

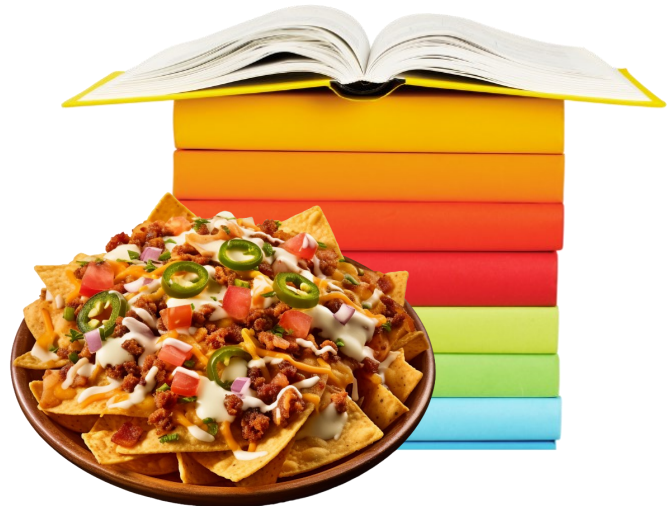


Read. Connect. Explore.

Bethalto Public Library Newsletter

MARCH 2025

NACHOS AND NOVELS



March 22nd @ 5:30pm

Did you read the best book ever recently, but have no one to discuss it with? Enjoy free nachos and other treats. Chat with likeminded readers about your favorite books of 2024. Browse our curated selection of recent, popular fiction books. Find your next great read at Nachos and Novels. Adults and Teens only, please. **Registration Is Appreciated.**



Egg Hunt

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, ten families per timeslot. 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.

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.

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 March 13th, Miss Amy is going on a trip.**

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**, which is from 3-4pm in the Great Room. Kids in the Kitchen will be making No Bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Oatmeal Cookies.

- Mar. 6th - Kid's Crafternoon
- Mar. 13th - Lego Club
- Mar. 20th - Kids in the Kitchen - No Bake Cookies
- Mar. 27th - Minecraft Activities - crafts, pixel art, and more



Sensory Play Day

March 8th | 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.

Read with Maui

March 17th | 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.



Family Movie Night

March 21st | 6PM

Moana 2 (Rated PG) - Moana journeys to the far seas of Oceania after receiving an unexpected call from her way-finding ancestors. Doors open at 5:45pm. Popcorn and drinks provided, or bring your own snacks and drinks.

Adult Bingo Night

March 28th | 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.

Fun Fact

Bethalto Library patrons saved **\$1,147,913.55** in 2024. How much did you personally save? Look at the bottom of your next receipt to see how much the Library is saving you!

Save The Date

May 3, 2025

8:30am to Noon - Regular Sale
1pm to 3pm - Bag Sale

More info on our website.



Virtual Event Series

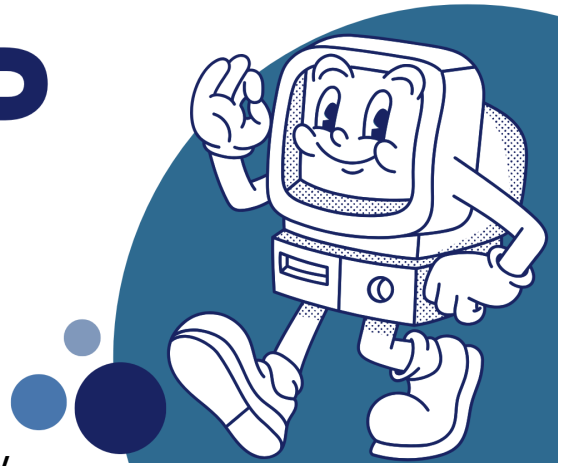
Register at bethaltolibrary.org and watch online from home.



TECH HELP

Saturday, March 8th | 2-4PM

Tuesday, March 18th | 3-5PM



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.

Download the Library apps today.

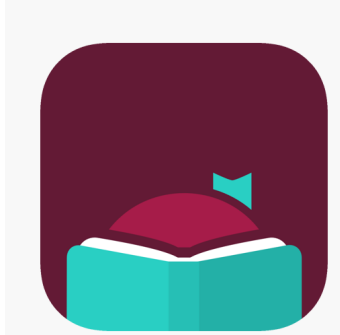
CloudLibrary

Downloadable books and audiobooks.



Libby

Downloadable books, audiobooks, and magazines.

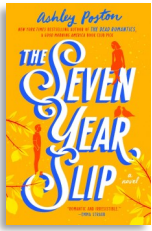


SHARE

Request books, see checked out items, and access to digital library card.



Join our Book Clubs!



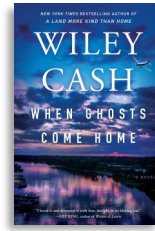
April's Title
Lady Tan's Circle of Women
 by Lisa See

Tuesday
 Mar. 4th | 6:30PM



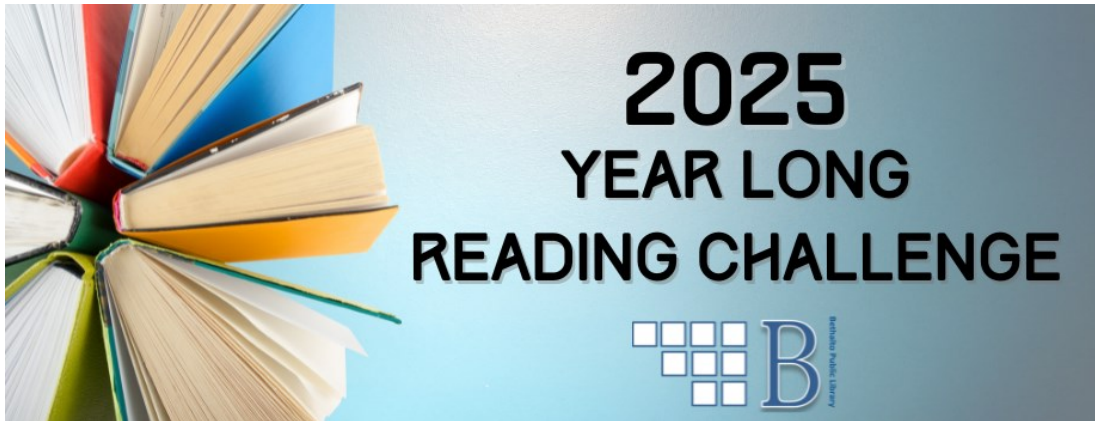
April's Title
Killers of the Flower Moon
 by David Grann

Thursday
 Mar. 6th | 6PM



April's Title
The Push
 by Ashley Audrain

Wednesday
 Mar. 19th | 10AM



This reading challenge is for everyone! Pick any book that meets the month's prompts, then log your reading on a paper log available at the library and our website or record your reading in the Beanstack app 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.)

You do not have to complete prompts every month. We know life sometimes gets busy! This is a reading challenge you can participate in at any time during 2025.

Each book read fulfills a single prompt. Need help finding a good book? Check out the displays at our Library or ask our Librarians for recommendations.

MARCH

Happy Reading in 2025!



Book with deckle edge pages



Outdoor scene on the cover



About a detective



A number in the title



Set during two time periods



Two people on the cover



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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