



**Berkeley  
Public  
Library**

**Monday -Thursday: 9:30am - 8pm**  
**Friday: 9:30am - 6pm**  
**Saturday: 10am - 5pm**  
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## Spring 2026 Newsletter

### Mario Day Party

Wednesday, March 10 4:30-5:30pm



What is so special about March 10th? It's-a Mario (MAR10) Day! Stop by the library to celebrate and enjoy fun Mario-themed crafts, games, and Mario Kart racing. Recommended for ages 6-11.

### Easter Egg Hunt & Play

Saturday, April 4 11:30am-1:00pm



Hop on over to the library for an egg-stra special Easter celebration! Enjoy Easter-themed games, crafts, and a playful egg hunt during our Easter Egg Hunt & Play program. Recommended for ages 0-10. Registration is required.

### Spring Book Sale

Saturday, April 18 11:00am-3:30pm



This will be a book and bake sale, with a special vendor or two, along with raffle prizes. All proceeds go toward the benefit of the library's future renovation. Please come out and support your library!

### Butterfly Story Time, Craft, and Release

Saturday, May 16 10:30am-12:00pm



Our butterflies will be ready to take flight! Join us for a special story time followed by butterfly-themed crafts and play! At 12 p.m., we will gather on the south lawn to release our painted lady butterflies and watch them embark on their new journey! Registration is requested.

### Board Games & Badges

Monday, March 23 4:00-5:30pm



Sit down for a relaxed game night with Cook County officers, a courtesy of the Cook County Sheriff's Office! Enjoy board games, cards, conversation, and pizza in a friendly environment. All ages are welcome. Registration is required.

## 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 **NEW!**

### Summer Reading Kick-Off

Saturday, May 30 11:00am-1:00pm



Join us at Berkeley Park for our annual special kick-off to the summer! Sign up for summer reading and enjoy face painting, bingo, button making, and much more! Free and all ages welcome!

# Kids

## Tiny Tot Time

Saturdays (3/21, 4/25, 5/23) 10:30 - 11:30am 

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

## Story Time Thursdays

Each Thursday, 3/5-4/30 1:00 - 2:00pm

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 (3/9, 4/13, 5/11) 3:30 - 5:30pm 

Join us once a month for Switch Gaming! Battle it out in Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros., and other popular games. Play for fun and enjoy a snack!

## Dragon & Board Gaming

Saturdays, (3/21, 4/25, 5/23) 2:00 - 3:00pm

Chess, mancala, board games, dragon card gaming, or bring your own. Stop by with family and friends, or come make friends! Light snacks, friendly environment.

# Teens

## 3D Printing Beginner Course

Friday, March 6 & Monday, March 30 3:00-5:30pm

Design it, print it, love it! Tweens, get ready to dive into the exciting world of 3D printing. Learn to create and bring your digital designs to life in this hands-on class! Recommended for ages 9-12, registration required, both sessions must be attended for project completion.

## Anime Club

Wednesdays (3/18, 4/15, 5/20) 4:00 - 6:00pm

Calling all teens! You help pick what we watch, share a snack (or two), and can enjoy fun crafts.

## DIY Mini Zen Garden **NEW!**

Thursday, May 7 6:00-7:00pm

Looking for a break from AP exams and finals? Take a moment to relax and recharge by creating your own mini Zen Garden. Learn about the history of Zen Gardens, explore simple relaxation techniques, and design a peaceful space you can take home. For ages 14-18, Registration required, limited to 20 participants.

# Adults

## Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment **NEW!**

Monday, March 2 11:00am-12:00pm

It's Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment time. If you wish to switch your Advantage plan or return to Original Medicare now is the time to do it. This presentation is being given by a certified SHIP counselor through Aging Care Connections.

## AgeOptions Benefits Presentation **NEW!**

Wednesday, March 25 1:00-2:00pm

Tuesday, April 14 11:30am-12:30pm

A presentation on benefits, services, and support available to seniors, ages 60+ in suburban Cook County and an opportunity to sign up for benefits and services.

## Senior Gaming Mondays

Mondays 1:00 - 2:00pm

Bingo: 3/9, 4/13, 5/11

Bunco: 3/16, 4/20, 5/18

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

## Cozy Crafting Corner

Monday, April 27 6:00 - 7:30pm

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 drinks, and laid-back crafting. This session, we'll be creating a mini beaded plant! Come relax and create with us!

Registration required. Ages 16 and up.

## Movie Day

Saturday, April 11 1:00-3:00pm

Join us for a viewing of *Father of the Bride* with Steve Martin and Martin Short. Light refreshments will be served.

## Read 'Em & Weed - Trees and Shrubs

Tuesday, May 19 6:30-7:30pm

Our quarterly gardening program returns for special presentation and Q&A focused on trees and shrubs in your home landscape/garden.

## Digital Literacy **NEW!**

Saturday, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2 2:00-3:00pm

In need of assistance with basic computer skills? Sign up and we will get you started with a Northstar digital literacy program tutorial.

# Save the Date

Summer Reading registration opens at our Summer Reading Kick-Off day on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>!



## 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](http://www.museumadventure.org) or stop by the library and pick up a brochure. *Limited to one pass per household.*



## Passport Acceptance Facility

*By appointment,  
Mondays through  
Saturdays*



## 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](http://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.

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](http://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 closed on Monday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>** in honor of Memorial Day.

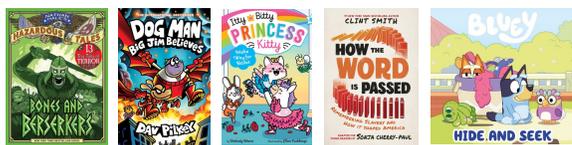
## Recently Added Hot Titles

### Books - Adult & Teen



*What She Saw*- Mary Burton, *Silver Elite*- Dani Francis, *El Secreto de la Biblioteca*- Isabel Ibanez, *Stitch It, Don't Ditch It: Simple Hand-sewn Repairs to Help You Love Your Clothes For Longer*- Mary V. Morton, *Naruto Shippuden: The Official Cookbook*- Sanae, *The House Saphir*- Marissa Meyer, *Chainsaw Man, Vol. 19*

### Books - Youth



*Bones and Berserkers: 13 Spooky Tales from American History*- Nathan Hale, *Big Jim Believes*- Dav Pilkey, *Make Way for Ballet*- Melody Mews, *How the Word Is Passed: Remembering Slavery and How It Shaped America*- Clint Smith, *Bluey: Hide and Seek*

### DVDs



*The Phoenixian Scheme*, *The Handmaid's Tale Season 6*, *Stolen Girl*, *Bride Hard*, *Black Phone 2*, *Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie*, *East of Wall*

### Video Games



*Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba Hinokami Chronicles 2*, *Disney's Illusion Island*, *Pokémon Legends ZA*, *Crypt Custodian*, *Borderlands 4*



### 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!



**COMICSPLUS**

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](http://www.kanopy.com). Use your library card barcode, pin, and email address to establish an account.

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