

BETHALTO LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

September 2025



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!



A book with short chapters



Bright colors on the cover



About children missing



Set during World War II



Book is over 400 (16+) or 80 (0-15) pages



Cooks Needed!

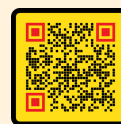
The Bethalto Public Library's Halloween Spooktacular is almost a month away, October 26th! If you are a killer chili cook, we want you! Cash prizes and a bragging rights People's Choice plaque are up for grabs! We have to have six participants for a successful event. If you or someone you know is interested, go to bethaltolibrary.org for details.

Illinois Libraries Presents

Finding the Clues: Then and Now

September 16th | 7PM

Steve's back, not for the kids, but for you! He'll share what life was really like during and after his time on the show - the kind of conversation only grown-up fans will truly understand.



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Special Closing

The Library will be closed on Friday, September 19, 2025, for Staff Training.



Preschool Storytimes

Tuesdays | 10AM and 1PM

These weekly storytimes build children's early literacy skills with stories, songs, movement, and crafts. The same content at both times.

Baby/Toddler Playtime Meetup

Thursdays | 10AM

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 steppingstone into Preschool Storytime.

Read with Maui

September 15th | 4PM

Maui is back! Come sign up for a time slot to read to therapy dog Maui. Ask about our Maui Loyalty Program. Read to Maui and win prizes!



Family Movie Night

September 12th | 6PM

Lilo and Stitch (2025) - Rated PG

Stitch comes to Earth after escaping prison, where he tries to impersonate a dog. Things take a turn when a lonely Hawaiian girl, Lilo, adopts him from an animal shelter and he helps mend her broken family.

Family Fun Thursdays

Join Ms. Amy on Thursdays for some family fun. Each week is a new fun activity. All ages welcome.

September 4th | 3-5PM

Crafternoon

A variety of fall-themed crafts will be available for you to use your creative skills to make your masterpiece.

September 11th | 3-5PM

Scavenger Hunt and Hair Tinsel

The crayons are at it again! Find the crayons hidden all over the Library, solve the riddle, and win a prize. After you solve the riddle, come to the Kid's Area and bling out your do for FREE!

September 18th | 3-4PM

Kids in the Kitchen

Bring your appetite and cooking skills. We will be making No-Bake Monster Cookie Balls.

September 25th | 3-5PM

Let's Get Messy! - Slime Stations

We will provide the ingredients to make several different types of slime. Make one, or make them all, and leave the clean-up to us!





Adult/Teen Art Night

September 15th | 6PM
Book Page Magnolia Wreath



Ms. Amy will demonstrate how to make a Magnolia Wreath using book page leaves. Each project is \$5 due at time of registration. Can't make it? No problem, we will have some kits made up for you to grab and go.

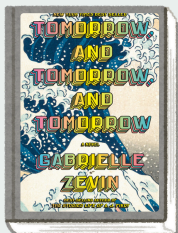
Adult Bingo Night

September 26th | 6PM

We provide daubers, light refreshments, fun, and prizes. You have to bring your own luck! Adults only, please. Doors open at 5:45pm.



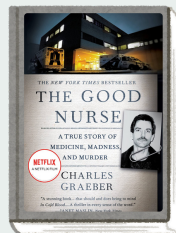
Book Clubs



Tuesday
September 2nd
6:30PM

October's Title

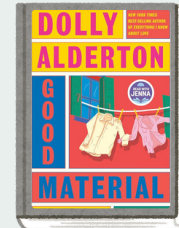
Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania
by Erik Larson



Thursday
September 4th
6PM

October's Title

The Best Minds: A Story of Friendship, Madness, and the Tragedy of Good Intentions
by Jonathan Rosen



Wednesday
September 17th
10AM

October's Title

The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires
by Grady Hendrix





Fall Used Book Sale



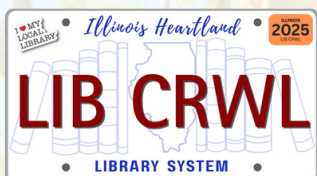
Saturday

September 20, 2025 | 8:30am - Noon

Bag Sale 1:00 - 3:00pm

Our Used Book Sale features a variety of used books and DVDs with prices from \$0.25 to \$4.00. For the Bag Sale, bring your own bag and fill it for \$4.00.

No scanning allowed. Sale happens rain or shine. Book Sale proceeds go directly to the Library to support programming and to purchase new books.



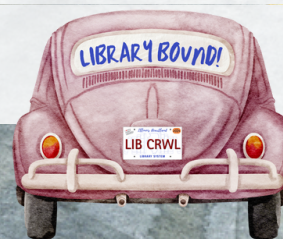
Library Crawl October 1-31, 2025

Get Ready to plan your Library Crawl! The 7th 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.

By mid-September we will have a list of participating public libraries on our website so you can begin planning your travel routes. Then pick up your Official Passport the last week of September and you will be ready to go!

Each library you visit will “stamp” your Passport. Visit 5 or more libraries (other than Bethalto Library), turn in your Passport back here, and you’ll be eligible for a cool prize drawing.

Happy Crawling!



Bethalto Public Library

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Days Closed

Staff Training Day
Sep. 19, 2025
Columbus Day
Oct. 13, 2025

Hours

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