

Baldwin Public Library



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A Message from the Director

Dear Baldwin Community,

Did you know that September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month? Now you do! To celebrate and spread the word, public libraries in Nassau are participating in a Library Secrets campaign. Visit bit.ly/librarysecrets and you'll have the opportunity to share something you wish more people knew libraries offered. This could be a certain event, personalized book recommendations, fun things you can borrow, or services you didn't expect. Some of the responses will be shared by the Nassau Library System on their Facebook and Instagram.

We'll kick things off here with a few secrets shared by our staff:

"You can use your card at any Nassau library. If you take a book out from another library you can return it at Baldwin and we will send it back for you."

"Did you know that the Library's Museum Pass program can save your family HUNDREDS of dollars a year? Ask at the Information Desk."

"Signing up your child for storytime / playtime library programs can lead to lifelong friendships for the children and the parents."

"If you don't have time to pick up your items while the Library is open, ask a staff member to put your materials in one of the smart lockers that are located right outside the main entrance. Just remember to bring your library card so you can unlock your locker!"

"Hoopla has eBooks and downloadable audiobooks that don't require any wait time. Check out your book and you can read or listen to it right away on your phone or other device."

Have a happy, library-filled autumn!

Elizabeth Olesh
Library Director

Share Your Library Secrets

September is Library Card Sign Up Month

To inspire others to get their library cards, spill the tea! What's something people don't know about the Library? Let us know! Share your secret by filling out a form at the BPL Welcome Desk, or visit bit.ly/librarysecrets to respond online.



Baxter's Pet Pantry Pet Food Drive

October 1 - October 31

The Great Give Back is an annual community service initiative that enables people to participate in meaningful experiences at public libraries throughout NYS. Please donate unopened, unexpired pet food that does not need refrigeration for any type of pet (dogs, cats, hamsters, birds, and reptiles).

Long Island Cares knows that families facing food insecurity often struggle to provide for their beloved pets. That's why they established Baxter's Pet Pantry – to ensure that all members of the family have enough to eat. Together, we are making a difference for both people and their beloved furry, feathery, or scaly companions.

Speaking of pet health, join us on Saturday, October 17 @ 11:00AM for a pet first aid workshop (see page 4).

SAVE THE DATE!

BUS TRIP: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Holiday Show and Luncheon

(For patrons 18 years and older)

Date: Wednesday, December 9

Cost: \$142 per patron (Non-Refundable)

Departure time: 8:00AM (Approximate)

Bus leaves from the Freeport Recreation Center (Free parking is available at the Rec Center).

Enjoy this annual holiday spectacular, boutique shopping, and a three-course meal at the dinner theatre in Hampton, New Jersey! Roundtrip coach bus service is included.

In-person ONLY registration begins Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30AM at the Adult Information Desk. Payment is due at registration. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Freeport Memorial Library.

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TEENS - GRADES 6-12

Register for teen programs via the Library Events Calendar, in person at the Teen Services Desk, or by telephone, unless otherwise noted. All programs are open to grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted. Library card required for registration. Baldwin School District residents receive priority when registering for programs. All others may register for programs one week after registration begins.

NEW!

Birthday Boxes

Come to the Teen Room any time during your birthday month for a fun surprise at the Teen Services Desk. Happy Birthday to you! One box per teen per year.



Library Card Sign-Up Month Teen Library Card Raffle

September 1 - 30

If you apply for your first library card and are in grades 6-12, enter the raffle at the Welcome Desk, where you'll get your new card and a chance to win a raffle for a \$25 GrubHub gift card! The winner will be picked on Thursday, October 1.

BPL Fall Film Challenge

September 1 - October 31

FOR TEENS AND ADULTS



Banned Books Week is October 4-10. Watch five films from our suggested list that were adapted from frequently banned books and be entered to win a raffle prize. One winner for each age group. Winners will be notified by Friday, November 6. Pick up an entry form when you register.

Registration begins Monday, September 28 at the Adult Information or Teen Services Desks.

Learn Barista Skills

Presented by Them's The Breaks

Thursday, September 17, 3:30-4:30PM

September is National Coffee Month! To celebrate, teens will learn some basic latte art skills - including how to decorate iced coffee with a variety of toppings (caramel, chocolate, cocoa powder, cinnamon, and cold foam) with different designs. Then get a chance to practice your skills on your own cup of brew.

Registration begins Wednesday, September 2.

Get to Know the Teen Department (Entering 6th Grade)

Wednesday, September 23, 3:00-4:00PM



Join us in the Teen Room for crafts, snacks, information packets, and a tour of your new space in the Library! Meet librarians Ms. Mariel and Ms. Kaitlin, explore the Teen Room, and learn about all it has to offer. Parents are welcome to attend.

Registration begins Tuesday, September 1.

TeenTober™

TeenTober™ is a nationwide celebration hosted by libraries that aims to celebrate teens, promote year-round teen services, provide innovative ways to help teens learn new skills, and fuel their passions in and outside the Library.



Teenship Bags: October 1 - 31



We are celebrating TeenTober™ by launching new bi-monthly themed bags! Pick up a Teenship Bag in the Teen Room. It's filled with goodies and a book of the librarian's choosing. Make sure to check out the book before you leave the Library and return it when done. The theme for October is "Spooky Season." One bag per teen. **First come, first served while supplies last.**

Piece It Together: October 1 - 31

Come into the Teen Room to help put a 1,000 piece puzzle together throughout the month. Let's see how long it takes! **No registration required.**

Pumpkin Decorating

Saturday, October 10, 11:00AM-12:00PM



The Library will provide the pumpkins and treats. A variety of supplies will be available for your pumpkin decorating, including stickers, paint, and carving tools.

Registration begins Wednesday, September 23.

Color Me Happy: Creative Ways to Combat Anxiety

Presented by Families Healing Together

Wednesday, October 14, 4:00- 5:00PM

A fun and engaging 60-minute workshop, where teens, ages 12 to 16, will learn what anxiety feels like in their bodies and explore coping strategies they can use to reduce stress and worry. Participants will explore the mind-body connection through a creative painting activity focused on body scans and the "Window of Tolerance." By the end of the session, you will have a personalized visual resource to help you deal with anxiety and improve your emotional skills.

Registration begins Wednesday, September 23.

Teen Halloween Movie

Thursday, October 29, 3:00-5:00PM



Get in the spirit with a Halloween movie and spooky treats! The movie will be voted on that day by teens based off of the librarian's selection. The movie will be rated either PG or PG-13.

Registration begins Thursday, October 1.

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100 Books Before Graduation is a reading initiative for teens to read 100 books before they graduate from high school. Receive prizes for every 25 books you read. You can sign up on our website at: www.baldwinpl.org/100.

Brainfuse HelpNow*

Brainfuse HelpNow offers personalized academic assistance in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science), a 24/7 writing lab, academic content, practice tests for skills-building (including SAT preparation), and much more. Live tutoring from Brainfuse experts is available from 2:00-11:00PM.

*Replaces Tutor.com.

Free Practice Tests with The Princeton Review

The Princeton Review offers free practice SATs and information about the college admission process. Go to: www.princetonreview.com/college/free-sat-practice-test?ceid=nav-hs#!practice



Tween Scene (Grades 4-7)



Wooden Mandala Painting

Saturday, September 12

11:00AM-12:00PM

Color your own unique design.

Registration begins Tuesday, September 1.



Chocolate Haunted Houses

Presented by Them's the Breaks

Wednesday, October 7

4:00-5:00PM

Decorate your own chocolate haunted house.

Registration begins Wednesday, September 23.

Research Databases

We offer a variety of databases for research papers, career and test preparation, and language learning that are free with your library card. You can access the databases from a Library computer or from home.

Go to: <https://www.baldwinpl.org/findinfo/>

Community Service Opportunities

For more information go to:

www.baldwinpl.org/teen-community-service/

Color a Bookmark

September 1 - 30

Come to the Teen Room and design a bookmark for Baldwin patrons! Supplies will be provided by the Library. One hour of credit will be provided.

No registration required.

Teen Tote Bags

October 1 - 31

It's TeenTober™! We are celebrating the talents of our Baldwin teens by having you color a tote bag that will be given to the Welcome Desk to hand out to patrons. Come to the Teen Room to color the bags.

One hour of credit will be provided.

Students Rebuild Protect Our Planet

Protect Our Planet invites students to explore the water, land, and air around them, and use creativity to share their stories and vision for a thriving world. Through this project, students will explore, create, and share — and together, their voices and creativity will become a force for real change. Each work will spark a \$5 donation to support organizations worldwide that foster connection and champion collaborative change. You will receive three hours of community service per art piece by emailing your art to teens@baldwinpl.org. For more information, go to: www.studentsrebuild.org/projects.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Ten minutes after an in-person program has begun, individuals from the waiting list who have come to attend the program will be allowed to enter and may take the place of individuals who have not yet arrived. If you take any photos while you're at a Library event, tag us on Facebook and Instagram @baldwinlibny or email it to Childrens@baldwinpl.org.

ART CORNER

Drop-In Crafts

Make a craft to take home.

September: Sunflower Craft

October: Silly Pumpkin Faces

No registration required. While supplies last.

TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Pick up a craft to make at home at the Children's Services Desk. *No registration required.*

While supplies last.

September 8 - 15:

Minecraft Creeper Craft

October 1 - 15:

Stained Glass Pumpkin



HALLOWEEN



Costume Drive: September 1 - 21

Do you have old Halloween costumes taking up space in your closet? Please donate your child's lightly used or unused Halloween costume to the Children's Services Department. Your donation will help make this Halloween a more sustainable one.

Costume Giveaway: October 5 - 31

Parents are invited to stop by the Children's Room and take home a pre-owned Halloween costume for their child free of charge. These costumes may have been pre-worn and have been donated to the Library.

Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

Music for Aardvarks

(Ages 4 Months - 4 Years with Parent/Caregiver)

Presented by Music for Aardvarks

Wednesdays @ 11:30AM

Singing, dancing, musical storytelling, and instrumental jam sessions for a rockin' good time.

September 9, 16, 23, 30

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Wednesday, August 26. All others may register beginning Wednesday, September 2.

October 7, 14, 21, 28

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Wednesday, September 23. All others may register beginning Wednesday, September 30.

November 4, 18, 25

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Tuesday, October 20. All others may register beginning Tuesday, October 27.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

(Newborn to Age 5, Not Yet in Kindergarten)



Work towards a reading goal of 1,000 books to give your child an advantage before they start school. Receive a free tote bag at registration and a prize for every 100 books read.

Story Time

(Ages 2 - 4 Years with Parent/Caregiver)

Thursdays @ 11:15AM

Stories, songs, and a craft.

September 17, 24 & October 1, 8, 15, 22

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Wednesday, September 2. All others may register beginning Wednesday, September 9.

November 5, 12, 19 & December 3, 10, 17

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Wednesday, October 21. All others may register beginning Wednesday, October 28.

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Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

Playtime

(Ages 1 - 3 Years with Parent/Caregiver)

Tuesdays @ 10:00AM

Playtime and circle time for tots.

September 15, 22, 29 & October 6, 13, 20

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Tuesday, September 1. All others may register beginning Tuesday, September 8.

Little Learners

(Ages 18 Months - 4 ½ Years with Parent/Caregiver)

Presented by A Time for Kids

Fun and fast-paced programming for your little one. Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor skills, storytelling, and a craft.

Two Sessions - Sign up for one or both.

Each session has a separate registration date.

Pete the Cat

Saturday, September 19 @ 10:00AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, September 4. All others may register beginning Friday, September 11.

Ready, Set, Build!

Saturday, September 26 @ 10:00AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, September 11. All others may register beginning Friday, September 18.

BabyJam Music and Movement Class

(Ages 6 - 36 Months with Parent/Caregiver)

Presented by BabyJam/Jungle Bungle Friends Music

Join us for a guitar singalong with instruments, dancing, and lots of learning.

Two Sessions - Sign up for one or both.

Each session has a separate registration date.

Saturday, October 3 @ 11:00AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, September 18. All others may register beginning Friday, September 25.

Saturday, October 10 @ 11:00AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, September 25. All others may register beginning Friday, October 2.

Learn & Play

(Ages 1- to 3-Year-Olds with Parent/Caregiver)

Tuesdays @ 10:00AM

Professionals (nutrition educators, speech-language pathologists, etc.) informally meet with parents/caregivers and answer questions while children enjoy playtime and circle time.

November 10, 17, 24

December 1, 8

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Monday, October 26. All others may register beginning Monday, November 2.

Tuney Tots

(Ages 1 - 4 Years with Parent/Caregiver)

Presented by Miss Jeannie

A fun-filled music and movement class featuring parachute activities, limbo, bubbles, dance, ribbons, scarves, and hula hoops to promote knowledge of colors, shapes, numbers, letters, seasons, the senses, and spatial and body awareness.

Multiple Sessions - Sign up for one or all.

Each session has a separate registration date.

Saturday, October 24 @ 10:00AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, October 9. All others may register beginning Friday, October 16.

Saturday, October 31 @ 10:00AM

SPECIAL HALLOWEEN THEMED TUNEY TOTS!
Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, October 16. All others may register beginning Friday, October 23.

Saturday, November 7 @ 11:00AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, October 23. All others may register beginning Friday, October 30.

Saturday, November 28 @ 11:00AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, November 13. All others may register beginning Friday, November 20.



Children in Grades K - 6

Neon Name Art (Grades K - 2)

Saturday, September 19 @ 11:00AM

Using neon-colored acrylic paint and a bubble letter technique, kids will design their own name sign on canvas.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, September 4. All others may register beginning Friday, September 11.

Silly Monster! Rock Painting

(Grades 3 - 6)

Saturday, October 3 @ 3:00PM

Create your own silly monsters using bright, colorful acrylic paint on rocks.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, September 18. All others may register beginning Friday, September 25.

Beaded Backpack Charm

(Grades 3 - 6)

Saturday, September 19 @ 3:00PM

Use fun and colorful beads to make your own backpack charm.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, September 4. All others may register beginning Friday, September 11.

Leaf Silhouette Canvas Painting

(Grades K - 2)

Monday, October 5 @ 4:00PM

Roll into autumn with this craft using paint, a baking tray, and marbles.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Monday, September 21. All others may register beginning Monday, September 28.

Play with Clay: Pokémon Creations

(Grades K - 5)

Monday, September 21 @ 2:30PM

Use modeling clay to make different Pokémon characters! You can try to make your favorite Pokémon or create your own.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Tuesday, September 8. All others may register beginning Tuesday, September 15.

Family Mini-Pumpkin Painting

(Grades K - 5)

Saturday, October 17 @ 2:30PM

Paint a little pumpkin alongside your little pumpkins! (One mini-pumpkin per person.)



In-person and phone registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, October 2. All others may register beginning Friday, October 9. No online registrations. Please register all children and parents/caregivers who will be in attendance.

Hula Hoop Class

Presented by Miss Jeannie

Saturday, September 26 (2 SESSIONS)

(Grades K - 2) @ 2:00PM

(Grades 3 - 6) @ 3:15PM

Learn how to hula hoop with Miss Jeannie! Using a variety of hoops, kids will do yoga poses, play lots of games, and learn the basic tricks and choreography of hula hooping.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, September 11. All others may register beginning Friday, September 18.



Make A Trick-Or-Treat Bag

Saturday, October 24 (2 SESSIONS)

(Grades K - 2) @ 11:00AM

(Grades 3 - 6) @ 2:30PM

Decorate a canvas bag in anticipation of your Halloween candy haul.



Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, October 9. All others may register beginning Friday, October 16.

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Family Program:

Apple Pie (Pre-K - Grade 5)

Presented by Fanny Cakes

(2 SESSIONS)

Saturday, November 7 @ 10:00AM

Saturday, November 7 @ 11:45AM

Create an apple pie from scratch just in time for Thanksgiving. Bring a mixing bowl and a rolling pin with you. We'll provide the rest. One pie per family.

In-person and phone registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, October 23. All others may register beginning Friday, October 30. No online registrations.



CHILDREN'S DISPLAY CASE

September: LEGO® Collection

Presented by Aidan Godinez

Does your child have a special collection they would like to share? Visit the Children's Room and speak with a staff member.

GRAND BALDWIN FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 3, 12:00-4:30PM

(Raindate: Sunday, October 4)

The Grand Baldwin Festival is a celebration of the Baldwin community featuring a pop-up marketplace, food vendors, musical performances, an art showcase, and various activities for all ages. The festival takes place in the municipal parking lot in front of the Library's main entrance. Parking is available on the west side of Grand Avenue, behind the firehouse.

WEEKLY MEETUPS FOR ADULTS

These are informal in-person gatherings focused on a common theme. Participants are expected to have a working knowledge of the skill, as this is not an instructional program but an opportunity to meet others who have an interest in the same game or craft you enjoy.

Knit 1, Purl 1 and Crochet Too! - Mondays, 9:30-11:30AM

Mah Jongg - Mondays, 6:30-8:30PM

Canasta Meetup - Fridays, 9:30-11:30AM

Canasta Group - Tuesdays, 11:30AM-1:30PM

Check the Library Events Calendar for dates and room locations.

EXHIBITS



LOOKING FOR ARTISTS

If you are an artist living locally (age 18 and older) and would like an opportunity to exhibit your work at the Baldwin Public Library, please send images of your artwork and your CV to emuller@baldwinpl.org. We will contact you if your exhibit is selected.



Friends of the BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit with a mission to support the Library through fundraising, awareness, and advocacy.

To become a member or make a donation, go to:
www.baldwinpl.org/friends

Library Board Meetings

The regular monthly Library Board Meetings will take place on Wednesdays, September 16 and October 21 at 7:00PM in person and via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 830 7717 1570

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CURRENT HOURS

Monday-Wednesday: 9-9
Thursday: 11-9, Friday: 9-5
Saturday: 9-5, Sunday 1-5

CLOSED

Labor Day Weekend:
Saturday through Monday
September 5, 6, 7

Columbus Day:
Sunday, October 11 &
Monday, October 12

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