



# APRIL 2009



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HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:30 AM TO 8:00 PM, FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS 9:30 AM TO 5:00 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Storytime 10:00-10:30 am Ring-a-Ding 10:00-10:30 am Dr. Seuss Magical Machine 1:00 Teen Zone 2:30	2 Teen Zone 2:30-4:30 pm 6:00 Movie: Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist Rated PG-13	3 Ring-a-Ding 10:00-10:30 am Friday Craft Fun 3:30-4:30 pm	4
5	6 Ring-a-Ding 10:00-10:30 am Teen Zone 2:30-4:30 pm YAAB Meeting 4:30-6:00 pm	7 Artsy Kids 10:00-10:30 am Ring-a-Ding 1:00-1:25 pm Teen Zone 2:30 Author Visit- David Fromm 7:00-8:00 pm	8 Storytime 10:00-10:30 am Ring-a-Ding 10:00-10:30 am Dr. Seuss Magical Machine 1:00 Teen Zone 2:30	9 Teen Zone 2:30-4:30 pm	10 Ring-a-Ding 10:00-10:30 am Book It K-2nd grade 4:00-4:45 pm	11
12	13 Ring-a-Ding 10:00-10:30 am Teen Zone 2:30-4:30 pm	14 Nt'l Library Week Open House Breakfast 9:30-11:00 am Ring-a-Ding 1:00 Teen Zone 2:30 Chef's Club 4:00 Book Group 6:30	15 Ring-a-Ding 10:00-10:30 am Dr. Seuss Magical- Machine 1:00-2:00 pm Teen Zone 2:30	16 Teen Zone 2:30 Sweet Decorat- ing in Teen Zone 3-4 pm Nick & Norah's Book Discus- sion 6:00 pm	17 Ring-a-Ding 10:00-10:30 am Friday Craft Fun 3:30-4:30 pm	18
19	20 Library closed for the Patriots' Day holiday	21 Ring-a-Ding 1:00-1:25 pm Rock Band Tournament 2:00-5:00 pm	22 Ring-a-Ding at Whole Foods 10:00-10:30 am Booksale Dropoff 10:30 am to 7:30 pm	23 Booksale Dropoff 10 am to 7:30 pm	24 Booksale Dropoff 10 am to 3 pm Friends of Library Members Preview Booksale 5-8 pm	25 Friends of the Library Booksale 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
26	27 Ring-a-Ding 10:00-10:30 am Teen Zone 2:30-4:30 pm	28 Ring-a-Ding 1:00-1:25 pm Teen Zone 2:30-4:30 pm Scams & Frauds at Home, Work, & on the Internet 7-8 pm	29 Ring-a-Ding 10:00-10:30 am Teen Zone 2:30-4:30 pm	30 CMRLS Directors Roundtable 10:00-12 noon Teen Zone 2:30-4:30 pm		



*Step Up to the Plate @ your library®  
Bellingham Public Library  
sponsors baseball literacy contest  
Kick off during National Library Week  
April 12th-18th*

Join us on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11 am for a breakfast in celebration of National Library Week which runs from April 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. At the breakfast, we will kick off our baseball literacy contest. The Bellingham Public Library joins the American Library Association and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in inviting people of all ages to “Step Up

to the Plate @ your library.” This year’s program celebrates the history and diversity of our national pastime.

“Step Up to the Plate @ your library” teams up two American classics – baseball and libraries – to promote the importance of information literacy skills and increase awareness of the library as an essential information resource.

People of all ages are encouraged to use print and electronic resources available at the library to answer a series of trivia questions designed for their age group (10 and under, 11-13, 14-17, and 18 and over) and inspired by the history and diversity of our national pastime. Questions are available in both English and Spanish.

Everyone who successfully completes the program will be eligible to win a trip for two to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. The program begins April 12, 2009 and runs through September 1, 2009.

“Reading has always been a key skill,” explains Library Director Bernadette Rivard. “But today’s literacy is about more than reading. Information literate people are those who have learned how to learn. They know how to learn because they know how knowledge is organized, how to find information – whether it is in a book or online – and how to apply that knowledge once it is located.”

The “Step Up to the Plate @ your library” program is designed to test players’ information literacy skills by challenging them to answer questions like “What was the first big league team to field an African-American player in the 20<sup>th</sup> century?” and “Who was the first Japanese player in the major leagues?”

Unlike most contests, players are encouraged to look up answers using both print and online sources at their library.

Players can pick up a copy of the “Step Up to the Plate” Playbook appropriate for their age group at the library or on the program’s Web site at [www.ala.org/baseball](http://www.ala.org/baseball). Each Playbook poses a series of baseball-related questions to test players’ information literacy skills. Players can enter the prize drawing by submitting the completed playbook either by mail or online.