



Blue Island Public Library

WINTER 2016 / INVIERNO 2016
NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Monday - Thursday : 9AM-9PM
Friday & Saturday : 9AM-5PM



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SCHEDULED CLOSINGS, SHORTENED DAY OF SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23rd: *Day Before Thanksgiving* - 6 PM Early Closing * Thursday, November 24th: *Thanksgiving Day* - CLOSED

Saturday, December 24th: *Christmas Eve* - CLOSED * Monday, December 26th: *Christmas Day Observed* - CLOSED

Saturday, December 31st: *New Year's Eve* - CLOSED * Monday, January 2nd: *New Year's Day Observed* - CLOSED



BOOKS...AND SO MUCH MORE.

By MICAH RADEMACHER, MLS, YA LIBRARIAN

Don't get me wrong, most people who come to the library do so out of the need or desire to find a book to read. That has never changed, and most of us could never oversell the importance or significance of finding the right book at the right time. **But books aren't all we have available for checkout here at the Blue Island Public Library.**

Lack an Internet connection in your home? Try checking out one of our wireless Internet hotspots. Thinking of purchasing a tablet to use in surfing the net or reading e-books? Try out one of our Kindle

Fires before you make that leap. We have video cameras available for checkout that work wonderfully for audio recording as well as video. Tripods, a microphone and a number of A/V cables, and other devices will help make your home-recording experience more complete. **New to our collection are our STEAM Kits**; each themed to an innovative mind and an educational discipline. Use a telescope to stargaze, or a microscope to more closely examine that which is right in front of you. Assemble a solar car and a wind turbine, learn about computer program-

ming, or stretch your creative muscles with some art supplies and a sketchbook. We even have a fairly **large collection of board games and a ukulele** available for checkout if all you want to do is unplug for a bit, or do some family bonding.

So, clearly, **Blue Island Public Library has books and so much more.** And we're always willing to listen to your suggestions. Seek out your librarians and let us know how we might help you to become better informed, more engaged, more satisfied, life-long learners.

LIBRARY EVENTS / PROGRAMS

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, EVENTS TAKE PLACE IN THE LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM.

ADULT

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Book Club (A):

Tuesday, November 1st & December 6th, 7PM. Join our

monthly book club for interesting reads and lively discussion. Monthly picks are available at the Circulation Desk.

I Saw it on Pinterest (A):

Tuesday, November 8th, 7PM. Join us for this fall craft series as we try out different crafts found on Pinterest. This month we will learn how to knit using only our fingers. Materials will be provided, but if you prefer a specific color please bring at

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least one skein of yarn that is medium to bulky weight. Sign up is required.



Native Americans and Farming (A):

Tuesday, November 15th, 7PM. In honor of *Native American Heritage Month*, a representative from the Illinois State Archaeological Survey will be here to talk about indigenous populations. This event will address the role plants have played in sustaining and supporting people in Ancient Eastern North America

over time through paleoethnobotany, or the study of ancient plants that have survived in an archaeological context.

Raspberry Pi - Building a Photobooth (A):

Monday, December 5th, 6-8PM. Learn how to build your own photobooth application with a Raspberry Pi, some small parts, and a few lines of Python code!

I Saw it on Pinterest (A):

Monday, December 13th, 7PM. This month we will be decorating brownies to make them look like winter wonderland trees. Sign up is required so reserve your spot today!

CHILDREN

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Board Game Tuesdays & Wednesdays (C):

Tuesdays, November 8th, 15th, and 22nd, December 6th, 13th, 3:30-4:30PM. Wednesdays, November 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd, December 7th, 13th, 3:30-4:30PM.

Family Night Craft Program (F)(C):

Mondays, November 7th and 21st, December 5th and 19th, 6-7PM. Craft projects the whole family will love. For more information please call the Children's Department.

Lap-sit Story Time (C):

Mondays, 10-11AM. *Ages Birth-3yrs.* School District 130's "Family First" and "Cradle to Classroom," Miss Julie offers an hour of enriching songs, games, and stories.



Making Homemade Ice Cream with Kate (C):

Wednesday, November 9th 6-7PM. Kids will learn how to make their favorite flavor of ice cream from scratch with Ms. Kate in the meeting room.

After School Craft Program (C):

Thursdays, November 10th and 23rd, December 8th and 15th, 3:30-4:30PM. Kids put your creative minds to work constructing fun crafts in the Children's Department.



Did you know
that the library has...

A 'Friends of the Library' group you
can join for only \$10?

FAMILY / ALL AGES

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Are You a Seed Saver? (G):

The BIPL and *Friends of the BIPL* are looking for a seed saver to work with to help sustain the seed exchange available in the library. If you are at all interested please contact Colleen Waltman at cwaltman@blueislandlibrary.org.

Copyrighting a Song (G):

Wednesday, November 9th, 6-8PM. *Intermediate.* Learn about the process of copyrighting and protecting your songs. This lecture session will include a viewing on Music Law on Lynda.com and song search on <http://www.copyright.gov/>

Home Video Basics (F):

Wednesday, November 14, 6-8 PM. Nothing brings out the camcorders like the holidays, which is why this is the perfect time to admit an ugly truth: You suck at making home movies. Learn the basics setting up lighting, audio, and how to get the best video. Beginners Level.

Clash Royal Tournament (G):

Tuesday, November 15th, 5-7PM 6-8 PM. *Everyone.* Do you have what it takes to craft the ultimate deck and battle your way to victory in the arena? Find out as you face-off against other players for a chance to win a tournament chest full of (in-game) gold and troop cards as well the title of Tech Annex Clash King!

Library Elf Scavenger Hunt (G):

All of December. *Everyone.* Join us in our first ever Library Elf Scavenger Hunt! Playing cards will have your favorite Library Elves (Library Staff). Get your card stamped every time you see a Library Elf. Fill up your card and win a prize!

Holiday Movies & Refreshments (F)(C):

Saturday, December 3rd, 1-4PM. *Family, kids.* Come to the library between the hours of 1-4 and enjoy holiday movies and light refreshments.



Blue Island Christmas Lights Parade After Party (G):

Saturday, December 3rd, 6PM. Come to the library to keep

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celebrating. As is tradition, the Friends of the library will provide hot chocolate and cookies for the masses until the supplies run out. Then sit and enjoy a variety of entertainment, including the tree lighting, some local student performers, and an excellent show called "Christmas Around the World."

Cheers to Holidays Cards (G):

Wednesday, December 7th, 6-8PM. *Beginners*. Make simple snowflake pattern holiday cards with easy Adobe Illustrator techniques. We will finish off our designs on a vinyl cutter. Participates will take one card home!



Christmas with storyteller Dianna Nicole (F):

Monday, December 12th, 6PM in the Meeting Room. Hey kids join in on the fun as storyteller Dianna Nicole brings us good cheer with songs & stories for the Christmas Holiday. Bring your families too.

Holiday Photoshoot (F):

Wednesday, December 14, 6-8 PM. Come in and get a family portrait for the holidays, and you will be able to take a printed portrait home (one printed portrait per family).

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Clases de Tejido:

Los miércoles, 5 de Octubre al 23 de Noviembre, 12-2PM. Aprende a tejer con la instructora Cande Castillo. Por favor traer tú propio estambre e agujas de tejer. Principiantes y tejedoras avanzadas son bienvenidas.

Colegio Moraine Valley en la Biblioteca:

Lunes, 14 de Noviembre, 10AM-12PM. Aurora Zwick visita la biblioteca para hablar del Programa Idioma Intensivo diseñado a los estudiantes de inglés como Segundo Idioma a prepararse para tomar cursos de colegio. Ideal para personas con carrera.

Bingo Navideño y Colecta de Alimentos:

Miércoles, 7 de Diciembre, 6-7:30PM. Todos están invitados a jugar bingo y ayudar a recaudar comida enlatada para Angel's Touch. Entrada por persona 2 latas de comida para una tarjeta de Bingo para jugar. ¡Premios chicos para el ganador!

Adornos Navideños para Adultos:

Miércoles, 14 de Diciembre, 12-2PM. ¡Ven a hacer tú propio adorno navideño para decorar tú casa! También la experta en artes, Armida Olivares te dará ideas para hacer envoltorio para regalos. Inscripción necesaria antes del 8 de Diciembre

en el escritorio de Circulación.

Moraine Valley College at the Library:

Monday, November 14th, 10AM-12PM. Aurora Zwick from Moraine Valley will visit the library to discuss the Intensive Language Program designed for ESL students to prepare them for college courses. Ideal for people with a career.

Christmas Bingo & Food Drive:

Wednesday, December 7th, 6-7PM. Everyone is invited to play Bingo and help raise canned food for Angel's Touch. Entry per person 2 cans of food for a Bingo card to play. Small prizes for the winners!

YOUNG ADULTS

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Creative Nonsense (YA):

Every Monday, 6-8PM. Teen Open Studio. Be a part of ongoing effort to produce a library "zine," or work on your own stuff.

Game Night (YA)(F):

First Thursday of every month (11/3, 12/1), 6-8PM. What did we do before video games? Bring in the board game of your choice, or try out the ones from our collection. Bring a friend. Bring a group of friends. Snacks will be provided!!!

Japanese for Beginners (YA):

Wednesdays, November 2nd, 16th, and 30th, 5-6PM. Japanese class is back! This time it's a five class series, so you're not going to want to miss a class. Learn some basic phrases and words from our own Beatriz. Each session will build on the one before. *November 2nd is class number 3.*

Come Write In (YA)(A):

Friday, November 4th, 3-5PM; Thursday, November 10th and 17th, 6-8PM. November is National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo. Come use a quiet corner of the library to work on your novel. I'll make coffee.

Remembrance Day (YA)(F):

Friday, November 11th. Write the name of a veteran you know or once knew on our remembrance board. Write a story about them. Take a little toy soldier, and put it somewhere in your home to help you remember the veterans that have fought and sacrificed for you.

International Game Day @ the Library (YA)(F):

Saturday, November 19th, all day. Unplug, unwind, relax and have some fun. Come play a board game, card game, or video game at your library. This day has been internationally designated as a day to play games, so take advantage of it.

Zombie Cookies! (YA):

Thursday, December 8th, 5-6PM. Zombie Cookies! Why should zombies only be around for Halloween? There are other holidays! We'll turn perfectly innocent gingerbread men into zombies using only edible decorating materials.

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Krampus Masks (YA)(F):

Monday, December 19th, 5-6PM.
Who's the other guy who shows up on Christmas? That's right, Krampus! And all the naughty kids get turned into soup. Fun! Join us in making Krampus masks just in time for Christmas.



Movie and a Pizza Night (YA):

Last Thursday of every month (12/29), 6-8PM. As the title suggests – come eat some pizza and watch a movie. Come early, and help us decide which film to screen. Don't forget to check out a book on your way out!

@ THE LIBRARY ALL THE TIME

WE NOW HAVE STEAM KITS

COME IN AND TEST THEM OUT

STEAM Kits (YA):

Our STEAM Kits are now in circulation! Come check out our Dr. Mae C. Jemison Astronomy Kit, Robert Hooke Natural Science Kit, Joan Clarke Coding and Cryptanalysis Kit, William Kamkwamba Sustainable Energy Kit, or our Leonardo Da Vinci Art and Invention Kit. Just ask at the reference desk. CONTACT: Micah Rademacher

Songwriter's Circle:

First Tuesday of every month, 6-8PM. *Everyone, ages 12+.* A monthly gathering for anyone interested in songwriting: Get connected to a welcoming and supportive creative community where you can get to know other songwriters, discuss a variety of topics related to songwriting, and get hands-on experience crafting and critiquing songs. CONTACT: the Tech Annex
Fall Discussion Topics:

November 1st

"Effective Song Structures"

December 6th

"Shorter Songs = Better Songs?"

Spring Discussion Topics:

The discussion topics for our

spring gatherings will be fueled by Pat Pattison's book "Songwriting Without Boundaries" in which he outlines 4 different 14-day writing challenges to help you take your writing to the next level.

January 3rd

"Power of Object Writing"

February 7th

"Metaphor: The Key to Great Writing"

March 7th

"Getting More from Your Metaphors"

April 4th

"Writing in Rhythm & Rhyme"

Drop-in Computer Help (A):

Thursdays at 11AM.

Evening Drop-in Computer Help (A):

Wednesdays at 7PM.

Drop into the Blue Island Public Library and get assistance on using the computers. Learn how to: attach your cover letter and resume to emails, open an e-mail account, explore the Internet, and how to save a document to a flash drive. Come to this open lab and learn how to do these tasks and more! CONTACT: Oscar Arellano



Free Recording Sessions Friday! (F):

Second Friday of the month, November 11th, December 9th, 10AM-12PM. Make an appointment to come in for a free 1 hour recording studio session. Max 2 performers. CONTACT: the Tech Annex

Topics in Graphic Design

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"Graphic Design Tips & Tricks" (A):

Third Tuesday of every month (11/15),



Did you know that the library has...

Video recorders that you can borrow at the Tech Annex?

6-8PM. [NOTE: Dec. 20th and Jan. 17th's gatherings are CANCELLED. We'll start back up on Feb. 21st, 2017] *Everyone, ages 12+.* This topic series—which we'll cover for a number of months—will touch on all areas of design, helping designers new and old sharpen their skills and create more powerful work. The series covers a wide range of topics, from typography and layout to color and logo design. CONTACT: the Tech Annex

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