



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**JANUARY 15,  
2016**

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### CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES

#### Meetings:

- Participated in the Economic Development Rapid Response Team meeting.
- Met with Council Vice-President Sheila De Forest.

#### Community Meetings, Activities, and Functions:

- Attended and participated in the Swearing In ceremony for four new Police Officers and Sergeant promotion.
- Presented an update on City issues and activities to the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARS IN NEW OFFICERS

On Monday, January 11, 2016, the City Clerk swore in four new Police Officers; Joshua Buroker, Deven Highland, Brandon Jones and Nicholas Smith. Following a brief presentation, Christian Dalton and Richard LeFeber, currently Patrol Officers with the Beloit Police Department, were administered the Oath of Office by City Clerk Lorena Stottler and thus promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Congratulations to all!

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATION

On Saturday, January 16, 2016 the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration will be held at Blackhawk Technical College, 6004 S. Co. Rd. G, Janesville, WI from 3:00—5:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Change Begins with Me!" City Councilors have been invited to attend this community event.

On Monday, January 18, 2016, Beloit College will host the 12th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Convocation beginning at 4:15 p.m. in Eaton Chapel. The keynote speaker will be Rick Daniels, presenting "From Moments to Movements: The Fight for Civil Rights in the New Millennium." Rick Daniels is the interim dean of students at Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL. This event is open to the campus, community and general public.

### BELOIT WINTERFEST SCHEDULE RELEASED

The Beloit Parks and Leisure Services and Welty Environmental Center have published a list of Winterfest activities, scheduled for Friday, January 29 through Sunday, January 31, 2016. For more information, please click [here](#).

**GET READY TO ROLL!**

"Beloit, We're On A Roll" is the slogan chosen to advertise the City of Beloit's new Automated Solid Waste Collection beginning June 6, 2016. This is a system where garbage and recycling carts are emptied utilizing a mechanical arm attached to the truck, instead of workers lifting and emptying containers and bags by hand. Please watch for more information in the coming weeks and months as we get ready to switch over to the new collection system. A new website has been set up which will provide you with useful information about the program. Please click and visit: <http://www.automatebeloit.com>

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016**

The attached **agenda** is for the **Tuesday, January 19, 2016 City Council meeting** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Regular and Special Meetings of December 21, 2015 and Special Meeting of January 11, 2016.
- b. Resolution approving a Four-Lot **Certified Survey Map** for the properties located at 2001 and 3620 Gateway Boulevard in the City of Beloit. The intent of the proposed Certified Survey Map is to divide the existing lots at 2001 and 3620 Gateway Blvd. in order to isolate an out-lot containing wetlands/floodway and create three buildable parcels that will be more desirable to developers. Plan Commission reviewed and recommends for approval.
- c. Resolution approving the **Relocation Order** for Easements along Fourth Street near Lenigan Creek to the City of Beloit. The Engineering Department requested a relocation order for a variety of permanent and temporary easements to allow for the reconstruction of the Fourth Street Bridge over Lenigan Creek. The existing bridge structure was built in 1940 and has reached the end of its service life. Plan Commission reviewed and recommends for approval.
- d. An application for a **Planned Unit Development (PUD)** for the property located at 2851 Milwaukee Road (Menards Warehouse Addition). The original PUD authorized total warehouse space of no more than 27,000 sq. ft. The proposed warehouse addition is approximately 22,660 sq. ft. Therefore, the applicant is requesting that the PUD be amended to accommodate the extra square footage. Menards is also proposing various minor changes to the exterior of the store, which will be evaluated by staff under the Architectural Review and Site Plan Review process. This item will be referred to Plan Commission for review and recommendation.
- e. An application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the Zoning District Classification of the property located at 2345 Prairie Avenue (River of Life Methodist Church) from R-1A, Single-Family Residential District to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District. The purpose of the Zoning Map Amendment request is to allow the United Methodist River of Life Church to install an electronic variable messaging (EVM) sign near the location of their existing ground monument sign. This item will be referred to Plan Commission for review and recommendation.
- f. Resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Beloit to submit a **Grant Application** to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) 2016-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Award Cycle. This grant, if received, will construct a new bicycle/pedestrian path in the City. The Milwaukee Road Path and lighting will construct an off road path from White Avenue to Cranston Road with decorative lighting included. It will provide a safe route from the central city to the area of commerce and industry near the Interstate for non-drivers. It also provides safe access to the Fruzen Intermediate School. WisDOT will reimburse the project sponsors for the federal share of up to 80% of the TAP project costs, with the local government responsible for local match. The City of Beloit and the School District of Beloit will split the local match for the design and construction and any nonparticipating costs for this project.

- g. Resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C15-12, Fourth Street Island. This project repaired/replaced the concrete median islands at the intersection of Fourth Street and Portland Avenue with corrugated mountable medians. It is recommended that final payment be made to the contractor.
- h. Resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C15-16, Gateway Lights. This project added LED street lights along Cranston Road west of Gateway Boulevard and along Gateway Boulevard between Cranston Road and the state line. Staff recommends final payment to the contractor.

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation by Hillard Heintze LLC of the Independent **Assessment of the Beloit Police Department**. Ken Bouche and Christi Gullion of Hillard Heintze will present recommendations included in the Independent Assessment of the Beloit Police Department.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JANUARY 18—22, 2016

- Monday, Jan. 18    4:00 p.m.    [Police and Fire Commission Special Meeting](#), Forum
- Tuesday, Jan. 19    6:30 p.m.    [Agenda Review](#), City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
- Tuesday, Jan. 19    7:00 p.m.    [City Council meeting](#), Forum (All City Councilors)
- Tuesday, Jan. 19    7:00 p.m.    [Landmarks Commission](#), City Manager's Conf. Room (A. Kelly)
- Wed., Jan. 20        4:00 p.m.    [Municipal Library Board](#), 605 Eclipse Blvd.
- Wed., Jan. 20        7:00 p.m.    [Plan Commission](#), Forum (C. Kincaid)

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

*This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website: [www.visitbeloit.com](http://www.visitbeloit.com)*

**Beloit Public Library** offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [here](#) for their January/February activities.

Saturday, Jan. 16    3:00 p.m.        **Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration**, Blackhawk Technical College, 6004 S. Co. Rd. G, Janesville, WI

January 29—31        **Beloit Winterfest** activities in various locations. Please see [attached](#) schedule for more information.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

Dated: January 13, 2016  
Lorena Rae Stottler  
City Clerk  
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**AGENDA  
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL  
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511  
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point on the agenda.

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Regular and Special Meetings of December 21, 2015 and Special Meeting of January 11, 2016 (Stottler)
  - b. Resolution approving a Four-Lot **Certified Survey Map** for the properties located at 2001 and 3620 Gateway Boulevard in the City of Beloit  
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0 (Christensen)
  - c. Resolution approving the **Relocation Order** for Easements along Fourth Street near Lenigan Creek to the City of Beloit (Christensen)  
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
  - d. An Application for a **Planned Unit Development (PUD)** for the property located at 2851 Milwaukee Road (Menards Warehouse Addition) (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
  - e. An Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the Zoning District Classification of the property located at 2345 Prairie Avenue (River of Life Methodist Church) from R-1A, Single-Family Residential District to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District (Christensen)  
Refer to Plan Commission
  - f. Resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Beloit to submit a **Grant Application** to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) 2016-2020 Transportation alternatives Program (TAP) Award Cycle (Boysen)
  - g. Resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C15-12, Fourth Street Island (Boysen)
  - h. Resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C15-16, Gateway Lights (Boysen)
7. ORDINANCES – None
  8. APPOINTMENTS – None
  9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation by Hillard Heintze LLC of the Independent **Assessment of the Beloit Police Department** (Hillard Heintze)

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

- \* A quorum of the Police and Fire Commission may be present at this meeting for the purpose of this presentation at agenda item 10.a.
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Dated: January 13, 2016  
Lorena Rae Stottler  
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City of Beloit  
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You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.; Thursday at 8:30 a.m.; and Friday at 1:00 p.m.

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**Police and Fire Commission  
Meeting Notice and Agenda  
Monday, January 18, 2016 @ 4:00 PM  
City Hall / Public Forum  
100 State St, Beloit, Wisconsin**

A special meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Marianne Marshall, HR Director at 364-6612.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Discussion related to the Recruitment Process for Chief of Police with representatives from GovHR.
3. Adjourn

Martin Densch, President  
Police and Fire Commission

Dated: January 14, 2016  
Marianne Marshall  
Human Resources Director  
[www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov)

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 7:00 PM  
Beloit Public Library, Meeting Room, 605 Eclipse Blvd**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the December 15, 2015 Meeting
3. Public Comments
4. Joyce Williams - Certificate of Appropriateness  
COA-2015-55 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove front façade door shutters, install new exterior porch lights, and install window flower boxes on the residential structure located at 811 Chapin Street.
5. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
6. Historic District Signage Discussion
7. Committee Reports
  - A. Education & Outreach Committee
  - B. Grant Writing Committee
  - C. Site Visit Committee
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Approved: Alex Morganroth, Planner  
January 6, 2016

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# beloit public library

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, January 20, 2016 @ 4pm**  
Beloit Public Library Board Room  
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of the December 16, 2015 Library Board minutes
3. Public comment
4. Library Director Report
  - a. 2015 Statistics
  - b. Play & Read Grant
5. Reports
  - a. Foundation
  - b. FABL
  - c. Arrowhead Library System
  - d. Budget Committee
  - e. Strategic Plan Committee
  - f. Personnel Committee
6. Action Items:
  - a. Paid Holidays
  - b. Unattended Child Policy
  - c. Copy Charges Policy
  - d. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
7. Trustee Comments
8. Motion to adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

**Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. To request this service, please contact the library at 364-2908, 605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI**

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
Beloit City Plan Commission  
Wednesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 PM  
The Forum  
Beloit City Hall, First Floor  
100 State Street, Beloit**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the December 22, 2015 Meeting**
3. **Amendment to a Planned Unit Development Master Land Use Plan – Menards - 2851 Milwaukee Road**  
Public hearing, review and consideration of amendment to an Planned Unit Development Master Land Use Plan to allow a warehouse addition of up to 23,000 square feet for total warehouse space of 50,000 square feet
4. **Zoning Map Amendment – River of Life United Methodist Church – 2345 Prairie Avenue**  
Public hearing, review and consideration of a Zoning Map Amendment from R-1A, Single Family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District for the property located at 2345 Prairie Avenue
5. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
6. **Adjournment**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Ashley Rosenbaum in the Planning Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.**

Notice Mailed: January 15, 2016

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community  
Development Director

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# Beloit Winterfest



## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 29:**

- Kick off Winterfest with Family Bingo! Grinnell Hall (631 Bluff Street) from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, all ages welcome, great prizes and refreshments! FREE!
- Build a Snowman! (have no fear!- alternative plans available if we have no snow) BMHS students will be showing us the ropes in outdoor snowman building and decorating. Bundle up and head to BMHS (Field House Entrance) from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. FREE! Please pre register with Trixie, (608) 364-2890 x1 by Wednesday, January 27th.
- Edwards Ice Arena Open Skate with a DJ from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a FREE skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 30:**

- The Beloit Public Library (605 Eclipse Blvd.) 10:00 am to noon will be offering seasonal stories for little ones, snow crafts to make and take, snow-themed snacks to create and enjoy, indoor snowball fights, and activities for teens. Registration is not necessary. FREE!
- The Welty Environmental Center will be showing off their new home at The Big Hill Center, noon to 2:00 pm. Try out snowshoeing with the family and explore the new bike path in Big Hill Park. FREE!
- Open Family Swim at the beautiful BMHS pool. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, \$3.00/person or \$10.00/Family of 4
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a FREE skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
- 4's Co-Ed Adult Volleyball Tournament at Beloit Memorial High School. Competitive level (A/B) entry fee of \$100.00 (cash payout, trophy, & champion t-shirts). Recreational level (C/D/E) entry fee of \$50.00 (trophy & champion t-shirts). Pre-register by January 20th, for more information call Sonya at (608) 364-2890 x3.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 31:**

- **Winterfest Favorite!** Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. FREE!
- The Welty Environmental Center invites all to warm up from the sleigh rides inside the Big Hill Center, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Check out tracking and birds of prey. Hikes too, weather permitting! FREE!
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a FREE skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
- Euchre Tournament at Krueger Haskell Golf Course's Club House at 12:45 pm. \$5.00 entry fee and quarter bumps. **MUST** call 364-2890 Ext. 3 to **pre-register** by January 22nd.

**OPEN DAILY:** \* The Sledding Hill, Hospital Hill on Olympian Blvd \* Cross Country Ski Trails, Turtle Creek and Big Hill Park.  
\* Snow Shoes of all sizes, available for rent! Call for more information, (608) 361-1377.



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For further information on Winterfest activities, feel free to call the Leisure Services Office at 608-364-2890 or come visit us at 1003 Pleasant Street. Office hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

[www.beloitrecreation.com](http://www.beloitrecreation.com)

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**Baby Play Date**  
The 1st & 3rd Thursday at 10 a.m.  
January 7, 21, February 4, 18

**Preschool Discovery Time**  
Wednesdays at 10 & 11 a.m.  
For ages 6 & younger.  
January 6, 13, 20 and 27  
February 3, 17 and 24

**Valentine's Day Party - February 10**  
at 11 a.m. ONLY. If desired, bring a box of signed valentines to share with storytime friends.

## arts & crafts

For kids ages 6 to 12.  
**2nd Thursdays**  
from 4:15-5:15 p.m.  
**January 14**  
Zentangle Pictures

**February 11**  
Valentine Creatures and Paper Valentines

All materials will be provided while supplies last.

## Play and Read Playgroups

**Mondays at 1 p.m.,**  
**Tuesdays at 10 a.m.**  
**Wednesdays at 4 p.m.**

Play and Read is a fun and FREE way for 3-4 year old kids to learn reading skills through play. These playgroups are run by AmeriCorps members and are sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Beloit Library Foundation. Please call 364-5760 to register your child.

## Family Programs

For kids ages 12 and younger and their families (Children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver aged 14 or older.)

**Drop-In Valentine Game Day**  
Friday, February 12  
from 1-4 p.m.



Come in and check out our games. Enjoy jumbo versions of traditional games like checkers, chess, tic tac toe, Yahtzee, Chutes and Ladders and Tangrams. Make and take a game craft. Munch on snacks and play some Valentine's Jingo. It promises some great fun in a relaxing atmosphere.

**Inside Out Movie Party**

Saturday, February 20  
from 2-4:30 p.m.

Come see this new Disney Pixar fun favorite, munch on movie-related snacks, make a game, and create a craft to take home. *Wear a favorite color and/or the color of one of the emotion characters.*



A Tween Program



**Choco Loco**  
Saturday  
February 27  
from 2-3 p.m.

For kids ages 8 to 13. Play games, test your chocolate knowledge, learn fun facts, vote on your favorite kind of chocolate bar, and make a fun treat.

**TumbleBookLibrary**

READ • Watch • Learn  
Animated, talking books!  
Find them at the library website.



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605 Eclipse Boulevard  
Beloit, WI 53511  
(608) 364-2905  
www.beloitlibrary.org

### Hours

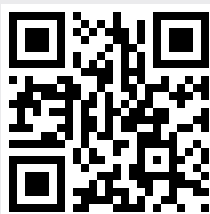
Monday - Thursday  
9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Library Director**  
(608) 364-2917

**Department Phones**  
Adult / Teen Services  
364-2905  
Youth Services  
364-2915  
Circulation 364-2911

The library is wheelchair accessible. Ask about other assistive devices.

*Children 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver age 14 or older.*



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# Around the Library

January/February 2016

A publication of the Beloit Public Library, supported in part by FABL

Connecting our community to the world of ideas where learning never ends.

For the love of picture books:

## 2016 MOCK CALDECOTT



Saturday,  
January 9  
from 1-3 p.m.

A family event for all ages. Learn about the Caldecott award, talk about your favorite books, vote for the winner and enjoy a snack. Enter for a chance to win one of the nominated books and be sure to check out the book display in the Children's Area.

## TOY SWAP



Saturday, February 6  
from 10-11 a.m.

Toys can be expensive. And if you are like most parents, you probably have a whole pile (or two) at home that your preschooler doesn't even look at anymore. Come to the Beloit Public Library on Saturday February 6th from 10 to 11 a.m. and swap out those gently-used toys for some new-to-you toys at our FREE Toy Swap event. Bring a toy, take a toy.

All left over toys will be donated to a local charity.

Popular magazines you want to read!



Over 80 digital magazines are now available from the library catalog, RockCat

## Color Me Calm

Saturdays from 1-3 p.m.  
January 9, 16, 23, 30  
February 6, 13, 20, 27

For teens and adults. Coloring is for everyone! Bring your own special tools or use ours, and we provide the coloring sheets.

## Play and Read

**Registration Event**  
Saturday, January 16  
at 2 p.m.

Join us at the Beloit Public Library for an information session on a FREE literacy enrichment opportunity for Beloit community 3 and 4 year olds and their families. Learn how weekly Play and Read playgroups engage families, prepare kids for school-readiness and spark a lifelong love of reading. A snack will be provided. Call 364-5760 to RSVP for this event.

## Winterfest

Saturday, January 30  
from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

A Family event for all ages. Come celebrate Winterfest at the Library! Participate in fun crafts and other activities involving snow. A snack will be provided.



## African American History Month Performance



Thursday, February 11  
from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Actress Pam Welcome from Historical Interpretations from American History will portray civil rights activist, Harriet Tubman.

"I've had the privilege of seeing Pam Welcome at our local historical society. She's a captivating performer who brings the Civil War era to life."

All ages are invited to this great performance!

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."  
~ Harriet Tubman

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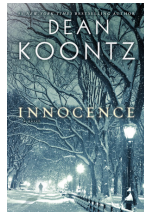
## Let's Talk About Books!

Sponsored by FABL



### BPL/Grinnell Bookies

Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m. at Grinnell Hall Senior Center.  
Books available at the library. Refreshments.  
January 26 - *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah  
February 23 - *Innocence* by Dean Koontz



### 4th Wednesday Book Discussion @ the library

Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. Books available at the library. Refreshments.  
January 27 - *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah  
February 24 - *Innocence* by Dean Koontz

## Booked for Dessert

at Grinnell Hall Senior Center



Wednesdays,  
January 13,  
February 10, 1-2 p.m.

Join Librarian Tina Kakuske for a talk about books over dessert and coffee. Bring your library card to check out what tickles your fancy.

## Computer Classes

Call 364-2905 to register.

### OverDrive

Tuesday, January 5 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Bring your tablet or phone to learn how to download media for free from OverDrive. You must have a library card and PIN before attending the class.

### Basic Internet Searching

Tuesday, January 19 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 26 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Clases de computación en español

Lunes, 25 de Enero de 6:30 a 7:30 p.m.  
Lunes, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 de Febrero de 6:30 a 7:30 p.m. Por adultos. Clases básico de informática dadas por la Profesora Maddy Powers.

### Selling on Ebay

Tuesday, February 2 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### PowerPoint Basics

Tuesday, February 16 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 23 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### Tablet 1 on 1

Friday, January 22 from 12-2 p.m.  
Friday, February 26 from 12-2 p.m.  
Drop in with your tablet and get one-on-one help from our staff. First come, first served.



**Focus on You! Information Series**

2 programs presented by Jesse Grutz, a licensed health insurance professional. No registration required.

### Getting to Know Medicare

Tuesday, January 12 from 6-7 p.m.

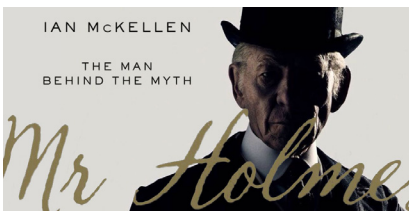
### Social Security / Retirement Income

Thursday, January 21 from 6-7 p.m.

## FABL Film Nights

Free films you want to see!  
First Wednesdays at 6 p.m.  
Movie refreshments provided.  
For adults. Sponsored by FABL

January 6 - "Mr. Holmes"  
PG-13. Enter to win the Blu-ray.

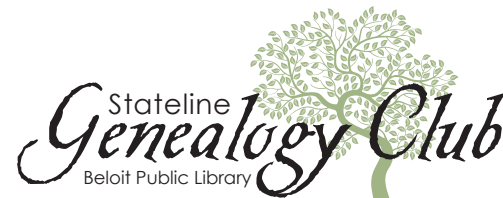


February 3 - "Straight Outta Compton" Rated R.



The "BPL Book Talk Tote" program allows book groups to check out a bag of everything they'll need for their book discussion!

Each bag contains 8 copies of a book and a printed list of discussion questions and author information. Stop at the reference desk for more information.



Anyone interested in researching their family roots or in history in general is welcome to attend. Fridays from 10 a.m.-12 noon

### January 8

"Using Google Earth for Genealogists", a webinar by Lisa Louise Cook

### February 12

"Genealogy: Where Do I Begin?" Lori B. Bessler, Wisconsin Historical Society WHS webinar.

For more information: Vicki Hahn, 364-5756, vhahn@beloitlibrary.org.

### Financial Wellness:

How to Help Yourself Start Building and Enjoying Wealth presented by Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Beloit/Janesville.

### Monday January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Start the New Year financially fit. Learn key concepts and skills to reduce your money stress, create financial peace and increase your net worth.

Includes 10 life lessons to create financial freedom, common money mistakes and the "Now I Get It Family Spending Plan."

Attendees who complete the program will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 or \$25 gift card.



### Saturday, January 16 from 1-3 p.m.

Join Karen Demaree, Wisconsin Quilts of Valor state coordinator, to learn about the Quilts of Valor program, whose mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. See beautiful quilts and learn how you can participate in this project.

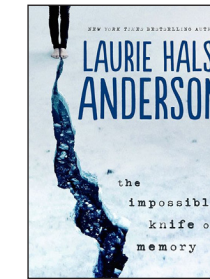


The library has Health Insurance Marketplace help on Mondays 4-7 p.m. and Thursdays 5:30-8 p.m. throughout January. Walk-ins are welcome. First come, first serve.

**Adopt-a-Shelf Volunteer Training**  
Monday, January 18 from 3-5 p.m.  
A program for volunteers to help keep the library items in correct order by "shelf-reading" at the library.

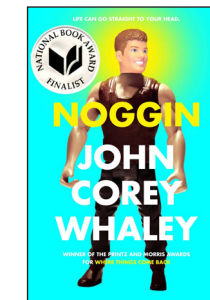
# Teen Programs

**PaperBacked!**  
YA Book Club for ages 12-18  
Pizza served.



Monday, January 18  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

*The Impossible Knife of Memory*  
by Laurie Halse Anderson



Monday, February 15  
from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

*Noggin*  
by John Corey Whaley

## TEEN WRITERS' WORKSHOP



For ages 12-18.

Join a writing and editing duo to learn how to develop your writing skills. Character development, plot, pacing and more!

Tuesdays,  
January 12, February 9  
from 5:30-7 p.m.



### No School Fridays

For ages 12-18.

### January 15

Mini Weapons of Mass Destruction Part 1, 12- 2 p.m.,  
Drop-in Surprise Craft, 12-2 p.m.

### February 12

Mini Weapons of Mass Destruction Part 2, 12-2 p.m.  
Drop-in Surprise Craft, 12-2 p.m.  
What's the Code?, 1-2 p.m.



### Saturday, January 30

from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Come celebrate Winterfest at the Library! Make something wintry! We will provide the supplies. For ages 12-18.



Free downloadable audiobooks, ebooks, movies, music, comics, and television.

More information coming soon!



Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.  
January 13 & February 10

Bring your own Yu-Gi-Oh or gaming cards. Other board, card and Wii games available. Gaming cart and Xbox. Refreshments.