

21st Century Library Programming
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21 st Century Museum/Library Shifts	
20 th Century Museum/Library	21 st Century Museum/Library
Primarily content driven	Audience and content driven
Mostly tangible objects	Tangible and digital objects
One-way	Multi-directional
Focus on presentation and display	Focus on audience engagement, experiences
Acts independently	Acts in highly collaborative partnerships
Located in community	Embedded in community
Learning outcomes assumed, implied	Learning outcomes purposeful

Source: www.ims.gov

Our mission statement, revised in 2014:
“The hub of the community where people
and ideas come together.”

Ongoing Children’s Programming

Alphabits – for ages 2-5 – a 26 week program, each week a different letter is highlighted, through stories, games and literacy activities. The children bring a show and tell item that starts with that letter.

Artrageous – for grades K-6 – monthly craft project program, often holiday focused

Book Babies – for ages 0-23 months– weekly story time program

GOT Mail Story Time – for ages 3-5 – weekly story time program with activity

Magic School Bus – for ages 4-7 – monthly program, afterschool hours, watch a Magic School Bus Video and do a related activity.

Picnic Stories – for all ages – weekly lunch story, movement and activity program held, weather permitting, on the town common

Ring-a-Ding – for ages 0-5 – twice weekly and once a month on Saturday, story, music and movement program for preschoolers

Special Children's Programming

Giant Candyland – We recreated the Candyland Board using construction paper and folding tables and you are the game piece. We have done this program successfully with children, families and even young adults.

Costume Characters – We have hosted The Grinch, Skippjon Jones, Curious George and other costume characters at very well attended and successful programs. We get the costumes from costumespecialists.com and they currently cost \$140 per character.

Summer Reading Kickoff – Held offsite at the high school auditorium. Attendance has ranged from 300-500 people over the past 3 years. Performers included: Bubblemania, Alex the Jester, and Scott Jameson Magician.

Homeschooling Programs – We offer at least two series of 4-6 programs a year for homeschooling families. Topics have included: Rubber Band Cars; Paper Airplanes; Catapults; Indoor Slingshots as well as our STEM Programs in Seismology and 3D Printing.

Read-a-Thon – Last spring during April school vacation, our Friends group held a Read-a-Thon through read-a-thon.com. We raised almost \$1000 by just asking our patrons to ask their friends and family to sponsor them and their children's reading during the 10 day vacation time.

Community Participation & Partnerships

Memorial Day Parade – each year library staff and trustees march in the town's Memorial Day parade. Each year we have improved our presence.

Veterans Day Ceremony – the library is the venue for the town's annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

Paint Nights - We have partnered with a local paint night studio to have paint nights at the library. The company has given us generous discounts so we can make the cost affordable for attendees (\$10-\$15).

Employee & Job Training Workshops – We have partnered with the Department of Employment & Training's One Stop Career Centers to bring their workshops on resume writing and critiquing, and other workshops for job seekers to the library.

Tail Waggin' Tutors – A local resident with a certified therapy reading dog visits our library weekly for 15 minute reading sessions with Indy the Reading Dog. Their website is www.tdi-dog.org.

STEM Programming

3D Printing Workshops – an introduction to 3D Printing & Scanning. Workshops for high school age and above, as well as homeschoolers. Demonstration and abbreviated course for grades 3-8.

Seismology Programs – Program initiated through the Weston Observatory and paid for with LSTA grant funds. An educational seismologist was onsite at our library one day a week for 4 months. She ran programs for children and adults of all ages. We currently offer programming for homeschooling families, summer programs as well as having all 8th graders in the Bellingham Middle School come to the library for the seismology portion of their Earth Science curriculum.

Super Science - For grades 3-6, this monthly program is all about science, including interactive science experiments. Topics covered include: Light and LED with a Lemon; Launch a Potato Through a Straw; and Get an Egg into a Bottle.

Tech Time – For grades 3-7, this monthly program allows for technology experimentation with our tech tools, including Makey Makey, 3Doodler, littleBits and our newest stuff, InstaMorph!

Other Programs

Stuffed Animal Vet Checkup and Sleepovers – Children bring their stuffed animal to the library for a “vet checkup” and/or leave the pet overnight for a sleepover adventure in the library.

Cartwheel Book Awards – For ages 8-12, the children read 10 chapter books over the course of the year and vote on their favorites in a variety of categories. An awards ceremony is held in February/March of each year to announce the previous years winners

Mother/Daughter Book Club – for grades 4-6, meets monthly, book is chosen by participants and they schedule a related activity, when appropriate.

Resources:

Our Website: www.bellinghamlibrary.org

Our Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/bellinghamlib/>

Our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/bellinghampubliclibrary>

Our Eventkeeper Calendar: <http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=BLNGHAM>

Our YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Bellinghamlibraryma>