



# FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN CITY LIBRARY

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## Library in the Time of Covid-19

By Wendy Conover, Library Director

Your Baldwin City Library is way too quiet. We miss conversations about plot twists, epic worlds, and heartbreaking romance. We miss your glee when snagging a new DVD.

We miss the thoughtful looks on your faces as you peruse the stacks. We miss the smell of popcorn on movie night and the industrial-size can of nacho cheese for Teen AfterHours. We miss the clicking keys of Code Club and the clicking needles of knitters' group. We miss finding treasures with you in the Kansas Room. We miss little voices singing at StoryTime. We miss patrons coming in to say hi.

We miss you, Baldwin City.

But while we're all at home doing our part to keep ourselves and each other safe, we're finding new ways to connect. We've had more users than ever enjoying ebooks, audiobooks

and more on Hoopla. We've shared a rainbow of rich digital activities with you, from treasure hunts to stamp pad art to story time in space. We're hosting digital tea parties and Virtual Code Club. We're working with USD 348 and a team of community partners to hand out breakfasts and lunches three times a week. We're sharing quality information to promote the health and safety of our patrons and community.

And when we get to come back to our library and open our doors to you, we'll appreciate it all more than ever.

We look forward to that day, but in the meantime we'll keep turning out ways to connect, engage, learn, and share.

Be well and take care, Baldwin City. Whether we see you online or from six feet away, our stories are always connected.

## Spring Fundraising Updates From Your Baldwin City Library

- The Spring Plant Sale has been moved online with more information to come. We appreciate our local vendors: Enrights Gardens 2351 N. 400 Rd in Edgerton (785) 883-4963; Vinland Valley Nursery 1606 N. 600 Rd., Baldwin City (785) 594-2966; and Voights' Farms 264 E. 2100 Road, Wellsville (785) 883-4963.
- The Friends annual meeting has been postponed.
- The CityWide Garage Sale Directory distribution has been cancelled.

## Summer Reading 'Imagine Your Story' Program Set for June

"There will be a Summer Reading Program this year," says Children's Librarian Leigh Anne Bathke. "It may not be set up like it traditionally is, but we'll be ready to go in June."

This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story," which allows plenty of room to discover the

worlds of mythology, fairy tales, folklore and legends.

"It's because of our Friends members that we can do this program every year and reach out to all ages," Bathke says. "That's especially important this year."

### Help Us Spread the Word

## National Library Giving Day Benefits Your Library

Thank you to all who have supported the library through donations or Friends' memberships. Your support promotes vital resources and community connections, and helps us do the jobs we love.

If you haven't had a chance to give, we'd love your support on national Library Giving Day, April 23. We've had to cancel or modify our spring fundraisers, so any gift—no matter the size—will help us stay strong for Baldwin City, now and in the future.

All donations will go to support our summer reading program. Donations can be made online at [foundation.nekls.org/lgd](https://foundation.nekls.org/lgd). Your contribution may be tax deductible—please consult your tax advisor.

Thank you for your support.



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