

December 2024

# Bethalto Public Library

## Events and Programs



### Christmas Program Series

Join us in our first mini Christmas Series. Each Friday we will celebrate the Holiday Season. December 6th is a hands-on Christmas inspired evening for adults and teens. December 13th is a relaxing evening to add peace to the Christmas season for adults and teens. December 20th is a musical evening for all ages. Doors open at 5:45pm for all events.

#### December 6th | 6pm

- Decoration Swap
- Pen and Ornament Making (\$2 - \$5 each)
- Bow Making Demos
- Savory Snacks
- Hot Cocoa Bar



#### December 13th | 6pm

- Candlelight Yoga by Melissa (registration required - bring a mat and towel)
- Flavored Fruit Infused Spritzers
- Fresh Fruit



#### December 20th | 6pm

- Viewing of Little Women: The Musical
- Sweet Snacks
- Mocktails



## 2024 Year Long Reading Challenge

Last Chance to Participate in 2024!

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. Prizes are a gift card from your choice of one of these places in our community – DQ, El Mezcal, Laux Brick House, McDonald's, QT, Roma's Pizza, Scooter's Coffee. \$15 for ages 0-15. \$25 for ages 16+. You are eligible to win up to three times during the year.

### December Prompts

- Popular book you've never read
- Book about books
- Book on bottom shelf at the Bethalto Library
- Book with the beach/ocean on the cover
- An audiobook/Wonderbook (0-15)
- Historical mystery (16+)

## 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 Dec. 31st, join us for our Noon Year's Eve Party.

## 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.

## Family Fun Thursdays

Thursdays | 3-5PM

Different, fun activities each Thursday in the Kids Area. Light snack served every Thursday. Drop in from 3-5, with the exception of **Kids in the Kitchen**, which is from 3-4 in the Great Room. Kids in the Kitchen will be making Gingerbread houses.

- Dec. 5th - Kid's Crafternoon
- Dec. 12th - Lego Club
- Dec. 19th - Kids in the Kitchen
- Dec. 26th - Let's Get Moving



## Messy Sensory Play

December 14th | 10:30AM-12PM

Drop in anytime for some fun and messy activities in the Great Room. Geared toward ages 2-7, but fun for all. Let Ms. Amy do the cleaning up!

## Read with Maui

December 16th | 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.

## Adult Bingo Night

December 27th | 6PM

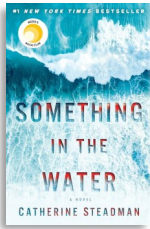
It's Bingo Night at the Library. We provide the daubers, light refreshments, fun, and prizes. Bring your own lucky charms. Adults only, please. Doors open at 5:45pm.

## Virtual Event Series

Register at [bethaltolibrary.org](https://bethaltolibrary.org) and watch online from home.

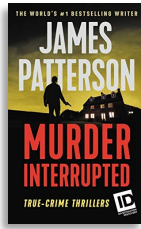


# Join our Book Clubs!



January's  
Movie and Potluck  
*Death on the Nile (2022)*

**Tuesday**  
**Dec. 3rd | 6:30PM**



**Thursday**  
**Dec. 5th | 6PM**

January's Title  
*Little, Crazy Children*  
by James Renner



**Wednesday**  
**Dec. 18th | 10AM**

January's Title  
*West with Giraffes*  
by Lynda Rutledge

# CHRISTMAS

Find the differences between two pictures.





# Bethalto Public Library District

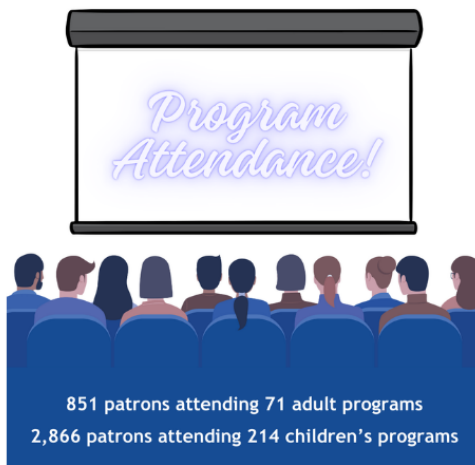
## ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS FY24

### Value of Library Service

The Library District's total population is 15,339. We have 2,617 unexpired library cards. The Library received \$551,046 in tax funds in Fiscal Year 24.

Based on these statistics, our community received \$1,810,950.75 worth of materials and services in the FY 24.\* For every \$1.00 of tax funds put into the library, our community received \$3.28 worth of materials and services.

And we still have lots of books on our shelves and space at our events. We are ready to welcome more community members to our Library and our events, and issue them Library cards!



\*Using the Illinois State Library's Use Value Calculator.



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### Days Closed

**Christmas**  
December 24-25, 2024  
**New Year's Eve - 5pm closing**  
December 31, 2024  
**New Year's Day**  
January 1, 2025

### Hours

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