

BETHALTO LIBRARY

newsletter

February 2026



Take Your Child to the Library Day!

February 7th - All Day

Join Ms. Amy for a fun filled day of activities!

- Scavenger Hunt - How well do you know your library?
- Earn an entry into a prize drawing for visiting the Library
- Crafts
- Snacks
- Goodie bags
- Special Library Themed storytime at 1pm
- Movie and popcorn in the Kids Area at 2pm

Read with Maui

February 25th @ 4PM

Sign up for a special time slot to read with Maui, our friendly therapy dog! Maui is the perfect reading buddy for kids. Don't forget to ask about our Maui Loyalty Cards.

Puzzle Race

February 22nd @ 1PM

Put together a team of 2-6 puzzlers and join us for some friendly competition. Each team will have the same puzzle of up to 500 pieces. Light refreshments will be provided. Feel free to bring your own food and drink. The fastest team will win a prize. All ages welcome at this event.

Registration is required.

Adult Bingo Night

February 27th @ 6PM

Join us for Bethalto Library's Adult Bingo Night, where the numbers are hot, the popcorn is popping, and the prizes are worth playing for! Bring your lucky charms and a friend or two for a fun, free night out filled with laughs and friendly competition.

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STORYTIME AND PLAYTIME

Preschool

Tuesdays @ 10AM & 1PM
February 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th

Join us in the Kids Area every Tuesday for a fun-filled storytime! Each week we'll explore early literacy through stories, song, movement, and hands-on crafts. Both sessions feature the same activities. Pick the time that fits your schedule best.

Baby & Toddler

Thursdays @ 10AM
February 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

Our littlest visitors may be too busy to sit for a full story, but they still love spending time at the library! Join Ms. Amy in the Kids Area for a gentle introduction to Preschool Storytime, filled with play, socializing, and early learning.

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FAMILY FUN THURSDAYS

Thursdays @ 3PM

All Family Fun Thursday are drop in programs from 3-5pm, with the exception of Kids in the Kitchen, which runs from 3-4pm (while supplies last). Popcorn will be provided at the movie.

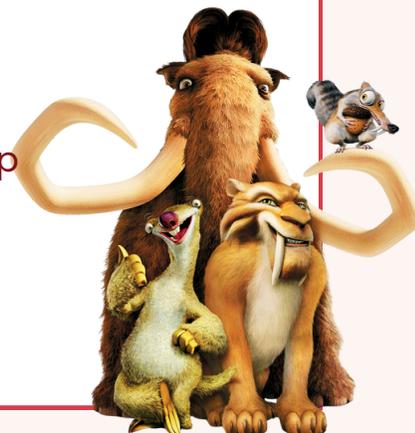
- Feb. 5th - Crafts and Lego in the Kids Area
- Feb. 12th - Cozy Fort Building
- Feb. 19th - Kids in the Kitchen - Brownie Batter Dip
- Feb. 26th - Movie in the Kids Area -
Ice Age (2002 - Rated PG)

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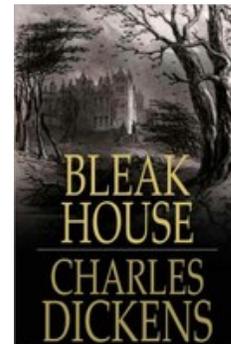


BOOK CLUBS

The OG Book Club

February 3rd @ 6:30PM

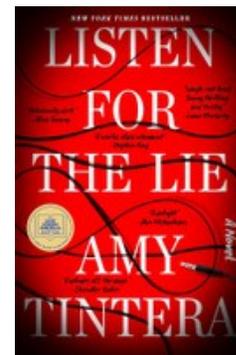
Join Mary for an informal discussion on the classic *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens. It is a sweeping Victorian novel that blends social critique and mystery to expose the human cost of a corrupt, endlessly delayed legal system through the lives entangled in a long-running inheritance case.



Thrills & Chills Book Club

February 11th @ 6PM

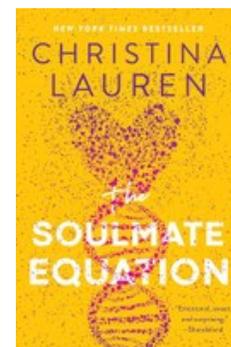
Join Amy for an informal discussion on the psychological thriller *Listen for the Lie* by Amy Tintera. It is about a woman accused of murdering her best friend who returns to her hometown when a true-crime podcast reopens the case, forcing her to confront what really happened and whether she might be guilty.



Just Another Book Club

February 18th @ 10AM

Join Susan for an informal discussion on the contemporary rom-com *The Soulmate Equation* by Christina Lauren. It is about a single mother who discovers her perfect match through a DNA-based dating service. She soon finds out that love isn't as predictable as science claims.



Upcoming Titles

The OG: Mar. 3rd - *The Book of Cold Cases* by Simone St. James

Thrills & Chills: Mar. 11th - *The Idaho Four* by James Patterson and Vicky Ward

Just Another: Mar. 18th - *Heartwood* by Amity Grace

READING CHALLENGE

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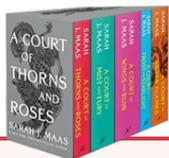
New Series or Author

January 28th - February 28th

Kick off a healthy reading year with a new author or series.

Have you read Frieda?! Her new book may have a waiting list, but her backlist is long. Our staff members can help you find a new author or series to dive into this new year.

Participating is simple: Sign in to the Beanstack app and log each book you finish between January 23rd - February 28th. Each book you log (up to 10 books) earns you a ticket into a prize drawing of your choice. Be sure to go to the tickets section to enter each one.



... AND MORE!!!

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AUTHOR CHATS* VIA ZOOM

*MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

R.L. Stine

Still Afraid of the Dark

Feb. 24th @ 7PM

Scan to register.



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Percival Everett

Beyond the Page

Mar. 19th @ 10AM

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Days Closed
Presidents Day
Feb. 16, 2026
Easter Sunday
Apr. 5, 2026

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