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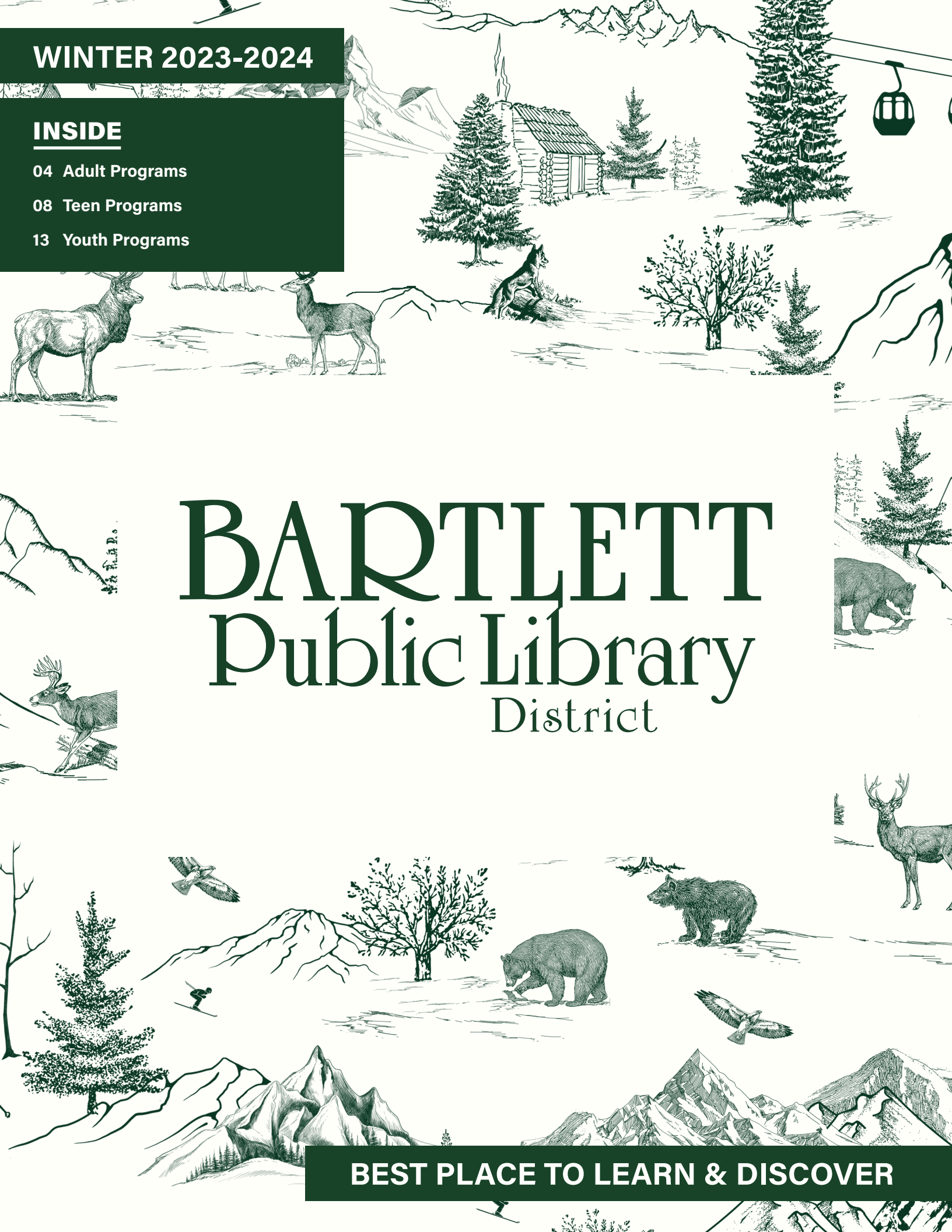
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**Bartlett Public Library Foundation
& Friends Events**

JOIN OUR WINTER READING WONDERLAND CHALLENGE

December 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024

**Find your reading log in the middle
of this newsletter!**

BIRTH-6TH GRADE

Join the Winter Reading Club!

You can register via our online platform, use the log in this newsletter, or pick up a log in the Youth Services Department.

Each child will receive a free book after completing 8 hours of reading. Children who complete 10 hours of reading may receive a bonus prize.

Babies & Toddlers will receive a free book after completing the emergent literacy activities.

Co-sponsored by the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team.

TEEN & ADULT

Participants will receive a completion prize while supplies last. Complete the enclosed Winter Reading BINGO card for your chance to be entered into a grand prize drawing! Readers can also participate by reading a total of 8 hours and log digitally via our online platform at www.bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com/register.aspx.

In Person Programs



Charles Dickens: A Tale with a Twist **R**

Friday, December 1 | 4:30 PM

Join performer Terry Lynch as he portrays Charles Dickens, reflecting on the author's life, and discusses some of his best-loved Christmas works.

Mini Yarn Hat Garland **R**

Saturday, December 2 | 12:00 PM

Kick off cozy season with an afternoon of crafting at the library. Join us to make Mini Yarn Hat Ornament Garland to decorate your home for the holiday season!

Knit & Stitch Club

Sundays: December 3, January 7, February 4
1:00 PM | West Conference Room | Drop-in

Whether you knit, crochet, or embroider, the Knit and Stitch Club is for you. Bring your supplies and join a fun group to craft and chat together.

Bartlett Creative Writers

First Tuesdays: December 5, January 2, February 6
6:30 PM | Drop-in

Meet with other aspiring writers to give constructive criticism on one another's work, support each other through the ups and downs of writing, and to share writing tips. For writers of all levels age 18 and older.

Movie Matinee

Fridays | 10:00 AM | Drop-in

**Subject to change – please check online calendar for most up to date information*

December 8 | *It's a Wonderful Life*

December 22 | *The Muppet Christmas Carol*

January 5 | *Barbie*

January 19 | *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*

February 2 | *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*

February 16 | *Valentine's Day*

Genealogy Group

Second Wednesdays:

December 13, January 10, February 14

10:30 AM | The Hub | Drop-in

Building your family tree? Come learn from and share your knowledge with other genealogists in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. Beginner to experienced genealogists welcome.

Be Safe Online **R**

Saturday, February 3 | 1:00 PM

Join Michael Gershbein of Very Smart People (VSP) for his presentation containing practical tips on avoiding credit card and identity theft online by managing passwords, avoiding malware and viruses, and showing online smarts.



Julia Child: Her Life in France **R**

Tuesday, February 13 | 7:00 PM

Join Lynn Rymarz for a historical portrayal of Julia Child. Learn how Julia discovered her passion for cooking French food in her late thirties after she married Paul Child and moved to Paris. Hear Julia describe her journey into French culture, including her visits to the local markets and her cooking classes at the Cordon Bleu. She will share her struggles and her successes, including her cookbook and her television show *The French Chef*.

Relaxing Watercolors **R**

Saturday, February 17 | 12:00 PM

Many consider watercolors to be relaxing and meditative. Learn how you can slow down and relax with simple watercolor techniques. Presented by Audrey Ra of Audrey Ra Design.

Bartlett Days - Then & Now **R**

Sunday, February 18 | 2:00 PM

The Bartlett Historical Society will feature a glimpse of life in Bartlett from days gone by . . . from "The Food Basket" to "Aldi" and "Schultz Hardware" to "Home Depot" and everything in between.

Sweet Treats of the Midwest **R**

Wednesday, February 21 | 7:00 PM

Join author and food enthusiast Amy Gail Hansen as she uncovers the fascinating history of four desserts all originating in the Midwest, from Bertha Palmer's brownie to the invention of the Twinkie, from the birth of Rice Krispy Treats to the creation of the Bundt cake. Amy will also share tricks to making seasonal variations of these treats, perfect for the holidays!

Mary Lincoln: Wife, Mother, First Lady **R**

Sunday, February 25 | 2:00 PM

Since her death, her image as a "hellcat" and an unmanageable wife has become part of the American consciousness. But is this the true story of Mary Lincoln, the wife of America's greatest President? She comes to life as presented by Valerie Gugala. Mrs. Lincoln takes the audience through the Lincoln family's life in Springfield, Abraham's political career and election to the presidency, and their life in the White House during the Civil War.



Computer Classes

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, December 6 | 7:00 PM | In Person
 Saturday, January 20 | 10:30 AM | Zoom
 Tuesday, February 13 | 1:30 PM | Zoom
 The Hub | Space is limited
 Learn how to create informative and easily navigable spreadsheet documents and tables using Microsoft Excel.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Monday, December 11 | 7:00 PM
 Thursday, January 11 | 1:00 PM
 Saturday, February 10 | 10:00 AM
 The Hub | Space is limited
 Learn how to create a simple document, edit and format text, save and open files, and more. Knowledge of mouse and keyboard are required.

Zoom Programs

Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany

Monday, December 4 | 7:00 PM | Zoom
 Visit amazing Christmas markets in Prague and four cities in Germany with frequent European traveler Eugene Flynn. With very few international tourists and mostly locals enjoying good food, good friends, and a festive atmosphere, December trips differ from summer visits. This presentation skips the museums and focuses on joining the fun.

Shifting Old Gears and Exploring New Possibilities in the New Year

Wednesday, December 13 | 7:00 PM | Zoom
 Life transitions are definite sources of stress. The New Year is a time of reflection which leads to new perspectives and life changes. This seminar presents steps which help transform chaos into fulfillment. The topics covered include cognitive theory, perception formation, tools of change, and action motivation.

The Beatles, Chicago and the 1960s

Tuesday, January 9 | 7:00 PM | Zoom
 Sixty years ago, the Beatles made their first visit to the United States. To commemorate this momentous event, author John F. Lyons examines the impact of the Beatles on the Chicago metropolitan area.

Steinstuecken: A Little Pocket of Freedom

Wednesday, January 17 | 7:00 PM | Zoom
 When the Cold War split Berlin in half, between East and West, one neighborhood was trapped in the middle, and became a symbol of Cold War tensions. Please join us to hear retired Army Reserve officer and author Donald Smith give his presentation on the Steinstuecken neighborhood, a part of the U.S. Occupation Sector of Berlin surrounded on all sides by East German territory.

Emancipation to Inauguration: Chicago's Black Experience

Monday, February 5 | 7:00 PM | Zoom
 African American History in the Second City is rich and deep. From the first non-indigenous settler to the lightning rod for human rights to the 44th President of the United States, Chicago has checked every box when it comes to impactful people, places, and events. Please join historian Clarence Goodman for this informative and fascinating presentation.



Virtual Tuesday Trivia

Virtual Live Game at 7:00 PM
 Replay Link posted at 7:30 PM
 Links to trivia games will be posted through the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages

December 5 | Holiday Movies
 December 19 | Random Knowledge

January 2 | Three Truths and a Lie
 January 16 | Random Knowledge

February 6 | The Office
 February 20 | Random Knowledge



Illinois Libraries Present

Wednesday,
December 6

**Surviving the Holidays
with Lori Gottlieb**
7:00 PM | Zoom

Saturday,
December 16
through
Sunday,
December 17

**Experience "The Nutcracker" at Home!
Watch a recording of the Famous
Ballet performed by The Royal Ballet**



Thursday,
January 11

**Speculating our AI Future Panel
with Cory Doctorow, Ken Liu, and
Martha Wells**
7:00 PM | Zoom

Tuesday,
February 6

**A Conversation
with Jerry Craft**
7:00 PM | Zoom

Tuesday,
February 20

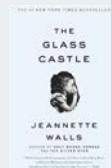
**Feel the Romance
with Bridgerton author, Julia Quinn**
7:00 PM | Zoom



Book Discussions

Booklite

Third Thursdays at 7:00 PM
JC's Mexican Restaurant
12/21 - Book Exchange
1/18 - *Meant to Be* by Emily Griffin
2/15 - *The Push* by Ashley Audrain



Non-Fiction

Last Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Meeting Room

12/27- *Silent Night: The Remarkable Christmas
Truce of 1914* by Stanley Weintraub
1/31 - *H is for Hawk* by Helen MacDonal
2/28 - *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

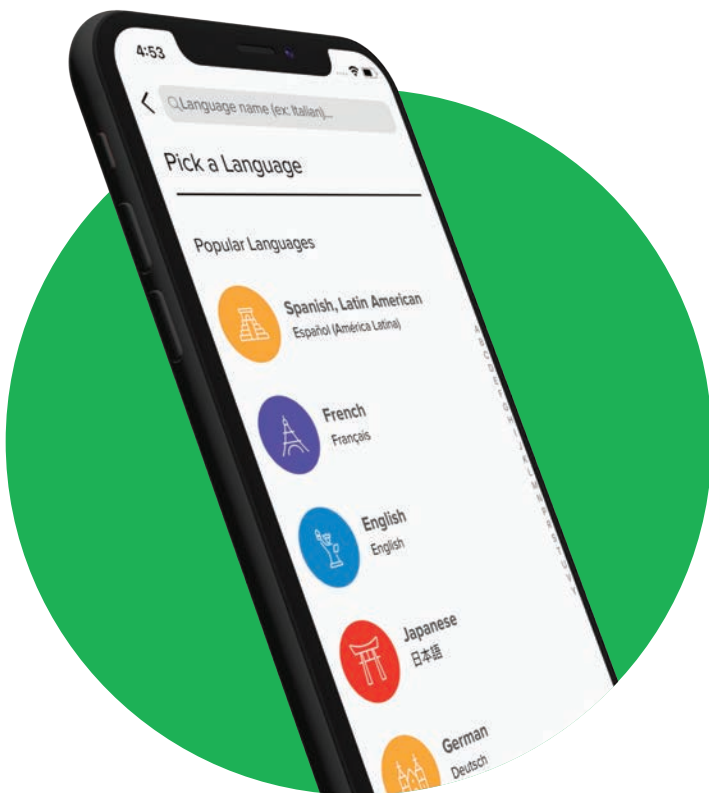
Thursday Morning

Last Thursdays at 10:00 AM
Meeting Room

12/28 - Reader's choice - Join us to discuss
what you've read recently!
1/25 - *Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an
American Dynasty* by Anderson Cooper
2/29 - *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner



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Teen Programs

Snow Slime **R**

Wednesday, December 6 | 6:00 PM | Meeting Room
We're making snow slime! Join us for this ooey-goey craft and take home a new stress reliever.

Shrinky Dink Charm Bracelets **R**

Thursday, December 14 | 6:00 PM | Meeting Room
Come design your own charm bracelet with Shrinky Dink pages! We will draw, trace, and color designs, melt them down, seal with UV resin, and put them on bracelets. Participants can make up to 5 charms for their bracelets.

College Application Workshop **R**

Saturday, December 16 | 3:00 PM | Meeting room
ISAC has partnered with the American College Application Campaign to promote applying to college in a timely fashion, especially for first generation students. As part of this campaign, Corps members will assist students with completing college applications to the college(s) of their choice. Please bring a laptop for the workshop - 8 in-house laptops will be available to check out on a first come first served basis.

Movie Night

Thursday, December 21 | Home Alone

Thursday, January 18 | Dungeons and Dragons

Thursday, February 15 | Barbie

6:00 PM | Meeting Room | Drop-in

Come hang out for a teen movie night! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for comfort.

Teen Take & Make

Beaded Snowflake Ornament **R**

Registration 11/24 - 12/5
Kits available for pick up on December 8

Dragon Egg **R**

Registration 12/22 - 1/2
Kits available for pick up on January 5

Lip Balm **R**

Registration 1/26 - 2/6
Kits available for pick up on February 9

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Ages: Grade 7 - 12

Wednesdays: December 13, January 10, February 14

Create your space and earn volunteer hours! At TAG meetings, you will develop ideas to improve teen services, spaces, and collections. You'll also help create teen programs and participate in charitable initiatives. Before your first meeting, complete this session's application.

For the Win! Game Night

Wednesdays: December 27, January 24, February 28
Teen Space | Drop-in

Join us at the library to unwind, hang out with other teens, and play tabletop/video games! Teens are welcome to stay after 7:00 PM to continue playing games with one another.

Dungeons and Dragons: Character Creation! **R**

Saturday, January 6 | 2:00 PM | Meeting Room

Come create your own D&D character! If you're interested in giving D&D a try or you're a seasoned player who wants to make a new character, everyone is welcome. Character creation will also give you the option to join the one-off campaign on December 20 and future adventures.

Dungeons and Dragons:

Untitled One-Off Campaign **R**

Saturday, January 20 | 1:00 PM | Meeting Room

Calling all beginner explorers and adventurers! Join this introductory one-off campaign and see what D&D is all about. Level 1 characters only - use the character you created during Character Creation or bring a newly created character to this campaign.

Anti-Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 7 | 6:00 PM | Meeting Room

Do you think Cupid is stupid? If you're not interested in romance, this is the party for you. Come break hearts, design rude conversation hearts, make a voodoo doll, enjoy some snacks, and jam out to some awesome break up songs.

Super Smash Bros.™ **R**

Ultimate Tournament - Randomized!

Saturday, February 17 | 3:00 PM

Meeting Room | Grades 9-12

You may be top dog with your favorite character, but do you have what it takes to win with a random one? Come find out as we play our Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate Tournament with randomized characters!

ADULT & TEEN WINTER READING WONDERLAND

Finish Five in a Row and Win A Prize!

Rows can be vertical, diagonal, or horizontal. You can read five whole books, or you can complete multiple BINGO squares using one book! Participants will receive a completion prize while supplies last. Readers can also participate by reading a total of 8 hours and log digitally via our online platform at www.bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com/register.aspx.

Name: _____

Check a box: ADULT TEEN

Read for 30 minutes	Attend a library program 	Read for 45 minutes	Read a book-to-screen adaptation	Read for 60 minutes
Listen to an audiobook	Read for 60 minutes	Watch a movie on Hoopla	Read for 30 minutes	Read a book aloud to someone 
Read for 45 minutes	Read a graphic novel	HAPPY READING! 	Watch a movie on Hoopla	Read for 45 minutes
Start a new series	Read for 30 minutes	Read a book with a blue cover	Read for 60 minutes	Read using the Libby app 
Read for 60 minutes 	Attend a library program	Read for 45 minutes	Read a book recommended by a librarian	Read for 30 minutes 

WINTER READING WONDERLAND

NEWBORNS - 35 MONTHS

Cross off the box when an activity is completed. Babies and toddlers will receive a free book after finishing the nine emergent literacy activities.

Name: _____





1	2	3
Read together	Look at a book and talk about the pictures	Read a nursery rhyme
4	5	6
Sing a song	Count together	Sing or say the alphabet
7	8	9
Talk about the things you see on a walk	Playtime	Read a book about shapes or colors



AGE 3 - GRADE 6

Cross off the box when 30 minutes of reading is complete. Participants who finish our 8 hour reading challenge will earn a prize book and an entry into our grand prize drawing.

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2.5	3	3.5	4 HALFWAY THERE!
4.5	5	5.5	6
6.5 	7	7.5	8 FINISHED! 



ADULT & TEEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Winter Reading Wonderland December 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024 Complete a Winter Reading BINGO card for your chance to be entered into a grand prize drawing! Find your BINGO card on page 9 or pick up a copy at the library!					1 Charles Dickens: A Tale with a Twist 4:30 PM	2 Mini Yarn Hat Garland 12:00 PM
3	4 Christmas Markets in Prague and Germany (Zoom) 7:00 PM	5 Bartlett Creative Writers 6:30 PM Virtual Tuesday Trivia: Holiday Movies 7:00 PM	6 Introduction to Microsoft Excel 7:00 PM Snow Slime 6:00 PM	7	8 Movie Matinee: "It's a Wonderful Life" 10:00 AM Teen Take & Make	9
10	11 Introduction to Microsoft Word 7:00 PM	12	13 Shifting Old Gears and Exploring New Possibilities in the New Year (Zoom) 7:00 PM Teen Advisory Group (TAG)	14 Shrinky Dink Charm Bracelets 6:00 PM	15	16 College Application Workshop 3:00 PM
17	18	19 Virtual Tuesday Trivia: Random Knowledge 7:00 PM	20	21 Booklite Book Discussion: Book Exchange (Offsite) 7:00 PM Teens Screen 6:00 PM	22 Movie Matinee: "The Muppet Christmas Carol" 10:00 AM	23
24 Christmas Eve LIBRARY CLOSED	25 Christmas Day LIBRARY CLOSED	26	27 Non-fiction Book Discussion 7:00 PM	28 Thursday Morning Book Discussion 10:00 AM	29	30
31 New Year's Eve LIBRARY CLOSED		For the Win! Game Night 7:00 PM				

Register online at www.bartlettlibrary.org or call us at 630.837.3348

YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Winter Reading Club: Winter Reading Wonderland December 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024 Join the winter reading club, "Winter Reading Wonderland," by registering via our online platform or picking up a log in the Youth Services Department. Each child will receive a free book after completing their log.					1 Take & Make Reindeer Craft All Day Bartlett's Little Bookworms Book Club 10:00 AM	2
3	4 Celebrate National Cookie Day 3:30 PM	5 Babies & Tots 9:30 AM It's Storytime! 10:00 AM Paint a Winter Scene 4:00 PM	6 Babies & Tots 9:30 AM It's Storytime! 10:00 AM	7 Super STEM! Cup Stacking Engineering Challenge 3:30 PM Bedtime with Buster Family Storytime 6:30 PM	8	9 Babies & Tots 10:00 AM
10	11 Babies & Tots 6:30 PM	12 Babies & Tots 9:30 AM It's Storytime! 10:00 AM Holiday Ornaments 4:00 PM	13 Babies & Tots 9:30 AM It's Storytime! 10:00 AM Monarch Club 3:30 PM	14	15	16
17	18	19 Illinois Book Award Reading Club 4:00 PM	20 Amazing Art! 3:30 PM	21 Bedtime with Buster Family Storytime 6:30 PM	22	23
24 Christmas Eve LIBRARY CLOSED	25 Christmas Day LIBRARY CLOSED	26	27 Drop-in Family LEGO Night 7:00 PM	28 New Year's Countdown: Family BINGO! 2:00 PM	29 Bartlett's Little Bookworms Book Club 10:00 AM	30 SOUL Harbour Ranch Miniature Therapy Horse Visit 11:00 AM
31 New Year's Eve LIBRARY CLOSED						

Clubs

Winter Reading Club:

Winter Reading Wonderland

December 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024 | Birth-Grade 6

Join the Winter Reading Club, "Winter Reading Wonderland," by registering via our online platform or picking up a log in the Youth Services Department. Each child will receive a free book after completing 8 hours of reading and will be entered into our final drawing. Babies & Toddlers will receive a free book after completing the emergent literacy activities.

Bartlett's Little Bookworms Book Club

Friday, December 1 | *Crayons from The Day the Crayons Quit*

Friday, December 29 | *Pigeon*

Friday, January 12 | *Pete the Cat*

Friday, February 2 | *Angelina Ballerina*

Friday, February 23 | *Corduroy*

Ages 3-5 with a Parent or Caregiver

Youth Services Story Room & Art Room

Join the Bartlett Public Library District's newest book club designed just for preschoolers! Each session focuses on a different picture book character. We will read a couple of books, do a movement activity, and finish with a craft.

Chess Club

Mondays: January 8 - February 26 | 4:00-4:45 PM

Grades 2-12 | Youth Services Department

Everyone is invited to play chess with us! Participants should know how the pieces move and basics of the game.



Book Button Club

Ages: Kindergarten-Grade 8

Are you looking for a fun way to motivate your children to read different types of books?

Sign up for our Book Button Club, open to students in grades K-8. Students can choose from 20 different categories of books. Collect one or all twenty custom-designed buttons! Stop by the Youth Services desk to register and pick up your reading log.

Monarch Club

Wednesdays: December 13, January 10, February 7

3:30-4:15 PM | Grades 1-3 | Meeting Room

Join us for fun stories, activities, and crafts as we look at the new Monarch Book Award nominees, and then vote for your favorite book in February!



ILLINOIS BOOK AWARD READING CLUB

Tuesdays: December 19, January 16, and February 20
4:00-4:45 PM | Grades 4-8 | Meeting Room | Registration Required

Join us each month as we discuss different book nominees from the 2023-2024 Bluestem and Rebecca Caudill Award lists. Each session will feature a unique guided activity to help the discussion. Registered participants can pick up a free copy of the featured titles in the Youth Services Department.

December 19

Chunky by Yehudi Mercado

City of Dragons 1: The Awakening Storm by Jaimal Yogis

January 16

Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom by Matthew Swanson

City Spies by James Ponti

February 20

The Elephants Came Home: A True Story of Seven Elephants, Two People, and Once

Extraordinary Friendship by Kim Tomsic

Alone by Megan E. Freeman

Programs

Celebrate National Cookie Day!

Monday, December 4 | 3:30-4:15 PM
Grades 1-3 | Meeting Room

Join Miss Sue to celebrate National Cookie Day! Learn about the history of cookies, do a cookie craft, and sample some of these tasty treats. **Allergy Alert: some items may contain common allergens.*

Amazing Art!

Wednesdays: December 20, January 17, February 21
3:30-4:15 PM | Grades 1-3 | Meeting Room

Come and create amazing process art! Process art is art that is self-directed, choice-driven, and celebrates the experience of discovery. Each month will feature a different exciting project.

December 20 | Salt and watercolor snowflake art
January 17 | Shaving cream art
February 21 | Marble Painting

Drop in Family LEGO Night

Wednesdays: December 27, January 31, February 28
7:00-8:00 PM | All ages | Youth Services Department

Stop by the Youth Services Department and create a LEGO masterpiece! We will have plenty of LEGO building blocks set out for you to enjoy. (Table space may become limited, depending on participation.) Creations can be displayed after each event.

New Year's Countdown: Family BINGO!

Thursday, December 28 | 2:00-3:00 PM
All Ages | Meeting Room

Get ready to shout BINGO and HAPPY NEW YEAR! Join us for family time at the library.

SOUL Harbour Ranch Miniature Therapy Horse Visit

Saturday, December 30 | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
All Ages | Meeting Room

Join us for a visit from SOUL Harbour Ranch and learn about miniature therapy horses and the work they do. Participants will have an opportunity to greet and interact with the horses.

TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS



Visit the Youth Services Department to pick up a small craft you can make at home. Crafts will be available on the 1st of each month while supplies last.

December | Reindeer Craft

January | Winter Mitten

February | Heart Magnet

Programs

Bluey Party!

Saturday, January 6 | 1:00-3:00 PM

All ages | Youth Services Department

What better way to close out winter break than with a party celebrating everyone's favorite blue heeler pup! Fans of the show are invited to drop into the Youth Services Department for a storytime, craft, and games, all inspired by Bluey and her native Australia. Activities are geared toward the preschool and elementary school age groups, but the whole family is welcome to join in the fun.

Preschool & Child Care Fair

Saturday, January 13 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Meeting Room

This is a great opportunity for families to meet local preschool and daycare providers. Representatives from various facilities in the area will be available with information, and to answer questions.

Vision Screening for Children to Young Adult

Saturday, January 13 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | Meeting Room

Thursday, February 15 | 4:00-6:00 PM | Story Room

Drop in and get a free vision screening from the Lions Club for children and young adults ages 6 months to 21 years old.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Ages: Birth-Kindergarten

Learning to read begins long before a child enters kindergarten. This program invites families to spend time together outside of the library fostering a love of reading, while gaining pre-literacy skills that are essential to reading success. Children receive prizes for every 100 books that are read to them, with a grand prize being a book to take home and having their picture taken for the "Wall of Fame." Pick up a log at the Library or register and track your progress online at www.bartlettlibrary.readsquared.com/register.aspx.



IT'S STORYTIME



It's Storytime!

Tuesdays: December 5 & 12;
January 9 - February 20 | 10:00 AM
Wednesdays: December 6 & 13;
January 10 - February 21 | 10:00 AM

Story Room

Ages 2-6

Join Mrs. Rose and enjoy 30 minutes of stories, music, and a visit from Little Mouse. Older siblings are welcome.

Bedtime with Buster Family Storytime

Thursdays: December 7 & 21,
January 11 & 25, and February 22
6:30-7:00 PM | Story Room

Ages 2-6 with a parent or caregiver

Shhh... it's bedtime. Put on your PJ's and enjoy soothing stories and nursery rhymes perfect before going to sleep. There will also be a visit from Little Mouse!

Babies & Tots

Mondays: December 11; January 8 & 22; February 12 & 26 | 6:30 PM | Story Room

Tuesdays: December 5 & 12; January 9 - February 20 | 9:30 AM | Meeting Room

Wednesdays: December 6 & 13; January 10, 17, and 31; February 7 - 21

9:30 AM | Meeting Room

Saturdays: December 9, January 20 & February 10 | 10:00 AM | Story Room

Newborns through 35 months of age with a parent or caregiver

Join Mrs. Phyllis for Babies & Tots, which includes an introduction to emergent literacy skills, music, exercise, and movement.



Paint a Winter Scene (Art) **R**

Tuesday, December 5 | 4:00-4:45 PM
Grades 4-7 | Meeting Room
Paint a winter scene using acrylics on canvas. All supplies will be provided. No painting experience required.

Holiday Ornaments (Art) **R**

Tuesday, December 12 | 4:00-4:45 PM
Grades 4-7 | Meeting Room
Create a festive holiday ornament using a variety of materials.

Super STEM! **R**

Thursdays: December 7, January 4, February 1
3:30-4:15 PM | Grades 1-3 | Meeting Room
Join Miss Sue as we Explore STEM concepts through stories, crafts, games, and activities that encourage the development of logic, problem solving, and creative thinking.

December 7 | Cup Stacking Engineering Challenge See how high we can stack our cups as we examine what makes a stable structure.

January 4 | The Sounds of Rain Sticks Learn about sound while making this unique percussion instrument.

February 1 | Static electricity Use balloons to learn about the science of static electricity.

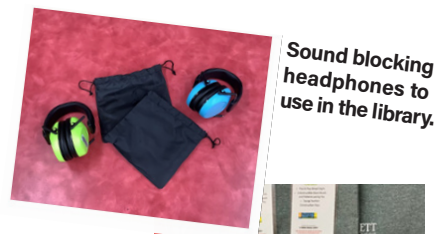
The Bartlett Public Library District provides the following items for children with sensory processing needs:



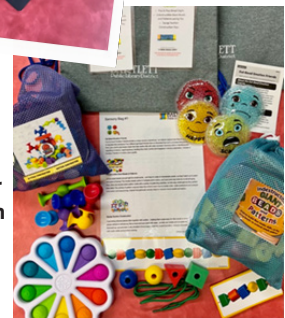
Front

Back

Alone Zone seating unit provides a peaceful, quiet space.



Sound blocking headphones to use in the library.



Sensory Kits for check out which include items such as; Pop & Play Dimple Digits, Giant Beads, Squigz Suction Construction, Gel-Bead Emotion Friends, Bristle Builders and a Sensory Bead Lacing set.

Programs

Read to Rover **R**

Saturday, January 13 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Thursday, February 15 | 4:00-6:00 PM

Grades 1-6 | Storytime Room | Space is limited

Register by phone or in person at the Youth Services Desk.

Reserve a unique "one-on-one" 15-minute appointment to read to a certified therapy dog.

Saturday Stories

Saturday, January 27 & February 17

10:00-10:30 AM | Meeting Room

Ages 2 and Up with a Parent or Caregiver

Miss Liesel invites you to kick start your weekend with stories on Saturday! This themed storytime will feature books, music, and movement, and a visit from Little Mouse. While the activities are geared towards the preschool age group, older and younger siblings are welcome to join us.

Sensational Science! **R**

Saturday, January 27 | 2:00-2:45 PM

All Ages | Meeting Room

Magician and engineer Steve Belliveau will be presenting "Sensational Science!"; one of his exciting, family friendly "Getting Excited About Science" programs. Steve blends teaching and entertainment in his large-scale demonstrations to bring science to life for all ages.

Celebrate National LEGO DAY!

Sunday, January 28 | 2:00-4:00 PM

All ages | Youth Services Department

Celebrate National LEGO Day! Drop-in to the Youth Services Department for some family LEGO building fun. Space is limited and available on a first come basis. Creations can be displayed after the event.

Young Artists Workshop

"Zentangled Critters" **R**

Saturday, February 10 | 2:00-3:30 PM

Ages 8-13 | Meeting Room

Join local artist Terri Murphy for "Zentangled Critters". Terri will guide us through Zentangle, a fun, relaxing method of drawing where we will create a unique animal from checkerboards, spirals, weaves, and geometric shapes.

Little Creators

Saturday, February 24 | 10:00-10:45 AM

Storytime Room and Youth Services Department

Ages 2-6 with a Parent or Caregiver

What will we create this time? Mrs. Rose will read an engaging story, followed by family time to build using LEGO bricks or drawing materials. Participants can put their creation on display for others to enjoy!



Valentine's Day Cards for Seniors

February 1 - 10

All Ages | Art Room

Visit the Art Room and create a Valentine's Day card for senior citizens in our community. All supplies will be provided.

Valentine's Day Reading Café! **R**

Thursday, February 8 | 7:00-7:45 PM

Meeting Room

Ages 3-Grade 2 with a Parent or Caregiver

Welcome to the Valentine's Day Reading Café! Enjoy a tasty morsel and sweet beverage while selecting a "delicious" Valentine's Day book to share with your young reader. Conclude your visit by savoring a "dessert" at our coloring table!

Valentine's Day Bingo **R**

Wednesday, February 14 | 3:30-4:15 PM

Grades 1-3 | Meeting Room

Join Miss Sue for Valentine's Day Bingo, some sweet treats, and a take home craft. *Allergy Alert: some items may contain common allergens.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO MERRY & BRIGHT IN BARTLETT!

Join us in a month of holiday events to bring Bartlett residents and friends together to explore everything the village has to offer, support our local businesses, and celebrate community. This holiday season, when it's time to shop, dine, and play - think local first, think Bartlett!



Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1 from 5:00-8:00 PM
Bartlett Park at Oak and North Avenue

5:00-8:00 PM

- Ride through downtown Bartlett in a horse-drawn wagon.
- Enjoy cookies, cocoa, the DJ spinning holidays music, and the warmth from the fire pits.
- Grab a bite to eat from the food trucks.
- See a live reindeer, ice sculpture, and some Disney characters.

5:00 PM

- Santa arrives with Mrs. Claus and his elves. The Bartlett Lions Club invites you to visit Santa in the log cabin

until 6:30 PM. Bring your camera to take photos of your little ones. Also, help the Lions help those less fortunate by bringing a non-perishable food item for the Hanover Township food pantry.

6:30 PM

- South Elgin High choir sings holiday songs in the gazebo.

6:30-8:00 PM

- Music and visits with special Disney friends.

7:00 PM

- The holiday tree will be lit, kicking off Merry & Bright in Bartlett!

Cocoa Crawl

Saturday, December 9 from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
Registration Required through Website Below

Join a fun-filled day of supporting local businesses and sampling cocoa beverages - some hot, some cold, and even some for those 21 years and older.

Get your \$10 tickets at business.bartlettareachamber.com/events or just scan the QR code. Ticket includes keepsake passport that lists participating businesses, a souvenir mug (while supplies last), and a raffle entry page.

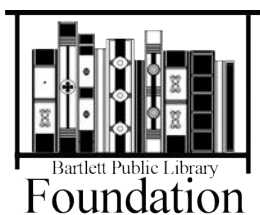
Free for 16 and younger. Drop your raffle entry page at Bartlett Village Hall or Bartlett Public Library after visiting your last location for a chance to win fun raffle prizes.



Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3Clm562> close to the event for updates and additional details.

Pick up your passport and souvenir mug at the library!





BARTLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Founded in 2000, the Bartlett Public Library Foundation was established to provide additional sources of revenue to enhance services that are not paid through library property taxes.

The fund is divided into two parts:

The Main Fund:

Supports general projects for the library

The Patti Perkins Fund:

Established in memory of the Library's former Circulation Department Manager. Donations to the Patti Perkins Fund help to purchase materials related to health and medicine and support library programs related to this topic. Since its inception, over \$15,000 worth of materials have been purchased for the library from donations to the Patti Perkins Fund.

To learn more about the Foundation or make a donation, please visit our website at www.bartlettlibrary.org/about/donate.html. Meetings are open to all!

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, March 25 at 4:30 PM

Monday, May 27 at 4:30 PM

For more information, please contact Library Director, Karolyn Wessel, at 630.213.5001 or email kwessel@bartlettlibrary.org.

FOUNDATION EVENT

"For the love of Patti"

Dine to Donate Fundraiser at Pasta Mia Wednesday, February 7 | All Day

You are invited to be part of our fundraising event at Pasta Mia!
(No coupons)

Pasta Mia will donate a percentage of all dine-in and carry-out purchases to benefit the Library Foundation's Patti Perkins Fund! A flyer must be turned in to your server at time of payment. Once you leave the building, you may not return with a flyer to apply to a bill.



FRIENDS EVENTS

Celebrate National Puzzle Day

Discover lots of fabulous jigsaw puzzles for sale! All proceeds will benefit library programs.

\$3 each or 2 for \$5. Drop in Sunday, January 28, 2024
anywhere from 12:30-2:30 PM.

"Comfort and Joy" Raffle Basket

Tickets will be on sale beginning December 1 at the circulation desk.

The Friends of the Library are raffling off a Holiday Hostess Snowflake Longaberger basket filled with goodies to add comfort and joy to your holiday season! Keep your favorite beverage warm in a temperature control Ember mug as you read Kristen Hannah's holiday novel "Comfort and Joy", enjoy Michel Design Merry Christmas products, savor a Wine Tasting at Lynfred Winery for up to 6 adults, and more!

\$1 each or 6 for \$5; Must be 21 years old to participate!

**Winning ticket will be drawn December 22, 2023;
winner does not need to be present.**

The Friends participate in activities and fundraisers throughout the year. They have contributed funds for prizes, programs, subscriptions, summer concerts, and more. Individuals, organizations, clubs, and businesses are welcome to become members. Annual fees are due at the beginning of the year, which are used to help fund a variety of projects. Fill out the Friends Application on the library's website and return it with your payment to the library to become a member!

Membership Fees:

Individual (\$10) | Family (\$25)

Business/Organization (\$25) | Lifetime (\$100)



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS - ALL DAY

December 24, December 25,
December 31, January 1,
and February 16

FRIENDS MEETINGS

January 9 and March 12
7:00 PM
All are welcome!

FOUNDATION MEETINGS

March 25, 2024 and May 27, 2024
4:30 PM
All are welcome!

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December 18, January 15, February 19
7:00 PM

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