



# BPLinks

## the newsletter

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### Support BPL on #GivingTuesday November 27



#### #FFBPLGivingTuesday—Libraries are Our Best Social Infrastructure

The Friends Foundation of the Birmingham Public Library encourages you to commit your energy and your resources to advocate the cause of public libraries to our public officials. Then, on #GivingTuesday, November 27, give a donation to the Friends Foundation of the Birmingham Public Library, whose mission is to promote the programs, services, and partnerships of BPL through fundraising, advocacy, and outreach.

[Donate to #FFBPLGivingTuesday](#)

### Holiday Program Highlights



Birmingham Public Library is hosting nearly 100 holiday programs to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas between now and New Year's Day. Clockwise: Participants made melted crayon ornaments and learned to play holiday songs on the ukulele at Avondale Regional Branch Library; and crafted fall candles at the Titusville Branch Library and 3D wreaths at the Wylam Branch Library. Check out our schedule of programs on the [events calendar](#).

### Circulating Board Games at Eastwood Branch Library



On November 5 the Eastwood Branch Library made available for checkout the following board games (all geared for patrons middle school age and up): King of Tokyo, Carcassonne, Forbidden Island, Ticket to Ride, Farkel, Pandemic, Azul, Puerto Rico, Dice Town, Catan, and the Downfall of Pompeii. Board games can be checked out with a valid adult library card for one week. [Read More](#)

### BPL Resources & Services



#### Fall Inspiration

by Selina Johnson, Wylam Library

Fall is simply inspiring. It is about renewal and getting prepared for the upcoming holiday seasons. Now is a perfect time to get a thorough house cleaning underway, pull the fall and winter décor out, and prepare for making your favorite fall and winter recipes. [Read More](#)



#### Saving for Retirement

by Alisha Johnson, Ensley Library

More and more seniors are finding themselves facing a life of never-ending work and they never thought of being employed well into their 70s; however, there are some who have worked a number of odds and ends jobs but never held a steady job that paid into Social Security or a pension fund. [Read More](#)

### What We're Reading at BPL



#### The Broken Girls by Simone St. James

Reviewed by Mary Beth Newbill, Southern History Department, Central Library

I completely devoured Simone St. James's latest novel over the course of a weekend. If you're a fan of spooky, gothic mysteries get this book immediately. It has all the right elements: an abandoned girls' school that may or may not be haunted, two murders, romance, an escaped Nazi war criminal, a crooked small town police force, and an overall atmosphere of foreboding. [Read More](#)

### Upcoming Events & Closures

**"Thanks for Being Our Patron" Drawing**  
Ongoing through November 18, North Birmingham Library

**Body Changers**  
November 19, 1:00 p.m., Springville Road Library

**Free Genealogy DNA Transfer Opportunities**  
November 19, 2:15 p.m., Central Library

**Sit and Get Fit**  
November 20, 10:00 a.m., Pratt City Library

**Book Page Art @ Try-It-Out Tuesday**  
November 27, 4:00 p.m. Five Points West Library

**Careers, College, and Financial Aid**  
November 28, 10:30 a.m., Central Library

**Fiber Arts on Fifth Avenue**  
November 28, 2:00 p.m., Avondale Library

**Annual Christmas Tree Lighting**  
November 29, 3:30 p.m., West End Library

**Dolores Hydock Performs A Christmas Memory**  
December 2, 3:00 p.m., Central Library

**All Birmingham Public Library Locations Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday**  
November 22-25



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