

Bethalto Library Newsletter

November 2025



Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays - 10AM and 1PM

November 4th, 18th, and 25th

Nov. 11th - No Storytime, Library Closed

Join us in the Kids Area every Tuesday. These weekly storytimes build children's early literacy skills with stories, songs, movement, and crafts. The content will be the same at both times, choose the time that works best for you.

Family Fun Thursdays

Thursdays - 3PM

Nov. 6th - Dino-vementer: Join Ms. Amy for some Dino-riffic fun. Dino Bingo, Fossil Painting, Dino Masks, and Dino Egg Hatching

Nov. 13th - Kids in the Kitchen: Dinosaur Themed Snacks

Nov. 20th - No Family Fun: Ms. Amy out of town

Nov. 27th - No Family Fun: Library Closed

Baby/Toddler Playtime

Thursdays - 10AM

November 6th and 13th

Nov. 20th - Ms. Amy out of town

Nov. 27th - No Playtime, Library Closed

Our little friends are just too busy to sit and read a book, but they still love visiting the library. Ms. Amy will host this stepping stone into Preschool Storytime in the Kids Area. Join us to play, socialize, and learn.

Read with Maui

November 17, 2025 | 4PM

Maui returns! Drop by the Library for a time slot to read to therapy dog Maui. Ask about our Maui Loyalty Program. Read to Maui and win prizes!

School's Out Movie Day

November 26, 2025 | 1PM

Elio (Rated PG, 2025) - Space-obsessed Elio embarks on a cosmic misadventure, forging alien bonds and finding his true self amid an intergalactic crisis. Movie will be shown in the Kids Area.



**ILLINOIS
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Author Chats via Zoom

Watch these author chats from the comfort of your sofa. To register, scan the QR Code

November 18, 2025 - Kenji López-Alt: A Journey Through Food and Science



Join award-winning author and food expert J. Kenji López-Alt for an evening of cooking tips, tasty insights, and behind-the-scenes stories. Known for his science-based recipes and hit books like *The Food Lab* and *The Wok*, Kenji brings a fun, thoughtful approach to home cooking. He'll be joined by Chicago's Billy Zureikat, a passionate home cook using his culinary creativity to raise awareness and funds for Muscular Dystrophy.



January 13, 2025 - Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig



Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jonathan Eig shares insights from *King: A Life*, his groundbreaking biography of Martin Luther King Jr., the first in decades to include newly declassified FBI files. Vivid and deeply human, the book explores King's public power and private struggles as he reshaped American history. Eig will be joined in conversation by Mark Bazer, host of *The Interview Show* and longtime Chicago Humanities moderator.



February 24, 2025 - Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine



Bestselling author R.L. Stine, creator of *Goosebumps* and *Fear Street*, defined horror for a generation and continues to thrill readers of all ages. With over 400 million books sold, his recent work includes new *Goosebumps* titles, *The Graveyard Club* graphic novel, and upcoming *Fear Street* films. He'll be joined in conversation by horror expert Becky Spratford.



March 19, 2025
Percival Everett



April 16, 2025
Cristina Henríquez



May 19, 2025
R.F. Kuang

Reading Challenges and Book Clubs

Year Long Reading Challenge

Join the reading challenge by picking a book that fits the monthly prompt and logging it in the Beanstack app or on a paper form. Each entry gives you a chance to win a prize pick from our basket of book-themed gifts, gift cards, and more. You can win up to three times per year!



Recommended
by someone
famous



Only one person
on the cover



About a
natural disaster



Title letters
on the cover
are white

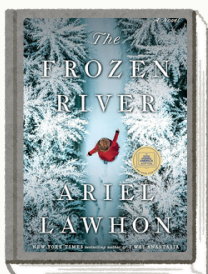


Set in a northern
state of the U.S.

Book Clubs

The Bethalto Public Library has three Book Clubs. They are informal discussion groups. Copies of selected books may be checked out at the Library beginning approximately four weeks before the discussion date. Everyone is welcome.

The OG Book Club

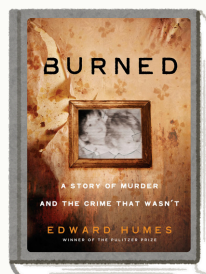


Tuesday
November 4th
6:30PM

December's Title

In Five Years
by Rebecca Serle

True Crime Book Club

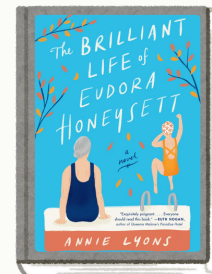


Thursday
November 6th
6PM

December's Title

The House of My Mother
by Shari Franke

Just Another Book Club



Wednesday
November 19th
10AM

December's Title

*The Most Wonderful
Crime of the Year*
by Ally Carter

Holiday Closings ALL DAY

Veterans Day
November 11, 2025

Thanksgiving
November 27-28, 2025

Special Hours

November 26, 2025
10AM - 5PM

The Library will be closing early on Wednesday, Nov. 26th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will be closed all day the following Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27th-28th. These hours allow our staff to enjoy a holiday break with their loved ones.



Food for Fines*

November 10 - December 31, 2025

Food for Fines month demonstrates the Library's commitment to community by reaching out and providing service throughout the Bethalto Public Library District. Please help us restock our food pantries!

Peanut Butter & Jelly

12oz - 34oz - \$5.00
35oz+ - \$7.00

Granola/Fruit & Grain Bars

up to 8ct - \$4.00
9ct+ - \$6.00

Boxed Dinners, Shells & Cheese, & Mashed Potatoes

up to 10oz - \$2.00
11oz - 15oz - \$4.00
16oz+ - \$5.00

Baby Food Jars

up to 4oz. - \$2.00
5oz+ - \$2.00

Canned Meats

up to 11oz - \$2.00
12oz+ - \$5.00

Plain Pasta

12oz - 16oz - \$2.00
17oz+ - \$3.00

Cans/Jars of Soup, Fruit & Pasta Sauce

up to 15oz - \$1.00
16oz+ - \$3.00

Canned veggies and all other items will be worth \$1.00.

*This offer is for overdue fines only. No replacement, lost, damage, etc. charges will be waived. Excess of food items will not be used to create fine credits.



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Days Closed

Veterans Day
Nov. 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 27-28, 2025

Hours

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