

# BETHALTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Read. Connect. Explore.*



August  
2025  
Newsletter



## Family Movie Night

*The Sandlot* (1993 - Rated PG)  
August 8th at 6PM

Join us at the Library for one last fun-filled movie night before school starts. In the summer of 1962, a new kid in town is taken under the wing of a young baseball prodigy and his rowdy team, resulting in many adventures. Popcorn, drinks, and interactive movie bags will be available while supplies last.



## Adult Bingo

August 29th at 6PM

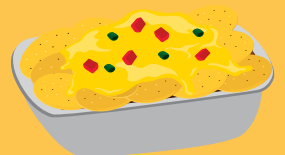
We provide daubers, light refreshments, fun and prizes. You have to bring your own good luck! Adults only, please. Doors open at 5:45pm.



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

CARNIVAL

August 2nd at 6PM



Join us for our Summer Reading Finale Carnival. We will have Carnival Games to win tickets to buy fun prizes. Each child can get one face painting of their choice. We will be serving up carnival favorites like hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, and cotton candy - come ready to snack!

## Family Fun Thursdays

### Thursdays at 3PM

Join Ms. Amy on Thursdays for some family fun. All ages welcome.

- Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> - Crafternoon
- Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> - No Activities
- Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> - Kids in the Kitchen: Cookie Decorating
- Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> - Life Sized Board Games



**Kids in the Kitchen**



## Storytimes

### PreSchool Storytime

**Tuesdays at 10AM and 1PM**

These weekly storytimes build children's early literacy skills with stories, songs, movement, and crafts.

### Baby/Toddler Storytime

**Thursdays at 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.



*Ms. Amy is going on a trip in August. Our regular programs, besides Maui, will not take place during that time. She will be out exploring August 8th - 18th.*

## Did you know...

Our Year Long Reading Challenge is for all ages. 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. More details can be found on our website.

# NATIONAL DOG MONTH

*August 2025*



## Celebrate National Dog Month with Gentle Giants at the Library!

In honor of National Dog Month, the library is thrilled to host a special visit from three lovable Newfoundland dogs on August 22, 2025. Known for their calm nature and impressive size, these gentle giants will be on hand to showcase the important work therapy dogs do in supporting mental health and emotional well-being.

Visitors of all ages are invited to meet the dogs, learn about the Newfoundland breed, and hear from their humans about what makes these pups so special. Children and adults will also have the opportunity to read to the dogs in a relaxed, judgment-free setting—an activity known to boost literacy and confidence.

Whether you're a dog lover, a curious reader, or just in need of a little puppy-powered peace, this is an event you won't want to miss. Come wag, read, and relax with us!



### Read To Maui

August 13th at 12PM  
August 18th at 4PM

Maui is visiting us two times this month! Come sign up for a time slot to read to therapy dog Maui. Ask about our Maui Loyalty Program. Read to Maui and win prizes!

Maui and Friends  
August 22nd at 12:30PM

Maui will be here with a few other dog friends, and their humans will be on hand to answer any questions you might have. Curious about Newfoundlands? Do you have questions about therapy dogs? Do you have a struggling reader who would benefit from some no judgement practice? Join us for an hour of reading, relaxing, and education.





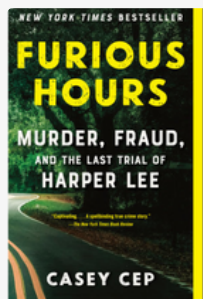
# Join our Book Clubs!



## September's Title

*Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*  
by Gabrielle Zevin

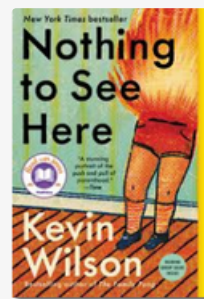
Tuesday  
August 5<sup>th</sup> | 6:30PM



## September's Title

*The Good Nurse*  
by Charles Graeber

Thursday  
August 7<sup>th</sup> | 6PM



## September's Title

*Good Material*  
by Dolly Alderton

Wednesday  
August 20<sup>th</sup> | 10AM



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## AUGUST



Author's name starts with "W"



A cover you love



A mythology retelling or mythological creatures



Title letters on the cover are gold



Set in two countries (16+)



Set in a make-believe place (0-15)



### **Bethalto Public Library**

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### **Days Closed**

#### **Labor Day**

Aug. 31, 2025 & Sep. 1, 2025

#### **Columbus Day**

Oct. 13, 2025

### **Hours**

Mon - Thu: 10:00am to 7:00pm

Fri, Sat: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Sun: 12:00pm to 4:00pm