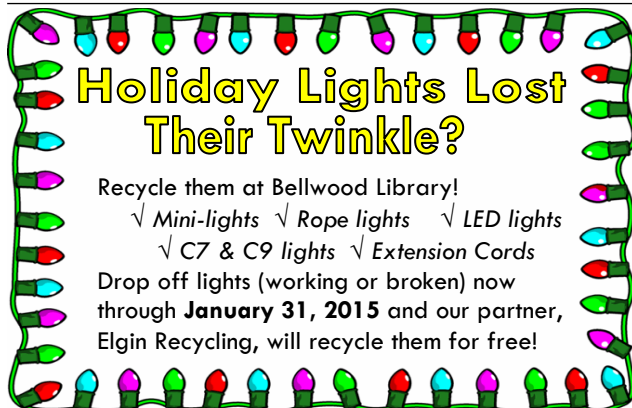
Hoopla Q&A Sessions

Bring your device to learn about hoopla **Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm** or **Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 pm**.



ProQuest® African American Heritage is a new digital resource exclusively devoted to African American family history research, and it is now available to Bellwood Library card holders! Go to

www.bellwoodlibrary.org and choose "Premium Resources" to try it out!



Merri Dee returns!



Tuesday, February 17, 2015 6:00 pm

When former WGN TV anchor Ms. Merri Dee spoke at the Library in September 2014, many attendees purchased her memoir, *Life Lessons on Faith, Forgiveness & Grace*.

Now Ms Dee returns to have a group discussion on how the book impacted your life. Class size is limited and registration is required. ☎ Call (708)547-7393 option 4.

ADULT NEWS

Registration is required for programs marked with the phone icon: ☎ Call 708-547-7393 option 4
Because of uncertain weather in the winter months, we encourage you to register for all programs so we can notify you in the event of a cancellation.

Christmas Craft Workshop

Saturday December 6 at 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Drop in between 10:00 and 12:00 and learn how to turn a Christmas card into a beautiful handmade box for a small gift! No tape or glue is used: cutting and folding holds it together! Great for giving a gift card or other small present.



Exercise Class

Saturdays starting December 13 at 10:00 am

Want to have FUN exercising? Zumba is driven by spicy Latin rhythms, inspiring easy to follow intervals of traditional Latin dance routines. Certified fitness instructor Rhonda Fentry will lead a Zumba class that can burn up to 800 calories. Come for the workout, stay for the party!

Balanced Approach to Money Matters

Thursday December 11 at 7:00 pm

If you're like a lot of people, money matters keep you awake at night and your money questions go unanswered during the day. Questions about budgeting, saving, preparing for retirement or saving for a child's education are important concerns to you. Come to this insightful session to learn a balanced approach and several solutions to your money matters. ☎



Line Dancing

6:30-7:30 pm, Mondays
January 5—March 30

Line dancing is a great way to burn off calories and have fun at the same time! We are offering line dancing classes at the Bellwood Public Library for participants 18 years and older. Men and women are invited to participate. Cost is \$5.00 per class. (No class on January 12 or February 16)



Job Search Strategies Workshops

Come and meet certified professional resumé writer and career strategist, Laina Krisik, as she provides you with the tools you need to reinvigorate your individual job search and put you on the path to success.

Thursday, January 8, 6:30pm—8:30 pm

Learn the latest trends in resumé development, how to create your Personalized Brand and highlight your top accomplishments to get noticed. ☎

Thursday, January 15, 6:30pm—8:30pm:

Take the fear out of networking and use it to open the door to job opportunities. Learn the art of behavioral-style interviewing and walk into your next interview with confidence. Gain follow-up techniques that are essential to making it into the final rounds of candidates after your interview. ☎

Start the New Year with Meditation

Wednesday, January 21, 7:00 pm

Michael Ribet has been practicing meditation for over 40 years. His inspiring workshop will cover how meditation can improve our physical, mental and spiritual health. Enjoy an opportunity to practice this simple and effective technique that can reduce stress, enhance relaxation and promote inner growth. ☎



CPR & First Aid Certification

Saturday, January 24, 10:00am – 4:00pm

The Red Cross will be offering a CPR & First Aid Certification course at the Bellwood Public Library, free of charge. Space is very limited. Advance registration required! ☎



Setting Limits, Goals and Rewards With Your Child

Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 pm

Come prepared for a lively, informative and entertaining discussion about how children challenge our patience, time management and coping skills—and what we can do to de-stress these situations. Includes information on foster parenting special needs children. ☎



Announcing Digital Magazines!

Instant access to magazines in an easy-to-read digital format. Our starter collection contains:

Cooking Light *Jet* *Men's Journal*
Motor Trend *Newsweek* *Prevention*

Visit www.bellwoodlibrary.org to begin!

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Cybersecurity

Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm

There have been many high-profile merchant data breaches recently. Joan Jensen, CEO of the Central Credit Union of Illinois, will be giving this timely workshop on cybersecurity including strategies for preventing identity theft online. Educate yourself and decrease your personal risk. ☎



Access to Capital

Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm

Learn how to finance your new or existing business during a free workshop by the U.S. Small Business Administration. ☎



Balanced Approach to Saving for Retirement

Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 pm

Saving for retirement is an important consideration for most Americans no matter what age or gender. Learn a balanced approach to take advantage of the compound effect of tax-deferred growth using different types of IRAs and employer-sponsored plans to help you achieve a financially secure and independent retirement. ☎



Computer Classes

Registration Required
Call Reference at 708-547-7393 option 4



Microsoft Word 2013 Basics

Monday December 15 at 7:00 pm
Must have mouse skills. Limit 8. ☎



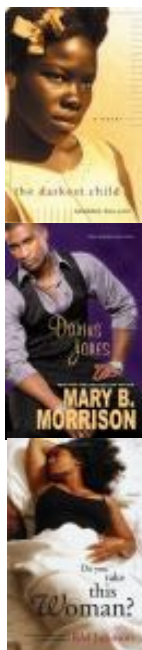
Excel Basics

Friday January 9 & 16 at 11:30-1:00
Must know how to use the mouse and to open and save files. Must attend both sessions. Limit 8. ☎



Windows 7 Basics

Friday, February 13 at 10:00 am
Learn how to open & close programs, create, save and delete files, and organize your files in libraries. Limit 8. ☎



Tuesday Matinee

Every Tuesday at 1:00 pm

Come see a free movie on the big screen Tuesdays starting December 2!

December: Holiday Movies

January: Tropical Getaways

February: African American Heritage



Stitches Club for Crocheters

Join us on Tuesdays 6:30-8:00!

Are you new to crochet? Come and learn! Are you experienced? Come spend an evening with other crochet lovers. Please bring your own "I" or "J" crochet hook.

Bellwood Bake Club

If you have a talent for baking, the desire to learn, or just appreciate home-made baked goods, the Bellwood Bake Club is right for you! Each meeting has a theme for which attendees bake and share their recipe.

Saturday, January 17 at 1:00 pm ~ Baking with Chocolate

Saturday, February 28 at 1:00 pm ~ Cookie Swap

Shades of Fiction Book Club

Meets monthly on the First Monday at 7:00 pm

January 5: *The Darkest Child* by Delores Phillips

February 2: *Darius Jones* by Mary B. Morrison

March 2: *Do You Take This Woman* by R.M. Johnson

Register at the Circulation Desk

or by calling (708)547-7393 option 3. ☎

Fabulous Fiction Book Club

Meets monthly on the Fourth

Wednesday at 7:00 pm

January 28: *The Sound of Things Falling* by Juan Gabriel Vasquez

February 25: *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson

Register at the Reference Desk or by calling (708)547-7393 option 4. ☎



More Winter News

THE TEEN ROOM

"The Teen Room"
Coming Soon!
Expected Date of Opening
June 2015

The Teen Room will be designed and reserved for the use of teenagers from 13 to 18 years of age. We will create for teens an inviting place to study, socialize and become lifelong library users! It will include comfortable seating, young adult materials, electronics and so much more!

Keep Calm, It's COMING!

TEEN ANIME CLUB Cont... With Mr. Bruce and Ms. Ashley



Thursdays, December
4, 11 & 18
@5:30p.m.
Ages 13-17!

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Teens ages 13 and up,
Come to listen or perform!
See Ms. Sophia for details!

Thursday, Jan. 22 @ 6:00 p.m.



Ms. Sophia's Teen Book Club

Join us for a different kind of book club! We will meet, eat, chit chat and interact. This will be the 1st book of many more to come. Ages 13 - 17.
Mondays, Dec. 15 & 29 @ 5:15 p.m.

Ms. T's Crafternoon

Drop in and create your very own take home craft. Thursdays, Feb. 5 & 19. March 5 & 19
3:00 - 4:00.
Ages 6 through 13!

**Due to
Emergency
closings
during
WINTER
months,
be sure
to register
for ALL
Programs!**

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on back!



Teens Get EMPOWERED @ Bellwood Public Library!



Thursday, January 29 @ 6:00 p.m.
Join us for a 2 hour workshop for teens. Mr. Dwayne Smith, President and CEO of Teen-Train Inc. and Youth Development Specialist will guide you on a path to the life you were created to live. For ages 13 & up!

The New Year/ A New Look

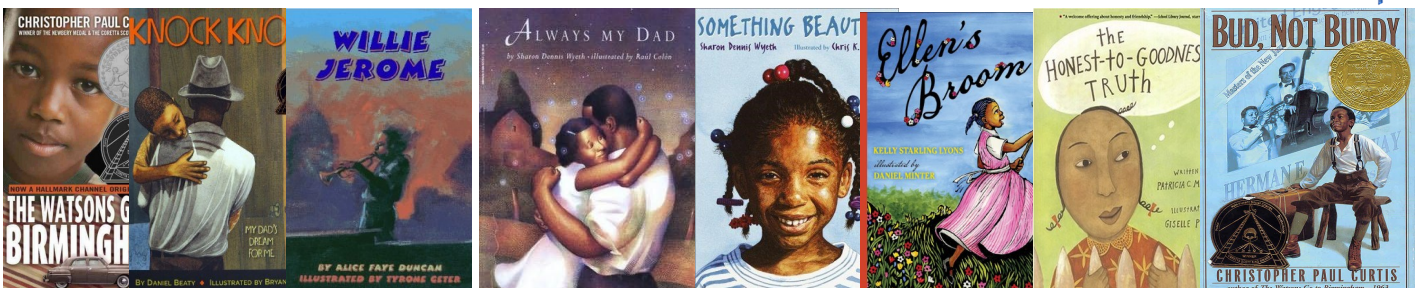


Fall in love with fashion at Bellwood Library! This winter bring your old sweat-shirts to the library and lets give them a new look. Join Ms. T and create your very own design. Ages 8-14

Thursday, January 15 @ 4:00 - 5:00p.m.

Ms. Sophia's Black History Month Book Club

In Celebration of Black History month, Ms. Sophia and other staff will be reading books by Black authors. Join us from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4, Thursday, Feb. 12, Wednesday, Feb 18. & Thursday, Feb. 26. Come celebrate the great works of these Black authors with us!





Kids, Tweens, & Teens News

'Tis the Season to be Reading

Holiday Extravaganza

Join us Monday, December 22 from 2:00 - 3:00p.m. Enjoy a visit from Santa, make a craft, enjoy milk and cookies, sing karaoke and much more!



Storytime X 2

You guessed it! There are two back-to-back storytimes! If you miss one, you can catch the other one. Children up to 5 years of age can join Ms. Gayle EVERY THURSDAY for stories, songs, fingerplays, and more! **Beginning January 8!**

1st session: 10:00-10:45 a.m. 2nd session: 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Pajama Storytime



Come to the library and get comfy! Stories, dancing, crafts and more. Wear your favorite pjs and have a jammy good time!

Saturday, March 7 @ 1:00 p.m.



Just 4 Kids Club

Join Ms. Charity on **Wednesdays @ 4:00 p.m.** For games, crafts, stories, snacks and much more! Registration required. Ages 6 -12. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver. **Jan. 14 & 21, Feb. 11 & 25, March 11 & 25!**

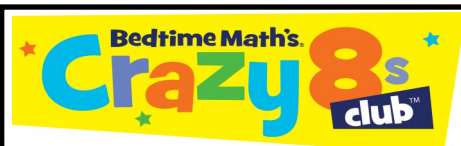
Chess Club Returns



Every Thursday @ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Beginning on February 19th!
Ages 7 to 17!



Calling ALL video game players!
Ages 8 - 17
Friday, Jan. 2 @ 1:00 pm



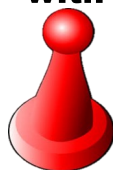
Learning math has never been so much fun! This is a hands-on approach to understanding math.

Join us for

**Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry
Toilet Paper Olympics
Bouncy Dice Explosion
Zip Line Zoo and more**

Prepare to have crazy fun!
**Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Jan. 20 - Feb. 24**

After School Games with Ms. Jill & Staff!



Join us
Every Monday
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 2 - Mar. 23

Saturday Movie

Join us for a great kid's movie and popcorn!
**Saturdays @ 12 noon
Jan. 31, Feb. 28 & Mar. 28**



Children under 8 MUST be accompanied by parent or guardian 18 years or older

Traveling Tablets

Join us afterschool EVERY Thursday and Friday in January!!!

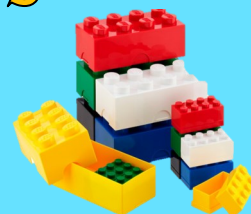
The youth department will have 4 iPads for kids to use in the library. They are loaded with games and learning apps in both English and Spanish. Parents feel free to bring your younger children during the day!



Saturday Lego Club

We are so excited begin a monthly LEGO CLUB. Children preschool to 5th grade are welcomed to join Ms. Jill for an hour of LEGO fun! During the entire hour, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years and older or a caregiver.

Jan. 31, Feb. 28 & Mar. 28 @ 10:30 a.m.



Please call (708)547-7393 option 5 for Children's programs and other services for youth! Programs continue on back!



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Read Away Your Fines! "It Pays to Read!" @ Bellwood Library!

In order to promote and encourage reading, the library has created the "It Pays to Read" Program for our children. If a child has library fines and can't afford to pay them, they can come to the library and read. **Thirty minutes of reading equals One fine removed.** The progress of reading time will be monitored by the Children's Department staff. *Please note that waiving of fines does not include lost or damaged items.* See Children's Department staff for more details.

Are you looking for ways to improve your child's reading skills. Check out the *Early Readers Collection*
We have lots of great books waiting for you!



ABCmouse.com® Is Here!

ABCMouse.com is an educational website for young children that provides online learning activities for 2-6 year olds at preschool, pre-k, and kindergarten levels. You must use Bellwood library computers to access this site.

Go to www.bellwoodlibrary.org
Click on the ABC mouse link found on the kid's homepage and your child will have a great time learning!



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Library Board Meetings are held on the
second Wednesday of each month 6:00
p.m. at the Library.

Contact Us

Phone: (708)547-7393
TDD (708)547-7475

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Friday
9:30 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
Saturday
9:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25
New Year's Eve
Wednesday, December 31
New Year's Day
Thursday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 19
Presidents Day
Monday, February 16



The Bellwood Public Library is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend any functions at the library and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in any functions or who have questions regarding accessibility are requested to contact the library at least five working days prior to a function.