



# We're all in this together ❤️

## A Message from the Director

Dear Baldwin Community,

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Library closed on March 13 and will remain so until further notice. While we pride ourselves on being open and welcoming to all, and we are often the very place people visit when times are hard, staying closed is the best thing we can do right now in the interest of public health.

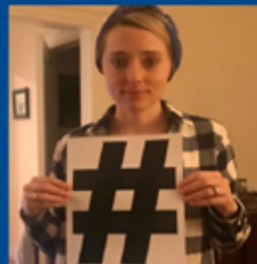
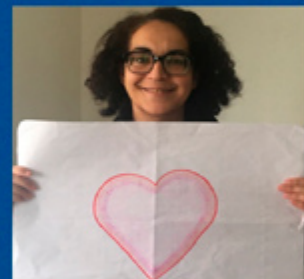
- Please do not worry about returning any library materials you may have at this time; due dates have been extended through September 30. Library cards that were set to expire have been extended until December 31.
- Don't have a card? Visit [www.baldwinpl.org/digital](http://www.baldwinpl.org/digital) to apply for a special digital-only card that will provide access to our online resources.
- To contact us, please email [info@baldwinpl.org](mailto:info@baldwinpl.org) or call (516) 223-6228 x156.
- Though our building is closed, we are still here for you. Our staff has been working tirelessly to provide you with the level of service you have come to expect. Hundreds of eBooks and downloadable audiobooks have been added to OverDrive; we have ordered many titles that are currently only available for Baldwin cardholders.
- Our borrowing limits for streaming services Hoopla and Kanopy have been raised.
- We seamlessly transitioned to offering innovative virtual programming. Information about our upcoming programs is available on our website and is sent to the community each week as an eBlast.

You can read about this and much more in this edition of the Piper.

The Board, staff, and I are developing plans now so that when we are able to return to the building, we will be able to do so safely. This will likely be a gradual process; we will share information about this as soon as possible.

Be safe and be well.

*Elizabeth Olesh*  
Library Director



## We Just Called To Say We Love You

Sometimes, it's helpful to hear a friendly voice. Library staff members have been calling community members to increase awareness of the services that are available during this time, see how we can better serve you, and just check in to see how you're doing. As Emily Abessinio says, "I received a wellness check this morning. It was so kind of you to reach out, and speak mutually about how hard this is. I miss BPL so much!" We miss you too, Emily, and hope to see you again soon in person.

## Online Events/Programs

Visit our [Events Page](#) to check out our upcoming online events & programs. We are updating the page with new events all the time - if you would like to see a specific type of program, let us know. As an added convenience, we're sending a weekly online events newsletter via email. Not sure if we have your email address? Send your name and email to [info@baldwinpl.org](mailto:info@baldwinpl.org) and ask to be added to our mailing list.



## Digital Library Card

In an effort to improve access to digital services during this time, the Baldwin Public Library has enabled the use of a digital card should you not already possess a library card. If you have a library card then you already have full access to our digital resources. Upon approval, your card will last until September 1. Please note that this card is for digital services only, and cannot be used to borrow physical materials from any public library in Nassau County.



## BPL Gives Back

The Library is grateful to those first responders and essential workers who are out on the front lines. So far, our staff members have personally donated \$800 to send food to employees at local nursing homes, grocery stores, and hospitals. Special thanks are due to staff member Cathi Dara for coordinating this effort.



These applications are not automated. Please be patient as we do the best we can to get your digital card to you quickly. The Nassau Library System will create your card as soon as possible and transmit this information to you via email. To begin, fill out this application: <https://www.nassaulibrary.org/coronavirus-information/digital-card-application/>.

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Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.

Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.



## You've Got to Have Friends

During this difficult period, many programs that ordinarily have fees, such as exercise and cooking classes, are being offered to the public at no cost, thanks to a generous gift from the [Friends of the Library](#). To become a member or make a donation, visit [baldwinpl.org/friends](https://baldwinpl.org/friends).

## People Are Talking:

"Thank you so much for SO Messy with the Circus Guy. We had SOOOO much fun!"  
—Gerrienne Anderson





# Library Services You Can Access From Home

Even though the Library is closed, many of our amazing services are available online. Depending on the service, you can use your computer, smartphone, tablet or smart TV to access a host of materials and media for FREE. If you need additional assistance accessing these resources, please email [info@baldwinpl.org](mailto:info@baldwinpl.org) or contact us by visiting [baldwinpl.org/contact-us](http://baldwinpl.org/contact-us).



## Live Homework Help From Tutor.com



With the shift to online schooling, **Tutor.com** has expanded its hours for Nassau County libraries. Through the end of June, tutors and career coaches are

available Monday-Friday from 9AM to 10PM, and Saturday and Sunday from 2PM to 10PM. You'll find **Tutor.com** on our website under **Learning and Research**.

## Hoopla and Kanopy Streaming Credits Doubled

You asked and we delivered – streaming credits have been doubled from 10 to 20 per month for both **Hoopla** and **Kanopy**. Stream content 24/7 to your computer, tablet, smart device or TV using your Baldwin Library card.

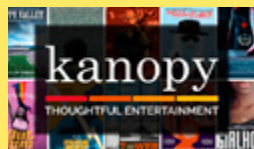
### Hoopla

Offering a broad range of content for adults and children, **Hoopla** provides instant access to popular movies, TV shows, audiobooks, eBooks, comics, music and more. Visit [www.hoopladigital.com](http://www.hoopladigital.com) to get started or download the mobile app.



### Kanopy

Access more than 30,000 features, documentaries, foreign language titles, training videos and more. Our **Kanopy** subscription includes the Criterion Collection—approximately 400 important classic and contemporary films—as well as **Kanopy Kids**. Visit [www.baldwinpl.kanopy.com](http://www.baldwinpl.kanopy.com) to get started.



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## Digital Magazines

Sometimes you need something shorter than a book or a movie. Maybe you want to catch up on juicy celebrity news or learn about this summer's hottest nail polish colors. **RBdigital Magazines** offers free, full-color access to the world's largest newsstand anytime, anywhere.



This collection of popular digital magazines includes both new and backlist titles with no holds, no checkout periods, and no limits. You'll get complete content of thousands of titles, including *Rachael Ray Every Day*, *O (The Oprah Magazine)*, *The New Yorker*, *Rolling Stone*, *US Weekly*, and many more. Visit <https://www.baldwinpl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/RBdigitalMagazinesHowTo.pdf>

## LearningExpress Library

We are all facing new challenges, and **LearningExpress Library** can help. The **School Center** has practice, review, and tutorials for students from elementary through high school. Learn or improve your proficiency in Excel, Word, Office365 and other software with the **Computer Skills Center**.



Facing employment challenges? The **Job & Career Accelerator** gives you the tools you need to explore careers, find open positions, apply for jobs and get hired. Check out the **Learning and Research** section of our website for more information.

# What We're Reading

Since our physical collection isn't available, we've been adding numerous books to our **OverDrive** collection. You can read on your computer, mobile device, or a dedicated eReader. Don't see what you're looking for? Send an email to [eolesh@baldwinpl.org](mailto:eolesh@baldwinpl.org); we'll see if it is available for purchase. Whether you're looking for a book that's inspiring or just plain fun, we have suggestions for you. All of these titles are available in **OverDrive** as an eBook, audiobook, or both; some are also available on **Hoopla**.



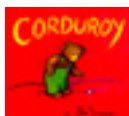
## **The Alice Network** by Kate Quinn

Historical fiction about women spies during WWI in France, their courage, and the quest for peace. Recommended by Kathleen Etheridge, from our Children's department.



## **American Dirt** by Jeanine Cummins

This novel follows the ordeal of a mother and her young son who flee Mexico after their entire family has been murdered by a cartel. "Very well written and timely," says Circulation team member Helen Rubin.



## **Corduroy** by Don Freeman

Sharon Dember of our Children's department says this will always be her favorite book. "It was my daughter's favorite book as a child and at this moment in time what we need the most is family, love, and friends with a little bit of hope and strength to get through this pandemic."



## **Dinner with Edward: The Story of an Unexpected Friendship** by Isabelle Vincent

"I usually read classics, but I found this charming, with a *Tuesdays with Morrie* feel," says Edward Careri of our Circulation department. "Vincent was asked to check in on her friend's 93-year-old father. This initial visit turned into a deep and lasting friendship."



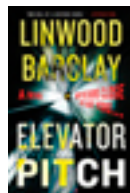
## **The Dutch House** by Ann Patchett

Patchett's latest novel is about the bond between a brother and sister that cannot be broken. The story takes you into their past, as they try to remember and understand their childhood. Children's Librarian Paula Stoller found this to be a well-written and enjoyable read.



## **Eight Perfect Murders** by Peter Swanson

Malcolm, owner of a bookshop that specializes in mysteries, writes a blog that includes a list of novels with "perfect murders". One day, he is visited by the FBI about crimes that seem to be inspired by this list. A terrific homage to classic mystery novels, says Wendy Rathjens, Head of Adult Services.



## **Elevator Pitch** by Linwood Barclay

This roller coaster ride of suspense builds up slowly. The next thing you know, you are falling in head first. Recommended by Debbie Kelly, Executive Assistant to the Director.



## **How to Cook Everything** by Mark Bittman

"As someone who doesn't do much cooking and likes everything culinary-related spelled out in simple terms, this book has been a great help to me during quarantine," says Head of Children's Services Martha Beals.



## **Magnolia Table: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering** by Joanna Gaines

Marialisa Arnold, our Programming Librarian and member of the Adult Services team, says this book is chock-full of comfort food recipes that are easy to make and do not take fancy ingredients or techniques to execute. It is also pretty to look at! If you want more, *Magnolia Table 2* is now available as well.



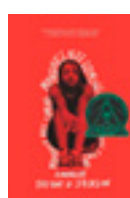
## **Milk and Honey** by Rupi Kaur

"Her poetry has always brought me comfort and strength in the most difficult times," says Kerri Hayman, who works in our Children's department. "I am so happy to be re-reading her work during this crisis. I also highly recommend her second book, *The Sun and Her Flowers*."



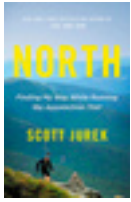
## **The Mirror & the Light** by Hilary Mantel

In this final volume of her *Wolf Hall* trilogy, Mantel skillfully weaves the events of Tudor history with a reimagining of Cromwell's complex and intense personality, giving us an in-depth look at his final, tragic years. Recommended by Carol Price, Reference Librarian.



## **Monday's Not Coming** by Tiffany D. Jackson

Middle school student Monday goes missing. Why does it take forever to find out what happened to her? Jackson's novel is gripping, heartbreaking, and a necessary story to tell, says Head of Teen Services Jill Holleufer. **After you read this book, join our online book discussion on Wednesday, May 6.**



**North: Finding My Way While Running the Appalachian Trail** by Scott Jurek

Read about a different type of challenge than self-quarantine in this non-fiction selection recommended by Jason VonButtgereit, Head of Information Technology.



**Rainy Day Friends** by Jill Shalvis

Six months after her husband's death, Lanie Jacobs takes a job at the family-run Capriotti Winery. The warm reception she receives helps Lanie heal, until the arrival of a new face threatens to unleash her secrets. Recommended by Circulation team member Eileen Trebendis.



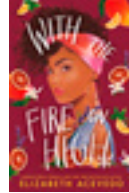
**Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir** by Ruth Reichl

Chronicles the author's journey from food critic to editor in chief of *Gourmet* magazine. Her writing style is warm, honest, and eminently readable. A New Yorker, her life story is interesting to foodies and non-foodies alike, says Reference Librarian Nancy Williamson.



**Sisters by Choice** by Susan Mallery

Head of Circulation Bianca Roberto enjoyed this story of extended family, love, business, and the ups and downs of everyday life. This is the fourth book in Mallery's *Blackberry Island* series; all are available in OverDrive.



**With the Fire on High** by Elizabeth Acevedo

Emoni Santiago may have had a baby after her first year of high school, but she won't let that derail her dream of becoming a professional chef. While marketed toward teens, this book definitely has crossover appeal for adults, says Director Elizabeth Olesh, who enjoyed this even more than the author's first novel, *The Poet X*.



**Red, White & Royal Blue** by Casey McQuiston

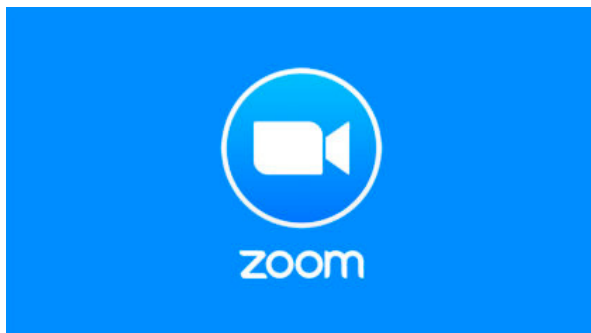
Mariel DePalma, Children's Librarian recommends this read. Do you love following the drama of the Royal Family? What happens when America's First Son falls in love with the Prince of Wales? A powerful story of acceptance and following your heart set on a global stage.

## 2020/21 Budget and Trustee Vote

By the Governor's Executive Order, the Library Budget and Trustee Vote cannot take place until at least June 1. We are waiting for further guidance on this issue. The 2020/2021 Library Budget Message from the Board of Trustees, in English and Spanish, is available at [www.baldwinpl.org](http://www.baldwinpl.org) or you can click on the links below.

[2020/2021 Library Budget Message from the Board of Trustees](#)

[Mensaje de presupuesto de la biblioteca para 2020/2021 de la Junta de Síndicos](#)



### Online Library Board Meeting

The Library Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, May 20 at 7PM. This meeting will take place via the Zoom teleconferencing platform. Members of the public wishing to attend should contact [eolesh@baldwinpl.org](mailto:eolesh@baldwinpl.org) by 5PM on May 20 to receive the Meeting ID and password.

### The Board of Trustees meets on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00PM

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The Baldwin Public Library is currently CLOSED until further notice to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

All in-person events have been CANCELLED through August 31.

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