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Monday - Thursday 9 am-9 pm
 Friday 9 am-5 pm
 Saturday 10 am-4 pm
 Sunday 12-4 pm



BPL: The Year in Review

As we come to the end of 2021 (and is anyone really going to miss it?), our staff is taking a few moments to reflect on the highlights of the past 12 months.

If nothing else, this year has kept us on our toes with all the disinfecting, mask wearing, and social distancing that allowed us to keep our doors open to the community. For many months you could find several different staff members at the Reception Desk, taking temperatures and recording names, all in an effort to keep everyone safe. In June, we moved all these operations out to the side entrance on Virginia Street during the parking lot renovation. For six weeks, we basked in the sunshine (and weathered more than one storm) while continuing to provide services, including curbside delivery of library materials. We thank you again for your cooperation despite the lack of on-site parking.

In October we celebrated the resiliency of the Baldwinsville community with our COVID Memories Project. Beautiful works of art, created during the pandemic, were on display throughout the month. Among the contributors were the Canton Woods Art Group, led by Mike Conway (first on Zoom and then in the center's gazebo), who contributed several paintings. Plank Road Quilt Guild displayed quilts, masks, postcards, and other items made during their Zoom sessions. Photographs by Martha Lanctot reminded us of the beauty that could be found even during a pandemic. We also had written contributions, such as one from Mikey, a 10th grader at Baker High School, who wrote about strength training with his competitive swim team on Zoom. And Kathy Watt, who wrote a beautiful poem entitled *Covid Whispers*. Thank you to these and all others who contributed to our art display.



October also marked the 25 + 1 anniversary of the opening at our current location. It's hard to believe that we have been at 33 East Genesee Street for 26 years. For many of us, the library still feels new! A brief history of the events leading up to the grand opening, as well as letters written to our board of trustees and library director in support of the new facility highlighted the anniversary. Also displayed were memorabilia commemorating the groundbreaking ceremony (Shovels on Parade) and one of the clocks made from wood that was salvaged from Goulds Pumps, the previous structure on our site.

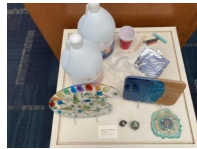
For those who love to read fantasy novels, such as works by Anne McCaffrey, Terry Goodkind, and J.R.R. Tolkien, we have good news! Fantasy works were given their own section this year, separated from the general collection. This makes browsing and locating materials much easier. You can find the collection between our music CDs and science fiction.

The Adult Services Librarian's first year on the job was an eventful one. With the supportive staff working with her, she learned the ropes and worked on updating the nonfiction section. Mid-pandemic we started a lunchtime book club, the Brown Bag Book Club, on Zoom and have read diverse works as those by Hemingway and *The Hate U Give*. The writing group was restarted and revamped, meeting weekly on Tuesdays with supportive writing time on Mondays. We've restarted the puzzle exchange and will have at least one craft exchange in January. Most of all, we have continued to bask in the support of our community members who keep coming back, in-person and virtually. **(Continued on next page)**

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In 2021, our teen programs went virtual! With over 400 kits distributed this year, teens created their own cake candles, epoxy resin cutting boards, brownie pops, copper photo prints, soap cupcakes, neon signs, felt letter boards, and much more! Teens followed along with video tutorials on these crafts and shared their final creations with each other and online for our community to see! These virtual teen programs will continue in 2022, as well as the return of some in-person programs, like cold process soap making on Saturday, January 22 at 1 pm. We will also have our first ever Winter Reading Program starting January 3, visit our website for more details.

So, what lies ahead for 2022? We don't want to give it all away, but we can tell you that there will be a new online calendar on our website which should make looking for programs and registering easier. We're planning several in-person, online, and hybrid programs for the first half of the year. The library is permanently fine free for materials that are owned by BPL (we will still charge for lost and damaged items). And finally, look for changes in our children's area in the next 12 months!



The Baldwinsville Homicide: Beauchamp Historical Club Tuesday, January 11 @ 7 pm

In 1873, a local farmhand disappeared from his home near Dead Creek, leading to a sensational trial in the City of Syracuse that made national headlines. Join the library and Beauchamp Historical Club to learn about this local bit of infamy.

Due to current COVID restrictions, attendance is limited to 35 people; safe social distancing and masks are required.

Craft Exchange

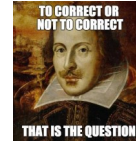
Saturday, January 29 @ 1 pm

Donate your extra fabric (larger pieces encouraged), extra yarn (balls larger than a baseball), crafting supplies (new scrapbooking paper, punches, scissors, drawing implements), or unused craft kits to the library starting January 15th. Join us on the 29th for the exchange!

Monday Word Sprints (on Zoom)

Mondays @ 7 pm

Every Monday from 7-9 pm we will be writing in 15-25 minute writing periods punctuated by five-minute breaks to talk with fellow writers. All skill levels and ages from teens on up are welcome! We aim to inspire! **Registration is required.**



Wordsmiths Writing Group Meeting (on Zoom)

Tuesdays @ 7 pm

Beginner and more experienced writers meet to talk about their writing progress, specific writing issues and participate in writing activities. At a writer's request, we will critique a portion of an author's work. This event is for teens on up. All skill levels are welcome!

Registration is required.

Winter Reading Program

Registration Begins Monday, January 3rd

Visit our READSquared page

<https://bvilleny05.readsquared.com/> to register for our Winter Reading Program! The program is open to readers of all ages, just select your age group when registering. **The Winter Reading Program runs from 1/3/22 to 2/19/22.**

Brown Bag Book Club

Wednesday, January 12 @ 11:30 am

This month's title: *Coconut Layer Cake Murder* by Joanne Fluke. This is a hybrid event. Participants can attend on Zoom or in-person.

Registration is required. Extra help connecting and participating is available.

Mystery Book Club

Thursday, January 13 @ 10 am

This month's title: *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. The book is available to borrow at the Circulation Desk. **Registration is required.**

Books for Breakfast

Tuesday, January 18 @ 9:30 am

This month we'll be discussing *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict. This meeting will be conducted both in-person and by Zoom. **Registration is required.** New members are always welcome.

Beading Buddies

Sunday, January 2 @ 12:30 pm

Join us to make jewelry. Our projects include bead weaving, bead stringing, and wire wrapping. Please check us out, everyone is welcome! Bring your own project, or for a small materials fee we will have kits available.

Quilting & Knitting with Friends

Fridays, January 7 & 28 @ 10 am

Spend the day sewing and knitting with others! Bring your supplies, projects and sewing machine to the Community Room.

Registration is required.

Clay Crafts (adults)

Sunday, January 9 @ 12:30 pm

Meet with Barbara Helget to make things with clay! Bring your own materials, share with others, or purchase equipment available for specific projects.

Card Making (online)

Thursday, January 13 @ 7 pm

We provide a kit containing all the materials you'll need for the class if you are among the first 20 to sign up. Kits will be on hold and ready to pick up on (or before) the Sunday before the class. **Please provide an email in your registration so we can send you the Zoom link.**

Card Making (in-person)

Friday, January 14 @ 10 am

Make beautiful cards using materials provided, under the guidance of Missy Shipman! **There is a \$20 materials fee and registration is required.**

Cold Process Soap Making (teens and adults)

Saturday, January 22 @ 1 pm

Make your own unique soap with your choice of colors and scents! We provide all the equipment, material, and instruction.

Please note, making cold process soap requires using lye (sodium hydroxide) which is dangerous and potentially corrosive on the skin. We will provide safety goggles and gloves, but this program is not suitable for children under 13.

Registration by January 20 is required. The class is limited to ten people.

2nd Monday Club (grades 4-6)

Monday, January 10 @ 6 pm

These kits will have everything you need to make a custom paper mache pinata! A video will be posted to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/bplchildrenteens>) at 6 pm that you'll be able to follow along with to complete the craft.

Kits are available for pick up beginning Tuesday, January 4th. They will be set aside like library holds so visit the circulation desk or schedule a curbside pickup to grab yours.

One kit per person, so please register each child in grades 4-6 separately.

Take & Make for Kids: 3D Snowflakes

Thursday, January 13 @ 2 pm

Grab a craft kit from the children's area and learn how to make giant 3D origami snowflakes! Kits are first come, first served.

Teen Trends To Go: Customized Ceramic Mugs

Wednesday, January 12 @ 6 pm

Get a new favorite mug with your own customized designed ceramic mug! This is a virtual program, a video tutorial with step by step instructions will be uploaded on our Facebook page.

Registration by January 11 is required to receive a kit. Kits will be available for pickup starting the week of January 3.

Teen Trends To Go: Epoxy Resin Nightlight

Wednesday, January 26 @ 6 pm

Light up your room with your own uniquely designed rechargeable lightbulb! This is a virtual program, a video tutorial with step by step instructions will be uploaded on our Facebook page.

Registration by January 25 is required to receive a kit. Kits will be available for pickup starting the week of January 17.

Dungeons & Dragons 5e

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

We are currently gathering on Discord, using chat (typing and posting pictures) and voice channels to play D&D 5e. **Register for this event to get a link to the Discord channel.**

We are always looking for Dungeon Masters; if you want to DM a one-shot, adventure, or campaign, please contact Julia at the library.