

Beloit Public Library
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Those who can, do. Those you can do more, volunteer. – Author Unknown

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they are priceless. – Sherry Anderson

No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude. – Author Unknown

April was National Volunteer month and on April 15th, the Beloit Public Library honored some of the many people who volunteer their time, their energy and their resources with a Volunteer Breakfast. Last year 140 people volunteered over 4,920 hours at the library and so far this year, the number of hours volunteered exceeds 1,250 hours.

Our volunteers come from all walks of life. Young children and their families deliver books to Doctors' waiting rooms, retired adults sort and process books for both the annual book sale and the ongoing book sale in the lobby, and business men and women serve on both the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Foundation Board. Our volunteers help keep the books in order on the shelves, they deliver library materials to our Homebound Customers, they assist customers with their computer related questions, and they reach out to over 650 third-graders in the City of Beloit each month through the Booklegger program. The library is truly fortunate to have so many dedicated people willing to help out whenever and wherever we need them.

If you are interested in volunteering at the library, please visit our library website at www.beloitlibrary.info, click on About the Library, and then click on Volunteer Opportunities. You can also call us at 364-2905 or stop at either the Adult or Children's Service desks. We would love to talk to about ways you can get involved.

As always, be sure to check out these books coming soon to your Beloit Public Library:

Everybody's Got Something by Robin Roberts. Following her mother's advice to "make your mess your message," Robin taught a nation of viewers that while it is true that we've all got something -- a medical crisis to face, aging parents to care for, heartbreak in all its many forms --- we've also all got something to give: hope, encouragement, a life-saving transplant or a spirit-saving embrace. (Book Description)

How Successful People Grow by John Maxwell. Are there tried and true principles that are always certain to help a person grow? John Maxwell says the answer is yes. He has been passionate about personal development for over fifty years, and here, he teaches everything he has gleaned about what it takes to reach our potential. (Book Description)

Manhood: How to Be a Better Man – or Just Live with One by Terry Crews. From NFL player turned film and TV star Terry Crews comes a wise and warmhearted memoir chronicling his lifelong quest to become a good man, loving husband, and responsible father. A self-described "super-driven superstar alpha male," Terry Crews embodies the manly ideal for millions worldwide. But as he looks back on his difficult childhood and shares hard-learned lessons from the many humbling experiences he endured to get where he is today, he shows how his own conception of manhood is constantly evolving. (Book Description)

