



Bellwood Public Library 2015 Summer News



Director's Message

New Teen Room Open at Bellwood Library

We will hold the ribbon cutting for our new Teen Room on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

In the twenty-one years I have worked at Bellwood Public Library, we have never had a room just for teens. I felt that our community was strongly in need of a safe place where teens can meet, learn and expose them to technology. The new area features 6 touch-screen computers and an Xbox One. It is designed to cater to teens between the ages of 13 and 17 .

We hope this exciting new space will draw our teens into the library!



New Library Catalog Launches April 2015

The 77 libraries in the SWAN consortium, including Bellwood, are gearing up for the April switchover to a new online catalog, "Enterprise."

Several new features are going to enhance the user experience and make things easier. With **intuitive searching**, you will get recommended titles and receive results the way you do with popular internet search engines. With **seamless eBook integration**, you can view the downloadable resources that are checked out to your account, search for all digital holdings in the catalog and then download these materials *without having to leave the catalog*.

After the "Go Live" date, this advanced system will offer additional value with mobile apps and social media integration. With this dynamic experience, you may choose to receive phone, e-mail or text notifications of due dates, available holds and more. Learn more at <http://new.swanlibraries.net>

Come to our "Go Live Fair" April 15-18 set up your PIN and have our friendly staff orient you to this new resource!



Meet Author Joanne Zienty

7:00 Wednesday, April 22

Joanne Zienty, 2014 winner of the Soon to Be Famous Illinois Author award for her book *The Things We Save*, will come to the Bellwood Public Library on Wednesday, April 22 to talk about her self-publishing journey. Afterwards she will lead a discussion of her book.



Reserve your copy of *The Things We Save* starting March 2, to be picked up on or after March 25, by visiting the Reference Department or calling us at (708)547-7393 option 4.



Today's young adults are finding that a college degree is more valuable now than in their parents' day. A high school diploma used to be able to secure a well-paying job, but now, 22% of those with only a high school diploma are living in poverty, according to a Pew Research Center study.

With college so important today, parents cannot afford to put off saving! College Illinois is a prepaid tuition plan that helps make paying for college manageable. Be rewarded for planning ahead and live in the moment with your child.

Learn more at a **free information session** at the Bellwood Library:

Tuesday, March 31

6:30—8:00 pm

Registration required.

Call 708-547-7393 option 4



facebook contest

This April the Library will be holding a photo contest on its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BellwoodLibrary!

The Library will be celebrating National Poetry Month by having participants create *Spine Poetry* to enter a chance to win a prize. Contestants must be residents of Bellwood. More details to follow!

Mobile Hotspots coming soon!

Always looking for a Wi-Fi signal? Going on vacation and want to stay connected without paying a fortune in data charges? Bellwood Public Library cardholders will soon be able to check out a MOBILE HOTSPOT which will allow them to connect wi-fi ready devices to the internet from anywhere. For more information, please call Circulation Services at (708)547-7393 option 3.



For more info go to www.bellwoodlibrary.org

GRAPHIC NOVELS!

Graphic Novels aren't just for kids or even teens!

Stop by the Adult New Book Shelves and see our collection today!



ADULT NEWS

To registrar, 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.



CALLIGRAPHY WITH DONNA MARIE

Tuesdays, March 3 -
March 24 at 7:00 pm

Learn the timeless and beautiful craft of calligraphy, free of charge over 4 class sessions. Add style and grace to your handwriting. Turn your signature into a work of art! Supplies will be provided. Class size is limited. Registration is required. Call (708)547-7393 option 4.

ZUMBA[®] EXERCISE CLASS

Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Zumba is back! Certified fitness instructor Ronda Fentry leads a fun Latin dance-inspired class that can burn up to 800 calories. Come for the workout, stay for the party! Free. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Marketing Your Business

Wednesday, March 18
7:00 pm.



Learn how to market your existing small business or how to promote your start up at this seminar facilitated by the experts at the United States Small Business Administration. You'll also learn how to find further assistance using

public and private resources. Registration encouraged but not required.

Join a BOOK CLUB this Spring!



We have 2 book clubs for adults and are always ready to welcome new book lovers!

Shades of Fiction reads contemporary fiction by African American authors and meets the first Monday each month at 7:00 pm.

April 6: *In the Midst of it All* by Tiffany Warren

May 4: *Better than I Know Myself* by Virginia DeBerry & Donna Grant.

June 1: *Torn Between Two Lovers* by Carl Weber

Fabulous Fiction chooses recent fiction from around the world, and meets on the fourth Wednesday each month at 7:00.

March 25: *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

April 22: *The Things We Save* by Joanne Zienty

May 27: *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman

Meet author
Joanne Zienty at
this discussion!

Register for either club at the Reference Desk by calling (708)547-7393 option 4, and tell us if you want the regular, large print or audio edition of the book.

INTERVIEWING WITH CONFIDENCE



Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 pm

The behavioral style interview is the most widely-used interview style today. Laina Krisik shows how to ace it and answer the toughest interview questions and highlight your top skills, positioning yourself over your competitors. Learn the importance of body language in the interview process. Learn how to put together your interview portfolio and use it to close the interview on a powerful note.

Registration required; call (708)547-7393 option 4

DEEPER INTO MEDITATION: A 3-PART SERIES

Wednesdays, May 20 - June 3 at 7:00 pm

Join Michael Ribet for this deep and engaging meditation series. Michael is a long-time meditator who will guide you through the journey, demonstrating the most natural and effective techniques of meditation, and giving many useful directions for deepening and stabilizing your meditation practices to gain more inner bliss and peace.

For new or advanced meditators.

Free of charge. Registration is strongly encouraged.

Call (708)547-7393 option 4.

FINANCIAL STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN

Saturday, April 25 at 2:30 pm

Herman Brunson of Balance Investments will discuss the risks and returns of investing; the impacts of inflation, taxes, divorce and widowhood; and the importance of retirement and estate planning for women.

Registration required; call
(708)547-7393 option 4



Computer Classes



Registration required. Call Reference at 708-547-7393 option 4

Excel Basics: Friday, May 8 & 15, 12:00-1:30

Must know how to use the mouse and to open and save files. Must attend both sessions. Limit 8.

Windows 7 Basics: Friday, March 20, 10:00 am

Learn how to open & close programs, create, save and delete files, and organize your files in libraries. Limit 8.

YOUTH SPRING NEWS



It's A Seussical Celebration

The Cat in the Hat is Back! Celebrate with us on **Wednesday, March 11 @ 4:00 p.m.** There will be treats, games, stories, crafts and more.

Annual Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Saturday, April 18 @ 1:00-2:30p.m.

It's time to get fancy again and you are invited! Calling all little Princesses, ages 6-10. Wear your fancy dress, grandma's hat, costume jewelry or whatever you like. Let's sit down to a fabulous tea. Register Today!

Toddler Time Continues

Every Thursday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Stories, songs, craft and more.

Just 4 Kids

Wednesdays, March 11 and 25 @ 4 p.m.
Ages 6-12 join us for special activities!

Thursday Chess Club

Ages 7-17, Every Thursday @ 6 p.m.
through the months of March and April!

After School Games

Mondays ~ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
April 13, 27 & May 11

Saturday Lego Club

Preschool to 5th grade students, join the Lego Club for an hour of terrific fun!
March 28, April 25 & May 23 @ 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Registration required!

Spelling Bee @ Bellwood Library!



Are you ready? The Spelling Bee is coming to BPL! Are you a good speller and have what it takes to win? Sign up and let's spell! Ask for practice words in the Children's Dept. Ages 6-13 only!

Ages 6-9, Thursday, May 14 @ 5p.m.

Ages 10-13, Thursday, May 21 @ 5 p.m.

The Summer Reading Kickoff is Saturday, June 6th!

Come to the Library &

READ to the RHYTHM!



No, this is not a joke! Come party with us. Bring a joke or share one from a book. Get ready to have a really great time. **Ages 6-12.**

Wednesday, April 1 @



Spring Break Fun @ BPL!

Break with us this Spring!

Come to Bellwood Library for special activities, the week of April 6 - 10!

Monday, April 6 - **Movie Day** ~ 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7 - **Bingo Night** ~ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8 - **All About Art** ~ 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 9 - **Lego Fun** ~ 1:00 p.m.

Friday, April 10 - **Video Gaming** ~ 12:00 p.m.



Join us on Wednesday, April 22 @ 4 p.m.

& Celebrate



Ages 5 and 12! Join us

for stories, crafts and fun.

Registration required!

Don't Forget to Register for Programs! Children under 8 MUST be accompanied by an adult!


Bellwood Public Library

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Your Guide to Programs and Services!

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www.bellwoodlibrary.org


 Find us on Facebook!

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Read to the Rhythm!

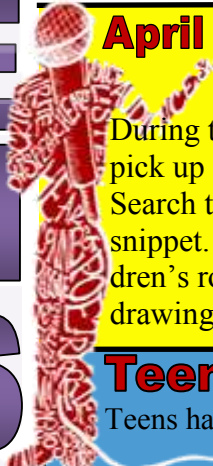
Get Ready for the
**2015 Teen Summer
Reading Kickoff
Saturday, June 6**



April is National Poetry Month
Join the **Poetry Scavenger Hunt**

During the month of April, **kids and teens** can pick up a sheet containing snippets from a poem. Search the departments for the full poem for each snippet. Drop completed sheets off at the children's room desk. You will be entered into a prize drawing at the end of the month! Have Fun!!!!

Teen Poetry Slam in April
Teens have something to say and we want to hear it!
April 22 @ 6p.m.



The New Teen Room is HERE!

Teens need their own space and we want you to have it. The teen room will be available to students 13 - 17 years of age **ONLY!**

Here is what we have for you

**Touch-Screen Computers,
XBOX ONE,
Comfortable Seating,
Teen Fiction, Nonfiction,
Graphic Novels,
Self Help Books,
Magazines, Teen
Music CDs, DVDs**
and much more is coming!

**Stay Calm,
Don't Flip Out,
Just Hurry on Over
and Check it out!!**



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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

Good Friday
Friday, April 3
Memorial Day
Monday, May 25
Independence Day
Saturday, July 4
Labor Day
Monday, September 7
Columbus Day
Monday, October 12
Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 11



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.