



A Heartfelt “Thank You!”



BEFORE



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Over the last several months you may have noticed all the construction around our Library! Do you remember the semi-truck taking up a big section of the parking lot? Or when we had to operate out of the Little House for a week? Maybe the plywood covered windows? Perhaps having no way to enter through the front doors? Even if it didn't feel like it at the time, it's all been worth it!

You may ask “Was this all necessary for you just to be able to check out your library items?” Well, let us tell you, “Yes, it was definitely necessary!” We started having leaks throughout the building the last few years. Water and books just don't go together! Caring for the library building and the collections housed inside it, the Board of Trustees decided to prioritize budgeted building funds and move forward with the plan to replace the roof and upgrade the windows.

We did a little research and determined that the windows and roof were last replaced **25 years ago** when the large building addition took place in 1998. After a few patches to the roof and windows, it became glaringly obvious that it was time for new and updated fixes. We now have a new roof with a 30-year warranty. New tinted windows and aluminum framing - both now require less maintenance, saving the Library money over the long term. No more looking out the windows just to see fog or water in between the panes of glass or rusted framing holding them in place.

We are thankful for your patience through it all. We are also very grateful for an endowment that came at just the right time to get this project completed. Arvel and Maridel Fowler were longtime residents of Bethalto. They named the Library in their Trust, supporting our mission to provide a place for everyone to read, connect to others, and explore our world. The Fowler's gift will now help keep the Library and its collections open for our whole community to enjoy for many years.

With it all coming to a close, The Library Employees and Board of Trustees would like to express sincere gratitude to all our patrons for their patience and willingness to adapt to our chaos. If you haven't already, stop in and take a look at the upgrades.



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Preschool Storytimes

Tuesdays | 10AM & 1PM

These weekly storytimes build children's early literacy skills with stories, songs, movement, and crafts. The program lasts 30 minutes followed by craft time. Leftover storytime crafts will be available in the kids area while supplies last. **There will be no storytime on April 15th.**

Baby/Toddler Storytime

Thursdays | 10AM

Baby Storytime is an interactive storytime that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, fingerplays, and body movement. Best for 0-23 months old. **There will be no storytime on April 17th.**

Family Fun Thursdays

Thursdays | 3-5PM

Different, fun activities each Thursday in the Kids Area. Light snack served every Thursday. Drop in from 3-5pm, with the exception of **Kids in the Kitchen and After School Bingo**, which are from 3-4pm in the Great Room. Kids in the Kitchen will be making Cookies and Cream Dessert Cups.

- Apr. 3rd - Kid's Crafternoon
- Apr. 10th - Kids in the Kitchen - Cookies and Cream Cups
- Apr. 17th - Lego
- Apr. 24th - After School Bingo



Read with Maui

April 21st | 4-5PM

Come sign up for a time slot to read to therapy dog Maui. Newfoundlands have earned a reputation as a patient and watchful 'nanny dog' for kids. NEW—Maui Loyalty Cards! The more times you read to Maui, the more prizes you could win.

Adult Bingo Night

April 25th | 6PM

It's Bingo Night at the Library. We provide the daubers, light refreshments, fun, and prizes. Bring your own lucky charms. Adults only, please. Doors open at 5:45pm.

Sensory Play Day

April 26th | 10:30AM-12PM

Sensory Play encourages learning through curiosity, creativity, and free exploration of materials. Sensory play can be an excellent tool for supporting self-regulation. It can be a safe way for young children to release big energy or emotions, while improving gross and fine motor skills. Please note - some of our sensory activities can be messy, so dress your child accordingly.

Stained Glass Art

April 30th | 6PM

Create an original stained glass art piece designed by you. This project will be Animal Themed. Learn how recreational activities can be great for your psychological well-being. This event is presented by Dr. Sherryll Devine, Ph.D. Registration required. The cost is \$10 per project. Deadline to register is April 25, 2025.



Bethalto Public Library Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees meetings are the second Thursday each month at 7:00pm and are open to the public. If you have any questions or concerns about our role in the community, please stop in at the next meeting. If you are unavailable at that time, you can reach out via email to libraryboard@bethaltolibrary.org.

Next Meeting

April 10, 2025

Virtual Event Series

Register at bethaltolibrary.org and watch online from home.



Bethalto CUSD #8 Community Event

April 29, 2025 | 4:30-6:30pm

Bethalto Central Park

Mark your calendars for this fun and free event! There will be food, activities and giveaways.

Visit the Library Table!

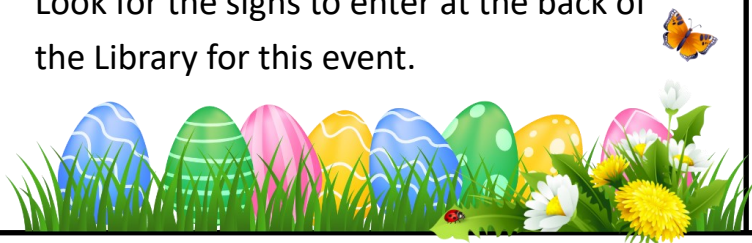




April 11th – 6pm or 7pm

April 12th & 13th – 4pm or 5pm

Bunnies are hiding eggs at the Library! Hunt for eggs, score candy and other goodies. The hunt will be held indoors, after hours, so no need to worry about the weather. Egg hunting is for ages 0 to 13. Bring your own basket or bag for the hunt. **Registration Is Required.** There are 3 days available, 2 hunts per day. Sessions are filling up, so call the Library today to reserve your spot. There will be a few games and activities setup to play before your session starts. Look for the signs to enter at the back of the Library for this event.

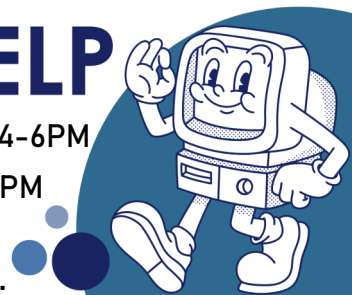


TECH HELP

Tue., April 8th & 22nd | 4-6PM

Sat., April 26th | 2-4PM

**Drop in Tech Help.
No appointment needed.**



Just drop by for a 5-15 minute, one on one session with a friendly library staff member.

We can assist you with:

- Basic computer skills
- New email setup (cell phone typically needed)
- Library app setup and help (CloudLibrary, Libby, Share)
- Internet help
- Basic Office software help
- Typing help for short documents
- Assist with password recovery, in some instances

Unfortunately, we cannot:

- Enter sensitive information for patrons
- Provide medical, legal, or business advice
- Repair broken devices
- Set up new devices

Please bring any passwords or pins for devices, emails, etc. Including your Apple ID password.

There may be a wait time, depending on demand or the tech help needed.

Used Book Sale

May 3, 2025

8:30am to Noon - Regular Sale

1pm to 3pm - Bag Sale

Our Used Book Sale features a variety of used books and DVDs with prices from \$0.25 to \$4.00. For the Bag Sale, bring your own bag and fill it for \$4.00. No scanning allowed. Sale happens rain or shine. Book Sale proceeds go directly to the Library for programs and new books.

Thank you for supporting your local library.

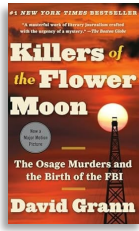


Join our Book Clubs!



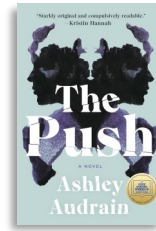
May's Title
The Ferryman
by Justin Cronin

Tuesday
Apr. 1st | 6:30PM



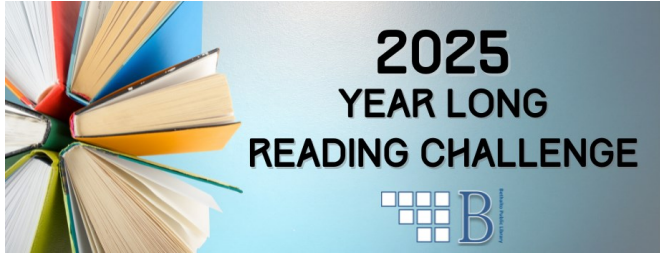
May's Title
Small Sacrifices
by Ann Rule

Thursday
Apr. 3rd | 6PM



May's Title
Black Cake
by Charmaine Wilkerson

Wednesday
Apr. 16th | 10AM



This reading challenge is for everyone! Pick any book that meets the month's prompts, then log your reading in the Beanstack app or on the paper forms, and you are automatically entered for that month's prize drawings. Winners will choose from a prize basket filled with goodies, including book themed gifts, gift cards, and more. (Eligible to win up to 3 times during the year.)

APRIL



Written in the
2000's



Moon
on the cover



About a doctor
or nurse



Title starts with
"The" - 16+



Title starts with
"The" - 0-15



A red spine

NATIONAL LIBRARY Spirit Week!

Monday - 4/7
CRAZY SOCK DAY

Tuesday - 4/8
Pajama Day

Wednesday - 4/9
Hawaiian Shirt Day

Thursday - 4/10
Dress in Monochrome, Rainbow, or your Fav Color

Friday - 4/11
Dress like a stereotypical Librarian or Nerd

Join in on the fun when you visit the Library for a special treat!



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Days Closed

Easter
April 20, 2025
Memorial Day
May 25-26, 2025

Hours

Mon - Thu: 10:00am to 7:00pm
Fri, Sat: 10:00am to 4:00pm
Sun: 12:00pm to 4:00pm