



A Message from the Director

Dear Baldwin Community,

As I write this, we are approaching the anticipated opening of our renovated Children's Room. You will find an airier space with more natural light, kid-friendly shelving, an expanded play area, a lactation room, and so much more. Photographs of the construction have been posted on the Library's website. We are grateful for your patience while using our temporary Children's area.

Our hope is that you will enjoy the new Children's Room as much as you have the other renovated library spaces. Nearly every day, someone shares how much they love the changes. The study rooms are constantly in use. Teens appreciate hanging out in their new, much bigger Teen Room. I love seeing programs taking place in our beautiful new Arts & Crafts Room.

Next, we will renovate our Community Services area and the Atrium. We have also started the process of replacing the front doors, which are past their useful life expectancy. As I hope you have noticed, we take pride in maintaining the community's assets.

I've said it before but it bears repeating: none of this could have happened without you. We sincerely believe we have followed through on the community's wishes at every step, but it is your support of the Library that has allowed us to do so. For this and so much more, we are thankful.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Olesh

Library Director

Open Art Studio

(Ages 18 and Older)

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00-8:00PM

Come use the Adult Arts and Crafts Room as a place to create your own art. You must bring your own craft supplies and project to work on and are responsible for cleaning up at the end of the session. Watercolors, pastels, pencils, clay, and Mod Podge are examples of the kinds of materials you may bring with you. Knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, and hand sewing are also welcome activities as well as scrapbooking and journaling. If you have a question about the viability of any materials, please email emuller@baldwinpl.org. This program is non-instructional. *Space is limited. Registration is ongoing.*



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

BPL BOOK **B I N G O**

(Adults 18 and Older)

December 1, 2026 - February 1, 2027

Take a chance on reading! Stop by the Adult Information Desk and pick up a bingo card, or we can email you a copy to download and print on your own. **One card per person.**

Here's how it works:

- Complete "bingo" vertically, horizontally, OR diagonally by reading or listening to five books following the cues on the bingo card. You do not need to complete the whole card.
- Place an X in each box you complete.
- Be sure also to fill in the back of the bingo card with your name, phone number, email address, and the titles of the five books you read or listened to.
- Bring your completed card to the Adult Information Desk, and you will be entered to win a \$25.00 gift card.
- Four prizes will be awarded. One prize per winner.
- Bingo cards must be received by 9PM on Monday, February 1.
- If you win a raffle prize, you will be notified by telephone or email on or before Friday, February 5.
- If you do not pick up your prize by Friday, February 12, another winner will be selected.

Questions? Stop by the Adult Information Desk to speak with a staff member or call 516-223-6228 ext. 145.

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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. BPL card is required for online registration. Baldwin School District residents receive priority when registering for programs. All others may register for programs one week after registration begins.

Guess How Many Gumdrops

November 1 - 20

To celebrate the release of *Hunger Games: Sunrise on the Reaping*, guess how many rainbow gumdrops there are in the jar. Whoever guesses the correct number or closest to it without going over will win the jar of gumdrops, a gift collector's edition of the book, and a \$25 movie theater gift card.



Piece It Together

Avengers: Doomsday Puzzle

November 1 - 30

Come into the Teen Room throughout the month to help put an *Avengers* puzzle together in anticipation of Marvel's Sci-fi action movie *Avengers: Doomsday* release in December. Let's see how long it takes!

Dreamcatchers

November 1 - 30

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, take home a kit to make your own dreamcatcher.

No registration required. While supplies last.

Make an Apple Pie

Presented by Fanny Cakes

Saturday, November 7, 3:00-4:00PM

Make a full size 9-inch round apple pie from scratch. Please bring a rolling pin and mixing bowl. One pie per family.

Registration begins Saturday, October 17.



Fuel For the Future: Eat Smart. Move Strong. Live Healthy. (Grades 5-9)

Presented by Molloy University

Saturday, November 14, 3:00-4:00PM

Ethan Estinvil, president of Men in Nursing at Molloy University, will educate and empower Baldwin youth to make healthier choices to gain more independence over what they eat and develop good eating habits. Estinvil will teach students practical skills they can use in their everyday lives such as understanding nutrition labels and recognizing healthier food options. Educational videos, interactive activities, and guest speakers from the fitness and health community of Baldwin and the surrounding area will also be included. The goal is not to tell students what they can or cannot eat, but to give them the knowledge and tools to understand how healthy habits established today can have a lasting impact on their future.

Registration begins Monday, November 2.

Teenship Bags

December 1 - 30

Come to the Teen Room to pick up your own Teenship Bag 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 December is "Happy Holidays!" One per teen. *While supplies last.*



Guess How Many Gummy Worms

December 1 - 18

In celebration of the final *Dune* film, guess how many gummy (sand) worms there are in the jar. Whoever guesses the correct number or closest to it without going over will win the jar and a \$25 movie theater gift card!



Decorate an Ornament

December 1 - December 22

Ornaments will be available in the Teen Room to take home to decorate.

First come, first served.

Gingerbread House

Presented by Fanny Cakes

Saturday, December 5, 1:30-2:30PM

Decorate a premade gingerbread house. One per family.

Registration begins Monday, November 16.



Teen Movie:

Home Alone (1990)

Saturday, December 19, 2:30-4:15PM

Get ready for the holidays with this classic. A mischievous eight-year-old who's picked on by his older siblings and ignored by his parents would really rather be left alone - and that's exactly what happens when he gets accidentally left behind while the family goes off on vacation. After learning to fend for himself, the boy has to protect his house against two bumbling burglars who are planning to rob it. Popcorn and hot cocoa will be served! Rated PG. 102 minutes.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 1.



Teen Video Games

Use our Nintendo Switch games or bring your own. *First come, first served.*

(Librarian must be present and personal games must be rated E or T.)



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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.

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)

Glow-in-the-Dark Scratch Art

Saturday, November 21

11:00AM-12:00PM

Reveal a vibrant hidden marine or castle scene beneath a matte coating. Preprinted foil sketches will guide your design. Simply scratch with included tools to uncover dazzling colors!



Registration begins Monday, November 2.

Inspirational Posters

Saturday, December 12

11:00AM-12:00PM

Color a poster with an inspirational message.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 1.

Online Services

We offer a variety of online services 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/>

NEW TEEN ONLINE SERVICE!

COMICSPLUS - Teen Collection offers unlimited, simultaneous access to thousands of age-appropriate digital comics, graphic novels, and manga from a variety of library-friendly publishers.

Every title is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on your computer, tablet or phone with no holds, no waiting, and no limits on checkouts.



Community Service Opportunities

For more information go to: www.baldwinpl.org/teen-community-service/

Holiday Cards For Our Troops

November 1-30

Visit the Teen Room during November to create a holiday card for our troops. There will be a table set up with art supplies. The Library will send the cards to Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge.

Two hours 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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ART CORNER

Drop-In Crafts

Make a craft to take home.

November: Leafy Hedgehog

December: Snowflake Kit

No registration required. While supplies last.

TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Pick up a craft at the Children's Services Desk to make at home.

November 2-14: Woodland Animal Magnets

December 1-15: Snowflake Frame

No registration required. While supplies last.

Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

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.

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.

November 4, 18, 25

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

December 2, 9, & 16

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

Story Time

(Ages 2 - 4 Years with Parent/Caregiver)

Thursdays @ 11:15AM

Stories, songs, and a craft.



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

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

January 7, 14, 21, 28 & February 4

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

Playtime

(Ages 1 - 3 Years with Parent/Caregiver)

Tuesdays @ 10:00AM

Playtime and circle time for tots.

December 22, 29 & January 5, 12, 19

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

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, November 7 @ 11:00AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents is ongoing. 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.

Sunday, December 6 @ 1:15 PM

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

Saturday, December 26 @ 10:30 AM

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

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Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

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.

Super Soccer Stars

(Ages 2- Not Yet in Kindergarten)

Three sessions - sign up for one or all. Each session has a separate registration date. A parent or guardian must sign a Library waiver before the program.

A fun and guided play approach to learning the fundamentals of soccer. This interactive educational program will improve gross motor skills, social skills, language acquisition, and cognitive development.

Friday, November 13 @ 11:15AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, October 30. All others may register Friday, November 6.

Friday, November 20 @ 11:15AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, November 6. All others may register Friday, November 13.

Friday, December 11 @ 11:15AM

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, November 27. All others may register Friday, December 4.



New Year's Eve KiddyJam Music and Movement Class

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

Presented by BabyJam/Jungle Bungle Friends Music

Thursday, December 31 @ 11:00AM

Help us celebrate the coming of the new year with a guitar singalong, instruments, dancing, and lots of learning.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Wednesday, December 16. All others may register beginning Wednesday, December 23.



KiddyJam

Music and Movement Class

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

Presented by BabyJam/Jungle Bungle Friends Music

Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 10:00AM

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

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

Little Learners

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

Presented by A Time for Kids

Snowmen at Night

Saturday, January 2 @ 11:00AM

Fun and fast-paced programming for your little one.

Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor skills, storytelling, and a craft.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Wednesday, December 16. All others may register Wednesday, December 23.

Family Programs

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.



Family Film:

A Minecraft Movie (2025)

Friday, November 27 @ 1:00PM

Four misfits are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination. To get back home, they'll have to master this world while embarking on a quest with an unexpected, expert crafter. Light refreshments will be served while supplies last.

Rated PG. 101 minutes. Adventure/Fantasy

No registration required.



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Family Programs

Family Program: Gingerbread House

(Pre-K - Grade 5) Presented by Fanny Cakes

SESSION I: Saturday, December 5 @ 10:30AM

SESSION II: Saturday, December 5 @ 12:00PM

Using an assortment of candies and icing, families will decorate their very own gingerbread house. One per family.



In-person and phone registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, November 20. All others may register beginning Friday, November 27. No online registrations.

Family Program: Holiday Break

Family **BINGO!** (Grades K - 5)

Wednesday, December 30 @ 3:00PM

Join us for a festive and fun-filled bingo game.

In-person and phone registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Wednesday, December 16. All others may register beginning Wednesday, December 23. No online registrations.

Children in Grades K - 6

Fall Cupcake Decorating (Grades 3 - 6)

Saturday, November 14 @ 2:30PM

Kids will decorate their own cupcakes with fall-themed candies and icing to take home and enjoy.



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



Kids in the Kitchen (Grades K - 2)

Monday, November 16 @ 4:00PM

Enjoy a story and create a tasty Thanksgiving-themed snack.

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

Fall Vibes Slime (Grades 3 - 6)

Presented by CREATE Programs

Saturday, November 21 @ 2:00PM

Join us to make your own fall-themed slime.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, November 6. All others may register beginning Friday, November 13.

Mini-Cardboard Animal Sculptures (Grades K - 2)

Presented by Ink & Easel Art Studio

Saturday, November 28 @ 1:00PM

Using pre-cut cardboard pieces, children will assemble their own mini-cardboard animal sculptures. They will use paint markers to decorate their creations by adding fun colors, shapes, patterns, and designs inspired by contemporary artists and folk art.

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



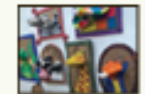
Animal Head Sculptures (Grades 3 - 6)

Presented by Ink & Easel Art Studio

Saturday, November 28 @ 2:30PM

Using cardboard, paper, and sculpting materials, children will create a 3D animal head on a frame. Then they'll use paint, fun colors and patterns that are inspired by contemporary artists and folk art designs.

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



Kids in the Kitchen (Grades K - 2)

Monday, December 7 @ 4:00PM

Listen to a story and create a tasty winter-themed snack.

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



Make Your Own Wrapping Paper (Grades 3 - 6)

Saturday, December 12 @ 2:30PM

Using brown paper bags and other decorative materials, kids will design their own unique wrapping paper for future gifting.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Friday, November 27. All others may register beginning Friday, December 4.



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Children's Programs K-6 continued from page 13.

DIY Wooden Ornament

Saturday, December 19

SESSION I: Grades K - 2 @ 11:00AM

SESSION II: Grades 3 - 6 @ 2:30PM

'Tis the season for ornament decorating! Paint an ornament or two to hang in your home throughout the holiday season.

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



Marshmallow Snowmen

(Grades K - 2)

Presented by Mini Masterpieces

Monday, December 28 @ 2:00PM

Make a cute and yummy marshmallow snowman treat.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Monday, December 14. All others may register beginning Monday, December 21.

Hot Cocoa Bombs (Grades 3 - 5)

Presented by Mini Masterpieces

Monday, December 28 @ 3:30PM

Make a super sweet hot cocoa bomb.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Monday, December 14.

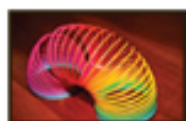
All others may register beginning Monday, December 21.



The Physics of Toys (Grades 1 - 5)

Presented by the Long Island Science Center

Tuesday, December 29 @ 2:00PM



Experience physics in action through hands-on activities and demonstrations using familiar and old-fashioned toys. Students experiment with the forces of gravity and inertia by observing and manipulating materials, forming and testing their own hypotheses. An understanding of conservation of energy along with kinetic and potential energy is achieved when students make their own toy to take home.

Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Tuesday, December 15. All others may register beginning Tuesday, December 22.

CHILDREN'S DISPLAY CASE

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

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.



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Library Board Meetings

The regular monthly Library Board Meetings will take place on Wednesdays, November 18 and December 16 at 7:00PM in person and via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 830 7717 1570

Passcode: 236844

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CURRENT HOURS

Monday-Wednesday: 9-9

Thursday: 11-9, Friday: 9-5

Saturday: 9-5, Sunday 1-5

SPECIAL HOURS

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 1-5

Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 25, 9-5

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24, 9-12

New Year's Eve: Thursday, December 31, 9-5

CLOSED

Veterans Day: Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 26

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25

New Year's Day: Friday, January 1

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