



# Bellwood Public Library


## Winter News

December 2016,  
January & February 2017

### Bellwood Public Library

600 Bohland Ave  
Bellwood, IL 60104

(708)547-7393  
www.bellwoodlibrary.org

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### Library Hours—2016

M - Th 9:30 am—9:00 pm  
Fri 9:30 am—6:00 pm  
Sat 9:30 am—4:00 pm

### Library Hours—2017

M - Th 9:30 am—8:00 pm  
Fri 9:30 am—6:00 pm  
Sat 9:30 am—4:00 pm  
Sun 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

### Library Closings

**Christmas Eve**  
Saturday, December 24

**Christmas Day observed**  
Monday, December 26

**New Year's Eve**  
Saturday, December 31

**New Year's Day observed**  
Monday, January 2

**Martin Luther King, Jr, Day**  
Monday, January 16

**Presidents Day**  
Monday, February 20

### Board of Trustees

Ms. J. B. Carr  
Mrs. Dorothy Clark-Smith  
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Ms. Regina Greene  
Pr. Michael Horton  
Ms. Sharon Tharpe  
Ms. Jacqueline Spratt, *Director*

### Library Board Meetings

6:00 pm on the second  
Wednesday of each month at the  
Library. The public is encouraged  
to attend.



### Director's Message

## You Asked – We Listened

As Library Director, I take  
the concerns of our patrons  
seriously and welcome

community feedback. Patrons have requested  
that the library improve access by opening on  
Sundays, and we have responded to that  
request. Effective Sunday, January 8, 2017,  
the library will be open on Sundays from 1:00  
pm until 5:00 pm. This will make it more  
convenient for parents and students. Please  
take advantage of Sunday open hours!

### New Hours Start January 8, 2017

Monday — Thursday: 9:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday: 9:30 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

(Closed Sundays Memorial Day weekend to  
Labor Day weekend)

Jacqueline Spratt  
Library Director



## Thank you, Friends of Bellwood Public Library

for sponsoring *Walk For  
the Win*, our 1-mile walk  
kick-off for the Summer  
Reading Program!

32 Walkers took a  
giant step for reading and  
health on June 4, 2016,  
walking from The Center  
at Stevenson Park to the  
Bellwood Public Library.



### Author Talk:

## “Hungry for Success”

by James Humphries

*Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 - 8:00 pm*

James Humphries, motivational  
speaker and author of *50 Things Every  
Student Should Know*,

will share his experiences  
and know-ledge about  
what it takes to be suc-  
cessful. James will in-  
form, encourage and in-  
spire students or any  
adult seeking success!

His talk will be followed by an infor-  
mational session from Benedictine  
University that will describe online  
degree and certificate programs de-  
signed for busy working adults. Reg-  
ister by calling (708)547-7393 ext 4.



## African American Cemetary Safari

*February 15, 2017 6:30 - 7:30 pm*

Celebrate Black History Month with  
an evening of photos and stories of  
the final resting places of people  
influential in Black History. Learn  
about people like Gene Baker, Dred  
Scott, Free Frank McWorter,  
Augustus Tolton and other African  
Americans buried in Chicagoland  
and Illinois cemeteries.

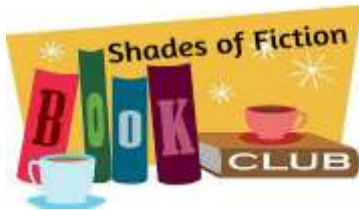
Presented by Hillside residents Jim  
& Paula Hantak. Registration is  
required. Children under 16 must be  
accompanied by an adult. Sign up at  
the registration desk or call (708)  
547-7393 ext. 4.



**Accessibility:** Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend functions at the library and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe or participate or who have questions regarding accessibility are requested to contact us at least five working days prior to a function.

# Adult Programs and Services

Registration is required for programs marked with the phone icon: ☎ Call 708-547-7393 option 4.



Join us for a librarian-led discussion of recent notable books by African Americans. Books available one month before each discussion.

*Boy, Snow, Bird* by Helen Oyeyemi: December 5 at 7:00 p.m.  
*The Perfect Affair* by Lutishia Lovely: January 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
*The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy: February 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
*The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead: March 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
*New members are always welcome! Sign up at the reference desk.*

## Parenting & Family

### Brain Gain ☎

Wednesday, January 4, 6:30-7:30 pm

Everyone knows that exercise and eating properly are good for the body, but did you know that they also affect the brain? Learn how doing a better job of taking care of our bodies and minds can help anyone be their best at any age, from school-age children to older adults. Educator Mark Schoepp has an enthusiasm for sharing the latest findings in brain research. For parents with children, sedentary adults, older adults, or anyone with a brain!



### Setting Limits, Goals & Rewards with Your Child ☎

Thursday, January 12, 6:30-7:30 pm

Mark Bermann, Recruiter/Trainer for JCFS, will provide a guideline for parents who are struggling with challenging behaviors in their children as they become more independent. Learn how you can avoid power struggles with your child and still feel that you are managing the situation well!

### The Importance of Play ☎

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30-7:30 pm

Learn how current brain research stresses the need to play for all ages. This workshop is of particular interest to parents with young children, but is applicable to all ages. Topics will include the various kinds of play; the importance of play for adults; the critical part play has in academic success; how play produces positive behaviors in children.

## Wellness Programs

### Yoga Drop-In Class

Thursdays, December 1 through February 16, 5:00-6:00 pm  
Participants should wear layers and bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle.

### Zumba Drop-In Exercise Class

Saturdays, December 3 — February 18,  
10:00 am (No class December 24 or 31.)  
Certified fitness instructor Rhonda Fentry will lead a Zumba class that can burn up to 800 calories. Come for the workout, stay for the party!



## Hobbies & Crafts

### Stitches Crochet Club

Mondays, December 5, 2016 through February 27, 2017, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

(No club December 26 or January 2)

New or experienced crocheters, come spend an evening with other crochet lovers learning or perfecting your craft. Come when you can, leave when you must. Please bring your own “I” or “J” crochet hook and #4 yarn.



### Adult Coloring Nights

Thursdays, December 15, January 19, and February 16,  
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Drop-in adult coloring nights continue. Color your way to relaxation! Coloring sheets and pencils are provided.

## COMPUTERS

### Microsoft Word Basics ☎

Tues. Jan. 10, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Learn how to create and save documents in Word, as well as formatting using fonts and type size and how to spell check.

### Email with Gmail ☎

Friday, Feb. 3, 2:00-3:30 pm

Sign up for a free email account and learn how to send and receive email.

### Microsoft Word: Intermediate ☎

Wed. Feb. 15, 2:00-3:30 pm

Learn how to add different elements like tables (good for resumes!), columns, and themes to your documents. Word Basics class not required, but students should be familiar with Word.



## Education & Finance

### Investors' Rules of the Road ☎

Wednesday, January 25, 7:00-8:30 pm

Do you need help moving towards your financial goals and building wealth? If so, plan on attending this informational seminar presented by Edward Jones' financial advisor Steven Langworthy, who will outline the fundamental strategies of investing using Edward Jones' 10 Rules of the Road for Investing. Designed for both new and seasoned investors.



### Benedictine University Info Session ☎

Tuesdays, December 20, January 17 & February 21 at 6:00 pm

This informational session will outline degree and certificate programs available at Benedictine University that are specifically designed for busy working adults. Contact Tracy Teichman at (630) 829- 6377 or [tteichman@ben.edu](mailto:tteichman@ben.edu) for more information or to RSVP.

# CHILDREN'S NEWS

## Tis the Season to Be Reading!



### Storytime for the Little Ones

December 1, 2016 - January 5, 2017 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join Ms. Lina and Ms. Sophia for 6 weeks of special story times for our littlest friends and their families, beginning **Thursday, January 5, 2017**. Short stories, songs, crafts and treat. Intended for children under 5 and their caregivers. Registration required!



### Gingerbread House

Monday, December 19  
4:00 - 5:00p.m.

It's time to build and decorate your very own gingerbread house. Registration required. Space is limited! Ages 6 - 12.



### Get Ready for a Trip to Winter Wonderland!

Head on over to Bellwood Library for a 5-day adventure of fun, fun, fun!

Join us at 3:00 p.m.

- Tues. Dec. 20 Make a Gift to Give Away
- Wed. Dec. 21 Stories, Craft and Cookies
- Thurs. Dec. 22 - Warm Up With a Good Movie
- Tues. Dec 27 - Winter Break Karaoke
- Wed. Dec. 28 - Video and Board Game Day

### Warm Up with a Good Movie!

Free Movies on the Big Screen & Warm, Buttery Popcorn

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- Saturday, December 17, 2016
- Saturday, January 28, 2017
- Saturday, February 27, 2017



### Just for Kids

#### Book Reading, Signing and Seminar!

Thursday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m.

It's never too early to decide on what you would like to be when you grow up. Local author **Jarrett Robinson** will share a reading of his new book called, *I Can Be Anything!* Registration required, first ten students to sign up and attend, gets a FREE autographed copy of book! Kids ages 5 and up! Don't Miss Out!



### Intro Into Arm Knitting

Monday, December 19  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

You can be cute and comfortable in an arm knitted scarf. Registration required. Space is limited! It's easy and it's fun!



### Calling all Young Men ages 10 - 17

#### Gentleman Squared

Every Tuesday beginning  
December 6 at 4:00 p.m.



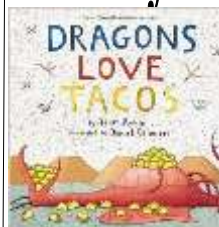
Gentlemen Squared was such a success that it will continue on throughout the winter. Young men join **Mr. Robert Isaac** and continue to be led down a path to becoming great leaders in today's society.

### The World Without the Internet



Monday, January 9 at 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Before Google and Wikipedia there were reference books. Answer trivia and win prizes without using the internet as a search tool. Registration required.

### Would you like Tacos and a Good Story?



Thursday, January 26 at 4:30 p.m.  
Join Ms. Sophia for a reading of *Dragons love Tacos* and stick around for tacos, games and a whole lot of fun! Ages 5 - 12! Limited Space— Registration is required!

**Children under 8 MUST be accompanied by parent or gaurdian 18 yrs or older**



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## Your Guide to Programs and Services!

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[www.bellwoodlibrary.org](http://www.bellwoodlibrary.org)



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## Welcome to the Teen Scene!

### Join Ms. Sophia's Classes

#### Celebrate Popcorn Day!



**Thursday,  
January 19**  
is National  
Popcorn Day!

Join us at 5:00  
p.m. and learn

some interesting facts about popcorn,  
while creating delicious popcorn balls.  
Registration is required. Ages 13 - 17.

#### Teen Book Discussion over Dinner

**Tuesday, January 31 at 5:00 p.m.**



*March Book One* is the  
first book in this graphic  
novel trilogy by con-  
gressman and civil rights  
activist *John Lewis*. It's  
a personal account of the  
early days of the Civil  
Rights Movement. Don't Miss out!

#### I Love You the Bluest



Ages 13 - 17  
Who says Valentines  
have to be **Pink** or  
**Red**? Join us for a  
special day to make  
**Blue** Valentines in-  
stead. **Monday, February 13 at 5p.m.**

### Join Ms. T's Classes

#### Create Your Own Dream Board!

See it, Believe it, Achieve it!



**Thursday,  
December 15**  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

#### Straight Talk with Mrs. T

Mrs. T is the founder  
and President of Young,  
Beautiful & Proud, an  
organization for girls  
ages 13 to 17. Join her



for great discussion and encourage-  
ment on these topics, Knowing your  
Worth, Critical Thinking, Decision  
Making and more. Ages 12 - 18!

**Tuesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17 and  
Feb. 21 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

#### Teen Board Game Day

Let's go back to the old school  
ways of playing games. Join us for  
a game of *Sorry*, *Uno*,  
*Monopoly* and many more  
**Tuesday, Jan 10 @ 5:00 p.m.**

#### Special Teen Read Week!

February 6th -  
February 10th



Read  
&  
WIN

### Join Ms. Lina's Classes

#### Wii Bowling Tournament

**Wednesday,  
December 19**

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Are you Bellwood's  
best Wii bowler?



Participate in the Wii bowling tour-  
nament. Win prizes, cheer for your  
friends and be crowned the Wii  
Bowling Champion of Bellwood  
Public Library.

#### Bad Art Night

**Wednesday,  
December 28**

6:00 p.m.

Can't draw?

Register for Bad

Art Night. Enjoy treats and win prizes  
for being the best worst artist! Regis-  
tration required. Ages 12-17.



#### TEEN TRIVIA? NIGHT

**Monday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m.**

Are you smarter than your friends?  
Prove it at teen trivia night. Enjoy  
pizza and prizes! Registration  
required. Ages 12-17

The Teen Room and Programs are for Young Adults ages 12 - 17. Registration is required for programs.