

# WINTER NEWSLETTER

2025



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# MEET THE DIRECTOR

Dear Bellwood Community,

I am excited and honored to serve as your new Director at Bellwood Public Library. As a lifelong advocate for libraries, I truly believe that they are not just repositories of books but vibrant, evolving spaces that connect people to knowledge, creativity, and opportunity. I look forward to transforming our library into an even more powerful tool for learning, growth, and community connection. As the new Director, I am committed to work alongside my staff and community volunteers to support our community members' personal, educational, and professional needs. We are passionate about reading and learning at all ages, and look to provide exemplary programs that promote curiosity. I want to make sure that our library continues to be a vital resource that not only enriches the education of our children but also empowers our families and strengthens the fabric of our community.



In 2025, I encourage you to explore our offering outlined in this calendar; a few highlights include:

- **Tutoring for All Ages:** Whether you're a student looking for academic support, an adult seeking to expand your skills, or a senior needing assistance with technology, we have personalized tutoring to help you achieve your goals.
- **Computer Classes:** For those new to computers, we offer classes that help you navigate the digital world with confidence. From email basics to browsing and using social media, we are here to help you build essential skills.
- **Art Hands-On Workshops:** Whether you are young or young-at-heart, join us for hands-on experiences to explore your creativity.
- **Yoga and Wellness Programs:** Need to de-stress? Join our free yoga or Zumba or sound bath meditation sessions to find balance and relaxation. It's a great way to nurture both body and mind.
- **WTTW/PBS Screeners & Community Conversations:** Join us to view new PBS documentaries and discuss the importance to our community.

And that's just the beginning! We are constantly adding new programs and services, and we invite you to stay curious and be part of it. Our mission is to be a place where everyone—no matter their age or background—can discover new interests, build skills, and make lasting memories.

So, whether you're here for a book, a class, or a community event, I encourage you to visit often and explore all the possibilities the library has to offer.

I look forward to seeing you at the library!

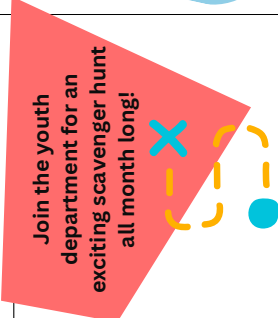
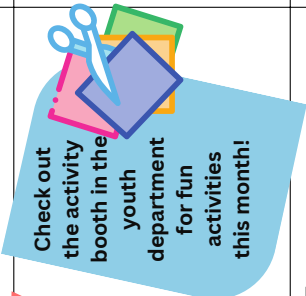
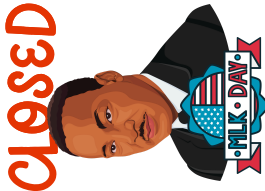

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| <p>Teens=Purple<br/>Youth=Orange<br/>Adult=Blue<br/>Adult Virtual=Green<br/>All Ages=Pink</p> | <p>Join the youth department for an exciting scavenger hunt all month long!</p>  | <p>Check out the activity booth in the youth department for fun activities this month!</p>  | <p><b>1</b> <b>CLOSED</b><br/><b>HAPPY new YEAR</b></p>  | <p><b>2</b> Yoga <b>2PM</b></p>  | <p><b>3</b></p>   | <p><b>4</b> Zumba <b>10AM</b></p>   |
| <p><b>5</b></p>   | <p><b>6</b></p>   | <p><b>7</b><br/>Iphone &amp; Ipad Basics <b>2PM</b>®<br/>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b><br/>Harmoni Art <b>5:30PM</b><br/>Book Club <b>6:30PM</b></p>                             | <p><b>8</b><br/>Chair Yoga <b>11AM</b><br/>Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®<br/>Read To A Therapy Dog <b>4:30PM</b><br/>Crochet Class <b>6:30PM</b></p>   | <p><b>9</b> Family Storytime <b>10AM</b><br/>Yoga <b>2PM</b><br/>Genealogy Discovery <b>6PM</b><br/>Canva: Business Cards <b>6:30PM</b>®<br/>IL Libraries Pres: Chicago Pizza, Past, Present, Future <b>7PM</b>®</p> | <p><b>10</b><br/>Game Day Friday <b>3PM</b></p>             | <p><b>11</b> Zumba <b>10AM</b></p>  |
| <p><b>12</b></p>  | <p><b>13</b><br/>Employment Services Available at American Job Center <b>1PM</b>®<br/>Mindful Monday <b>4PM</b></p>   | <p><b>14</b><br/>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b><br/>Board Meeting <b>6:30PM</b></p>   | <p><b>15</b><br/>Chair Yoga <b>11AM</b><br/>Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®<br/>Libby Loves Science Club <b>4PM</b><br/>Teen Cuisine <b>4:30PM</b>®</p>  | <p><b>16</b> Family Storytime <b>10AM</b><br/>Yoga <b>2PM</b><br/>Craft Like Crazy <b>4PM</b><br/>Yap &amp; Yarn <b>6:30PM</b></p>   | <p><b>17</b><br/>eBooks &amp; More <b>11AM&amp; 3PM</b></p> | <p><b>18</b> Zumba <b>10AM</b><br/>Sensory Storytime <b>11AM</b><br/>Phone Leash Craft <b>2PM</b></p> |
| <p><b>19</b></p>  | <p><b>20</b> <b>CLOSED</b><br/></p>  | <p><b>21</b><br/>Tutoring <b>3:15PM</b><br/>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b><br/>Bingo <b>5:30PM</b></p>  | <p><b>22</b> Chair Yoga <b>11AM</b><br/>Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®<br/>Comics Plus Wednesday <b>4PM</b><br/>3 Ways Money Grows <b>6:30PM</b></p>  | <p><b>23</b> Family Storytime <b>10AM</b><br/>Yoga <b>2PM</b><br/>IL Libraries Pres: Love &amp; Laughs <b>7PM</b>®</p>   | <p><b>24</b></p>  | <p><b>25</b> Zumba <b>10AM</b></p>  |
| <p><b>26</b></p>  | <p><b>27</b><br/>Treat Yo'self <b>4PM</b><br/>MLK Monday Movie Marathon <b>4PM</b><br/>Excel Basics <b>6:30PM</b>®</p>  | <p><b>28</b><br/>Tutoring <b>3:15PM</b><br/>Drop In Craft <b>3:30PM</b><br/>WGNTV Post Election Discussion <b>7PM</b>®</p>   | <p><b>29</b><br/><br/>Computer Basics <b>2PM</b>®<br/>Lunar New Year Celebration <b>4PM</b><br/>Movie Night <b>6PM</b></p> | <p><b>30</b><br/>Family Storytime <b>10AM</b><br/>Yoga <b>2PM</b><br/>Tutoring <b>3:00PM</b></p>   | <p><b>31</b></p>  |   |



# FEBRUARY 2025

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| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
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| <p>2</p>  | <p>3</p> <p>Teens=Purple<br/>Youth=Orange<br/>Adult=Blue<br/>Adult Virtual=Green<br/>All Ages=Pink<br/>*=Fee Required</p> <p>Mindful Monday 4PM<br/>Resume Workshop 6:30PM</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Join the youth department for an exciting scavenger hunt all month long!</p> <p>4 Soundbath Meditation 12:30PM<br/>Resume Workshop 2PM<br/>Tutoring 3:15PM<br/>Drop In Craft 3:30PM<br/>Harmoni Art 5:30PM<br/>Book Club 6:30PM<br/>IL Libraries Pres: An Evening with James McBride 7PM (R)</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Check out the activity booth in the youth department for fun activities this month!</p> <p>5 Chair Yoga 11AM<br/>Computer Basics 2PM (R)<br/>Motown Dance Party 6PM</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Come fall in love with a book! Visit the youth department for a blind date with a book all month long!</p> <p>6 Family Storytime 10AM<br/>Yoga 2PM<br/>Tutoring 3PM<br/>Essence Of Harlem 5PM<br/>Genealogy Discovery 6PM<br/>1619 Project: The Musical 6:30PM (R)</p> | <p>7</p> <p>8 Zumba 10AM<br/>Tea Rex Tea Party 12PM</p>  | <p>8</p> <p>Zumba 10AM<br/>Tea Rex Tea Party 12PM</p>                                       |
| <p>9</p>  | <p>10</p> <p>Movie Music: Tribute to Black History 1PM (R)<br/>Reading &amp; Comprehension Club 4:30PM</p>   | <p>11</p> <p>11 Parent Power Hour 11am (R)<br/>Tutoring 3:15PM<br/>Drop In Craft 3:30PM<br/>Get Creative 4PM<br/>Board Meeting 6:30PM<br/>Healthy Living For Your Brain &amp; Body 6:30PM (R)</p>  | <p>12</p> <p>12 Chair Yoga 11AM<br/>Computer Basics 2PM (R)<br/>Teen Cuisine 4:30PM (R)<br/>Read To A Therapy Dog 4:30PM<br/>Babies &amp; Bodies 6:30PM</p>                         | <p>13</p> <p>13 Family Storytime 10AM<br/>Yoga 2PM<br/>Tutoring 3PM<br/>Canva: Landing Page Website 6:30PM (R)</p>   | <p>14</p> <p>14 Senior Social Hour: The 7 Physical Needs of the Elderly 10:30AM<br/>Valentine's Day Craft 3:30PM</p> | <p>15</p> <p>15 Zumba 10AM<br/>Sensory Storytime 11AM<br/>Cupcakes &amp; Canvas 1PM (R)</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>17</p>   | <p>18</p> <p>18 Tutoring 3:15PM<br/>Drop In Craft 3:30PM<br/>Bingo 5:30PM</p>  | <p>19</p> <p>19 Chair Yoga 11AM<br/>Computer Basics 2PM (R)<br/>Comics Plus Wednesday 4PM<br/>Libby Loves Science Club 4PM<br/>Open Mic 7PM<br/>IL Libraries Pres: Slowing Down with Amy Tan 7PM (R)</p>   | <p>20</p> <p>20 Family Storytime 10AM<br/>Yoga 2PM<br/>Tutoring 3PM<br/>Central Credit: Union of IL 3:30PM<br/>Yap &amp; Yarn 6:30PM</p>  | <p>21</p> <p>21 AARP Safe Driving Class Pt.1 11AM*</p>   | <p>22</p> <p>22 Zumba 10AM<br/>Soul Food Saturday 1PM</p>  | <p>23</p>   |
| <p>24</p> <p>24 Teen Table Talk 3:30PM<br/>Monday Movie 4PM<br/>Excel Charts 6:30PM (R)</p> | <p>25</p> <p>25 Leaders Are Readers 10AM<br/>Tutoring 3:15PM<br/>Drop In Craft 3:30PM<br/>Great Migrations: A People On The Move 6:30PM (R)</p>                                | <p>26</p> <p>26 Chair Yoga 11AM<br/>Computer Basics 2PM (R)<br/>Giant Twister 4PM<br/>Know The Facts: E-Cigarettes &amp; Vaping (Parent Edition) 6PM</p>   | <p>27</p> <p>27 Family Storytime 10AM<br/>Yoga 2PM<br/>Tutoring 3PM<br/>4 Homes Of Money 6:30PM</p>   | <p>28</p> <p>28 AARP Safe Driving Class Pt.2 11AM*</p>   | <p>29</p>  | <p>30</p>   |

# MARCH 2025

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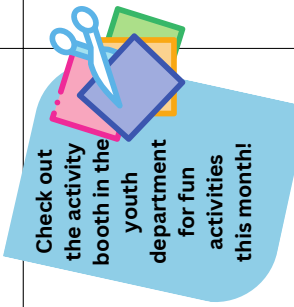
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| <p><i>Women's History Month</i></p>  | <p>Teens=Purple<br/>Youth=Orange<br/>Adult=Blue<br/>Adult Virtual=Green<br/>All Ages=Pink</p> <p>Mindful Monday 4PM<br/>Cover Letters 6:30PM</p> | <p>Join the youth department for an exciting scavenger hunt all month long!</p>  <p>4 Parent Power Hour 11AM®<br/>Cover Letters 2PM<br/>Tutoring 3:15PM<br/>Drop In Craft 3:30PM<br/>Harmoni Art 5:30PM<br/>Book Club 6:30PM<br/>IL Libraries Pres: Exploring Space 7PM ⑥</p> | <p>Check out the activity booth in the youth department for fun activities this month!</p>  <p>5 Chair Yoga 11AM<br/>Computer Basics 2PM®</p> | <p><b>MARCH MADNESS FOR BOOKS</b></p>  <p>6 Family Storytime 10AM<br/>Yoga 2PM<br/>Tutoring 3PM<br/>Genealogy Discovery 6PM<br/>Crochet Class 6:30PM</p> |        | <p>1 Zumba 10AM</p> |
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# APRIL 2025

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
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| <p>Teens=Purple<br/>Youth=Orange<br/>Adult=Blue<br/>Adult Virtual=Green<br/>All Ages=Pink</p> <p>6</p>   | <p>7</p> <p>Join the youth department for an exciting scavenger hunt all month long!</p> <p>African American Poets Explosion 4PM<br/>Native Plants &amp; Pollinators 6:30PM ®</p> | <p>1</p> <p>Parent Power Hour 11am ®<br/>Drop In Craft 3:30PM<br/>Book Club 6:30PM</p>   | <p>2</p> <p>Chair Yoga 11AM<br/>Computer Basics 2PM ®<br/>Window Clings 7PM</p>  | <p>3</p> <p>Family Storytime 10AM<br/>Yoga 2PM<br/>Genealogy Discovery 6PM</p>   | <p>4</p>   | <p>5</p> <p>Zumba 10AM<br/>Teddy Bear Picnic 12PM</p>   |
| <p>13</p> <p>20</p> <p>HAPPY EASTER</p>  | <p>14</p> <p>Mindful Monday 4PM<br/>African American Poets Explosion 4PM<br/>Bingo 5:30PM</p>   | <p>8</p> <p>Tutoring 3:15PM<br/>Drop In Craft 3:30PM<br/>Harmoni Art 5:30PM<br/>Board Meeting 6:30PM</p>                         | <p>9</p> <p>Chair Yoga 11AM<br/>Computer Basics 2PM ®<br/>Read To A Therapy Dog 4:30PM<br/>Climate Anxiety 6:30PM ®</p>                | <p>10</p> <p>Family Storytime 10AM<br/>Yoga 2PM<br/>Tutoring 3PM<br/>Canva/Instagram Stories 6:30PM ®<br/>IL Libraries Pres: the Art of Foraging 7PM ®</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Senior Social Hour: Older Adult Fall Prevention 10:30AM<br/>Game Day Friday 3PM</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Zumba 10AM<br/>Sensory Storytime 11AM<br/>Cupcakes &amp; Canvas 2PM ®</p>                |
| <p>27</p>  | <p>21</p> <p>I-Cash Table 10AM<br/>African American Poets Explosion 4PM<br/>Community Art Show 6PM</p>  | <p>15</p> <p>Soundbath Meditation 12:30PM<br/>Tutoring 3:15PM<br/>Drop In Craft 3:30PM<br/>Get Creative 4PM<br/>Bingo 5:30PM</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Chair Yoga 11AM<br/>Computer Basics 2PM ®<br/>American Job Center Workshop 3PM<br/>Family Poetry &amp; Pizza Slam 6PM</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Family Storytime 10AM<br/>Yoga 2PM<br/>Tutoring 3PM<br/>Communicating with our children about Sexual Health 6PM<br/>Yap &amp; Yarn 6:30PM</p> | <p>18</p>  | <p>19</p> <p>Zumba 10AM</p>   |
| <p>28</p> <p>Accessible Transportation for Seniors 1PM ®<br/>Teen Table Talk 3:30PM<br/>African American Poets Explosion 4PM<br/>Online Job Searching 6:30PM</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Tutoring 3:15PM<br/>Drop In Craft 3:30PM<br/>Arbor Day Celebration 4PM</p>   | <p>23</p> <p>Chair Yoga 11AM<br/>Computer Basics 2PM ®<br/>Libby Loves Science Club 4PM<br/>Comics Plus Wednesday 4PM</p>        | <p>24</p> <p>Family Storytime 10AM<br/>Yoga 2PM<br/>Tutoring 3PM<br/>Teen Health Workshop 3:30PM<br/>5 Gotchas of Money 6:30PM</p>     | <p>25</p>  | <p>26</p> <p>Zumba 10AM<br/>The Painted Pot 12PM</p>   | <p>29</p> <p>Tutoring 3:15PM<br/>Drop In Craft 3:30PM<br/>Free For All: The Public Library 6:30PM</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>Chair Yoga 11AM<br/>Computer Basics 2PM ®<br/>Teen Cuisine 4:30PM<br/>Family Bingo Night 5PM ®</p>  | <p>30</p>   | <p>30</p>  | <p>30</p>  | <p>30</p>  | <p>30</p>  | <p>30</p>   |



# WHAT'S NEW...



Join us at the library for screenings of new WTTW PBS shows, plus thought-provoking community conversations. Don't miss the chance to engage with fresh content and share your thoughts on:

Tuesdays  
**February 25th & April 29th**  
at **6:30pm**

See you there! ®

## Hands-On Art Workshops

Join us for hands-on art workshops designed for artists of all levels – whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out. Explore new techniques, express yourself, and connect with fellow creatives. Come create something amazing with us! ®

WTTW/PBS SCREENERS

ART WORKSHOPS

## All Ages Tutoring

Are you or your child struggling with schoolwork? Do you want to improve grades and build confidence in challenging subjects? Look no further! We're offering tutoring at the library! ®

Tuesdays at 3:15pm &  
Thursdays at 3pm

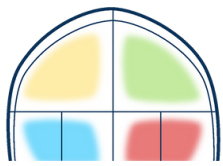


Ready to boost your tech skills? Join us at the library for hands-on workshops covering everything from typing and online safety to VPNs, photo editing, and more! Whether you're a beginner or just looking to sharpen your skills, we've got something for everyone.

Don't miss out – sign up today! ®

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COMPUTER CLASSES



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### Promotion

Adults and children may be photographed and video-taped by library staff or their representatives during library activities. The images may be used, without accompanying personal identification, in library publicity. If you have concerns about this policy, contact library staff.



Bellwood Public Library mission is to encourage and support the personal, educational, and professional needs of the community with emphasis on reading and learning at all ages.