



# Library Events



Bethalto Public Library

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Library Closing Dates:

Presidents' Day, February 17, 2020

## FEBRUARY 2020



## Staff Favorites

February is full of book lover holidays.

- National Library Lovers Month
- Children's Authors and Illustrators Week (first week)
- Library Lovers Day (14th)
- Freelance Writers Appreciation Week (second week)

So, we decided to share a few of our staff's favorite authors.

**Becka** - C.W. Gortner, Historical Fiction

**Brenda** - Diane Chamberlain, Dramatic Family Fiction

**Daniel** - Laura Moriarty, Dramatic Family Fiction

**Emma** - Jennifer Neilsen, YA Fantasy Fiction

**Keith** - Eiichiro Oda, Manga Graphic Novel

**Kristy** - M.C. Beaton, Cozy Mystery

**Leah** - Ray Bradbury, Classic/Sci-Fi

**Mag** - Jenn McKinlay, Cozy Mystery

**Mary** - Martin Walker, Crime Mystery

**Mindy** - Linda Castillo, Amish Mystery

**Paula** - Heather Gudenkauf, Psychological Thriller

**Ryan** - Roald Dahl, Children's Literature, Fantasy Fiction

**Sophie** - Rainbow Rowell, Contemporary Romance

Check out our favorites, on display close to the magazines.

*Bonus: Becka recommends listening to any Jim Gaffigan audiobook. They are Laugh Out Loud funny.*

## Storytimes

### Let's Read Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30am

Fridays at 12:00pm

Kids Space

These weekly storytimes build children's early literacy skills with stories, songs, movement, and crafts. The program lasts about 30 minutes.



### Baby Time

February 8, 2020 - 10:30am

Kids Space

Bring your baby to enjoy some valen-

tine themed books and interactive songs. This is for babies 0-12 months. At the end parents will help make a love bug craft for baby! This event lasts 20 minutes and is very casual so don't worry about fussy babies.

## Library Events

*Most events last one hour or less.*

### Book Club - Adults

February 4, 2020 - 7:00pm

Great Room

*The Radium Girls*

By Kate Moore



An informal discussion group which meets the first Tuesday of every month. Copies of the selected book may be checked out at the Library beginning four weeks before the discussion date.



### I-Cash - Adults

February 5, 2020 - 12:00 - 2:00pm

Great Room

Bethalto Public Library residents can drop in to see if they have any unclaimed funds. The State holds these lost funds until they are claimed by either the original owner or their

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heirs. Property is returned at no cost with the proper identification.

### **Celebrate with Your**

#### **Bestie - Adults**

February 7, 2020 -

6:00pm

Bethalto Senior Building



Celebrate an early Valentine's Day with your best friend, boyfriend, girlfriend or spouse. Each attendee will receive a ceramic mug to decorate. While the mugs are curing in the ovens, we will share a lasagna dinner and play some fun games! Cost is \$5. Register and pay by February 5th.

### **DIY Ceramic**

#### **Coaster Set -**

#### **All Ages**

February 9, 2020 - 2:00pm

Great Room



Styles for all ages and genders to choose from. Paint, decoupage or use decals to make a unique set of four coasters. Coaster sets will have to be finished on site. Snacks and water served, or bring your own lidded drink. Register by February 5th.



### **Crafternoon -**

#### **12 and under**

February 11,

2020 - 4:00pm

Great Room

Huggie, smoochie, lovey dovey. **YUK!** The opposite of red is green ... green SLIME! Come get messy in honor of "Anti-Valentine's Day" at the library. Register by February 10th.



### **and PJs - All Ages**

February 15, 2020 - 10:00am

Great Room

Bring your littlest loved ones to this post-Valentine's Day pancake brunch! Watch cartoons from days gone by...*Looney Tunes*. Enjoy a pancake bar full of sweets and savories for you to build that perfect stack. \$1.00 per person to eat.

### **Pooch Power**

#### **Dog Hour - All Ages**

February 15, 2020 - 11:00am

Main Level



Did you know that certified Therapy Dogs visit the Library? These sweet canines have been trained in the art of offering comfort. Petting an animal relieves anxiety and depression. All ages from child to adult can enjoy the benefits of these furry visitors. And you can get these benefits without actually owning a dog! Please stop by, say hello and get a doggie cuddle.

### **Bookin' Around**

#### **Bethalto - Adults**

February 18, 2020 - 6:00pm

Arby's

*The Bell Jar*

By Sylvia Plath



Join us as we explore some great local eateries and readeries. Each time we meet at a different restaurant to discuss a book. You can pick up a copy of the book at the library at the beginning of the month. We do ask that you make a food or beverage purchase at these venues.

### **The Joker Movie -**

#### **Adults**

February 21, 2020 -

5:30pm

Great Room



Watch the newest version of *The Joker* (R). Chili with the fixins will be available to enjoy. Register by February 19th. \$1.00 per person to eat.



### **Nerf Wars - All Ages**

February 23, 2020 - 3:30pm

Main Level

Come battle it out using the bookshelves for cover! Let us provide the darts and the fun! (Bring your guns but please leave your darts at home because we cannot guarantee you will get them back.) Snacks will be provided during rounds of this epic battle.

### **Maleficent 2 Movie - Families**

February 25, 2020 - 4:00pm

Great Room



Watch *Maleficent 2* (PG) while being served popcorn and soda.

### **AARP Free Tax-Aide**

Wednesdays, February 5, 2020 -

April 8, 2020 - 9:00am - 2:00pm

Little House

AARP volunteers will prepare your income taxes and file them online, for FREE. This service is offered on a first come/first served basis.

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

**February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**



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Monday - Thursday 9am-8pm Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 10am-2pm Sunday 12pm-3pm

