



1914 ~ 2014 Library Celebrates 100 Years in 2014

In 2014, the Brookfield Public Library will celebrate its 100-year anniversary. The Library first opened its doors on June 27, 1914. The original building was funded through a Carnegie grant thanks to the concerted efforts of the Brookfield Woman's Club, a group still active in Brookfield today.

Over time, the Library has grown alongside Brookfield to serve the varied needs of the community. From expanding print and digital collections to acquiring and instructing residents in the use of new technologies, the Library's founding goals are as central today as they were in 1914. Library stakeholders past and present have been guided by the philosophy that all knowledge is worth preserving and making accessible in a community forum/gathering place. Stakeholders have also been preparing to serve the community for the next century through the designs set forth in the Library Improvement Plan.

We invite you to celebrate the Library's rich history with us as we look forward to the next 100 years of service to the residents of Brookfield. A full year's worth of Centennial Anniversary programming and events will take place January 2014 through December 2014, with the main Centennial Celebration taking place in late June. See the January/February 2014 newsletter for complete details.

Library Centennial Vehicle Sticker Design Contest

Be a part of the Brookfield Public Library's Centennial celebration by entering our Centennial Vehicle Sticker Design Contest. Submit a design that celebrates the Library's Centennial. The winning entry will be selected for use as the Village of Brookfield's 2014-2015 resident parking sticker.

Library Centennial Vehicle Sticker Design Contest

Official Entry Form

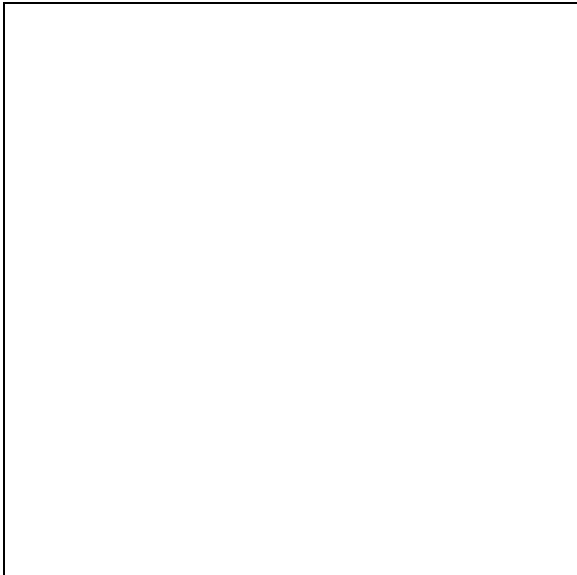
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Contest Rules

- Open to all ages.
- Must include wording such as Brookfield Public Library, "Our First 100 Years" or 1914-2014.
- Designs must be the artist's original creation; no copyrighted material or trademarks can be used.
- Entries must be submitted by December 5 to the Brookfield Public Library.
- Judging will be based on creativity, artistic quality, design, neatness, and adherence to the theme.
- Winners will be announced the second week of December.



Submit entries in person at the Information Desk or via email to reference@brookfieldlibrary.info. For questions contact the Library at 708-485-6917.



The Holidays Are Coming!

See inside for complete descriptions of all of our holiday activities!

Happy Holidays

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Register in person, by phone, (708) 485-6917, ext. 130 or online @ www.brookfieldlibrary.info/calendar.
Space is limited and registration is ongoing until programs fill.



November & December Programs

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy Thursday, November 7, 7 p.m.

November marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Historian Jim Gibbons presents a look at this tragic day in our nation's history.

Harley-Davidson: The Inside Story Saturday, November 9, 1 p.m.

Jean Davidson, granddaughter of Harley-Davidson co-founder Walter Davidson, offers a rare and exciting look into this legendary motorcycling family.
Registration required; priority is given to Brookfield residents.



Understanding the Insurance Exchange Tuesday, November 12, 7 p.m.

Courtenay Erb from Access Benefit Plan Consultants explains the Insurance Exchange and answer your questions.

ComEd Smart Meter Wednesday, November 13, 7 p.m.

ComEd is updating to Smart Meters in Brookfield. Find out how the new Smart Meters benefit you; get to know the Smart Grid and how it helps improve reliability; and explore MyEnergyTools, which tracks how you use energy and helps you save money.

Hoosier Mama Book of Pie Monday, November 18, 7 p.m.

Paula Haney, owner of the Hoosier Mama Pie Company, demonstrates how to make the perfect pie crust! A pie tasting and book signing will follow the presentation.



It's a Wrap! Monday, December 2, 7 p.m.

Create the most eco-friendly and beautiful packaging on the planet. The Prairie Godmothers demonstrate stunning, yet low-cost, gift wrapping using natural elements and recycled papers, ribbons, and boxes.

Soy Candle Workshop Wednesday, December 11, 7 p.m.

Bring a mug or teacup to this hands-on workshop and up-cycle it into a unique soy wax candle.
Space is limited and registration is required.

Christmas Tree Ship & Haunted White House Monday, December 16, 7 p.m.

Local ghost lore expert Bob Trzeciak shares the story of the Haunted Christmas Tree Ship, as well as tales of the haunted history of the White House.



Printing Workshops

Registration, with a 24-hour cancellation policy, is required for all 3D Printing workshops.

Introduction to 3D Printing

- Monday, November 4, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, November 25, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 23, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, December 30, 6:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of 3D printing and create a basic image to be printed by the Library's MakerBot Replicator 2 3D printer!

Open 3D "Printing Lab"

Saturday, November 16, 2:30 p.m.

Design an ornament for your tree at home or for the Library's trees.

3D Blender Workshop

Wednesdays, November 20, 27, and December 4, 6:30 p.m.

Take your 3D imaging skills to the next level with the 3D design software Blender.
**This class is a 3-part series.
You must be able to attend each session.*



3D Holiday Design Challenge

Show off your holiday spirit in 3D design! Design the ultimate tree topper! The winning entries will don the top of the Brookfield Library's Christmas tree or the Library's tree at Brookfield Zoo. The winners will also receive a free printout of their own.

Entries must be submitted in **.stl** format via email to reference@brookfieldlibrary.info by Monday, November 18, 9 p.m.

Good luck and
Happy Holidays!



Computer Classes

Registration, with a 24-hour cancellation policy, is required for all computer classes.

Excel 2010, Part 1

Thursday, November 7, 7 p.m.

Intro to Computers & Internet Basics

Wednesday, November 20, 2 p.m.

Excel 2010, Part 2

Thursday, November 14, 7 p.m.

NEW! Pinterest 101

Saturday, December 7, 2 p.m.

Microsoft Word 2010, Part 1

Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m.

Microsoft Word 2010, Part 2

Thursday, December 12, 7 p.m.

Email for Seniors

Wednesday, December 18, 2 p.m.

Book & Film Discussions, Drop-In Groups



Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Date Change!

Now meeting on *Wednesdays* at the Library

Horns by Joe Hill

Wednesday, November 6, 6 p.m.

Ignatius Perrish spent the night drunk and doing terrible things. He woke up the next morning with a thunderous hangover, a raging headache . . . and a pair of horns growing from his temples.

Storm Front by Jim Butcher

Wednesday, December 4, 6 p.m.

For Harry Dresden, Chicago's only professional wizard, business, to put it mildly, stinks. So when the police bring him in to consult on a grisly double murder committed with black magic, Harry's seeing dollar signs.



Wye Valley Book Club

Meets at the Wye Valley Apartments, Cantata Campus

Bad Monkey by Carl Hiaasen

Monday, November 11, 2:30 p.m.

Suspended cop Andrew Yancy has a logical explanation for why he has a human arm in his freezer, but not for how and why it parted from its shadowy owner.

Nim Chimpsky by Elizabeth Hess

Monday, December 9, 2:30 p.m.

Nim Chimpsky is a research chimp with his feet in both worlds—neither fully chimp, nor fully human. When the funding ends for Project Nim, problems begin for Nim.



Girls' Night Out Book Club

Meets at the Salt Creek Wine Bar

The Spellman Files by Lisa Lutz

Monday, November 11, 7 p.m.

Cracking a case can get complicated and outrageously wacky when a family of detectives is involved.

Blue Christmas

by Mary Kay Andrews

Monday, December 9, 7 p.m.

This Christmas, antique shop owner Weezie Foley is sure she'll win the Savannah historical district's window decorating contest.



Third Tuesday Book Club

Meets at the Library

The Transformation of

Bartholomew Fortuno

by Ellen Bryson

Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m.

The World's Thinnest Man is hired by the famous P.T. Barnum, and works closely with the Bearded Lady.

Midwives

by Chris Bohjalian

Tuesday, December 17, 7 p.m.

A devoted midwife performs an emergency C-section to save a client's baby. The resulting trial is reported by her teenage daughter.



Non-Fiction Book Club

Meets at Irish Times

A Great and Godly Adventure

by Godfrey Hodgson.

Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m.

Learn the real story about Plymouth and the holiday all Americans celebrate.

The Man Who Invented Christmas

by Les Staniford

Thursday, December 26, 7 p.m.

Charles Dickens was down and out, and so was the signal holiday of the Western world. Enter Scrooge.

Drop-In Groups

FOL Writers' Workshop

Mondays, November 4 & 18, 7 p.m.

Mondays, December 2 & 16, 7 p.m.

If you write poetry or prose, join the Friends of the Library Writers' Workshop. New participants are always welcome.

Knitting Club

Wednesdays, November 6 & 20, 7 p.m.

Wednesdays, December 4 & 18, 7 p.m.

Blanket Knitalong 2013 is well underway! Blanket Squares are due by Wednesday, December 4 to be considered for the prize drawing. Squares should be 9x9 inches and knit or crocheted in washable fibers. Blankets will be donated to Project Linus and the Hines VA Hospital.

Film Discussions

Shun Li and the Poet (Italy)

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

When Shun Li meets Bepi, an old fisherman and poet, a delicate bond grows between them, shattering their solitudes.



La Sirga (Colombia)

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.

Devastated by war memories, Alice tries to reshape her life in La Sirga, a decadent hostel on the shore of a lake in the Andes.



Movie Matinees

Iron Man 3

Saturday, November 23, 2 p.m.

When Tony Stark, aka Iron Man, finds his world reduced to rubble, he must use all of his ingenuity to survive, destroy his enemy, and somehow protect those he loves.



A Christmas Story

Saturday, December 14, 2 p.m.

Ralphie mounts a full-scale Santa-begging campaign in hopes of getting his dream Christmas present...a genuine Red Ryder 200-shot carbine action air rifle.



Register in person, by phone at (708) 485-6917, ext. 140, or online @ www.brookfieldlibrary.info/calendar
Brookfield residents have priority registration for all programs.

Special Needs Playgroup

Registration required. Attendance is limited to 10 children, ages 2—12, plus their adult caregivers.



Saturday, November 2, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 7, 11:30 a.m.

Special needs children ages 2—12 are invited to a new playgroup. Children can practice their social, communication, and participation skills through interactive play and activities.

Special Holiday Activities

Registration required

Ms. Clara's Mini Musicians Holiday Event

Saturday, December 7, 12 p.m.

Kids ages 4 months through 3 years and their parents are invited to join early childhood music specialist Clara D'Onofrio for fun holiday music. The class will end promptly at 12:45 p.m. to allow for families to go to Village Hall to see Santa arrive via horse-drawn sleigh!



Pint-Sized Picassos

Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.

Come for a special art-based storytime with stories, songs, and an art project! Make sure your artist is dressed for mess and ready to have fun!
Ages 2—5 with adult



Holiday Family Pajama Storytime

Friday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a special after-hours evening of stories, crafts, music, games and refreshments as we celebrate the holiday season with our 9th Annual Holiday Family Pajama Storytime.
Admission is free, but registration is required. All ages with adult.



Fall Storytimes

Registration required. Please register for only one session per child. Storytime sessions end the week of November 11.

Book Babies	Wednesdays	11:30 a.m.	Ages 4—23 months with adult
	Thursdays	11:30 a.m.	
Terrific 2s & 3s	Tuesdays	10:30 a.m.	Ages 2—3 with adult
	Tuesdays	11:15 a.m.	
	Wednesdays	10:30 a.m.	
Fantastic 4s & 5s	Wednesdays	1:15 p.m.	Ages 4—5, adult waits in Library
	Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	
Jammin' Family Storytime	Wednesdays	6:45 p.m.	Wear your jammies! All ages with adult

Drop-In Programs & Storytimes

All ages with adult

Book Fiesta

Saturday, November 2, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.

Songs and stories in English and Spanish, plus a fun craft!

La hora de cuentos en inglés y en español incluye la lectura, rimas, y canciones. El programa dura 30 minutos y no se necesita registrar anteriormente.

NEW! Blocktacular

Saturday, November 2, 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 7, 1 p.m.

Come to the Library for our new wooden block program!

Get creative and help jump start learning and early literacy skills. See what you can build!



Saturday Family Storytime

Saturday, November 9, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.

Drop in for stories, songs, and a fun craft!

Legomania

Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.

Be a Lego architect and build your dreams with Legos. Your creations will be displayed in the Library for a month.

Fall Reading Programs



Fall Reading Programs continue through Saturday, November 16. There's still time to read what you like and win weekly incentive prizes.

Registration for the Winter Reading Program, Chill Out & Read, and winter storytimes will begin on Monday, January 6.

Register in person, by phone at (708) 485-6917, ext. 140, or online @ www.brookfieldlibrary.info/calendar
Brookfield residents have priority registration for all programs.

November & December Programs

Registration required

Creative Kids

Friday—Sunday, November 1—3, All Day

Saturday—Sunday, December 7—8, All Day

Bring out your creative spirit for the holidays! Budding artists can stop by the Youth Services Desk for our popular do-it-yourself craft kits.

First Friday Face Time

Friday, November 1, 4 p.m.

Join your friends and welcome in the weekend! This new group is for 4th—6th graders. We'll be doing something different every month, so drop by Youth Services to see what we've got planned!

Drop-in; Grades 4—6

Gaming Extravaganza

Tuesday, November 12, 4 p.m.

MarioKart? Monopoly? The possibilities are endless at this fun gaming program!

Grades 1—5

Woolly Bully Book Club

Thursdays, November 14 & December 12, 4 p.m.

A book club for young readers and pre-readers. Come explore books, make crafts, and have fun!

Grades K—2

R.E.A.D. to the Dogs

Tuesdays, November 19 & December 17, 4 p.m.

Practice reading with a new furry friend.

Grades 1—3. Registration required by phone or in person. For more information, contact Youth Services.

Junior Geeks

Thursday, November 21, 4 p.m.

Young explorers can discover cool science.

Grades K—2

Reading Patch Club

Tuesday, November 26, 4 p.m.

Read a book from our themed list and earn a cool patch! Select a book when you sign up!

Grades 3—6

Pokémania

Wednesday, December 4, 4 p.m.

If you're crazy about Pokémon, this is the program for you. Learn more about Pokémon on the Library laptops. Bring your trading cards to show or swap if you like. *This program is limited to 8 participants, so sign up early. Grades 1—5*

Geek Lab

Thursday, December 5, 4 p.m.

Conduct amazing experiments at Geek Lab!

Grades 3—5

Special BLAST Event

BLAST Family Literacy & Music Night

Tuesday, December 10, 5 p.m.

Families and friends of this fall's BLAST (Brookfield Library After School Time) participants are invited for an evening showcase of BLAST's accomplishments this fall.

For BLAST participants & their families

November & December Special Events

Registration required

Magic Workshop

Saturday, November 2, 4 p.m.

Kids will have a great time learning thrilling and entertaining tricks from the Magic Team of Gary Kantor! All materials are provided; each child will receive a magic kit to take home.

Grades 1—5



Thanksgiving Craft Spectacular

Wednesday, November 20, 4:00 p.m.

Get ready for Thanksgiving! Join us for a Thanksgiving craft bonanza, where we'll decorate Thanksgiving cookies, create Thanksgiving wreaths, and more.

Grades Kindergarten & up

Holiday Family Pajama Storytime

Friday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a special after-hours evening of stories, crafts, music, and games at our annual Holiday Family Pajama Storytime.

All ages with adult

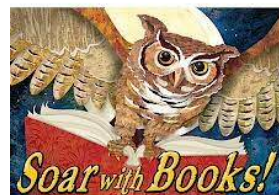


Skittles® Holiday Bingo

Friday, December 27, 1:00 p.m.

The holiday is over...school's closed...what to do? Come play Skittles Holiday Bingo with us.

All ages, under 8 with adult



Soar With Books! Fall Reading Program

The Fall Reading Program **Soar With Books** continues through Saturday, November 16. There's still time to read what you like and win weekly incentive prizes.

*Many thanks to
Flying High Sports &
Rec Center for their
sponsorship of the
Fall Reading Program!*

Registration for the Winter Reading Program, Chill Out & Read will begin on Monday, January 6.

Call the Youth Services Department at (708) 485-6917, ext. 140, or visit www.brookfieldlibrary.info/youngadults/blog for more information.

November & December Schedule

YA programs are open to kids ages 11—High School unless otherwise noted.

AniManga Club

Mondays, November 4 & 18, 4 p.m.

Mondays, December 2 & 16, 4 p.m.

Like Pocky? Like Anime and Manga? Join the AniManga Club twice a month or a new Anime movie or series and Japanese snacks!



Gamer's Paradise

Friday, November 8, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, December 13, 3:30 p.m.

Bring your laptop and gaming savvy to our Gamer's Paradise program. Check out all our gaming systems, including the Nintendo DS! Snacks are provided.

NEW! Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Monday, November 11, 4 p.m.

Monday, December 9, 4 p.m.

Do you want to be more involved in the Library? Join the TAB—Teen Advisory Board! Give your input on programs, books, and movies while hanging out with friends! Snacks will be provided.

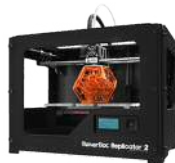
MAKING MADNESS

Wednesday, November 13, 4 p.m.

Monday, November 25, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11, 4 p.m.

Explore the world of 3D printing—learn to create your own 3D art that will be printed by the Library's MakerBot Replicator 2 3D printer. If you can dream it, you can build it! *Registration required. Ages 10—High School*



Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, November 16, 1 p.m.

Answer the call of the Dungeon Master! Join a local group of D&D players at the Library. Snacks will be served!

After Hours

Friday, November 22, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for our special after hours night of fun with Super Smash Brothers Brawl tournament, Internet and board games, snacks, and more. This month will be a special Hunger Games After Hours! ***Ages 12—High School.*

Fall Reading Program

OWL be Reading ends Saturday, November 16. Keep logging your hours to earn fabulous prizes!



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Exam Preparation Made Easy

Taking exams can be a nail-biting experience. However, exposure, practice, and prep can help reduce your stress and may increase your test scores. Take advantage of the following opportunities to improve your test-taking skills in a stress-free environment.

ACT Practice Test

Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m.

Practice your test-taking skills in a practice environment. Sylvan Learning Center will proctor a full ACT practice test and return to review your results.



ACT Practice Test: Follow Up

Monday, November 25, 7 p.m.

Sylvan Learning Center returns to discuss and review your results with you and your parents.

The Final Countdown

Monday, December 16, 6—8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17, 6—8:30 p.m.

Finals will be here before you know it—are you ready? Come study at the Library where we'll have snacks, pizza, and a quiet space to study. ***High school students only; must present valid school ID to attend.*



Red Cross Babysitting

Thursday, January 2, 12—5 p.m.

Friday, January 3, 12—5 p.m.

Open your own babysitting business! Certified instructor Becky Huebler teaches basic child care, safety, first aid, and CPR. A \$55 fee, payable at registration, in person at the Information Desk, includes all your babysitting gear, plus Red Cross certification.

***Ages 11—15. Registration required— we need six students to hold the class, so please register early. You must attend both sessions to be certified.*



Quiltmaking @ the Library

Ages 9 & up; adults welcome

Beginning Quiltmakers

Saturday, November 9 & 23, 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, 1 p.m.

Learn the art of quilting! All quilts are given to project Linus, which provides care and support for kids.

Advanced Quiltmakers

Saturdays, November 9 & 23, 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, 3 p.m.

Take your quilting skills to the next level! *Instructor consent required; please contact Becky Huebler at (708) 485-6917, ext. 140.*

Quiltmakers Workshop

Sundays, November 10 & 24, 1 p.m.

Sunday, December 15, 1 p.m.

Quilters may drop in and continue working on their projects! *Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

The Mission of the Brookfield Friends of the Library is to establish closer relations between the public library and the citizens of the Village of Brookfield, to create an awareness of the facilities and services of the Library, and to give physical and financial support to the Library.

THANK YOU

2013 Taste of Brookfield
Guests & Contributors!



Thank you to our guests and to all who contributed to the success of the 8th Annual Taste of Brookfield @ Your Library. We had a lovely night and a record number in attendance. The funds raised will be used to support Library programs and to supply materials throughout the year.

Thank you to the local businesses and individuals who contributed food and drinks, auction and raffle items, and funding to the 2013 Taste. Once again, the business community helped the Library to have yet another successful event.

Please remember our generous sponsors as you do your daily shopping and business in the area. Keeping spending local helps recognize their contributions to our community. Visit www.TasteofBrookfield.com for a complete listing of this year's participating restaurants and businesses.

A special thanks to all our volunteers who organized and planned the event, and to the Library staff and volunteers that worked during the Taste— we appreciate all you do.

FOL News & Events

Monthly Meetings

Wednesday, November 13, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11, 7 p.m.

November Mini-Sale

Saturday, November 30, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Find great bargains at the FOL Mini Sale! Explore History and Military books as well as Novels, Mysteries, and Children's titles.



Ride the Holiday Walk Trolley

Saturday, December 7, 2—6 p.m.

The FOL are sponsoring trolley rides around Brookfield during Brookfield's Holiday Walk celebration. Take a ride on the trolley and join us in spreading some holiday cheer!

Sugar Skull Recipe Now Available

Make your own sugar skull as seen at the FOL booth at the Brookfield Art Fair, or featured in the *Suburban Life* newspaper. Copies of the recipe are available in the Book Nook or online at www.brookfieldlibrary.info/friends.



Find us on Facebook! The Friends of the Library are now on Facebook! Search "Brookfield Friends of the Library."

Friends of the Library 2013 Membership Drive

Help support the Brookfield Public Library by joining or renewing your membership with the Friends of the Library (FOL). The FOL is a non-profit organization that gives physical and financial support to the Library through fundraising and outreach activities such as book sales and the Taste of Brookfield @ Your Library. The FOL offer many volunteer opportunities including: Book Sales, Taste of Brookfield, Public Relations, Outreach, and the FOL Governing Board. The FOL encourages new ideas and comments; we invite you to get involved and to help support our Library!

Join the FOL today by taking advantage of our extended National Friends of the Library Week membership offer. Now through the end of the year, all memberships purchased will be valid through December 31, 2014. Don't delay—join the FOL today!

Friends of the Library Membership Form

(Please return to the Brookfield Public Library c/o Friends of the Library)

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

E-mail* _____

Phone: _____

*E-Mail is used only for special notices regarding FOL and Library events.

Membership Type

(Good through December 2014 (checks payable to the Friends of the Library))

Individual \$10 Family \$25 Senior \$5 Corporate \$50 Lifetime \$100 Patron \$200

FOL meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Visit www.brookfieldlibrary.info/friends or email brookfieldlibraryfriends@gmail.com for more information.

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Hours of Operation:

Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.—9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.—6 p.m.
between Labor Day & Memorial Day

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Winter/Spring BLAST Registration

BLAST (Brookfield Library After School Time) is a unique and free daily after-school care program for kids in grades 1-4. **BLAST** offers homework time, board games, outside fun (weather-permitting), activities and crafts.

BLAST runs daily after school, Monday—Friday, 3-6 p.m. The Winter/Spring session begins Monday, January 6 and ends Friday, May 30.

Key Dates

- **Saturday, November 23, 10 a.m.**
Winter/Spring registration begins
- **Saturday, November 30, 6 p.m.**
Winter/Spring registration ends
- **Monday, January 6, 3 p.m.**
Winter/Spring session begins
- **Friday, May 30, 6 p.m.**
Winter/Spring session ends

Please be aware of the following program restrictions:

- **BLAST** is available to Brookfield residents **ONLY**.
- Registration is for the Winter/Spring session only.
- **Registration, in person, is required.** We cannot emphasize strongly enough that registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Patrons enrolling children for at least 4 days per week will be given priority. Children enrolling for less than 4 days per week will be placed on a waiting list and enrolled if space permits.
- There is a limit of 18 children per day. Transportation to and from **BLAST** must be arranged by the child's parent/guardian.
- Late pick-ups (after 6 p.m.) will be assessed a \$5 fine per each 10 minutes late. This fine will be applied to the patron's library card.
- Three unexcused absences will result in the child being dropped from the program.
- Registration for the Fall 2014 session will be at the end of May.

New "Text a Librarian" Phone Number

Got a question? Just send us a text. The Library offers a free* text message reference service. Just text the Library at **708-248-8433** (during business hours), and a librarian will send you a response on your cell phone.

Please note, the Library's "Text a Librarian" phone number has changed. You can now text us (during business hours) at **708-248-8433**.



Be sure to update your contact lists so that you can continue to reach us!

(*The Library does not charge for this service, however standard message and data rates from your service carrier may apply).

Library Closings

The Library will be closed on the following dates:

Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28
Staff In-Service Day	Friday, December 6
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25
New Year's Eve	Tuesday, December 31
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1