

October 2024

Bethalto Public Library

Events and Programs

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 kid's area while supplies last. There will be no Storytimes on Oct. 15th. There WILL be a craft for you to do with your child.

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! Drop in from 3-5, with the exception of October 17th. That will be **Kids in the Kitchen** day, and will be from 3-4 in the Great Room. Kids in the Kitchen will be making Banana Sushi (chopsticks included!). Light snack served every Thursday. Special **Halloween Family Fun** on October 31st. Come make your very own Ghost in a Jar. He will be your best friend for all eternity!

Family Movie Night

October 18th | 6PM

If (2024 - Rated PG) After discovering she can see everyone's imaginary friends, a girl embarks on a magical adventure to reconnect forgotten imaginary friends with their kids. Drinks and popcorn will also be provided.

Messy Sensory Play

October 19th | 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

October 21st | 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

October 25th | 6PM

Get your daubers and trolls ready...it's Bingo Night at the Library. Light refreshments will be provided. Join us for fun and prizes. Adults only, please. Doors open at 5:30pm.

JOIN US FOR THE HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

October 27, 2024 | 5-7pm

- GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
- PRIZES
- CANDY!
- HAUNTED HOUSE
- CHILI COOK-OFF
Chili Cooks Wanted!



For events and programs happening before and after hours at the Library, please use the back entrance.

2024 Year Long Reading Challenge

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.

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 2024.

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 for any prompt.

September Prompts

- Medieval times play a role in the story
- A fantasy
- Published between 2004 and 2014
- A nighttime scene on the cover
- Story about kindness (0-15)
- Author is younger than you (16+)

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

CELEBRATE SMOKEY BEAR'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

Brought to you by: **USDA** and **U.S. FOREST SERVICE**

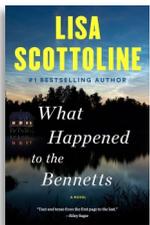
Register and participate using the Beanstack App.

Erika L. Sanchez
October 9th at 7pm

Live Webinar via Zoom
Sign up at bethaltolibrary.org

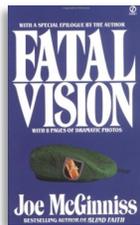
Books featured: *Crying in the Bathroom*, *When We Were Born*, *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*

Join our Book Clubs!



Tuesday
Oct. 1st | 6:30PM

November's Title
The First Ladies
by Marie Benedict



Thursday
Oct. 3rd | 6PM

November's Title
The Radium Girls
by Kate Moore



Wednesday
Oct. 18th | 10AM

November's Title
The Boy from the Woods
by Harlan Coben



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Days Closed
Columbus Day
October 14, 2024

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

LIBRARY CRAWL

October 1-31, 2024



150+ Participating Libraries

The 6th Annual Library Crawl will take place in October. This is a fun time of visiting other public libraries and discovering their wonderful collections and buildings. Did you know if you visit another Illinois public library you can use your Bethalto Library card to check items out there? Then return the items locally at Bethalto Library and we will take care of sending them home. The Library Crawl is a fun way to discover more benefits of having a library card.

Pick up your Official Passport at our Library and you will be ready to go!

Each library you visit will “stamp” your Passport. Visit 5 or more libraries (other than Bethalto Library), then turn in your Passport back here. You will receive a commemorative lapel pin (while supplies last) and have a chance in our Grand Prize Drawing!

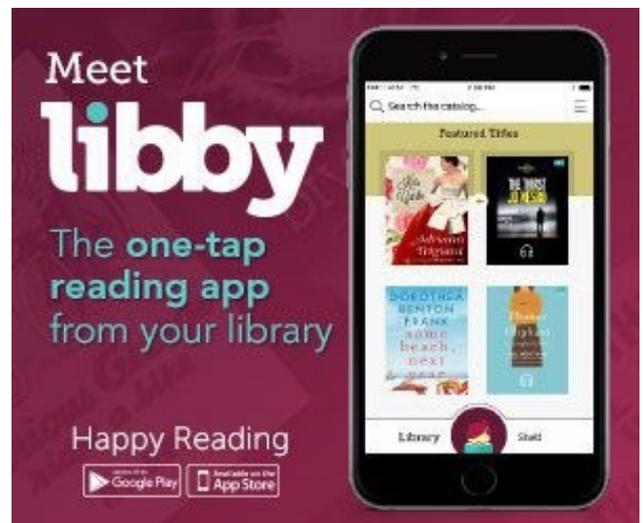
Happy Crawling!



November 1, 2024 | 6pm

- Fun trivia questions!
- **Free**
- Prizes
- Limited seating - registration required.

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