



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### **HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

As 2016 comes to a close, I would like to extend my gratitude to many people for making this past year a success and looking to an even better 2017. First, my heartfelt thanks to a supportive City Council that works as a whole to place the interests of our entire community above all else. With their leadership we have a new revised Strategic Plan that emphasizes the following values:

- B** – Be safe: Safety comes first. We each play a role in the health, safety and welfare of the public at large and must act in ways that enhance our own personal safety, the safety of our co-workers and those we serve.
- E** – Ethical behavior: We are dedicated to high ethical and moral standards and uncompromising honesty in our dealings with the public and each other. We do what we say we are going to do.
- L** – Leadership is developed and shared throughout the organization with an emphasis on continuous improvement.
- O** – Outstanding public service: We are committed to providing outstanding services to our diverse public and internal customers.
- I** – Inclusion of diverse people and ideas: We respect the unique contributions of our fellow employees, citizens, groups, and organizations throughout the community by seeking out their opinions, talents, and needs.
- T** – Teamwork to creatively solve problems: We are a team of diverse employees, working internally across departments and divisions, as well as externally with our many stakeholders to creatively solve problems.

Secondly, a big thanks to all of our staff for working to achieve our mission to Provide Outstanding Public Service.

Last but certainly not least, the purpose for our existence, thank you to the residents and businesses of Beloit - You make Beloit the best place in the world to live, work and play.

Safe and Happy Holidays to you All -

*Lori S. Curtis Luther*

*City Manager*

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The Library will be closed for the holidays on:

- Saturday, December 24th, reopening Monday, December 26th.
- Saturday, December 31st, reopening Monday, January 2nd.

The outside book drop is open 24 hours a day and renewals can be done through your RockCat Account. Please see the Library's webpage for more information.

- City offices will be **closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26** in observance of the Christmas Holiday and **closed on Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2** in observance of the New Year's Holiday.
- Trash and recycling collection will be on schedule throughout the Christmas and New Year's holidays. There will be no interruption in pick-up service.
- The Recycling Drop Off Center at 2351 Springbrook Court will be closed on December 24, December 31 and January 7, 2017.

## LOW FLYING HELICOPTER

On Saturday, December 24, 2016, Corporate Contractors Inc. (CCI) will be working on the YMCA building renovation at the Ironworks campus in downtown Beloit. CCI has informed City Building Officials that Saturday's work will involve the use of a low-flying helicopter to lift materials onto the roof. This work is expected to begin around 7:30 a.m. and may continue for several hours.

Residents who observe a low-flying helicopter in the vicinity of the Ironworks campus on Saturday morning need not be alarmed. CCI has assured the City that all construction activities will fully abide by the City's Noise Ordinance, which prohibits construction noise between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED FOR JANUARY 3, 2017

No business items were submitted for City Council consideration on January 3.

## BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

[Attached](#) is the January and February, 2017 issue of "Around the Library" schedule of various events and activities at the Beloit Public Library.

## BELOIT TRANSIT ROUTE CHANGES—DECEMBER 27, 2016

The Beloit Transit System will be implementing some route changes starting December 27, 2016. A new website has been launched with new, interactive maps, a trip planning tool using Google Maps, and a new Rider's Guide. For more information, please see their new website: [www.beloittransit.com](http://www.beloittransit.com)

## FINAL "BELOIT REPORT" OF 2016

This is the final issue of the "Beloit Report" for 2016. Look for the next issue on January 6, 2017. Happy New Year!

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR—DECEMBER 26—JANUARY 6, 2017

Monday, December 26		City offices closed
Monday, December 26	Cancelled	Traffic Review
Monday, December 26	Cancelled	Police and Fire Commission (To be rescheduled)
Wed., December 28	Cancelled	Community Development Authority (To be rescheduled)
Friday, December 30		City offices closed
Monday, January 2		City offices closed
Tuesday, January 3	Cancelled	City Council Meeting
Wed., January 4	4:30 p.m.	Special Community Development Authority meeting, Forum (M. Preuschl and R. Hendrix)
Wed., January 4	Cancelled	Plan Commission

## 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)

December 23 4:00—5:00 p.m. **“Music for the Season”** at Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse, featuring Enrique Chambers and Friends Jazz Up Christmas. Free and open to the public!

January 27—29 **Beloit Winterfest**, packed full of family fun, including outdoor and indoor festivities. More information to come!



### Early Literacy and Reading Readiness

#### Baby Play Date

The 1st & 3rd Thursday at 10 a.m.  
January 5, 19, February 2, 16

#### Preschool Discovery Time

Wednesdays at 10 & 11 a.m.  
For ages 6 & younger.

January 4, 11, 18, 25  
February 1, 8\*, 15, 22

\*Special Storytime: Feb 8th – 11 a.m. only  
No 10 a.m. story time - Valentine's Day Party- if desired, bring a box of signed valentines for your story time friends.

## ABC playgroup

ALL BELOIT CHILDREN

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.  
February 7, 14, 21 and 28

ABC Playgroup is a fun and FREE way for 2-3-4 year old kids to learn reading skills through playing, singing, talking and writing.

Space is limited, Please call 364-2915 beginning January 9th to register your child in the ABC Playgroup.

## arts & crafts

For kids ages 6 to 12.  
2nd Thursdays from 4:15-5:15 p.m.

#### January 12

Mystery Painting-Come see what medium we will use to "brighten" this snowy month.

#### February 9

Bird Treat Crafts to Celebrate National Bird Feeding Month  
All materials will be provided while supplies last.



In February, celebrate National Bird Feeding Month by stopping in and checking out the purple book display in the Children's area. Find out ways that you can help birds through activity/project ideas available at the desk. Enjoy books on birds and discover information about them and their environments.

#### Two Family Programs for kids ages 12 and younger and their families:

#### We're Having a Heatwave! Drop-In Game Day Friday, February 10 from 2-4:30 p.m.

Get in the spirit of the event by munching on tropical snacks and creating an island costume. Enjoy jumbo versions of traditional games like dominoes, checkers, chess, tic tac toe, Yahtzee, Chutes and Ladders and Tangrams. It promises some great fun in a relaxing atmosphere.

#### The Secret Life of Pets Movie Party

Saturday, February 18 from 2- 4:30 p.m.

Attention, Pet Lovers! Come see this new fun favorite, munch on movie-related snacks, play a game, and create a craft to take home.



Children ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver aged 14 or older.



## beloit public library

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

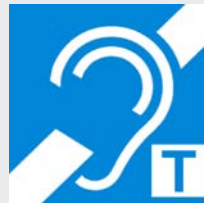
Adult / Teen Services 364-2905  
Youth Services 364-2915  
Circulation 364-2911

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

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

#### Hearing Loops

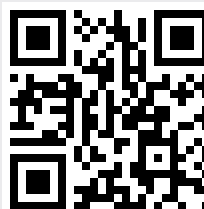
The library now has hearing loops for patrons who use hearing aids or cochlear implants.



#### What is a hearing loop?

A hearing loop is a wire that circles a meeting room or a service desk and is connected to a sound system.

The loop transmits sound electromagnetically to a wireless receiver called a T-coil in the user's hearing aid or cochlear implant.



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# Around the Library

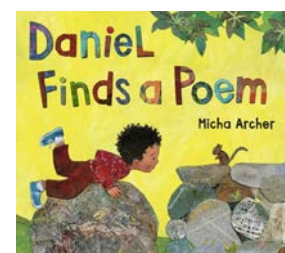
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Connecting our community to the world of ideas where learning never ends.

For the love of picture books:

## 2017 MOCK CALDECOTT



Saturday, January 21 from 2-4 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



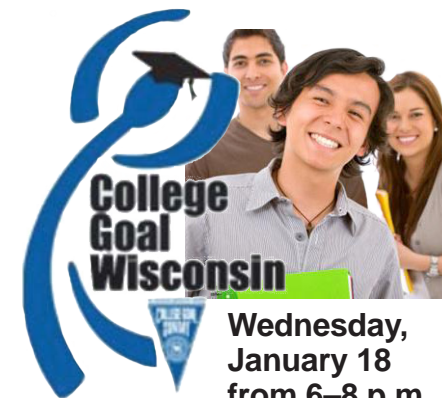
Saturday, February 18 from 1-2 p.m.

Come to the Beloit Public Library to swap out those gently-used toys for some new-to-you toys at our FREE toy swap. Bring a toy, take a toy. All left over toys will be donated to a local charity.



## Read for Fines!

Mondays-Thursdays from 4-7 p.m.  
Reduce your overdue fines by \$1 for every 15 minutes read at the library. For ages 12 and under. Stop by or call the Youth Services Desk for more details.



Wednesday, January 18 from 6-8 p.m.

For teens and adults. Find out about financial aid for college and filling out the FAFSA. Experts will be on hand for a presentation, to answer questions, and to give help with the FAFSA application. Enter a drawing for a scholarship.



WINTERFEST!  
Saturday, January 28 from 10 a.m.-12 noon

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



Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
February 7, 14, 21, 28.

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

## "From a Birth of Freedom to a New Birth of Freedom"



Thursday, February 2 at 6 p.m.

For all ages. Celebrate the birthday of our Sixteenth President, Abraham Lincoln when he visits the Beloit Public Library. See and hear Lincoln's words and thoughts as portrayed by Kevin J. Wood, aka "Mr. Lincoln."

## Reminisce Beloit!

African-American History Month  
Monday, February 20 from 10-11:30 a.m.

For adults. Share your memories of living in Beloit. Bring your stories, photographs and keepsakes of local history to be copied for the Library's Genealogy and Local History Collection.



Bring your memories to the library!

Something you do for yourself!

# BOOK GROUPS

Read the book, join the discussion!

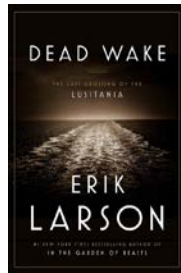
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## BPL/Grinnell Bookies

Meets from 1-2 p.m. at Grinnell Hall Senior Center.

## 4th Wednesday Book Discussion

Meets at 7 p.m. at Beloit Public Library

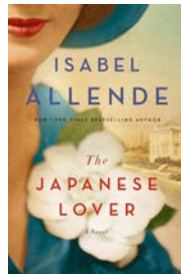


### Dead Wake

by Erik Larson

Tues/Wed January 24/25

"A century later, the Lusitania remains a daunting subject just as it remains a daunting shipwreck — a dark realm, full of secrets and lost souls."



### The Japanese Lover

by Isabel Allende

Tues/Wed February 21/22

"The Japanese Lover is a moving tribute to the constancy of the human heart in a world of unceasing change."

Books available at the library. Refreshments.

# Booked for Dessert!



Yes! Dessert is served!

at Grinnell Hall Senior Center  
Wednesdays, Jan 11/ Feb 8  
from 1-2 p.m.



## Book Talks! with Tina Kakuske from Beloit Public Library

Bring your library card to check out books that pique your interest!

# FABL Film Nights

A film series for adults.

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Friends At Beloit Library

Free films you want to see!

1st Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Movie refreshments provided.

Come to the movie and sign up to win the Blu-ray copy of the film and a copy of the book.



January 4  
Florence Foster Jenkins



February 1  
The Light Between Oceans

# Crafternoon

## Preemie Caps!

Saturday, January 7 from 1-3 p.m.

For teens and adults. Learn how to make a tiny hat for a tiny newborn.

## Valentines

Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1-3 p.m.

For teens and adults. Make unique Valentine Mason Jars for the ones you love.

# STATELINE beloit public library NIGHT WRITERS

Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m.

January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22

For adults. Are you a writer who would like to meet other writers for hints, tips, suggestions, and encouragement? Join group leader Jerry Peterson as we work on writing...together.

# Stataline Genealogy Club

Beloit Public Library

Anyone interested in researching their family roots, or in history in general, is welcome to attend.  
Second Friday of the month from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

## January 13

"Got Illinois Ancestors? A Guide to Prairie State Genealogy", webinar by Thomas MacEntee.

## February 10

"Evidence: Guidelines for Evaluating Genealogical Evidence", webinar by Linda Woodward Geiger.

For more information: Vicki Hahn, 608-364-5756, [vhahn@beloitlibrary.org](mailto:vhahn@beloitlibrary.org).

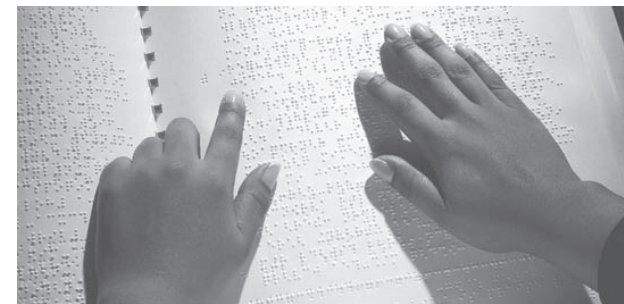
## The Stataline Genealogy Club Blog

Find interesting articles, links and discussions at: [statalinegenealogyclub.wordpress.com/](http://statalinegenealogyclub.wordpress.com/)

## Everything About Braille

Monday, January 30 at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

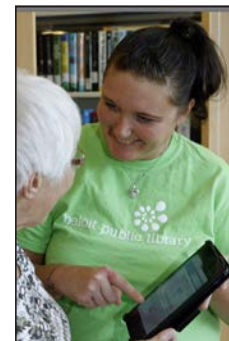
For teens and adults. Join presenter Kim Caswell to learn about braille, in observation of National Braille Literacy Month.



## Adopt-a-Shelf Volunteer Training

Monday, Jan. 16 from 10 a.m.-12 noon

For teens and adults. Join Vicki Hahn for a training session to become an Adopt-A-shelf volunteer.



## Tech Time 1 on 1

Fridays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24

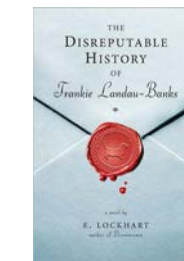
For adults. Drop in with your tech questions and mobile device to get 1 on 1 help from our staff. First come, first served.

# PaperBacked!

YA Book Club for ages 12-18  
Pizza served.



Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.



## January 16

*The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks* by E. Lockhart

Lockhart creates a unique, indelible character in Frankie, whose oddities only make her more realistic, and teens will be galvanized by her brazen action and her passionate, immediate questions about gender and power, individuals and institutions, and how to fall in love without losing herself.



## February 13

*I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson

A wild, beautiful, and profoundly moving novel. Jandy Nelson's writing is so electric, so alive, her pages practically glow in the dark." Printz Award Winner Stonewall Honor Book

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# Gaming Club



This is the place for teen gaming: Cards, Wii & Xbox, Board, and Social.

Refreshments provided.

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

January 11, 25, February 8, 22

Come game with us!

