

# Baldwin Public Library: Services for Seniors

- **Ancestry.com** - Access the world's largest online family history resource with hundreds of years of history in billions of historical documents and millions of historical photos from all over the world. (This resource must be used inside the library by visiting <https://www.ancestrylibrary.com/>)
- **Book Clubs** - Reading becomes an even richer experience when it's a shared one. Our book clubs are a great way to dive deep, expand your horizons, and explore new books. Baldwin offers six monthly book clubs for adults. Find out more information at [www.baldwinlib.org/book-clubs/](http://www.baldwinlib.org/book-clubs/)
- **Books Unshelved** - Join Baldwin's free library book subscription service for adults. Each month you will receive a book hand-selected just for you by one of BPL's Librarians, along with some extra perks. You can keep the box and the perks, but please return the book. <https://www.baldwinlib.org/books-unshelved/>
- **Computer Classes** – Baldwin's classes are offered virtually and with our mobile computer lab. Visit [www.baldwinlib.org/computer-classes/](http://www.baldwinlib.org/computer-classes/) to view the upcoming schedule.
- **Curbside Pickup** - Save time and parking costs. We bring your materials right to your car! For details, visit <https://www.baldwinlib.org/curbsidepickup/>. Curbside Pickup is available 7 days a week.
- **Gale Courses** - Available 24/7, Gale Courses provides more than 360 six-week long, online programs taught by college instructors. New courses begin each month, and lessons are assigned twice a week, enhanced with images, videos, and games to support varied learning styles. Users will enjoy a self-paced learning environment and engagement with fellow students and instructor through weekly discussion boards. <https://www.baldwinlib.org/a-to-z-databases/>
- **Gale LegalForms** - Gale LegalForms offers a wide selection of essential Michigan-specific legal forms that may be customized for the most common legal procedures. These forms are used by attorneys and law firms and include real estate contracts, wills, premarital agreements, bankruptcy, divorce, landlord tenant, and many others. <https://www.baldwinlib.org/a-to-z-databases/>
- **Home Delivery** - Having trouble getting to the library? We'll come to you! Residents from Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Bloomfield Hills can choose from books, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks and magnifiers and have them delivered to their homes through USPS mail in a heavy-duty canvas bag. Home delivery schedules vary by patron; we're happy to customize a schedule that work for you, whether it's once a month or once a week. To enroll in this program, contact Adult Services at 248-554-4650.

- **Large Print Books** - Take your pick from more than 2,000 large-print fiction and nonfiction titles for all ages, including new bestsellers conveniently displayed near our front door. Make selections in person, by phone or email, or by searching our catalog at [baldwinlib.org](http://baldwinlib.org).
- **Learning in Retirement** – In this program devoted to lifelong learning, a friendly group of retired, semi-retired and curious people explore topics and present their findings with the group. Learning in Retirement is part of a recurring weekly series that meets on Wednesday mornings during the fall and winter months. Please contact Vicki Sower at [vicki.sower@baldwinlib.org](mailto:vicki.sower@baldwinlib.org) to discuss attendance options.
- **LinkedIn Learning** – This online learning platform, formerly known as Lynda.com, offers video tutorials to learn business, software, technology, and creative skills.  
<https://www.baldwinlib.org/a-to-z-databases/>
- **Low Vision Aids** - Baldwin offers various services to create the most fulfilling library experience possible for our vision-impaired patrons, including audiobooks on CD, eAudiobooks and eBooks, large print materials, and magnifiers. Find out more at <https://www.baldwinlib.org/low-vision/>
- **MeL** - MeLCat is the free, easy-to-use interlibrary loan system that allows Michigan library cardholders in good standing to borrow books and other library materials from over 450 participating Michigan libraries! Items you request through MeLCat are delivered to Baldwin for your convenience, and circulate for either two weeks or four weeks.  
<https://www.baldwinlib.org/interlibrary-loan/>
- **Michigan Activity Pass** - Get out and explore! Enjoy complimentary or reduced admission at more than 440 cultural institutions, including nature centers, historical sites, museums, Oakland County parks, and every Michigan state park. <https://www.baldwinlib.org/michigan-activity-pass/>
- **Morningstar Investment Research Center** - The Morningstar Investment Research Center database includes research on more than 30,000 stocks, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs). It is designed specifically for individual investors. Morningstar also allows you to build and test a portfolio and to take interactive workshops and classes to sharpen your investing skills. Access the online version with your BPL card at <https://www.baldwinlib.org/business-financial-information/>
- **NYT Crossword** – Use your Baldwin card to play original games online like the Crossword, the Mini, Spelling Bee, Tiles, and more. <https://www.baldwinlib.org/ny-times/>
- **Oakland Talking Book Service** (<http://otbs.rhpl.org/>) - This free service, administered by the Rochester Hills Public Library, loans talking books and magazines, large print books, Braille and talking book players to eligible Oakland County residents of all ages. If you are unable to read or use standard printed materials as a result of temporary or permanent visual or physical

limitations, you should qualify. A talking book player and materials will be mailed at no cost as Free Matter for the Blind. The first step in beginning service is to apply. In addition to mailed materials, all eligible individuals have access to tens-of-thousands of books and dozens of magazines available for download through the National Library Service's Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) site.

- **Online newspapers** - Our online newspaper offerings include a selection of trusted publications, from the local dailies to financial journals, and more. Use your BPL card to read the newspaper online and on the go. Baldwin offers digital access to *Consumer Reports*, *Detroit Free Press*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Financial Times*.  
<https://www.baldwinlib.org/online-newspapers/>
- **Periodicals** – Browse Baldwin’s selection of over 200 newspapers, magazines, and journals while sitting in the Library’s Grand Hall reading room. Back issues of magazines may be checked out for one week.
- **Seed Library** - BPL’s seed library hopes to aid the conservation of local and heirloom varieties while encouraging patrons to grow their own food, be outside, share with the community, and have fun. A seed library is a collection of seeds available for lending to the community. Users “borrow” (or take) seeds from the library to grow food and flowers. After harvesting mature seeds, people may “return” (or donate) seeds back to the seed library. Seed libraries facilitate a connection to the Earth and to the past and help to raise awareness about the importance of genetic diversity, regional adaptability, and seed stories.  
<https://www.baldwinlib.org/seedlibrary/>
- **Tax Forms** - If you’re completing your own taxes, contact the Adult Services department at 248-554-4650 or [adult.reference@baldwinlib.org](mailto:adult.reference@baldwinlib.org) for assistance acquiring tax forms. Baldwin stocks both Federal and Michigan forms from mid-January through April. If you don’t see the form you’re looking for, Baldwin staff can print copies for you from the IRS or Michigan Treasury websites.
- **ValueLine** - Whether you’re a beginning investor or a veteran looking for high-impact ideas, Value Line can position you for financial success quickly and easily. The uncontested authority in reliable, unbiased information, Value Line puts you in the driver’s seat with accurate and insightful investment research on companies, industries, markets and economies. BPL offers the print version for in-library use and access to the online version with your BPL card at <https://www.baldwinlib.org/business-financial-information/>