



**BELLAIRE**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# NEWSLETTER



FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE  
**BELLAIRE**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BELLAIRE, OH

The Local History Center — *BELLAIRE ROOM* — will be dedicated on **October 10, 2025 at 1:00 PM**. Please join us at the library as we honor the past and celebrate the founding of Bellaire. From 1834 through today — we commemorate the milestones of Bellaire, Ohio.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### Monday - Wednesday:

9:00am - 7:00pm

### Thursday:

9:00am - 6:00pm

### Friday:

9:00am - 5:00pm

### Saturday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

**Closed on Sundays**

We are pleased to reintroduce the quarterly newsletter, your go-to source for the latest updates, insights, and important announcements. Each edition will feature articles highlighting our achievements, upcoming events, and valuable resources tailored for our community. Stay connected and informed as we embark on this exciting journey together.



# The Enrichment of Programming and Events

We are so grateful for the incredible response we've received from our patrons regarding our free programming options—everything from cardio drumming to our summer reading program. Time and again, we've witnessed excitement unfolding through social media posts, in the steady rise of participation numbers, and most importantly, in the heartfelt connections being made when people come together in person. It is clear that now, more than ever, the need for community and meaningful engagement is not just important—it's essential.

At the library, we believe our programs are more than just events. They are opportunities to spark curiosity, to foster growth, and to create spaces where everyone—regardless of age or background—feels welcome. Whether it's a child discovering the joy of reading for the very first time, an adult finding confidence in trying something new, or neighbors connecting over their shared experience, each moment adds to the tapestry of lifelong learning we are building together.

We see our role as more than just providing books and resources. We are laying the foundation for opportunities that cultivate literacy, inspire educational enrichment, and encourage confidence. Accessibility is vital to a successful community, and we believe that our programs and events provide just that. They offer a diverse range of options for patrons with various interests and needs. We recognize the pivotal place we hold in Bellaire and as we look ahead, we are committed to continuing this journey of lifelong learning not just for you, but alongside you.

Because of this, we are excited to announce brand-new programming options coming THIS fall.

From our Homeschool Learning Club, to our Bright Minds Book Club, we believe this is just the beginning of the programming opportunities here at the Bellaire Public Library. We will continue to bring these moments of inspiration and community engagement as our community continues to ask and participate.

The future is better together, and we can't wait for all that is to come.



## Business Community Supports Library

Thank you to our community businesses for supporting BPL's 2025 Summer Reading Program.

Aimed at encouraging children to read during the summer months, this year's summer reading program would not have been possible without the generous contributions of our local businesses. From sponsorships to in-kind donations, your involvement enriched our program and created a vibrant environment for our participants.

We look forward to continuing our partnership in future programs that promote literacy and education within our community.

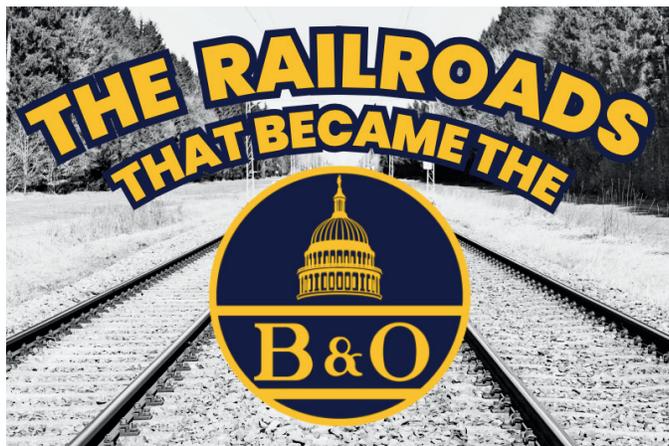


SEPTEMBER

## LIBRARY CARD MONTH

Getting a library card is free, easy, and empowering. For students, it's a key to academic success. For adults, it's a gateway to lifelong learning. For everyone, it's a smart way to stay connected to your community.

Scan the QR code to learn more about getting a card



## Our history, shared...

Railroad historian Michael Kole and local historian Dan Frizzi gave an in-depth history of two of the railroads that would become the B&O. Michael presented on the Cleveland, Lorain, and Wheeling Railroad Company and Dan presented on the Central Ohio Railroad Company. We found out where and when these railroads formed and how they eventually were incorporated into the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Thank you to those who joined us Saturday, July 19th to hear this fascinating history!

Scan the QR code to watch "The Railroads That Became the B&O" online:





## Our Future

We are actively defining a clear vision for the future and developing a step-by-step plan to achieve it. This plan will involve setting goals, prioritizing actions, allocating resources, and aligning teams. A committee composed of library staff, board members, and a consultant will lead this initiative, working towards a comprehensive plan that will guide us through 2029.

Help us plan for the future. Scan the QR code to take a short survey that will help drive our vision.



SUMMER 2026

### They're Coming to the Bellaire Public Library

Get ready because the dinosaurs are coming for the 2026 Summer Reading Program! **Join us for our kick-off event at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 5, 2026.** Mark your calendars for a memorable experience that promises excitement, adventure, and a journey back in time to explore the world of dinosaurs.



## Have You Seen? The Mellott Mural

Inside the 32<sup>nd</sup> St. entrance of the original Mellott Memorial Library Building is a ceramic mosaic mural. Building planners felt this mural best told the story of William D. Mellott and James F. Mellott's gift to the people of Bellaire. The upper half of the mural portrays the educational, cultural, and social advantages offered within the building, while the lower half represents the material aspects of the Mellott family's lives that made the brothers' generosity possible.

The mural was designed by The Mosaic Tile Co. of Zanesville, OH and installed by C.A. Glasgow and Son, Inc. of Wheeling, WV.

## You've asked. We're delivering.

The library is excited to announce the launch of its new Homeschool Learning Club (HLC), designed specifically for homeschooled children ages 5-10. Building on the success of our popular Lil' Bookworms Story Time & Craft program, this innovative learning club will engage young learners through a variety of literacy and STEAM-related activities each month. Participants will enjoy hands-on experiences that blend reading, science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, fostering a comprehensive approach to learning in a supportive environment.

HLC will convene on the third Wednesday of every month at 2:00 PM.

Presented by:  
Bellaire Public Library

Third Wednesday of  
each month.

2:00 PM

	
	<p><b>Wed. Sept. 17</b></p> <p>Join us as we read a story about meeting friends and cooperation. Following, we will practice our skills by playing BIG games.</p> 
	<p><b>Wed. Oct. 15</b></p> <p>Off we go! After reading <i>The Spacesuit</i>, we will become engineers and build rocket ships to explore outer space.</p> 
	<p><b>Wed. Nov. 19</b></p> <p>What does freedom mean to you? Come along as we journey through America and explore different parts of our great nation. We will then make a torch to light the way.</p> 
	<p><b>Wed. Dec. 17</b></p> <p>Do you live in a place where it snows every year? Or maybe you live somewhere so warm that it never snows! Wherever you live, you can have fun learning about snow!</p> 
	<p>Special Christmas Program <b>Wed., Dec. 10</b> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Santa visit with cookies, cocoa, &amp; Christmas craft!</p>





**BOOK CLUB**

**Grades 1-8**

Join Bright Minds Book Club, where you can pick your own book! Each month, we will announce a theme, and you can select a book related to that theme. After reading, we will meet for a discussion about the topic. To conclude, we'll engage in a craft or activity that reflects the theme. We will meet the last Tuesday of each month.

**Fall 2025 Themes**

September: *Animals in Autumn*

October: *Halloween*

November: *Thanksgiving*

## Free Notary Public

Free notary services are available at the Library, Monday-Thursday from 11 am to 6pm.



Bring the following with you: a valid government-issued photo ID, the documents to be notarized, witnesses (if necessary), and any provided instructions.

Documents to be notarized should be filled out **but unsigned**. Pre-signed documents cannot be notarized.

### Additional Information:

- Due to limited resources, notary services are for individuals only. No business documents are accepted for notary service, nor will notary services be performed for any business organizations.
- Notary services are not available for the following: depositions, protests, corporate body documents, real estate transactions, wills, financial power of attorney, I-9 forms, or certification of vital records (birth, marriage, death, passports).
- Notary publics at the library reserve the right to decline service.



# HOLIDAYS

Discover our new **Holiday Book Section** in the Children's Library, thoughtfully organized by holiday! This vibrant collection features enchanting stories, informative texts, and engaging activities related to various celebrations throughout the year.

Dive into the magic of:

- New Year
- Chinese New Year
- MLK
- Groundhog Day
- Valentine
- Halloween
- President's Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- Easter
- Earth Day
- Arbor Day
- Veteran's Day
- Thanksgiving
- Mother's Day
- Memorial Day
- Flag Day
- Father's Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Hannukah
- Kwanza
- Christmas



## Discovering Bellaire's Story Through the BPL Archives

Have you ever wondered what stories are hidden in your hometown? The Bellaire Public Library has local treasures waiting to be explored—and it's all led by our Director Erin D. Rothenbuehler and Local History and Archives Specialist, Shelley Jacobs.

With maps and newspapers, family histories and manuscripts, photographs and more, our Local History Center gives you the chance to dig deeper into the people and events that shaped Bellaire and its surrounding areas. Whether you're interested in learning more about your family, or curious about how Bellaire came to be, the Local History room is a fascinating place to start.

One of our most valued resources is our archives. Some of the collections you'll find include the Bellaire Post Office Collection, the Deborah S. Cook Flood Collection, the Frank Curtis Narrow Gauge Railroad Collection, and many more. Each one paints a picture of our past and helps us better understand the present.

Want to know more about our local history collections? Scan the QR code, or come to our Local History Center Grand Opening, Friday, October 10, from 1-4 pm.



## Newspapers Online

While you might be aware that microfilm of Bellaire area newspapers are available to view at the Library, did you know they have all been digitized and are now available online?



Newspapers from 1873 up to 2024 are currently available through our online newspaper archives. No library card is needed for access.

Scan the QR code for access or visit



<http://bellaire.historyarchives.online>



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BPL's Lil' Bookworm Story Times and Craft are designed for children ages 3 through Pre-K, though all ages are welcome. These programs are held on Thursday evenings at 5 pm and Friday mornings at 10:30 am. Fall programs begin the third week of September.



Cardio drumming provides a high-energy workout combining rhythmic drumming with full-body movements to upbeat music. Free to the public. No experience needed and great for all fitness levels. Wednesdays at 6:00.



Join the Ohio Valley Promenaders on Tuesdays as they dance the night away.  
**Line Dancers:** Improvers from 4:45 to 6:00 pm and Beginners — 6:00 to 7:00 pm  
**Square Dancers:** 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
A fee of \$5 is charged to help cover expenses. However, your first lesson is free of charge.



## Our Services

Access to a wide range of books, audiobooks, e-books, magazines, DVDs, and other media.

Assistance with research inquiries, access to databases, and other information retrieval.

Storytimes, reading programs, book clubs, lectures, workshops, and seminars.

Public computers, free Wi-Fi, faxing, laminating, and printing/copying services.



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# Coming up at Bellaire Public Library

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- 02, 09, 16, 23, 30** Ohio Valley Promenaders 5:00-9:00 pm
- 03, 10, 17, 24** Cardio Drumming 6:00 pm
- 16** Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
- 17** Homeschool Learning Group 2:00 pm
- 18, 25** Evening Lil' Bookworms 5:00 pm
- 19, 26** Morning Lil' Bookworms 10:30 am
- 26** Library closes at 4:00 pm for staff meeting
- 27** Friends of the Library Booksale 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Lil' Bookworms:** bring your favorite stuffed animal for a sleepover at our Sept. 18/19 program. We'll take photos to show you what they all did overnight at the Library.

OCTOBER 2025						
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- 02, 09, 16, 23, 30** Evening Lil' Bookworms 5:00 pm
- 02, 03** Bellaire High School Play 7 pm
- 03, 10, 17, 24, 31** Morning Lil' Bookworms 10:30 am
- 07, 14, 21, 28** Ohio Valley Promenaders 5:00-9:00 pm
- 08, 15, 22, 29** Cardio Drumming 6:00 pm
- 10** Local History Center Grand Opening 1:00-4:00 pm
- 13** **Library CLOSED on Columbus Day**
- 15** Homeschool Learning Group 2:00 pm
- 21** Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
- 31** Library closes at 4:00 pm for staff meeting

**Lil' Bookworms:** wear your Halloween costumes on the 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>. We will go **Trick-or Treating** around the Library.

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- 04, 18** Ohio Valley Promenaders 5:00-9:00 pm
- 05, 12, 19, 26** Cardio Drumming 6 pm
- 06, 13, 20** Evening Lil' Bookworms 5:00 pm
- 07, 14, 21, 28** Morning Lil' Bookworms 10:30 am
- 18** Board of Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm
- 19** Homeschool Learning Group 2:00 pm
- 27** **Library CLOSED for Thanksgiving**
- 28** Library closes at 4:00 pm for staff meeting

DECEMBER 2025						
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- 02, 09, 16** Ohio Valley Promenaders
- 03** Bellaire High School Holiday Play
- 04** Lil' Bookworms 5:00
- 05** Lil' Bookworms 10:30
- 10** **SANTA VISIT** 5:00-7:00
- 16** Board Meeting
- 17** Homeschool Learning Group 2:00
- 17** Cardio Drumming
- 24, 25** **Library CLOSED Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**
- 26** Library closes at 4:00 pm for staff meeting
- 31** Library closes at 2:30 pm for New Year's Eve

View our calendar of events online:

