



**Berkeley
Public
Library**

Fall 2026 Newsletter

Monday -Thursday: 9:30am - 8pm

Friday: 9:30am - 6pm

Saturday: 10am - 5pm

1637 Taft Ave. / Berkeley, IL / 708-544-6017

www.berkeleypl.org

mail@berkeleypl.org

Vaccine Clinic w/ Osco

Saturday, September 12 1:00-4:00pm



The library is hosting Osco Pharmacy, offering flu, Covid, shingles, pneumonia, RSV, MMR, hepatitis B, and tetanus vaccines. Sign up through our website or using the QR code on posted flyers you. 10% off groceries with every immunization!

Piñata-making

Friday, September 18 3:00-5:00pm



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by joining us for our piñata-making workshop where you will create and decorate a star-shaped piñata! Recommended for ages 12-18. Registration is requested. Limited to 25 participants.

Fall Sale

Saturday, October 3 11:00am-3:30pm



Get an early start on holiday shopping and support the library. In addition to our popular book, DVD, and CD sale, we are excited to host local craft vendors showcasing their creations. You can also enjoy delicious homemade baked goods and participate in our raffle.

Great Lakes Ghosts

Saturday, October 24 2:00-3:00pm



Who doesn't like a ghost story at this time of year? Join us as we listen to a narrated concert featuring songs of the supernatural, legends and spooky tales of ghost ships, haunted lighthouses, and unexplained phenomena by folk singer and storyteller Lee Murdock. Registration required.

Halloween: Trick-or-Treating with NHW & BPD

Saturday, October 31 3:00pm

Looking for a group to trick-or-treat with? The Berkeley Police Department and Neighborhood Watch have you covered! We will meet at the library at 3 p.m. to form groups and trick-or-treat throughout Berkeley! Registration is requested, but drop-ins are welcome.



Grab & Go!

Busy schedule? We have several different take-home kits available each month, perfect to grab and take home to do when you want:

- Kids Craft & Story Kits
- Teen Craft Kit
- Spice Adventure Kit
- Senior Outreach Bag

Looking for another type of activity? There's more than just books on our shelves. Your library card also gives you access to:

- Musical instruments
- Puzzles & board games
- Nex Playground
- Yoto Player & Story cards
- Toniebox & Tonies

Puzzle Exchange

Early Drop Off: November 2- 7

Exchange: November 9 - 21



Got a puzzle gathering dust? Bring a complete puzzle (or several!) and trade it for a "new" challenge! It's simple: bring a puzzle, pick a puzzle. Dive into a fresh mystery and give your pre-loved puzzles a new home. Happy puzzling!

Kids

Tiny Tot Time

Saturdays, 10/17 10:30 - 11:30am

Calling all toddlers! Join us as we provide time for activities that foster play, exploration, creativity, and socialization.



Story Time

Wednesdays, 9/9-11/25 10:30 - 11:30am

Join us for Story Time, where we read, learn, and grow together through stories! Make connections with other area parents of small children, while your child (ren) get to enjoy books, music, tactile play, and a snack.



Switch Gaming Days

Mondays, (9/21, 10/19, 11/23) 3:30 - 5:30pm

Battle it out in Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros., and other popular games. Play for fun and enjoy a snack!

Pokémon Club

NEW!

Fridays, (10/2, 11/6) 4:00 - 5:00pm

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Enjoy Pokémon-themed crafts, Pokémon card trading, and gaming!



Creepy Clay Creatures

NEW!

Friday, 10/9 4:00 - 5:00pm

Celebrate the spooky season by creating your own creepy clay creature at the library! Registration is required. Recommended for ages 6-11.

Teens

Anime Club

Mondays, (9/14, 10/12, 11/9) 4:00 - 6:00pm



Calling all teens! Anime Club is back with a new time slot. Relax with friends, and enjoy a fun, hands-on treat or craft we'll make together while watching your favorite anime. Recommended for ages 12-18. Registration is requested.

Snack Lab

Fridays, (9/25, 10/16, 11/20) 4:00 - 5:00pm

Calling all tweens! Join us for a fun food-related craft. This fall, we will enjoy cupcake decorating, create food monsters, and make fall-themed cake pops. Recommended for ages 6-11. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants.

Adults

Senior Gaming Mondays

Mondays, 1:00 - 2:00pm

Bingo: 9/14, 10/12, 11/9

Bunco: 9/21, 10/19, 11/16

Join your neighbors for several casual rounds of gaming. Fun prizes, friendly faces, and light refreshments!

Cozy Crafting Corner

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Alebriges: 9/14

Creativebug Embroidered Photo Ornament: 11/9

Tired of the daily grind? Give yourself a well-deserved break and rekindle your creative spark! Join us at the Cozy Crafting Corner for a relaxing evening of great conversation, warm, and laid-back crafting.

Registration required. Ages 16 and up.



A Walk in the Park

NEW!

Saturdays, 9/12- 11/28 9:00 - 10:00am

Lace up your walking shoes and come join us as we walk the loop on the prairie path. Meet at the Gazebo in Berkeley Park. Weather permitting.

Introduction to Mahjong

NEW!

Thursdays, (9/24, 10/1, 10/8) 6:00 - 7:45pm

Learn to play Mahjong : A game of skill strategy and Luck that originated in China during the 19th century



Read 'Em & Weed: Bulb Lasagna Planting

NEW!

Tuesday, 11/17 6:30 - 7:45pm

Join us to learn about 'lasagna planting' of bulbs in order to maximize spring blooms! Registration requested.

Family Village Ornament Making

NEW!

Friday, 11/13 4:00 - 5:30pm

Gather the family and join us for a special holiday collaboration! We're hosting a Village Christmas Tree Ornament Craft Night, and we need your creative touch to make our community tree shine bright this year. Kids and families can decorate a beautiful wooden ornament together. Once your masterpiece is finished, we have some very special helpers ready to take over: the Berkeley Public Works team will be hanging your handmade ornaments high and safe on the official Village Christmas Tree so they are perfectly placed for the upcoming Village Tree Lighting event.



SAVE THE DATE:

Start the holiday season with your friends and neighbors at the Berkeley Public Library! Our annual Holiday Open House is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Cocoa and cookies, crafts and community groups... rumor has it Mr. Claus may even make an appearance again this year!



Museum Adventure Pass

Your library card also gets you free (or reduced) admission to some amazing spots in Chicagoland! For more information, please go to www.museumadventure.org or stop by the library and pick up a brochure. *Limited to one pass per household.*



Homebound Delivery

As staffing levels allow

If you're unable to come to us, we can bring library materials to you! For more information, please call the library or fill out an interest form on our website:
www.berkeleypl.org/homebound-application



Notary Services

By appointment, Mondays through Saturdays

We are happy to offer notary services! This service is offered by appointment only, as staffing levels allow. We are unable to notarize immigration and real estate documents. Please contact us for more information.



Passport Acceptance Facility

*By appointment,
Mondays through
Saturdays*

Did you know that your library is also a passport acceptance facility? We accept new passport applications (*and qualifying renewals*) on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. You bring us your completed forms, passport photo, and accepted forms of identification and we handle mailing them in for processing. This service is offered by appointment only, as staffing levels allow. Please see www.berkeleypl.org/passports and the US State Department website for details!

Touch Tone Tales

Available 24 hours a day toll free!

Can't make it to a story time? Touch Tone Tales is the answer! We feature a selection of stories, jokes, and riddles; available for you via phone. You can also check out a featured book and have your child follow along with our reading to help improve reading skills! Titles and chapters are regularly updated, and there's no cost to call from a touch-tone telephone. Give it a try! Just dial 708-708-0778.



Explore More Illinois

Be sure to check out this free service that provides instant online access to free and discounted tickets to museums, science centers, park districts, sporting events, zoos, theaters, and cultural attractions throughout the state! All you need to get started is your library card.



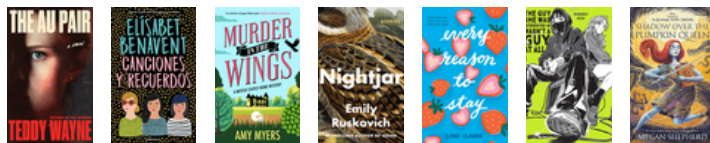
Holiday & Scheduled Closures

The library will be operating on a curbside and delivery only service model from Monday, August 31st through Saturday, September 5th to facilitate critical infrastructure upgrades. More information available on the library website and social media.

The library will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day and Thursday, November 26th and Friday November 27th for Thanksgiving.

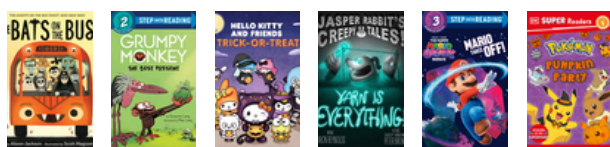
Recently Added Hot Titles

Books - Adult & Teen



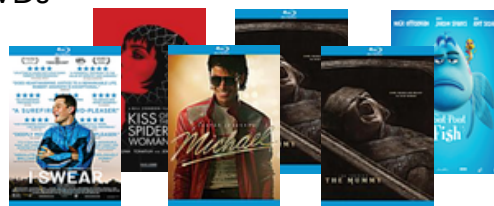
The Au Pair by Teddy Wayne, *Canciones y Recuerdos* by Elisabet Benavent, *Murder in the Wings* by Amy Myers, *Nightjar* by Emily Ruskovich, *Every Reason to Stay* by Lane Clarke, *The Guy She Was Interested in Wasn't a Guy at All, Vol. 1* by Sumiko Arai, *Shadow of the Pumpkin Queen* by Megan Shepherd

Books - Youth



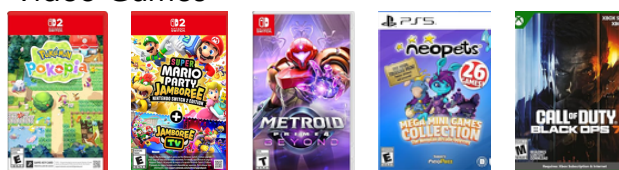
The Bats on the Bus by Alison Jackson, *Grumpy Monkey The Best Present* by Suzanne Lang, *Hello Kitty and Friends Trick or Treat* by Merrill Hagan, *Yarn Is Everything!* by Aaron Reynolds, *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie: Mario Takes Off!* by Benjamin Harper, *Pokémon Pumpkin Party*

DVDs



The Bride!, *I Swear*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, *Michael*, *The Mummy*, *Scream 7*, *The Pout-Pout Fish*

Video Games



Pokémon: Pokopia, *Super Mario Party Jamboree*, *Metroid Prime 4: Beyond*, *Neopets*, *Call of Duty Black Ops 7*



Toniebox and Tonies

We're happy to introduce this innovative audio player for kids 3+ that is great for stories, music, and education. Available for checkout with your BPL library card.



Comics Plus!

In addition to our collection of graphic novels on the shelves, your Berkeley Library card gives you access to Comics Plus, an online database of 100s of graphic novels and manga titles! Go to <https://login.librarypass.com/> to get started.



Free Streaming Movies by Kanopy

Your library card now gives you instant access to streaming movies, tv shows, and documentaries! To get started, go to www.kanopy.com. Use your library card barcode, pin, and email address to establish an account.

creativebug

Unlimited free access to art and craft classes taught by top designers and professionals. 1000+ different classes, including painting, sewing, leatherworking, jewelry making, calligraphy, and more!

www.creativebug.com/lib/berkeleypl