



# THE BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

*April Buzz*



# Get to know the staff!

Lois

## Library Assistant

Lois lives in Belleville with her husband Ron, her niece Amanda and their little dog named Mason. She has been working at the library for 5 years.

Her passions include reading, crafting, and sewing. In addition to her library duties she keeps the BPL Lions all gussied up throughout the year.

Mia

## Principal Library Assistant

Mia Torres wants to live in a world filled with crafts, cakes, books that come bundled with a great cup of coffee and a force field around her keyboard that repels all negative vibes. As head of circulation with more than 15 years of experience there's no doubt she loves to serve the community. When she's not working on upcoming programs and events, you can find her on the football field rooting for our Belleville Boys & Girls in Blue. #GoBucs!

Lisa

## Children's Librarian

Lisa graduated with her MLIS in 2019. A rock star at heart, she performs in venues/restaurants across NJ and NYC. If you see a girl walking around with a guitar on her back and an amp in her hand, it's probably Lisa. When she's not making a mean cup of coffee, watering her plants, playing guitar, singing, or reading a book you'll find her hitting the road to discover new places. Her main goal in life is to inspire children to reach for the stars.

# Get to know the staff!

## Hunter

### Reference Librarian

Mr. Hunter Jones has been our Reference Librarian for the past 2 years. He has his MLIS from Clarion University. Hunter is listed in the contributing credits of 5 books, 1 film, and wrote small entries for "Films in Review" and the IMDb. He is the proud father of two 20-something boys. Hunter's younger son is studying at MSU hopes to be a Special Ed. teacher. His older son works for a law firm in NYC and once was a summer intern at the White House.

Hunter's interests include Movies, old TV shows, Broadway plays, NY restaurants, the Shore, and (former) trips to London. Mr. Jones LOVES his job at BPL because it combines Reference with Interlibrary Loan, and ordering books, a triple-header!

## Takeo

### Teen Librarian

Takeo has 31 years of experience working in public libraries and proudly serving communities in New Jersey and in a broad variety of positions from Reference and Research, to Inter Library Loan, Network Administration and Assistant Director. He is now happy to work with the Teens of Belleville as their Young Adult Librarian.

Art, Technology, and popular culture are among his favorite things and he looks for every opportunity to share his knowledge and interests with everyone but especially all of the Teens who have more potential than they may realize.



# April Programs

## Music Monday!

**Mon April 12th, 19th, and 26th 3:00 PM-4:00PM**

Join Miss Lisa on Zoom for some virtual music fun. Perform your favorite song for your peers. All musicians and non-musicians are welcome to attend.

Registration is required.

## SCORE "Excel In Exporting"

**Wed Apr 14th 10:00am - 11:30am**

Do you want to grow your international sales by exporting to new markets with confidence? The Belleville Public Library in partnership with SCORE invite you to join us as we discuss the various aspects of exporting your products.

Registration is required.

## "365 Days of Organizing" Book Discussion via Zoom

**Thu Apr 29th 11:00AM - 12:00PM**

365 Days of Organizing offers helpful solutions every day to make life a little more organized. Written by one of New York City's top professional organizers, this book makes organizing your home and your life manageable.

Registration is required.

## Let's Chalk About It!

**Fri April 16 and 23rd 2:30 PM-4PM**

Come to the library for some outdoors fun! Let's decorate Academy Street with your beautiful artwork! Chalk and gloves will be provided.

## BPL Virtual Poetry Slam!

**Fri Apr 30th 3:00pm - 4:00pm**

Calling all Belleville stars! Join Miss Lisa and her guitar on Zoom!

Registration is required.



# Ya Programs

## Homework Heroes

Parents, guardians and educators,

Do you know a child who is having a hard time with their assignments or maybe they just want to know a bit more about a subject to get a little better at it? A group of Teen Volunteers (and some librarians) have stepped up to help.

Registration is required for both teen volunteers and kids looking for help.

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## Teen Advisory Board

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center seeks to be as reflective of our community as possible (that includes you Teens of Belleville!) and for that we need your help.

Take charge and tell us your wants, needs, and expectations at the library.

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## Worldly Winds of Poetry

The Belleville Public Library and Information Center is calling on all our budding poets and philosophers.

Submit your latest work of prose and be eligible for a raffle at the end of the month. We will be sharing submissions on Instagram and on the library's website.

Submissions can be pre recorded or written and sent to [ya@bellepl.org](mailto:ya@bellepl.org)



Community  
"Poet-Tree"

**Thu Apr 1st - Fri 30th**

April is National Poetry Month. Help your kids celebrate by writing some poetry of their own and by contributing to our "poet tree."

The inspiration for this activity comes from the amazing children's book author Shel Silverstein. Silverstein is best known for his quirky poems and books, particularly "The Giving Tree" and "Where The Sidewalk Ends."



Write a poem in the leaf provided, cut it out, and tie it to the branches of the tree in your library. Be sure to share your poem and our "Poet Tree" by using the hashtag #ShelPoetTree!

**Supplies are available @ The Library.**



ESL Courses

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THE BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
IS EXPANDING ITS...

# ESL COURSES

- **Citizenship**
- Date & Time TBD



- **Beginner, Intermediate, & Advanced**
- Date & Time TBD

Required Placement Survey to be taken in  
advance:

[www.esl-lounge.com/student/level-test.php](http://www.esl-lounge.com/student/level-test.php)

**Registration is required.**

# Spring Take 'n' Make

**Thu Apr 1st - Fri 30th**



**These clothespin Blossoms are so easy to make and they are so adorable! Each one takes just a few minutes to make and the kids have had so much fun opening and closing them to see the little surprise bee inside! It's a super fun and simple craft to make with the kids for Spring!**

**Please RSVP for your kit in advance as supplies are limited.**

**[tockify.com/bplcalendar/detail/274/1617249600000](https://tockify.com/bplcalendar/detail/274/1617249600000)**

