

Village of Bloomingdale

Announce

October 2025

Growth with Pride

Character Counts Celebration October 7

The Bloomingdale Character Counts Coalition invites the community to the annual Character Counts Celebration on Tuesday, October 7, in Old Town Park. Students from DuJardin, Erickson, Westfield, St. Isidore, and Winnebago will showcase performances highlighting this year's pillar of Responsibility. The BAC Cheerleaders and the Park District Gymnastics Team will bring extra excitement to the evening.

A highlight of the evening is the presentation of the American Youth Character Award to one student from each school and one from the Park District's athletic program, recognizing those who exemplify the Six Pillars of Character. Festivities begin at 6:00 PM on the Old Town Piazza with games and refreshments, followed by the program at 6:30 PM on the Gazebo stage.

Rain date: Tuesday, October 14.



Please join us for the Bloomingdale Halloween Event!
Saturday, October 18

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
In Village Complex Lots
Police & Fire Departments
& Park District

11:00 - 2:00 p.m.
In Library Lot - BPL

For more information, visit:
www.bloomingdaleparks.org • www.mybpl.org

Join Us for a Winter Festival of Fun!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025
3:00 - 7:00 PM IN OLD TOWN BLOOMINGDALE

FEATURING

- Local Vendors Selling Food, Crafts, Gifts, Pet Items, Holiday Décor, Wood Crafts, Accessories, and More!
- FREE Kids Entertainment
- A Beer & Wine Tent
- Visit Santa and Watch the Tree Lighting in the Old Town Piazza
- Charles Dickens Carolers

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3:00 pm-5:30 pm: Chamber of Commerce Open House w/ Gingerbread Village
- 3:00 pm-7:00pm: Pan American Bank Open House w/ Santa until 5:30 pm & Snow Globe until 7 pm
- 3:00 pm-7:00 pm: Kris Kringle Market
- 3:00 pm-7:00 pm: Park District Museum Holiday Show
- 3:00 pm-7:00 pm: Festive Kiddie Train Rides
- 6:00 pm: Drone Show followed by the Tree & Park Lighting Ceremony

Parking Available at:

- Old Town Bloomingdale Parking Lot at Schick & 3rd St.
- Rooster's Barn & Grill Parking Lot

Handicap Parking will be available onsite

Thank You to Our Event Sponsors



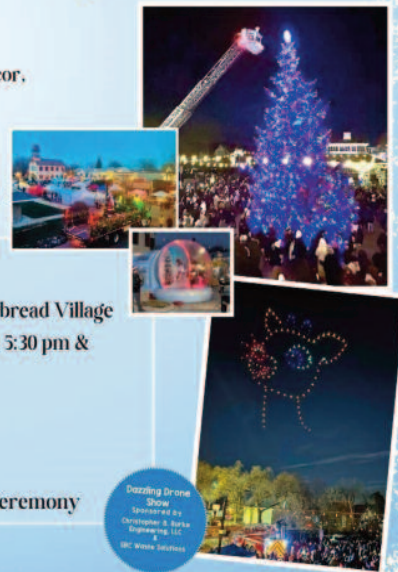
Bloomingdale Park District



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Dazzling Drone Show
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Rib Eating Contest at Texas Roadhouse Provides Community Fun for A Cause

VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION &

The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month January - November

2nd & 3rd Monday in December
7 p.m. – Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month January - November

2nd & 3rd Monday in December
6 p.m. – Village Hall

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m. – Village Hall

BOARD OF

POLICE COMMISSIONERS

3rd Wednesday of every month
5:00 p.m. – Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Quarterly beginning in January
4th Monday
5:00 p.m. – Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Wednesday of every month
7:00 p.m. – Library

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

2nd Thursday of the month
February through November
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday of the month
4:00 p.m. – Firehouse,
179 S. Bloomingdale Road



On September 10, Texas Roadhouse hosted a friendly, and tasty, competition between our local Police and Fire Departments. Team Police claimed the overall victory, earning the traveling trophy, which will rotate between Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights, Carol Stream, and Addison Police Stations throughout the year. The individual highlight went to Bloomingdale Fire's Tom Takoy, who powered through two full slabs of ribs in just over 11 minutes! Thanks to community support, 15% of sales at Texas Roadhouse were donated, \$1,012 each, to Misericordia and Special Olympics of Illinois. Thank you to Texas Roadhouse and the Police and Fire Departments!

Makers Market Features Jewelry, Clothing and More



The 2025 Bloomingdale Maker's Market features local artisans and small businesses with home décor, handmade jewelry, candles, clothing, and more. Held rain or shine from 10 AM–2 PM in the lot at Schick Rd. & 3rd St., across from the Post Office. Visit on the last Sunday of each month, next dates: Oct 26 & Nov 30. For details, visit the Bloomingdale Makers Market Facebook page or reach out via email at info@bloomingdalemakersmarket.com.

Enjoy A Safe and Happy Halloween

Provided that general safety precautions are followed, "Trick-or-Treating" in Bloomingdale will be on Friday, October 31, 2025, between 3 PM and 7 PM. As in the past years, the Bloomingdale Police Department will deploy extra Police Officers in marked and unmarked overall safety for children and residents throughout our community.



Village of Bloomingdale Elected Officials

Franco A. Coladipietro
Village President

William Belmonte
Traffic and Streets

Patrick Shannon
Facilities, Infrastructure

Pamela S. Hager
Village Clerk

Dan Vitacco
Intergovernmental &
Community Relations

Frank Bucaro
Planning, Zoning
& Environmental
Concerns

TRUSTEES

Judi Von Huben
Public Safety

Vince Ackerman
Finance and
Administration

A Message from Mayor Franco

Welcome to fall! Cooler days, crisp nights, vibrant colors, cozy sweaters, warm cider, and frost on the pumpkins, it must be autumn in Bloomingdale!

I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to Septemberfest Chairwoman Vivi Frumkin and the entire Septemberfest Commission for organizing another successful celebration. Your hard work and dedication keep this cherished tradition alive and bring joy to our community year after year.

As we look to the future, I'm excited to share the momentum at the former Stratford Square Mall site, now officially named The Grove. Infrastructure work is underway, with installation of water, sanitary, storm, electric, and gas lines, along with construction of the main roadway. Beginning in spring 2026, crews will develop inviting public spaces, including a large green plaza with a stage for year-round events, which will transform into a festive ice rink in the winter months. A scenic lake with waterfalls will be the centerpiece of the development, creating a beautiful backdrop for visitors to enjoy lakeside dining.

In the coming month, I'll be announcing some of the exciting tenants joining The Grove as agreements are finalized. I encourage you to visit the Village website at villageofbloomingdale.org to learn more about The Grove and other development projects. In the meantime, we are pleased to see 7 Brew begin construction at 68 Stratford Drive, and we welcome several new businesses to the Bloomingdale family including Slice and Ice, Dollar Tree, and Angel's Pancake Café. More details can be found in our "Business News" section.

Another significant initiative is the Stormwater Project nearing completion at the former Indian Lakes golf course property. This project will provide long-awaited flood relief while enhancing the natural landscape. Highlights include a new pond in the southern portion of the site, several natural basins planted with native species, replanting of over 300 trees and shrubs, and a new 8-foot-wide multi-use path for residents. This thoughtful redevelopment will benefit both functionally and recreationally, and I look forward to welcoming residents to enjoy the space.

Before long, one of my favorite times of year will arrive - Christmas! Join us as we kick off the holiday season with the annual Tree Lighting and Kris Kringle Market on Saturday, November 29, from 3-7 PM in Old Town. This beloved event begins our Festival of Lights, a month-long celebration featuring a grand Christmas tree in the piazza, festive vendors, holiday music, and Old Town Park sparkling with lights, like a scene from a Hallmark movie. See the front page of this Almanac for more details on the activities planned.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I'm reminded of the many blessings in my life, including the privilege of serving as Mayor of this wonderful community. From my family to yours, I wish you a joyful autumn and a warm, Happy Thanksgiving.

Best Regards,
Mayor Franco



VFW Winter Clothing Drive for Veterans Now Through October 31

During October, Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539, in partnership with community members, is conducting a Winter Clothing Drive to support veterans in need. The drive collects winter coats and accessories for those who have served our country.

Coats can be new or gently used, but must be clean. All sizes of men's and women's coats are needed. Donations of new gloves, scarves, sweaters, hats, and similar items are also welcome.

Drop off your donation between October 1-31 at any of the collection sites listed below. The VFW will deliver to veterans in need.



Collection sites:

- Village Hall - 201 S Bloomingdale Rd
- Public Library - 101 Fairfield Way
- Fire District 1 - 179 S Bloomingdale Rd
- Park District - 172 S Circle Ave

Questions? Contact VFW Post 7539 at info@vfw7539.org.

Trunk or Treat to be Held at Lake Park West High School



Apply by December 1, 2025

2026 Tree Planting Program

Important Village & Community Phone Numbers

Main Village Hall Number

630-893-7000

Village Departments

Administration 630-671-5610

Building & Zoning 630-671-5660

Engineering 630-671-5676

Finance 630-671-5630

Mayor's Office 630-671-5600

Police – non-emergency
630-529-9868

Public Works 630-671-5800

Water Billing 630-671-5650

Utilities 630-671-5830

Other Useful Numbers

Fire Department non emergency
630-894-9080

Bloomington Library
630-529-3120

Bloomington Park District
630-529-3650

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The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program initiated in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted in Spring 2026 and are available for residential, business or commercial properties. The intent of the program is to further beautify the streetscape. All 50/50 trees must remain visible from the street, and must be planted in the front yard adjacent to the street or, if a corner property lot, may be planted in either the front or side yard adjacent to the street. Business and commercial properties wishing to participate should contact Nick Marx, Forestry Supervisor, at 630-671-5817 prior to submitting a Program Request Form. **Residents seeking parkway tree replacements should contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800. All parkway trees (whether ash tree replacements, infills, etc.) will be planted by the Village, if space allows, at no cost to the homeowner.**

The following are the guidelines of the program:

1. The program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis subject to available annual funding amounts. Participants must complete and submit the Program Request Form by December 1, 2025. No payment is required at this time. An invoice will be sent to successful Program Requests around February 1, 2026.
2. Trees will be 2½" caliper, unless stated otherwise. **Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.**
3. The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
4. Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by the applicant before March 15th.
5. Each residential parcel will be limited to **one tree per year**. Each business or commercial property will be limited to two trees per year.
6. Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village Forester retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
7. We anticipate the total cost of each 2½" caliper tree planted will range between \$200 and \$350, with the Village paying half of this amount.
8. Trees will be guaranteed for **one year**. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.

If further information is desired, contact Nick Marx, Forestry Supervisor, at 630-671-5817.



Black Tupelo



Butterflies Magnolia



Emerald City Tulip Tree

2026 50-50 Tree Planting Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ WORK: _____ MOBILE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

INDICATE QUANTITY DESIRED.

(limit of **one** tree per residential parcel; **two** trees per business/school/commercial parcel)

_____ 2.5" American Yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentukea*)

The American Yellowwood is a graceful, deciduous tree that grows 30–50 feet tall and 40–55 feet wide. It's prized for its fragrant white spring flowers, smooth gray bark, and bright yellow fall foliage. Its broad, spreading canopy makes it stand out in landscapes.



American Yellowwood

_____ 2.5" Black Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*)

The Black Tupelo is a tree that grows 30–50 feet tall and 20–30 feet wide. It's known for its vibrant fall colors, glossy green leaves, and wildlife-attracting fruits. Its rugged bark adds visual interest year-round.



Douglas Fir

_____ 2.5" Butterflies Magnolia (*Magnolia acuminata*)

The Butterflies Magnolia is a compact, ornamental tree that grows 10–20 feet tall and 8–15 feet wide. It's celebrated for its fragrant, yellow tulip-shaped flowers that bloom in early spring before the leaves emerge.

_____ 6'-7" Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)

The Douglas Fir is a majestic evergreen that grows 40–80 feet tall and 12–20 feet wide in landscapes, though it can reach over 200 feet in the wild. It's known for its soft, fragrant needles, pyramidal shape, and distinctive cones.



Northern Pin Oak

_____ 2.5" Emerald City Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

The Emerald City Tulip Tree is a stately, fast-growing tree that reaches 55–60 feet tall and 20–25 feet wide. It features large, glossy green leaves, a narrow, upright form, and tulip-shaped yellow-green flowers in late spring.

_____ 2.5" Green Mountain Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)

The Green Mountain Sugar Maple is a hardy, upright tree that grows 40–60 feet tall and 35–45 feet wide. It's valued for its dense canopy, classic maple shape, and brilliant orange-red fall color. Its strong branching and drought tolerance make it a reliable choice for shade and seasonal beauty.



Green Mountain Sugar Maple

_____ 2.5" Northern Pin Oak (*Quercus ellipsoidali*)

The Northern Pin Oak is a fast-growing, deciduous tree that reaches 50–70 feet tall and 40–60 feet wide. It features deeply lobed leaves that turn brilliant red in fall and have a pyramidal to round shape. Its adaptability to dry, sandy soils make it a great choice for tough urban or suburban sites.

_____ 2.5" Spaeth's Alder (*Alnus spaethii*)

The Spaeth's Alder is a fast-growing hybrid tree that typically reaches 40–50 feet tall and 20–30 feet wide. It's known for its glossy, dark green leaves, which often stay on the tree into early winter, and its upright, oval shape.



Spaeth's Alder

Please note: New trees cannot be planted where a tree was previously removed.

SUBMIT TO:

Village of Bloomingdale Forestry Division
201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108
By deadline of **December 1, 2025.**



Street Sweeping Scheduled for October & November

Fall Branch Collection Begins October 20



The Village Forestry Division will begin free branch collection for single-family homes on Monday, October 20. Branches must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. that day but no earlier than one week prior. For guidelines, visit.

www.villageofbloomingdale.org and search "branch pickup," or call 630-671-5800.

This service is for small property clean-up only and does not cover whole tree removals. In case of severe storms, the Village will collect branches ½ to 6 inches in diameter. Contact the Forestry Division within 72 hours for storm-related collection.

Bloomington Artists Association Suminigashi Workshop

Join the Bloomington Artists Association on Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 PM at the Bloomington Park District Museum (108 S. Bloomington Rd.) for a hands-on program in Suminigashi, the ancient Japanese art of marbling, led by artist Mami Takahashi. Participants will enjoy a demonstration and create their own marbled paper to take home.

Visitors are welcome. A \$10 drop-in fee applies or consider becoming a member, annual dues are \$30 (September–May). For registration or membership information, contact Bev Petrosius at (630) 624-9545.



The Public Works Department will continue its Street Sweeping Program this fall to keep Bloomington's streets clean, presentable, and in compliance with regulations.

All roads will be swept twice in October and November, with main roads (Bloomington Rd., Schick

Rd., Springfield Dr., Glen Ellyn Rd., Edgewater Dr., Army Trail Rd., Lake St., and Gary Ave.) given first priority.

Once these are complete, curbed residential streets will be swept. Streets without curbs are not included in routine sweeping operations.

Residents are responsible for helping keep streets free of excessive yard waste and debris and may not rake, blow, or sweep leaves into the street or gutter expecting the sweeper to collect them. Doing so can clog the stormwater system, cause flooding, and damage homes. The Village does not sweep leaves from gutters.

While street cleaning, the street sweeper operator will not collect piles of leaves placed in the roadway. If this occurs, Public Works will leave a notice requiring removal. Leaves must instead be bagged in biodegradable Kraft paper bags (50 lbs. max) with a yard waste sticker attached and then placed at the curb for pickup by the refuse hauler.

Join the Bloomington Chamber For Two Holiday Traditions This Season

Holiday Trees return to Old Town Park November 30–January 6! Chamber members will decorate trees each with a sponsor sign and visitors can hunt for the hidden pickle ornament, spot it, snap a selfie, and send it in to win a gift card. Details at BloomingtonHolidays.com. Special thanks to Platt Hill Nursery for donating the trees and the Park District for their support.

Follow the Gingerbread Trail this holiday! Print a map, visit participating businesses to see their gingerbread houses, vote for your favorite, and collect stamps along the way, each stamp is an entry into a drawing. Visit the new Gingerbread Village display at the Chamber office during the Festival of Lights, where you can cast your vote in person.

Hands for Hope

The Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation (CNCF) was founded in 2000, one year after the Tallungan family lost their 10-year-old son, Nick, to the disease. Since then, CNCF has invested nearly \$3 million in neuroblastoma research and hosted 23 Parent Education Conferences, bringing together families and leading doctors from the U.S., France, Germany, and Canada.

Families in Bloomington have also been affected by this devastating pediatric cancer. With federal research funding cuts, community support is more critical than ever. Join CNCF at the Hands for Hope Fundraiser Gala on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 6:00 PM at The Herrington Inn & Spa, 15 South River Lane, Geneva, IL. Tickets, sponsorships, and donations are available at tinyurl.com/handsforhopegala25.

Fall at Bloomingdale Golf Club

Fall Rates Begin October 6

The leaves are turning and days are shorter, perfect to squeeze in a few final rounds of the season! Reduced fall rates begin on October 6 at Bloomingdale Golf Club. Visit bloomingdalegc.com to view fall rates and book a tee time.

"Tough Pins" Fall Scramble – Sunday, October 19

Bloomingdale Golf Club's popular fall scramble returns with 18 holes of golf, contests, and prizes, plus continental breakfast, lunch, and a buffet dinner with beverages. The event begins with a 9:30 AM shotgun start and costs \$120 per person, registered as a foursome. Played in a 4-person scramble format, the outing is limited to 36 foursomes, so register soon as spots fill quickly!

Additional information and registration form can be found online at bloomingdalegc.com or in person at the Pro Shop. Payment is required at the time of registration.

Save Yourself from a Clogged Drain!

Fats, oils, and grease cause nearly 40% of sewer backups. Keep them out of your sink—common culprits include butter, cooking oils, meat fat and juices, greasy scraps, shortening, and sauces.

Instead, pour oils and grease into a container and place it in the garbage. Put meat scraps and greasy food waste in your brown food and yard waste cart or trash. Wipe pots, pans, and dishes with a paper towel before washing. Remember: grease belongs in the garbage, never the sink.

Fun for All at National Night Out

On August 5, neighbors gathered at Circle Park for an evening of food, games, music, prizes, open swim at The Oasis, and the popular Heroes vs. Half-Pints Wiffleball Classic.

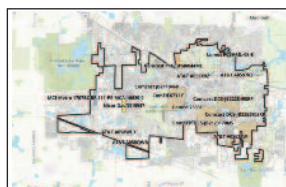
Thanks to our Neighborhood Watch Block Captains for volunteering, and to Pastor Jeremy of Cornerstone Church for serving as DJ and sharing ice cream. We appreciate everyone who joined us for National Night out, sponsored by the Bloomingdale IL Police Department and the Bloomingdale Park District!



New Map Shows Active Utility Construction

View a map of all active utility construction projects (that've been permitted) in Bloomingdale at tinyurl.com/utilityprojectsvoib.

These projects are managed by the respective utility companies (Nicor, AT&T, Comcast, ComEd, etc.), not the Village. Work may occur in the Village right-of-way or a utility easement on your property; after completion, the utility is responsible for restoring any disturbed landscaping. For questions, contact the Village Engineering Department at 630-671-5676.



Voice of Democracy Scholarship — Apply by Oct. 31

VFW Bloomingdale Post 7539 invites local high school-age students who live in Bloomingdale, Roselle, or Medinah to enter the Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition. Students compete for local cash awards, advance to District and State, and could earn the national first-place scholarship of \$35,000 plus a trip to Washington, D.C.

2025 Theme: "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

How to enter

- Write a 3–5 minute essay on the theme and record it to a flash drive.
- Submit the audio file, typed essay, and entry form to:
VFW Post 7539, c/o
Bloomingdale Library, 101
Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale,
IL 60108
- Entries must be received by midnight, October 31, 2025.

Forms and details: vfw.org/vod
Questions: Post VOD Chair Randy Winter at rdw727@aol.com

Welcome Our New Officers

The Bloomingdale Police Department is proud to welcome two new officers, Bella Kincaid and Tyler Kuhn. Both began their law enforcement journey on September 1, 2025, at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at the College of DuPage. They will continue their training through December before officially joining the department.



We wish them success as they prepare to serve and protect the Bloomingdale community.

Director Giammarese Swears in New Peer Jury Members

11th Annual Pulled Pork Dinner on October 18

Cornerstone Faith Community Church invites you to their 11th Annual Pulled Pork Dinner on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 4:30–6:30 PM at 118 S. First Street, Bloomingdale.



Enjoy pulled pork and chicken sandwiches with

house-made BBQ sauces, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, chips, dessert, plus artisan lemonade and tea (new this year!). The evening also features raffle baskets, a 50/50 raffle, a crafter's market, and a lively cake walk with over 40 desserts. Tickets are \$18 in advance at the church office or \$20 at the door. Proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of Cornerstone in serving the Bloomingdale community.

DolceV Bakery and Gelato Celebrates First Anniversary



On August 13, the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce celebrated

the first anniversary of DolceV Bakery and Gelato with a ribbon cutting. Owner Vito Rubino, joined by his daughters, Mayor Franco, Chamber members, and loyal customers, marked the milestone together.

Since opening in Old Town Bloomingdale, DolceV has expanded with enhanced outdoor seating, picnic tables, and a menu that now includes savory options like sandwiches and calzones, alongside their signature bakery treats and gelato. DolceV continues to bring fresh flavors and a warm, welcoming atmosphere to the community.

The Bloomingdale Police Department recently welcomed its new class of Peer Jurors, sworn in by Director Giammarese in September. The Peer Jury Program offers an alternative to court for first-time juvenile offenders of non-serious offenses, allowing them to take responsibility before their peers and make restitution to victims and the community.



High school students interested in serving as Peer Jurors may contact Officer Jaffe or Officer McGuire at 630-529-9868.

Bloomingdale Resident Honors Friend Through Endurance Challenge



On September 4–5, Bloomingdale resident Brandon Klinetobe took on the grueling 2x1x24 Challenge, running 2 miles every hour, on the hour, for 24 hours, totaling 48 miles.

Brandon dedicated this effort to his friend and Navy

brother, Steve Lilley (USN/USAF), who recently passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. In Steve's honor, Brandon raised funds for Tunnel to Towers, Steve's favorite charity.

Learning of his dedication, Deputy Chief Wolenberg and Deputy Chief Mason joined Brandon for the final miles of his journey.

Although the run is complete, donations are still being accepted to support Tunnel to Towers @[tunnel2towers](https://www.tunnel2towers.org). Contributions may be made in honor of someone you've lost to cancer. Congratulations, Brandon, on this incredible achievement!

Police and Fire Team Brings Home the Win!

Football, food trucks, and fun filled Circle Park on August 9 as this year's Bloomingdale Cup kicked off, bringing plenty of hometown spirit. After three seasons of the Bloomingdale Bears coaching staff holding the Cup, Bloomingdale's Finest (Police & Fire) brought it home this year with a 32–0 victory!



A big thank you to everyone who came out to cheer, eat, and enjoy a wonderful evening, and to our Police, Fire, and Bears coaches for stepping onto the field with great spirit.

Septemberfest Parade & Celebration

It was a beautiful fall day on September 6; the Septemberfest Parade stepped off from DuJardin School. Leading the way were the VFW, Village Board Members, and the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District. The parade featured 11 Corvettes, colorful Shriners Medinah Clowns, and lively music by the Big City Dixieland Band as it traveled west along Schick Road to Old Town.

Following the parade, Master of Ceremonies Brett Walkow officially opened the festival, and Mayor Franco, joined by Anthony Schwegler and Village Board Trustees Judi Von Huben, Dan Vitacco and Clerk Pam Hager, welcomed the crowd. Tony Spavone performed the National Anthem while the VFW raised the American flag.

The Septemberfest Commission awarded \$16,000 in scholarships to five Bloomingdale students. Justin Di Salvo presented awards to Asees Khara and Marina Kari, (\$5,000 Dominic Froio Scholarships), and to Wiktorija Bratko, Connor Gulik, and Sona Ohanyan, (\$2,000 Joe Draghi Scholarships). These scholarships were made possible by contributions from FUNDWAYS, the VFW, the Bloomingdale Township Republican Party, and many generous vendors.

Festival-goers enjoyed a bustling Third Street lined with vendors, while the Kiddie Carnival kept children smiling and laughing. Entertainment filled the stage throughout the afternoon, featuring performances by Notable Notes, Center Stage Dance Studio, Bloomingdale School of Music, Lights Camera Dancin', Roma Tang Soo Do Karate, and Synergy Dance. Brett Walkow kept energy high with interactive games. Evening entertainment included bands Fearless, Louder Now, and the headliner, Hair Band Night.



We thank our sponsors for making Septemberfest possible. Platinum Sponsor Bloomingdale Bank and Trust, Gold Sponsors Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce, Bloomingdale Lions Club, Cerniglia Co., NOW Foods/Fruitful Yield, and Amazon Fresh, Silver Sponsors The Amy Coladipietro Team at Executive Realty Group, John T. Dabrowski (Bloomingdale Township Assessor), and Michael D. Hovde, Jr. (Bloomingdale Township Supervisor), In-Kind Donors ER2, Financial System Corp, the Bloomingdale Park District, and numerous private parking area owners all contributed to the festival's success.

Special thanks to the Bloomingdale Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments, the Septemberfest Commission, Melissa Jacobsen, Debbie Pasiewicz, Liliana Rasic, Nick Fratto, Jason James, Lindsey Boehne, Justin Di Salvo, and Cindy Allston, along with liaisons Dan Vitacco, Bob Reagan, Chris Tompkins, Elias Vega, Sergeant Jin Han, and Jennifer Sassano.

Thank you to Mayor Franco Coladipietro and the Village Board for their continued support of Bloomingdale Septemberfest.

Vivi Frumkin

Chairman, Bloomingdale Septemberfest

Labor Day Fireworks

Bloomingdale's Labor Day Fireworks on Saturday, August 30, was an unforgettable way to close out summer! On a gorgeous evening, more than 8,000 people gathered at the open space of the former Indian Lakes Golf Course to enjoy live music, food, and one of the most spectacular fireworks displays.

Entertainment by Triangle Park Band and DJ Gizep set the stage for a dazzling display and finale, while guests enjoyed a variety of food, desserts, drinks, and glow novelties from local vendors. Special thanks to our Police and Public Works teams for keeping the event safe, and to SBC Waste Solutions Inc. for sponsoring the entertainment pavilion.

Thank you to everyone who came out; here's to another night under the fireworks next summer!



Thanksgiving Holiday Village Hall Hours; Changes In Refuse Collection Schedule

The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Curbside residential refuse collection by SBC Waste Solutions will operate one day later than usual for Thursday customers during the holiday week. Thursday pickups will take place on Friday, November 28.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Business News

Positano's Slice and Ice

Positano's Slice and Ice is set to open in Bloomingdale in the next few weeks! This family-owned restaurant brings together the best of dinner and dessert, featuring all-natural Italian ice, handcrafted pizzas, freshly made Italian panuozzos, calzones, strombolis, and more. With a focus on quality ingredients and recipes made from scratch, every dish is crafted with care, just like Nonna used to make. Visit their new location at 169 E. Lake Street.



Mission Church



Mission Church, founded in 2011, celebrated its grand opening in Bloomingdale in February 2019. For more than a decade, the church has served the surrounding community, and as the congregation grew, so did

its vision. Mission is now completing an expansion opening in phases, featuring a spacious auditorium, modern classrooms, and new service areas. The transformation is nearly complete, and we look forward to Mission's continued growth in Bloomingdale!

Dollar Tree

Dollar Tree has opened its third Bloomingdale location at Stratford Crossing, 152 S. Gary Avenue. Part of a national chain with more than 15,000 stores across the United States and Canada, Dollar Tree offers household essentials at affordable multi-price points. Shoppers will find everything from food and beauty supplies to stationery, electronics, and more. The new store officially opened in early August.



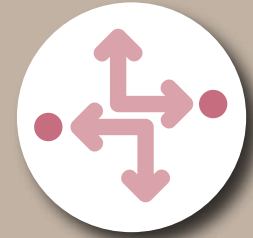
Angel's Pancake Café



Angel's Pancake Café is a family-run restaurant that combines hospitality with a cozy atmosphere, serving delicious meals and a delightful start to the day. Soon to open at 142 E. Lake Street, Angel's will be a welcome addition to Bloomingdale's breakfast scene, known for its signature fluffy pancakes and extensive menu of morning favorites. Bloomingdale can look forward to welcoming Angel's Pancake Café in fall 2025.

7 Brew

This innovative coffee shop is redefining the drive-thru experience. Since opening its first location in 2017, 7 Brew has grown to more than 470 locations nationwide. With over 20,000 drink combinations, including coffees, teas, energy drinks, and smoothies, there's something for everyone. The new shop at 68 Stratford Drive is expected to start serving Bloomingdale in fall 2025.



The Bloomingdale Business Beat

The Business Beat features news about businesses - newly opened, those under construction and those that have something special to tell the residents about.

Retail businesses provide a significant part of the village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep the Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember -
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State of the Village Luncheon October 22

Join the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce for the annual State of the Village Luncheon on Wednesday, October 22, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Mayor Franco will share updates on community developments, projects, and what's ahead for Bloomingdale. Enjoy lunch while connecting with fellow residents, business owners, and community leaders.

All are welcome! Register at BloomingdaleChamber.com.





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Halloween is a fun and spooky time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.

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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways, and yards.
- **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in more than **800** reported home fires each year. Nearly one-third of these fires were started by a candle.

Recognition of Firefighter/Paramedics

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District is proud to recognize three Firefighter/Paramedics who have successfully completed their one-year probationary period:

- FF/PM Stephen Kavanaugh
- FF/PM Tyler Ribandt
- FF/PM Maurice Sandifer

Over the past year, these individuals have shown dedication to developing their skills, knowledge, and professionalism. They have embraced the challenges of the job, demonstrated a strong work ethic, and exemplified excellence in both fire and EMS operations.



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Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 2

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night. This is also the perfect time to check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms, replace batteries, test the units, and update any that are more than 10 years old.

Working alarms save lives, taking a few minutes twice a year can make all the difference in an emergency!

Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District Open House October 18

The Bloomingtondale Fire Protection District will host its Open House on Saturday, October 18, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at 179 S. Bloomingtondale Rd.

Visitors can meet the Firefighters and Paramedics, tour vehicles, watch a live fire demonstration, participate in the fire extinguisher training station, and enjoy the Junior Firefighter Challenge along with other kids' activities.



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Granate Ridge Is Backbone of Mahan Family Wines

Granite Ridge Vineyard, the backbone of Mahan Family Wines' award-winning wines, is celebrating its 10th growing season, a milestone made possible by the incredible support of the Bloomingdale community. Mahan Family Wines extends gratitude to residents whose support has carried their vision from the first vine to today's vintages.



With another bountiful harvest complete, residents are invited back to the Mahan Speakeasy beginning October 18, featuring captivating sounds of an improvisational pianist and conversations with co-owner and winemaker Phil Mahan. This fall, their Cabernet Sauvignon competes in the prestigious Judgment of Paris 1976 Redo, bringing national recognition to their Bloomingdale roots.

Private event bookings are open at MahanFamilyWines.com, dates are limited, with gift certificates available for future releases. Cheers to a decade of great wine and community support!

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Thanksgiving Diaper Drive November 10-26 at Village Hall

Help local families in need this Thanksgiving by donating diapers during the Village of Bloomingdale's Diaper Drive, November 10–26 at Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. We are collecting new packs of diapers in all sizes, from newborn to adult, to be distributed to local families in need through Bloomingdale Township.

Questions, contact Jennifer at sassanoj@vil.bloomingdale.il.us



Bloomingdale Community Garden Celebrates 10 Years Of Giving

The Bloomingdale Community Garden celebrated its tenth year of providing fresh produce to local food pantries with a festive event on July 20. More than fifty guests enjoyed a gourmet

lunch, live music, and a wine tasting hosted by Mahan Family Wines. Special guest Diane Greenawalt, President of the Garden Clubs of Illinois, presented Bloomingdale Park District Executive Director Joe Potts with a Certificate of Appreciation for his leadership in establishing the garden in partnership with the Bloomingdale and Roselle Park District Garden Clubs.

Representatives from both clubs and several Master Gardeners joined in the celebration. Village of Bloomingdale Trustee Dan Vitacco addressed the group, congratulating them on their community contributions. Joe Potts recognized Bloomingdale Garden Club members Marilyn Johnson, Linda Kunesh, and Joyce Basel, whose vision and dedication brought the garden to life.

Tip-A-Cop Raises Funds for Special Olympics

On August 25, the Bloomingdale Police Department teamed up with Texas Roadhouse for the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser. Officers helped serve guests, raising \$1,012 in tips and donations, while Texas Roadhouse contributed 10% of the evening's profits, an additional \$1,112, bringing the total to \$2,124 for Special Olympics Illinois. Thank you to Texas Roadhouse, the Bloomingdale Police Department, and everyone who came out to support this successful event!





**Bloomington
Park District**



Blue Pup Ice Cream Party

Saturday, November 15

11AM-12:15PM

Oak-Lounge

Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle Avenue

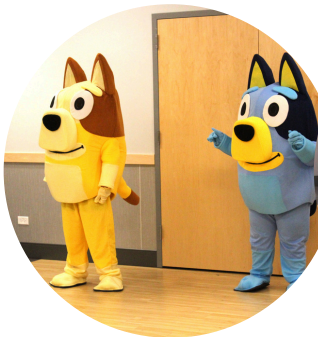
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Join us for an ice cream extravaganza with our favorite dog duo! Indulge in delicious frozen treats while enjoying a variety of games such as “Keepy Uppy” and “What’s the Time, Mrs. Wolf.” Get ready for a photo op with your favorite characters, creating lasting memories of a sweet celebration! Please register each child in session B1. Adults are free but must register for session B2. Limit to two parents per family.

Code#: 104625-B1

Admission: \$15 R/\$20 NR



Volunteer Highlight

Thank You, Phil Piotrowski!

We extend our greatest thanks to Phil Piotrowski, a 14-year resident of Bloomingdale, for his generous volunteer work at Springfield Park. After noticing that the park's birdhouses had become worn, Phil took the initiative to reach out to BPD in October 2024 and offered his carpentry skills to help. Utilizing his dedication and creativity, he created a Google map inventory of the existing bird houses and then built over twenty durable houses designed for easy cleaning, ensuring that the birds will have safe and lasting homes for years to come. In the winter and early spring of 2025, the park maintenance staff replaced over 18 houses with the new houses Phil built. Additionally, the staff removed the multi-unit wren house which Phil then repaired and staff then re-installed. The Purple Martin house was in significant disrepair, so staff purchased a replacement and installed the new house this summer. Phil also built two wood duck houses this past year.



Phil's work supports a variety of species found in Springfield Park, including Eastern Bluebirds, Purple Martins, and Wood Ducks. The care, time, and attention he devoted to this project has created a meaningful and lasting benefit for both park visitors and generations of birds to come.

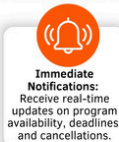
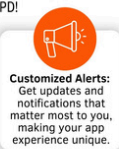
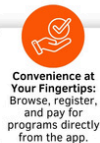
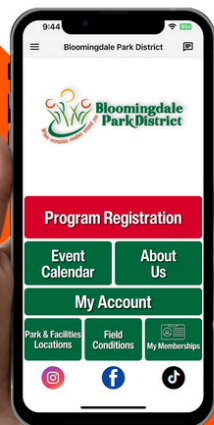


We'd also like to thank the BPD maintenance staff for supporting Phil throughout this project. Your teamwork helped make a real difference in the park and its natural habitat.

Together, you've made Springfield Park an even better place!

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The Bloomingdale Park District app has taken off since its launch in November—and residents are loving it! With hundreds of users already enjoying the convenience, registering for programs has never been easier. Stay logged in for quick access, get real-time updates on classes and cancellations, and never miss a beat. Don't get left out—download the app today from your app store and join the growing number of users staying connected with everything BPD!



Mobile App Sponsor



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This past summer, we enjoyed a fun and festive day at Indian Lakes Park as we celebrated the recent park improvements, which included new playground structures, an expanded walking path, and a new three-hole disc golf course. Thank you to Adopt-A-Park sponsor Highlander Home Improvement Company, who provided hot dogs, chips, and bottled water to everyone who attended!

Silent Film Celebration

Friday, October 17

6:30-7PM - The Scarecrow
7:30-8PM - The Blacksmith
Location: Oak-Lounge



The Blacksmith



The Scarecrow

Join us for a magical evening featuring two beloved silent films: The Blacksmith and The Scarecrow.

Enjoy these timeless classics with live music performances by the talented musicians of Notable Notes Music Academy! All proceeds benefit the music scholarship fund of the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation. Come out and support local musicians while experiencing the charm of silent cinema! Don't miss this unforgettable evening.

Admission:
\$5 R/NR

PRESENTED BY:
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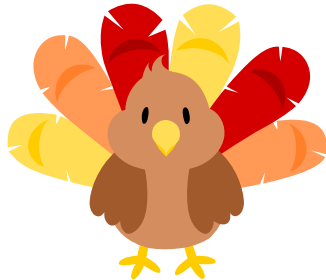
Code #: 101106-A1 - The Scarecrow
101106-B1 - The Blacksmith

Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt

Friday, November 7
6-7:30PM
Location: Oak-Lounge

Gobble, Gobble! Tom the Turkey is on the loose at the Johnston Recreation Center! We need your help finding him. Participants will find and solve clues hidden around the building. A craft and light refreshments are provided during the event. Register each family member.

Admission:
\$3 R/\$8 NR
Code #: 104622-A1



Make A Difference Day

Saturday, October 25
9AM-12PM



Location: Springfield Park, 269 Springfield Drive
(Meet at Picnic Shelter)

Join us with our Adopt-A-Park sponsor Wolff Construction for our annual community volunteer day to collect trash throughout the park, seed collection from the native plants and boardwalk repairs. Please rsvp to parks@bloomingdaleparks.org by Friday, Oct. 3 or for more information.



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Klub Friday Night

KFN

Dates:

October 24 (Costume Party)

Code #: 502903-03

November 14

Code #: 502903-04

December 19

Code #: 502903-05

7:30-9:30PM

Location: JRC

Every KFN Features:

- Open Gym
- A Ticket For A Piece of Pizza & Bottled Water
- Other Concession Available for Purchase from Chef's Corner
- Raffles
- DJ
- Meet New Friends
- Playstation
- Nintendo Switch

Registration available online or in person at the Johnston Recreation Center or at KFN. ALL participants must be signed out by a parent/guardian at the end of the evening.

Admission:
\$10 Early Bird
\$15 Day Of





Speaker Series

Speaker Series: Tales in History with Lynn Rymarz "The Women: The Story of Two Army Nurses in Vietnam"

Ages: 18+
Min/Max: 15/50 **Location: Museum**

Join Storyteller and Author Lynn Rymarz as she weaves the fictional story of Army Nurse Frances McGrath from the The Woman by Kristin Hannah and the true story of Army Nurse Lynda Van Devanter from her memoir Home Before Morning.

Instructor: Lynn Rymarz

Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Thur	6:30-7:30PM	Nov 13	\$10/\$15	103658-A1

Speaker Series: Tales in History with Lynn Rymarz Portraying Eliza Hamilton

Ages: 18+
Min/Max: 15/50 **Location: Museum**

Join us for an evening of hearing the true story of Alexander Hamilton, one of the Founding Fathers of our nation, told by his wife Eliza, portrayed by storyteller, Lynn Rymarz. Learn about the country's fight for independence, the founding of the new country, and the men and women behind the scenes. She will tell about their marriage, the love they had for each other, his betrayal, his death in a duel, and her life without him.

Instructor: Lynn Rymarz

Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Fri	6:30-7:30PM	Oct 3	\$10/\$15	103657-A1

Trips & Outings

VOLO AUTO MUSEUM & ANTIQUE MALL

Take a journey through history and horsepower at the Volo Auto Museum and Antique Mall. This unique destination offers a fascinating collection of vintage cars, classic TV and movie vehicles, military memorabilia and more. Stroll through decades of American history, relive favorite film moments, and even browse a charming antique mall filled with hidden gems and nostalgic finds. With something for everyone, Volo blends education, entertainment and touch of the past into one unforgettable experience. Fee includes transportation. Lunch and shopping are on your own. Trip departs and returns from the Medinah Park District 22W130 Thorndale Ave., Medinah. **Registration deadline is October 30.**

Ages: 18-99 **Min/Max: 4/4**
Instructor: Staff **Location: Medinah Park District**

Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
Thursday	10AM-4PM	November 6	\$37/\$42	103202-A1



Celebrate the Seasons AT THE LIBRARY!

Visit our website at mybpl.org/annualevents for all of the details.

Bloomingdale Halloween Event

Saturday, October 18 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

BPL tent opens at 11:00 a.m.

Until then, join the Police Department, Fire Department, and Park District for fun activities in the Village Complex parking areas!

2025 Holiday Open House

Tuesday, December 2 | 6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

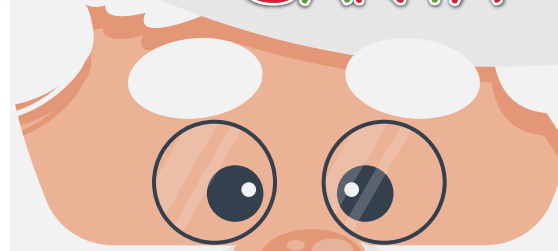
Enjoy holiday fun for the whole family! Join us outside for the Community Tree Lighting, then come inside for refreshments and fun.



BLOOMINGDALE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

October &
November
2025

breakfast & brunch
-WITH- **SANTA**



Saturday, December 13
limited seating available
Breakfast: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Brunch: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tickets on sale beginning
November 1 in the Business Office.
Visit mybpl.org/annualevents#santa
or call 630-529-3120 (ext. 0)
for details.

Friends of the
Bloomingdale
Public Library

Fall Book & Bake Sale

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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Join the Friends for our next meeting on October 22 at 6:30 p.m., with a book discussion of *Black Cake* at 7:30 p.m. Questions? Contact the Friends of the Library at mybplfriends@gmail.com.

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Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13)

Wednesday, October 8 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy the first of a series of movies inspired by a Disney theme park ride!

On the Same Page is an annual month-long community reading event hosted by Bloomingtondale Public Library, Roselle Public Library District, and Itasca Community Library. This year's choice is *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson.

Visit mybpl.org/OTSP for complete event information.



Adult

Registration required for some adult programs (noted with 📅).

Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.

For programs with special registration requirements, please follow those instructions.

📅 **Reggae: The Beating Heart of Popular Music**

Tuesday, October 21 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Reggae has directly influenced genres like Disco, Hip Hop, and Electronic Dance Music (EDM), while many popular artists, including the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and Stevie Wonder, have recorded their own reggae songs. Through the use of music, video, and photographs from this treasured island, Dr. John F. Lyons traces the history and impact of reggae music.

📅 **The Rule of Rum**

Monday, October 27 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Food historian Cynthia Clampitt shares the history behind rum's growth, from its involvement with pirates to its role in uniting the thirteen colonies during the American Revolution. Learn how it led to a revolt in its next home after the Caribbean, Australia, and how it continued to affect culture and history.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

📅 **Medicare 101**

Tuesday, October 7 | 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Is your 65th birthday approaching? Healthcare Solutions Team presents this free educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and potential out of pocket exposure. Presented by Stephanie Villanueva of Healthcare Solutions Team.



📅 **VIRTUAL - Chocolate Kings: Hershey vs. Mars**

Monday, October 20 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. to explore how two legendary companies began – Hershey and Mars – and how their rivalry changed chocolate forever.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

📅 **VIRTUAL - The Rise of Main Street**

Tuesday, November 4 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

A travel program examining the settlement of towns, how they were named, who did the settling, the industries that sustained them, and the people and businesses who had an impact.

📅 **Chef Maddox Presents: Holiday Appetizers and Canapés**

Tuesday, November 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. *limit 50 people*

BPL cardholders: Registration opens Monday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Non-BPL cardholders: Registration opens Monday, November 3 (if space available)

Join Chef Susan Maddox as we learn how to make appetizers and canapés for the upcoming holiday season!

📅 **VIRTUAL - Revealing Venus**

Tuesday, November 18 | 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Join Michelle Nichols (Adler Planetarium) to discuss Venus with its acid clouds, searing temperatures, and crushing air pressure. Learn about its possible past and the Venusian mysteries we still want to solve.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Genealogy Club (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, October 15 & November 19 | 6:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Join us to learn about internet and archival genealogy and research support. Members share strategies and explore library resources with guidance from genealogy librarian Leslie Drewitz.

📅 **Great Decisions**

Wednesdays, October 15 & November 19 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Great Decisions discussion program is a civic education program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association. Contact Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org for more information.

Programs



Drop-In Movie

Enjoy our Drop-In Movie and enter for a chance to win a copy of that day's movie on DVD. Movie giveaway will be held following the conclusion of the movie and you must be present to win.



Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (PG-13)

Wednesday, October 8
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Young Frankenstein (PG)

Wednesday, October 29
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



M3GAN (PG-13)

Wednesday, November 5
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Home for the Holidays

(PG-13)
Wednesday, November 19
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.



book discussion groups

Selections are available at the Circulation Desk one month in advance of the discussion. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at (630) 924-2730.

HISTORICAL BOOK DISCUSSION

To register, email Julie Deeke at jdeeke@mybpl.org.



Amelia Earhart: The Turbulent Life of an American Icon

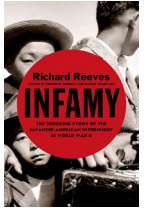
by Kathleen C. Winters

Tuesday, October 7 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Infamy: The Shocking Story of the Japanese American Internment in World War II

by Richard Reeves

Tuesday, November 4 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



MONDAY NIGHT PAGE TURNERS

To register, email Jessica Frazier at jfrazier@mybpl.org.



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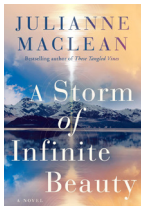
by Thrity Umrigar

Monday, October 20 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

A Storm of Infinite Beauty

by Julianne MacLean

Monday, November 17 | 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



bpl makerspacecrafts

Custom Sublimation Mug

Create a custom mug using a sublimation printer.

Registration opens Monday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m. (limit 4 per session)

Monday, November 3 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Custom Sublimation Mouse Pad

Create a custom mouse pad using a sublimation printer. Makes a great holiday gift!

Registration opens Monday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. (limit 4 per session)

Monday, December 1 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

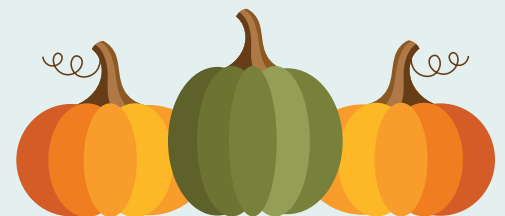
Tuesday, December 9 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Learn how to use BPL Makerspace equipment to make creative crafts.

Registration Information:

Ages 12 to adult, BPL card and computer experience required.


Please sign up for one session only.



Computer Programs

Registration is encouraged for in-person computer classes to receive program updates.

Register **online**, by phone at **(630) 924-2730**, or by email at **bdref@mybpl.org**.

Virtual classes are noted with  and will be posted on our YouTube channel.



get to know your SMART DEVICE

iPhone Basics

Thursday, October 16
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Learn to download and run apps, organize your icons, configure your settings, find and use your pictures, play your music, synchronize your phone with other devices, and much more.

iPhone Settings

Thursday, October 30 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

From optimizing battery life to enhancing privacy, settings adjustments can help make the most out of your iPhone. Discover appearance customizations, app permissions, accessibility features, and more.

Smartphone Photography & Editing

Monday, November 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Learn to use free editing products to prepare smartphone photos and movies for sharing. Note that different phones offer a wide range of camera features, so we will focus on more generally available tools rather than some of the higher end options.

Getting Familiar with Apple Watch

Thursday, November 13 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Smartwatches like the Apple Watch give us computers on our wrists! Discover how they can help you meet your fitness goals, keep track of important events, and even replace your phone for common tasks.

Social Media Safety

Monday, October 6
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Discuss common social media scam tactics and learn how to avoid them. Explore privacy settings for popular social media sites like Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok.

Cricut Design Space: Shirt Design

Monday, November 3 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Explore the Cricut Design Space process for heat transfer vinyl application. We will cover software setup, material options, and heat press usage. Note: Demo only, no in-class project. No equipment or supplies needed.



Disaster Prevention

Monday, November 17 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Avoid scary computer situations with basic safety measures. Learn about blocking viruses, keeping personal information secure, good privacy practices, backing up your data, and avoiding fraud.

courses for SENIORS

Join these friendly introductory computer topics aimed at seniors. Lots of guided hands-on practice and time for questions.

The Internet

Wednesday, October 22
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Stop in to discuss browsing the web, email questions and concerns, how the cloud works, and how to avoid viruses and scams.

Smartphones

Wednesday, October 29
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Instructor: Salvador

Let's talk about smartphones! Bring your own device while we demonstrate with both an iPhone and Android.

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Excel Lookup & PivotTables

Monday, October 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Take an in-depth look at two popular Excel tools: Lookup functions and PivotTables. Learn to quickly search, filter, and organize large amounts of data with advanced functions. Work through several examples of creating PivotTables to better display and perform calculations on their data.

Office 365

Monday, October 27 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

Are you new to Office 365? Come learn how Microsoft's cloud computing product works, both from a licensing perspective and day to day use, while becoming familiar with the advantages and disadvantages of working with OneDrive, SharePoint, and the online versions of classic Office programs like Word, Excel, and more!

Introduction to LibreOffice: Writer

Thursday, November 6 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Get up and running with a free alternative to the Microsoft Office Suite! The word processing application, Writer, is similar to and compatible with Microsoft Word.

Introduction to LibreOffice: Impress

Thursday, November 20 | 7:00 – 8:30p.m.
Instructor: Charlie

Create and present slideshows with this easy-to-use application included with the free LibreOffice Suite. You can even import and edit Microsoft PowerPoint presentations!

Organizing and Backing Up Your Computer Files

Monday, November 24 | 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Instructor: Christian

Discover ways to organize your files for easy accessibility, including file naming conventions, folder structures, and common backup methods.



Get Crafty @ BPL!

Take & Make Crafts

For Take and Make crafts, you will be contacted via email when your craft kit is ready to be picked up at the Adult Reference Desk.

📦 Creepy Crochet Kit

Kit Pickup begins Monday, October 13 (limit 12 teens)

Let the scary, stitchy fun commence! This Creepy Crochet Kit includes 8 fabulous, frightening patterns for all levels that celebrate spooky season.

📦 Book Stenciling Kit

Kit Pickup begins Monday, November 10 (limit 12 teens)

You can create your very own collectors' editions of your favorite books with a Stenciled Book Edges Kit. With these creative additions, every inch of your book is a canvas for your imagination and creativity.

Teen Craft Club

The Teen Craft Club is on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise noted.

📦 Cemetery Terrariums

Wednesday, October 8 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. (limit 6 teens)

Let's give terrariums a spooky twist with a creepy cemetery theme. Make it cute, make it creepy; either way, you take it home!

📦 Paint Pouring

Wednesday, November 12 | 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. (limit 8 teens)

Using the "paint pour" method, create a marble painting that is entirely unique. A relaxing, slightly messy, and fun craft to take home!

Teen Craft Extra!

📦 Crochet a Spookily Cute Ghost (Amigurumi)

Wednesday, October 22 | 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (limit 8, ages 14+)

Make a simple crocheted* ghost. We will learn how to start a magic circle, increase, and color change.

*Participants must know how to single crochet in rows.

Mindful Skills

Mindful Skills are the 1st Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted. Limit 8 teens.

📦 Coping Boxes

Monday, October 6
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Make a box that contains things that ground you, make you feel more relaxed, and reduce symptoms of panic, anxiety, or low mood.

📦 Visual Sensory Bottle

Monday, November 3 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Need help getting your mind to relax for a little while? Take a visual sensory break with this easy DIY sensory bottle you can use for optimum relaxation time.



Teen Territory Fun!

Drop-in activity all month in the Teen Territory space. While supplies last.

Two-Sentence Horror Story Contest (October)

It was a dark and stormy night...
BPL is hosting a Two-Sentence Horror Story Contest for Teens! Entries must be 400 characters or less in length and appropriate for display in library. Looking for some bone-chilling inspiration? Examples and rules will be posted in Teen Territory.

Origami Stars (November)

Create an origami star. Once complete, place them inside the jar located in the Teen Territory. Let's see how many we make together before the month ends!

Teen Programs

Registration required for some teen programs (noted with 📦). Registration begins Monday, September 22.



Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2730, or by email at bdref@mybpl.org.

Teen programs are open to 7th-12th graders unless otherwise noted.



Game with BPL!

Join us for an afternoon of gaming! Bring your friends and have a fun competition. Register to claim a spot to play; drop-ins welcome.

📦 Overcooked!

Thursday, October 16 | 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

📦 Just Dance

Thursday, November 20 | 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Teen Bookish Boxes

Sign up to receive a teen subscription box full of specially curated books and goodies each month! After filling out a registration form, the teen librarian will select titles based on your preference.

And guess what? You get to keep everything in your box, including the book! Every month, participants will get new books and special surprises.

Register anytime at mybpl.org/teenbookishboxes.

Teen Book Reviews

Teens who enjoy reading, audiobooks, or writing can write book reviews for **volunteer service hours**! The reviews may appear in whole or part on the library's website, the Teen Territory, social media, or in print resources at the library. If you are interested, get started on the library website!

Check out the details at mybpl.org/teenbookreviews.

Preschool Programs

Ages 0-5

Youth

Come Together (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Every Wednesday | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Meet and chat with other parents and caregivers while your child socializes and explores with hands-on toys. Weekly drop-in event for ages 0-24 months.

Will be offered simultaneously with Baby Tales and Tunes when in session.

No session Wednesday, November 26.

📖 Happy Books, Happy Cooks

Ages 3-5

Thursdays, October 2 & November 13

6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

A storytime for all the budding chefs! Read a food-filled story and create a tasty treat.

Please let us know any allergies at the time of registration.

📖 Cats, Bats, and Other Spooky Friends

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, October 7

1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Join us for some spooktacular stories, crafts, and fun!



📖 Playing with STEM

Ages 2-5

Tuesdays, October 14 & November 11

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) are important learning areas for kids of all ages. Start your child early with our fun play to learn program.

October: apples November: leaves

Preschool Process Art (Drop-In)

Ages 3-5

Saturday, October 25 | 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Little hands, but big creativity! Pop in to the Makerspace to try this month's artsy activity.



Baby, Let's Make Music (Drop-In)

0-24 months

Wednesdays,

October 29 – November 19

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a parade of fun! We will explore the world of music and movement using an array of instruments, flannel stories, rhymes, and songs.



Explore with Your Senses (Drop-In)

Under 3 years old with caregivers

Friday, October 31

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.



Come participate in different activities designed to develop sensory processing skills. Explore texture, sound, smell, colors, and patterns.

Toddler Dance Party (Drop-In)

18 months to 36 months

Friday, November 7 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Does your toddler like to move, groove, and wiggle? Join us for a morning of music and movement!



📖 Play with Your Food!

Ages 3-5

Monday, November 10 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Join us to make apple prints, marshmallow towers, and more! Please let us know of any dietary restrictions when registering.

📖 Snippets and Shapes

Ages 3-5

Friday, November 14 | 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

What kind of pictures can you make with snippets and shapes?

📖 Punk Farm

Ages 3-5

Tuesday, November 25 | 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

What are Farmer Joe's animals up to when he goes to bed? Join us to find out.

Registration required for some youth programs (noted with 📅).

Registration for **October** programs begins **Monday, September 22**.

Registration for **November** programs begins **Monday, October 20**.

It's Storytime!

The Youth Services department provides age-appropriate interactive fun with stories, sign language, music, and more.

Storytimes are drop-in and limited to the first 20 children to arrive.

Fall Session:

September 8 – October 17

December Mini-Session:

December 1 – December 12

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5

Mondays, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Evening Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2-3 with caregiver

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Family Storytime

All ages with caregiver

Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Baby Tales & Tunes

Ages 0-24 months with caregiver

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 10:20 a.m.

OR 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.



Baby Tales & Tunes will introduce your baby to the world of music, movement, rhymes, and books that will aid in the development of early literacy skills.

Programs

Register **online**, by phone at (630) 924-2740, or by email at bdys@mybpl.org.



No Bake Trail Mix Cups (Drop-In)

Grades 1-3

Monday, October 6 | 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

The best treats are the “easy to make in 5 minutes” kind of treat. Come and make a yummy snack.

Take & Make Ghosts

Grades 3-6

Pickup kits: Monday, October 6 through Friday October 10

Sign up for a kit to make your very own spooooky décor!

Culture Connections Club (Drop-In)

Grades K-2

Tuesdays, October 7 & November 4
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Visit faraway countries through stories, songs, snacks, and activities.

October focus: Vietnam

November focus: Germany

Makerspace Club: STEM Time

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, October 9 & November 13
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Libraries are a great place to learn about science and technology while making cool stuff. Come join the fun!

October: light up Halloween décor

November: kaleidoscopes

How Does it Glow?

Grades K-6

Sunday, October 12 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

How do things glow? From glow sticks to special paint, we will investigate how glow works with crafts, experiments, and games.

LEGO® Club (Drop-In)

Grades 1-6

Tuesday, October 14 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Design and build with the library's LEGO® supply to complete the challenge.

School Age Programs

Grades K-6

DIY Decorative Shoe Charms

Grades 4-8

Wednesday, October 15 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Bling up your boots! Show off your originality with charms, custom colors, and style!

Pumpkin Painting

Grades K-2

Thursday, October 16
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Join us to make an artful pumpkin for fall!



Initial Button Art

Grades 3-6

Sunday, October 19 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Create a collage of buttons in the shape of your initial.

Boo-ti-ful Stories and Crafts

Grades K-2

Monday, October 20 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy slightly spooky stories and jokes while making Halloween-themed crafts to keep.

Crochet a Spookily Cute Ghost

Grades 3-8

Monday, October 20 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Learn to make a simple crocheted ghost with a magic circle and increase. Must be comfortable working a single crochet stitch.

Middle Grade Makers (Drop-In)

Grades 4-8

Tuesday, October 21 & November 25
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore the BPL Makerspace as we create all sorts of fun and useful items.

October: glow in the dark ghosts

November: no-sew pie banners

Ghostly Games and Creepy Crafts

Grades 1-4

Sunday, October 26 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

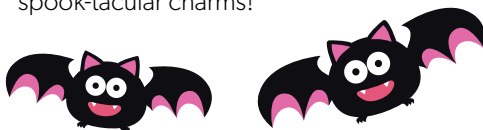
Yell “BOO!” when you play Halloween-themed BINGO and then make a monster craft to take home.

Halloween Party Bracelets

Grades 3-6

Tuesday, October 28 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

To celebrate Halloween, come in to make spook-tacular charms!



DIY Halloween Decor

Grades 3-6

Wednesday, October 29 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Make Halloween crafts to decorate your space while hearing about some spooky books you may want to take home.

Beginning Crochet

Grades 3-8

Mondays, November 3 & 10 | 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

This is a two session program.

Session 1- learn the basics: how to hold your yarn and hook and the single crochet stitch.

Session 2 - learn how to start a project and read a pattern.

One-of-a-Kind Gifts

Grades 3-6

Monday, November 3 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Use craft kits to make a custom gift for a special person in your life. Supplies are varied and limited.

Find Out About Fossils

Grades K-2

Thursday, November 6 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Fossils leave a record of plants and animals from the past by changing them into stone. Learn about them with crafts and activities.

Bad Guys Book Party

Grades 1-4

Monday, November 17 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Fans of the **Bad Guys** can expect crafts and activities based on this popular graphic novel series.

Tiny Art Show

Grades 4-8

Wednesday, November 19 | 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

It's gonna be pop-u-lar! Come fill a tiny canvas with inspiration from **Wicked** and the **Wizard of Oz** (or paint what you want) and we'll put it on display for everyone to see!

Funny Door Signs

Grades 3-6

Monday, November 24 | 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Make a funny sign for your bedroom door!

Shelter Pet Pals

Grades 1-6

Wednesday, November 26 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Learn how we care for animals at the shelter and make toys for shelter pets to enjoy.

Brought to the library by the DuPage County Animal Services. If available, they will bring a special pet guest.



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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Library Closings:

Wednesday, November 26
closing at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 27
closed for Thanksgiving

Social Media

Follow us on social media for the latest information, virtual classes, and random fun!



Library Photos

Photos or videos taken at the library may be used for promotional purposes. If you do not want your image taken, please inform library staff.

ADA Accommodations

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in a program should contact Bloomingdale Public Library at least 7 days prior to the program. Call (630) 924-2730 or email requests to ADA@mybpl.org.



eNewsletters

Sign up to get programming and materials information right in your inbox! Visit mybpl.info/enews-signup and/or mybpl.org/nextreads to select which information you'd like to receive!

for Families

📅 Homeschool Hangout

Families
Wednesdays, October 8 & November 5
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Join us to explore a new topic each month with books, crafts, and activities specially designed for each grade level.



Total-T Magic Show (Drop-In)

Families
Monday, October 13 | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Join us for an hour of magic brought to us by magician Terrence Hunter. Get ready to be amazed!



Dinovember Dinobooks (Drop-In)

Families
Tuesday, November 18 | 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Join us in making dinosaur bookmarks and take home a surprise!

📅 Snowman Crossing Tree Ornament Making Party

Families
Wednesday, November 5 | 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to come create crafts that will be part of our Snowman Crossing tree at the library. We will decorate the tree the week of Thanksgiving and all are welcome to help.

📅 Pajama Storytime (Drop-In)

Families
Wednesdays, November 12 & 19
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Two evening storytimes featuring bedtime stories. Pajamas encouraged!

Dino Day (Drop-In)

Families
Thursday, November 20 | 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Explore prehistoric craft and game stations and enter to win a dino prize!

Craft Time (Drop-In)

Families
Wednesday, November 26 | 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a fun and festive craft. While supplies last.

📅 National Chocolate Day

Families
Saturday, November 29 | 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Join us for a chocolate themed storytime, craft, and a chocolate treat.

the Donna Beth Froio Cultural Collection



The Youth Services Department houses a special collection called the **Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection**. The collection began in 1982 with a generous donation by Mr. Dominic and Mrs. Barbara Froio in memory of their loving daughter Donna Beth, who died at the age of 16. The interest from these invested funds is used each year to purchase new items. Titles selected may be in one language, bilingual, or multilingual, or reflective of cultural experience and practices from around the world.

Because of this fund, this year we were able to add 150 new items in many languages and cultures reflecting the Bloomingdale community, geopolitical events, and award winners/nominees. Come in to the library and enjoy these new additions to our collection!