



A Message from the Director

Dear Baldwin Community,

If you visit the Library this November, you will see a new addition to our artwork: a mosaic of an underwater scene. This was completed with the help of the Baldwin community working with a Long Island artist. Similar to the murals that were created last year with a group of Baldwin students, I think that this mosaic is emblematic of the community's investment in the Library. We have so much to be thankful for, in large part due to the input you have shared and the trust you have put in us.

We are pleased to announce that our renovated second floor should be open by early 2026. This first phase includes a much larger Teen space, a maker space, a gaming room, a recording studio, a second large community room, several individual and small group study rooms, and more.

The next phases of the project will reimagine the lower floors of the building, from the Reference area to the Children's Room. We will do our best to keep disruption of services to a minimum, though some will be inevitable and we apologize in advance for any inconvenience you may experience. We are sure that it will be worth it in the end.

As a reminder, we are lucky to be part of a strong consortium that allows Baldwin residents to check out almost all materials from any public library in Nassau. We can order materials for you and you are also welcome to visit neighboring libraries. In addition, we offer a robust collection of online services, including eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, eMagazines, streaming media, and research databases.

The impetus for this project was the community. We listened to what you said you wanted to see in your library. At every turn, our goal has been to deliver on that promise.

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season,

Elizabeth Olesh

Library Director

PORTABLE PLANTETARIUM: First Skies (Ages 5 to Adult)

Saturday, November 29, 2:00-3:00PM

Join "That Planetarium Guy" Tom Barry for an exploration of the stars, planets, and the moon as they appear in Baldwin's night sky. Learn about constellations and mythology from ancient and indigenous cultures, including Native American.

This program is not appropriate for children under the age of 5.

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



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

BPL Book Bingo

(Adults 18 and over)

December 15 - February 27

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

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 Reference 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 4:30PM on Friday, February 27.
- If you win a raffle prize, you will be notified by telephone or email on or before Friday, March 6.
- If you do not pick up your prize by Friday, March 13, another winner will be selected.

Questions? Stop by the Reference Desk or call 516-223-6228 ext. 145. Please note: ReadSquared will still be available as an online tool to help you keep track of your reading.

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TEENS - GRADES 6-12

Register for teen programs via the Library Events Calendar, in person at the Teen Reference 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.

The Impact of Social Media on Teens

Wednesdays, November 5 or 12, 4:00-5:00PM

Saturday, November 8, 3:00-4:00PM

Saturday, November 15, 11:00AM-12:00PM

Tuesday, December 2, 4:00-5:00PM

Saturdays, December 6 or 13, 3:00-4:00PM

Wednesday, December 10, 4:00-5:00PM

Presented by Girl Scout Ambassador Khadijah Khoule

As part of her Gold Award Project, Ms. Khoule will discuss the negative impact of social media on teenagers. Attend any session you'd like, as the same information will be presented at each.

No registration required.

Make an Apple Pie

Presented by Fanny Cakes

Saturday, November 22, 1:30-2:30PM

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

Registration begins Monday, November 3.

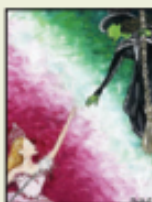
Wicked Painting Party

Presented by Painting with a Twist

Saturday, November 15, 3:00-5:00PM

Celebrate the new film, *Wicked: For Good* with this painting. Meet us at Painting with a Twist (855 Merrick Road in Baldwin) by 3:00PM.

Registration begins Monday, November 3.



TEEN MOVIE: Five Nights at Freddy's

Thursday, November 20, 6:30-8:30PM

Get ready for the second movie by watching the original. Down on his luck and running out of options, Mike Schmidt agrees to take a job as a night shift security guard at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza. However, he quickly realizes that things aren't quite as they seem at Freddy's when the animatronic creatures at the restaurant come alive, hungry for revenge. Pizza will be served. Rated PG-13. 110 minutes.

Registration begins Monday, November 3.



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.)



Decorate an Ornament

December 1 - December 22

Ornaments will be available in the Teen Zone to decorate. **First come, first served.**

Adult Lecture: Appropriate for ages 15 and older

Meet Shinnecock Nation Artist Jeremy Dennis

Monday, December 1, 6:30-8:30PM

Join Shinnecock Nation artist Jeremy Dennis for an inspiring and eye-opening presentation exploring his photographic and mapping project, *On This Site*, which documents and shares the often-overlooked history of Indigenous people of Long Island. Through vivid imagery, oral histories, and a carefully researched interactive map, Dennis works to correct misinformation and fill the silences in the Island's past - revealing stories of resilience, cultural continuity, and place-based memory. Dennis will also share his artistic journey, the origins and evolution of *On This Site*, and the broader role of contemporary Native art in reclaiming and preserving cultural narratives. Additionally, he will discuss the ongoing presence of the Shinnecock Nation on Long Island and connect historical events to the lived experiences of today. Audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in conversation about the intersections of art, history, and Indigenous sovereignty.



Registration for Baldwin School District residents begins Monday, November 3. All others may begin registering on Monday, November 10.

Gingerbread House

Presented by Fanny Cakes

Saturday, December 6, 1:30-2:30PM

Decorate a pre-made gingerbread house. **One per family.**

Registration begins Monday, November 17.

100 Books Before Graduation

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

Free Practice Tests with The Princeton Review

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



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TEEN MOVIE:

The Nightmare Before Christmas

Saturday, December 20, 2:30-4:00PM

Get ready for the holiday season with this classic. Bored with the same old scare-and-scream routine, Pumpkin King Jack Skellington longs to spread the joy of Christmas, but his merry mission puts Santa in jeopardy and creates a nightmare for good little boys and girls everywhere. Popcorn and hot cocoa will be served! Rated PG. 76 minutes.



Registration begins Monday, December 1.

Paint Your Pet

Monday, December 29, 2:30-4:00PM

Bring your pet to life through Paint-by-Numbers. Submit a high-resolution PNG or JPEG photo of your pet by Monday, December 15 to teens@baldwinpl.org. This deadline is important so that we have time to create a canvas before the program.

Registration begins Monday, December 1.

Stranger Things Finale Party

Presented by Chefs of d'Future

Tuesday, December 30, 2:30PM-3:30PM

Get ready for the final few episodes of the popular sci-fi drama series, *Stranger Things*, by making your own waffle with Chef Julie and then playing trivia. Prizes will be awarded.



Registration begins Monday, December 1.

Tween Scene (Grades 4-7)

Glow-in-the-Dark Scratch Art

Saturday, November 29, 11:00AM-12:00PM

Reveal a vibrant hidden animal scene beneath a matte coating. Pre-printed foil sketches guide your design. Simply scratch with included tools to uncover dazzling colors.

Registration begins Monday, November 3.

SpongeBob SquarePants Party!

Thursday, December 11, 3:30-4:30PM

Celebrate the new movie by drawing your own cursed DoodleBob and playing SpongeBob Bingo with iconic lines from the show. Snacks will be provided (Goldfish and gummy worms).

Registration begins Monday, November 24.

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.*

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 Zone 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.

One hour of credit will be provided.

Book Trailer

Create a book trailer for an upcoming teen book that you are excited about. Send your trailer to teens@baldwinpl.org and we'll post it on our social media.

Two hours of credit will be provided.

Social Media

Create a BookTok, Bookstagram, or Spotify playlist about a book you've enjoyed reading. Make sure to tag the Library. Once you've posted it, email teens@baldwinpl.org to let us know it's for community service.

One post = one hour credit.

Students Rebuild: Unique and United

Unique and United invites students to explore their identities - what makes you different, what shapes your perspectives. You'll use that discovery to build bridges across cultures, communities, and experiences. You will have the opportunity to explore the topic through two themes - Celebrate Uniqueness or Build Unity, through creative projects in any medium, including visual art, writing, performance, digital media, or STEM. 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. More information about the project can be found here: www.studentsrebuild.org/projects.

EXHIBITS



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

U.S. National Park Visits by Photographer Earl Dawson

Local photographer Earl Dawson has been taking photographs for 40 plus years. During that period, he has spent "quite a bit of time" in national and state parks including Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Zion, Joshua Tree, and Bryce Canyon, trying to capture America's natural beauty on film. In this exhibition, *U.S. National Park Visits*, Dawson includes some of his favorite park landscapes. You can see some of his work in the Atrium in November and December and more examples at www.earldawsonphotography.com.

Library Board Meetings

The regular monthly Library Board Meetings will take place on Wednesdays, November 19 and December 17 at 7:00PM in person and via Zoom.

Meeting ID: 830 7717 1570

Passcode: 236844

For call-ins: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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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 4, 1-5
Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 26, 9-5
Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24, 9-12
New Year's Eve: Wednesday, December 31, 9-5

CLOSED

Veterans Day: Tuesday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 27
Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25
New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1

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