



Blue Island Public Library

2024 Spring | Primavera |  

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ILLINOIS ON
APRIL 8, 2024!
FREE SOLAR
GLASSES**

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EXHIBIT IN THE
TECH ANNEX!***

**13TH ANNUAL
CHILDREN'S DAY
CELEBRATION,
DÍA DEL NIÑO**

More information about events is
available at blueislandlibrary.org.

Announcements

SEAL Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries

Total Solar Eclipse over Illinois on April 8, 2024!

Come by the library to pick up a FREE pair of solar glasses at the circulation desk throughout the month of March. For the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024, there will be a Total Solar Eclipse viewing in the parking lot across the street from the library.



Soy Super Curioso@: Observo, explore, pregunto / I'm Super Curious: I observe, explore, wonder Exhibit in the Tech Annex!

We will be hosting the final traveling exhibit from The Space Science Institute STEAM Equity Grant from March 12 – June 4, 2024 in the Tech Annex! Come check it out!

13th Annual Children's Day Celebration, Día del Niño

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Adult Events



Blue Island Bookworms – “Cradles of the Reich”

Tuesday, 3/5 7 PM - 8 PM

Join the Friends of the Blue Island Public Library for lively discussion of current titles. The title discussed on Mar. 5 will be *Cradles of the Reich* by Jennifer Coburn. “Three women, a nation seduced by a madman, and the Nazi breeding program to create a so-called master race.”



Microsoft Word Clinic
Tue., 3/5, 3/12, and 3/19
@6PM



Microsoft Word Clinic

Tuesdays, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 6 PM - 8 PM

Are you sick of Microsoft Word? Come to the “Microsoft Word Clinic” for wellness and aid. Email your questions to tmarcus@blueislandlibrary.org.

GarageBand for iOS How-To Wednesday 3/6 @6PM

GarageBand for iOS How-To: How to Import, Clip, Fade Intro & Outro, and Export

Wednesday, 3/6 6 PM - 8 PM

Got an iPhone? Or iPad? Listening to a podcast you wish you could share a few minutes of? Or share a Voice Memo audio clipped down to the relevant section? Or music you've created, and only want to share a clip of it with an intro and outro fade?

Tech Wise: Technology for Older Adults

Wednesdays, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29 1-2:30 PM

Join Blue Island Public Library and Pathlights for this six-class instruction series for adults ages 60 and over. Spots are limited and registration is required by contacting the library.

Legal Aid “Know Your Rights” Workshop

Thursday, 3/7, 4/18, 5/9 4 PM - 6 PM

Join attorney Renee Sevilla from the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services for a workshop focusing on Expungement, Family Law, Landlord-Tenant issues, and more.



Informational Presentation on your Applied Fed 1040 Individual Tax Return

Monday, 3/11, Tuesday 3/26, Thursday 5/11 7 PM - 8 PM

Hear from an Illinois licensed CPA with over 9+ yrs of experience in the accounting profession as they apply their professional experience to teach the community about accounting, tax, and consulting.

Bingo!

Wednesday, 3/13, 4/17, 5/15 2-3 PM

Join us for afternoon bingo!

Design

Canva “How to Properly
Size Images for Printing”

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Wednesday, 3/13 6 PM - 8 PM

Learn how to properly size [or re-size] your images for printing using Canva.

Craft and Coloring Club

Thursday, 3/14, 4/11, 5/16 2 PM - 3 PM

Get together for an afternoon of creativity. We will have some craft kits that you can make in an hour as well as adult coloring books. Bring your inner artist and get crafty!

VISUAL BALANCE: Creating Effective Layouts

Wednesday, 3/20 6 PM - 8 PM

Learn how to create visually balanced images (photos, flyers, posters, etc.). Using principles of design you'll create effective layouts.

Illinois Libraries Presents:

Ruth E. Carter: Interweaving Tradition and Imagination Through Costume Design

Wednesday 3/20, 7 PM - 8 PM

Join us with Ruth E. Carter, 2x Academy Award-winning costume designer. Carter made history as the first Black person to win an Academy Award in Best Costume Design for the film Black Panther.

Dave Rudolf's Singer Songwriter Show

Thursday, 3/21 7 PM - 8 PM

Join Grammy nominated Gold Record Artist Dave Rudolf for a night of Cat Stevens, Paul Simon, and a few other singer songwriters! Hear some of your favorite tunes of the 60s, and 70s premier songwriters!

Walks in the Park

Tuesday 3/26, 4/23, 5/28 12 PM - 1 PM

Join us for an hour of walking at your own level. We will meet at Memorial Park for a group walk – we'll provide some talking topics, you provide the conversation!

Selling Yourself: Resume Writing Essentials

Wednesday, 3/27 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Blue Island Robbins Neighborhood Network Breaking Barriers program series, Selling Yourself: Resume Writing Essentials will take you through the new rules for crafting your resume.

Zoom Meditation Workshop

Thursday, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23 7 PM - 8 PM

Find the positive effects of meditation with a variety of meditation teachers over Zoom and Facebook Live!

Blue Island Bookworms – "Migrations"

Tuesday, 4/2 7 PM - 8 PM

Join the Friends of the Blue Island Public Library for lively discussion of current titles. The title discussed on Apr. 2 will be Migrations by Charlotte McConaghy.

Illinois Libraries Presents:

Dr. Temple Grandin: The Hidden Gifts of Visual Thinkers

Wednesday 4/3, 7 PM - 8 PM

Join us for a special event with Dr. Grandin, one of the world's most accomplished and well-known adults with autism.

Love, Peace, and Yoga in the Sixties with Gail Morales

Tuesday, 4/9 7 PM - 8 PM

Join Gail Morales and learn how Yoga and Transcendental Meditation became popular in the 1960s and how music played a role. Take a one-hour ride with us practicing chair yoga and grooving to "psychedelic" and other sixties sounds.

Bird Migration

Monday, 4/18 7 PM - 8 PM

Learn about bird migration with Chicago Bird Alliance certified guest, Levi Yutuc.

Blue Island Bookworms – "Harry's Trees"

Tuesday, 5/7 7 PM - 8 PM

Join the Friends of the Blue Island Public Library for lively discussion of current titles. The title discussed on May 7 will be Harry's Trees by Jon Cohen.

Illinois Libraries Presents: The Many Lives of Kal Penn

Wednesday 5/7, 7 PM - 8 PM

Kal Penn (kalpenn.com) is an actor, writer, producer, and former Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement.

Breaking Barriers: Completing Job Applications

Wednesday, 5/22 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Join Blue Island Robbins Neighborhood Network of a training session to get you off on the right foot with your job search.



Princess Diana – A Historical Portrayal by Megan Wells

Thursday, 5/30 7 PM - 8 PM

Megan Wells takes us into the world of the Royal Family as Princess Diana!

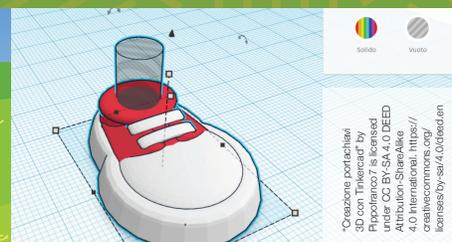
Young Adult Events



Maker Challenge: Abandoned Art

Tuesday, 3/5 3 PM - 6 PM

Let's create small art pieces this month and leave them around town for others to discover. Every Tuesday and Wednesday in March while supplies last.



TinkerCad Basics

Thursday, 3/14 4 PM - 5 PM

Learn the basics of 3D modeling and be able to 3D print your model utilizing TinkerCad! Grades 5th – 8th. *Registration Required.*

A Few Missing Pieces

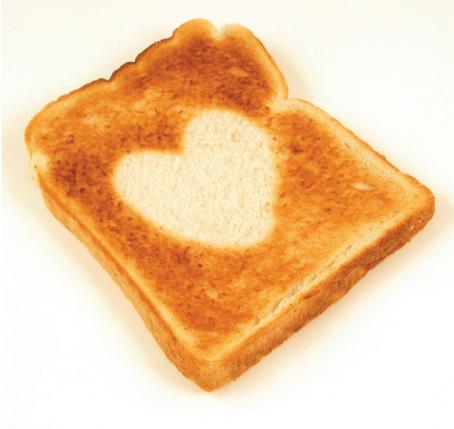
Fridays, 2/23, 3/22, 4/19, 5/10 3 PM - 5 PM

Once a month puzzle-making (-completing) group where we sit in silence and maybe cry? Puzzle will also be available during open Maker hours. Vote on the next puzzle on our social media.

Bookworm Hunt

All of March

Find the bookworms before they eat up our collection. Surrender them to the Reference Desk for a treat.



Toast Stamper, Part 1: Design

Tuesday, 3/5 4 PM - 5 PM

Create a toast stamper with your name using Tinkercad software. Once your design is ready, we will 3D print it for you.

Toast Stamper, Part 2: Refinement

Tuesday, 3/12 4 PM - 5 PM

We'll smooth out any edges of your printed design.

Maker Challenge: Paper Mache Mushroom

Tuesday, 4/2 3 PM - 6 PM

If you're looking for a fun and creative project to work on this month, why not try testing your paper mache skills by making a mushroom. A cottage core essential.

International Day of Pink Celebration

Wednesday, 4/10 4 PM - 5:30 PM

The International Day of Pink is an annual event that aims to raise awareness about bullying, discrimination, homophobia, transphobia, and transmisogyny globally. This year's theme is visibility.

Faerie Door Flower Pot

Wednesday, 4/24 4 PM - 5 PM

Let's make some faerie door pots and plant some seeds.

Maker Challenge: Watercolor Flowers

Wednesday, 5/1 3 PM - 6 PM

This month, why not challenge yourself by painting flowers using watercolor paint? It's a fun and creative way to explore your artistic skills! Every Tuesday and Wednesday in May while supplies last.

Stained Glass Bookmark

Wednesday, 5/8 4 PM - 5 PM

We'll create a bookmark that looks like a stained glass window.

Children's Events



Foil Art: Space Case

Sunday, 3/3 3 PM - 4 PM

Join us for a space-themed painting-with-foil sticker project. This is a very simple and satisfying craft for ages 5+. Please register ahead of time to claim your place.

Bilingual Storytime & Craft

Monday, 3/4 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

[3/4, 3/18, 4/8, 4/22, 5/6, 5/20,] Join Ms. Myriam for a Storytime & Craft! Books will be in both English & Spanish! No Registration Required! ¡Acompañen a la Señorita Myriam para una hora de cuentos y manualidades! No Se Requiere Registro!

Rubber Band Glider

Monday, 3/4 4 PM - 5 PM

Rubber band gliders are a great way to get excited about engineering. Join us in the Tech Annex and learn about aerodynamic forces including lift, drag, weight, thrust, and flight. Registration Required.

Spring Time Story Time for Babies & Toddlers!

Tuesday, 3/5 10 AM - 10:30 AM

[3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 5/7, 5/14, 5/28 @10AM.] No sign up required.

Making Flamingo Wind Chimes for Kids

Wednesday, 3/6 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Please sign up in the Children's Department to claim your space ahead of time.

Paper Dolls and Storytime

Wednesday, 3/6 6 PM - 7 PM

Parents please come for a special story time and make a paper doll craft. Children 0-3 years of age.

Perler Bead Crafting (Themed)

Thursday, 3/7 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Our theme for this Program will be Plants!

Fun & Games: Improv/Theatre Workshop

Saturday, 3/9 10 AM - 12 PM

Join us in the Children's Department for a theatre and improv workshop for kids. Play games and socialize! Saturday, March 9 from 10am-12pm! No registration required, best for 4th-8th grade.

Scrapbook Journaling

Monday, 3/11 3 PM - 4:30 PM

Come and make your own Scrapbook or continue working on one!

Come and make seed bombs for this spring



Seed Bombs

Tuesday, 3/12 6 PM - 7 PM

Children come and make seed bombs for this coming spring! We will meet in the Makerspace, all ages welcome with an adult. Please register at the Children's desk to claim your place ahead of time.

Take & Make: A Mini Garden

Tuesday, 3/12 All Day

A take and make at home craft bag! All day in the Children's Department, first-come, first-serve. Children of all ages are welcomed to take one, please supervise your kids at all times.

Spring Time DIY Flower Making Craft for Kids

Wednesday, 3/13 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Please sign up in the Children's Department to claim your place ahead of time.

Color and Sip

Thursday, 3/14 6 PM - 7:30 PM

[3/14, 4/18, 5/16 @6PM - 7:30PM.] Come sit and color to your heart's content! Juice will be provided! No Registration Required! ¡Ven y colorea a tu antojo! ¡Se dara jugo! ¡No es necesario registrarse!



Story Time Paint and Sip

Saturday, 3/16 11 AM - 12 PM

Parents come this Saturday for a special story time with a paint and sip activity. No registration required.



Free Spring Family Photos

Saturday, 3/23 12 PM - 3 PM

Professional photographer @thekodakchris will be doing free spring family photos at the Blue Island Public Library on Saturday, March 23, from 12-4PM. Check website for details on registration.



Kid's Movie Night

Thursday, 3/28 6:30 PM - 8:45 PM

Movie will be decided closer to the date. No registration required for these free events. Snacks are available while supplies last, one per child.



Spring Celebration Flower Crown

Tuesday, 3/19 6 PM - 7 PM

Join us to celebrate the beginning of spring by making a flower crown. All ages welcome with an adult. We will meet in the Makerspace, please register at the Children's desk to claim your space.

Toddler Time: Music & Movement

Sunday, 3/24 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Join us for a musical Toddler Time where we dance to music, experiment with instruments, and play with toys! Ages 0-3, no registration is required for this free event.



Making Spring Trees for Kids

Wednesday, 4/3 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Please sign up in the Children's Department ahead of time to claim your spot.



DIY Top Hat Sewing Craft for Kids
March 20, 2024

In the Children's Department
Ages 5 to 12 years old



Electric Vehicles (S.T.E.A.M)

Tuesday, 3/26 4 PM - 5 PM

Learn about circuits and build an electric car that can zip and zoom! Assemble axles and bearings on an adjustable platform, then, race! Grades 4th – 8th. Registration Required.



Local Author Event: Kweisi Gharreau

Saturday, 4/6 1 PM - 3 PM

Local author Kweisi Gharreau will be reading from his book One...Two... Three... I Love Poet-Tree at 1:30PM. From 2-3 PM, he will be hosting a poetry workshop – writing skills not necessary!



DINOS!! Storytime & Craft

Thursday, 3/21 6 PM - 7 PM

Tuesday, 3/26 10 AM

Join us in the Children's Department for a dinosaur-themed storytime and painting craft. No registration required for this free event.



Easter Egg Storytime & Craft

Wednesday, 3/27 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

We will do an Easter Egg-themed storytime with a simple craft afterwards. No registration is required to attend this free event.

Two-Face: Theatre Club for Kids

Saturday, 4/6 10 AM - 12 PM

Join us Saturdays in April (except 4/27) for a theatre club for kids! We will meet 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20 from 10AM-12PM. Family & friends showcase on Saturday, May 4th at 11am.



April Showers Banner

Tuesday, 4/9 6 PM - 7 PM

Come to the Children's department and make an April showers banner for your door or window. Children of all ages are welcomed with an adult.



Monster Claws (S.T.E.A.M)

Friday, 4/12 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Learn how to use pneumatic pistons, cylinders and a set of rebuildable components to make a claw that grabs! Grades 4th - 5th. Registration Required.



Foil Art (Bugs & Butterflies) Craft for Kids

Wednesday, 4/17 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Please sign up in the Children's Department ahead of time to claim your spot!



3 D Flower Making Craft for Kids

Wednesday, 4/10 4 PM - 4:45 PM

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Scrapbook Journaling

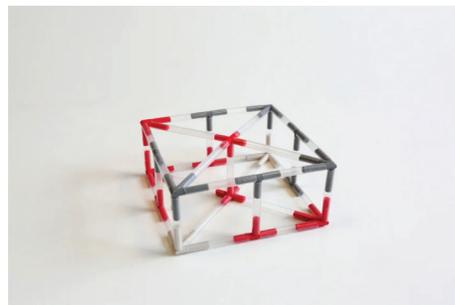
Monday, 4/15 3 PM - 4:30 PM

Come and make your own Scrapbook or continue working on one!

Paint & Collage: April Showers

Wednesday, 4/17 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

An "April showers" themed Paint & Collage event. This is a free event, please register ahead of time to claim your spot.



Speedy Architect

Monday, 4/15 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Take on the role of architects to build a structure that satisfies the teacher's design requirements using a limited amount of connector pieces and straws. Grades 4th - 8th. Registration Required.

Sphero Mini Coding

Friday, 4/19 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Join us in the Tech Annex and learn the basics of coding to control a Mini Sphero robotic ball. Grades 4th - 8th. Registration Required.



Paper Dolls and Story Time

Wednesday, 4/10 6 PM - 7 PM

Parents please come for a special story time and make a paper doll craft. In the Children's department. Children 0-3 years of age.



Movers 'n Shakers: Craft & Science Experiment

Monday, 4/22 6 PM - 7 PM

Join us in the Children's Department as we explore the relationship between size and sound! Ages 5+.



Perler Bead Crafting (Themed)

Thursday, 4/11 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Our theme for this Program will be: Nintendo Characters!



Take and Make: Craft a Bunny!

Tuesday, 4/16 9 AM - 9 PM

Parents please pick up this Take and Make craft from the Children's department. All day, while supplies last.

Grass Heads

Tuesday, 4/23 6 PM - 7 PM

We will be decorating grass heads, children of all ages are welcomed to participate with an adult. Please register in the Children's department to claim your spot.



Toddler Time: Will It Sink?

Wednesday, 4/24 6:30 PM - 7 PM

Join us for a STEAM-based Toddler Time for our friends ages 0-3. We will experiment with sinking and floating using fruits and veggies (so be ready to get wet!). Second date: April 30 – 10:30-11AM.

13th Annual Children's Day Celebration

Saturday, 4/27 1 PM - 3 PM

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Paper Dolls and Story Time

Wednesday, 5/1 6 PM - 7 PM

Parents please come for a special story time and make a paper doll craft. In the Children's department. Children 0-3 years of age.

MONSTER Storytime & Craft

Saturday, 5/4 3 PM - 4 PM

Join us for a Saturday afternoon storytime that focuses on MONSTERS! After the story, there will be a simple monsters-themed craft. This is a free event and no registration is required.

Paint & Collage: May Flowers

Sunday, 5/5 2 PM - 3 PM

This is a "May flowers"-themed Paint & Collage event. This is a free event; please register ahead of time to claim your spot.

Mother's Day Craft

Tuesday, 5/7 6 PM - 7 PM

Children of all ages are welcomed to come and make a very special Mother's Day card. Children must be accompanied by an adult, we will meet in the Makerspace.

3 D Bunny Rabbit Making Craft for Kids

Wednesday, 5/8 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Please sign up in the Children's Department ahead of time to claim your spot.

Perler Bead Crafting (Themed)

Thursday, 5/9 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Our theme for this Program will be Animals! No registration required for this free event.

Scrapbook Journaling

Monday, 5/13 3 PM - 4:30 PM

Come and make your own Scrapbook or continue working on one!

Unicorn Paper Crown Take and Make

Tuesday, 5/14 9 AM - 9 PM

Parents please come and take a craft home. Available all day in the Children's department while supplies last.

Solar System Sewing Craft for Kids

Wednesday, 5/15 4 PM - 4:45 PM

If you think planets are SEW cool, this is for you! Please sign up in the Children's Department ahead of time to claim your free spot.

Circuit Scribe

Thursday, 5/16 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Learn how circuits work. You will be able to draw and test out your own circuits! Grades 5th – 8th.

Let's Build A Fairy House!

Tuesday, 5/21 6 PM - 7 PM

Get ready to decorate your garden/yard! Children of all ages are welcomed to participate. Please register in the Children's department.

Bottle Rockets!

Saturday, 5/25 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Join us outside the Blue Island Public Library to learn about how rockets work, and get to assemble and launch your own! Grades 4th - 8th.

Story Time Paint and Sip

Saturday, 5/25 11 AM - 12 PM

Children come this Saturday for a special story time followed by a paint and sip.

Butterfly Greeting Card Making Craft for Kids

Wednesday, 5/29 4 PM - 4:45 PM

Please sign up in the Children's Department ahead of time to claim your spot!

All Ages Events

One Day in Spring, Something Happened...

Check Website - Various Dates & Times

In 1977, the BIPL published a book of poetry written by children of our community. Now, we are going to illustrate it! Join us in-person or participate at home! Visit website for details.

Seed Saturday

Saturday, 3/2 11 AM - 2 PM

Join local Master Gardeners for a presentation on gardening, and bring seeds to share with the Blue Island Seed Library. Gardeners can swap seeds and share gardening wisdom as they plan for the growing season.

Photo Laser Engraving

Thursday, 3/7 6 PM - 7 PM

You supply the image and we'll burn it onto a wood piece.

Snowman Burn 2024

Saturday, 3/16 4 PM - 4:30 PM

Celebrate the coming spring and banish the cold weather season with our annual Snowman Burn. The Snowman Burn will take place in the parking lot across the street from the library on York.

Raspberry Pi Basics

Thursday, 4/4 6 PM - 7 PM

What is it? What can you do with it? These questions and more.

2024 Total Solar Eclipse

Monday, 4/8 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

Come with Solar Glasses to view the Total Solar Eclipse in the parking lot across from BIPL. Weather permitting, the Total Solar Eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024, in IL from 1:58 PM CDT-2:06 PM CDT.

Open Mic – May 2024

Thursday, 5/2 6 PM - 7 PM

Share music with your peers in this relaxed atmosphere.

May The Fourth Be With You

Saturday, 5/4 11 AM - 3 PM

Come dressed in Star Wars cosplay and take a photo in front of a green screen, and choose a background of your liking!



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Monday - Thursday : 9AM-9PM
Friday & Saturday : 9AM-5PM
Sunday : 1-5PM

Scheduled Closing:

Easter Sunday Sunday March 31st
Mother's Day Sunday May 12th
Memorial Day Monday May 27th
CLOSED Sundays Starting May 28th

Check our events website for additional information.

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Eventos En Español



Club de Tejido

Martes, 2/27 10 AM - 12 PM

Es un espacio que reúne a tejedoras e aficionadas al tejido en la biblioteca a compartir puntos de tejido. Se teje con ganchillos o agujas. Todos los niveles son bienvenidas. Inscripción es necesaria.

Tour de la Biblioteca

Miércoles, 3/6 6:30 PM - 8 PM

La clase nocturna de inglés (ESL) de la Sra. Alfano realizará un recorrido por la biblioteca



Jardín de Ventana

Martes, 3/12 11 AM - 12 PM

Maria Guzman de la Universidad de Illinois-Champagne Extensión te dará tips para empezar tu mini jardín de ventana. No se requiere inscripción.



13ª Edición Anual Día del Niño

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