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Library Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday: 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday: Noon-5:30 p.m. Phone: (248) 642-5800 www.btpl.org

Library Closings

Saturday, March 30 for Easter Weekend Sunday, March 31 for Easter Friday, May 3 for Staff Development Day Sunday, May 26 for Memorial Day Weekend Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day Observance





Library Board of Trustees

Margaret Cohen, Grant Gerhart, Judy Lindstrom, Joan C. Luksik, Pamela Williams

Library Board of Trustee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., except for April's meeting, which is held on the fourth Tuesday. View Library Board meetings, agendas and meeting information online at www.btpl.org. Click on "About Us" and select Library Board of Trustees.

FRIENDS of the LIBRARY — SECOND SATURDAY SUPER SALES

Save these dates — March 9, April 13, May 11 — for the Second Saturday Super Sales. Sale hours are 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., with the first hour open to Friends members only. Not a Friends member? Membership forms are available at the door on the day of the sale, at the Library Welcome and Circulation Desks at any time, and on our website at www.btpl.org. Click on "About Us" and select Friends of the Library.

Please Note! Beginning February 1, 2013, patron accounts with \$25 or more owed in overdue billed library materials or fines will be referred to Unique Management Services, an agency that specializes in retrieving materials and fines for libraries. A \$15 **nonrefundable** fee will be assessed for each account referred to Unique Management Services. Any overdue account must be completely resolved and paid in full in order to resume borrowing privileges.

Spring, 2013



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9th Annual Storytelling Festival March 12 and 13 at 6:30 p.m.



Come for an evening of enjoyment as talented forensic student storytellers from the Bloomfield Hills School District weave their magical tales for children ages 6+, families and adults. There will be different

student performers each night. This program is open to everyone. Audience registration begins February 4. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Bloomfield Hills School District.

New Collection — Rental DVDs

For your convenience, we've created a new collection of rental DVDs. Come in and grab a new movie—first come, first served, and the first day is free! Return on the due date before the Library closes and there is no charge.

After the first day, rates are: $$1 ext{ per day for days } 2 - 6 ext{ for Bloomfield Township residents; } $2 ext{ per day for days } 2 - 6 ext{ for those who live outside of Bloomfield Township; } $2 ext{ per day after 7 days for everyone.}$

Communities Matter @ Your Library National Library Week April 14-20, 2013

Be a Star Reader — for children of all ages

Monday, April 15—Saturday, April 20 Celebrate National Library Week — bring your favorite book to the library and have your photo taken with it. Your name will be entered in a special drawing — details available at Youth Services.



Concert: Paul Vondiziano, Classical Guitar in Celebration of National Library Week Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

On Becoming a Writer with Author Thrity Umrigar Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. @ Farmington Community Library

Join us for an evening with acclaimed author and journalist Thrity Umrigar who will talk about what she has learned on her journey to becoming a bestselling author. Thrity Umrigar will answer questions after her presentation and sign copies of her books at the end of the program. Reservations are required — please call (248) 553-6880.

Subscribe Now!

Have you subscribed yet to the Bloomfield Township Public Library e-newsletters? Get the latest information on Library news, programs and events! It's easy to do. Just visit the Library website at www.btpl.org and click on "Subscribe". Choose which e-newsletters to subscribe to and enter your email address. You'll soon be receiving news from the Library delivered right to your inbox!

We also understand how easy it is to overlook the due date for items you have borrowed from the Library. We would be happy to send a series of email reminders — call the Library to sign up today. When you borrow an item, we also give you a receipt showing what has been borrowed and the due date. Keep this handy as your reminder of when items are due!



Have You Been There Yet?

This season, make Cranbrook your family's destination for a special outing. Take a walk or drive around the beautiful grounds and see some amazing sculpture. View the latest exhibit at the Institute of Science. Find out what is on the cutting edge of art at the Cranbrook Museum of Art.

All of this and more is available to you when you use your Bloomfield Township Public Library card to borrow a two week/two person pass to Cranbrook, available at the Library's Circulation Desk.

The pass is good for two people for two weeks and gives you free admission to the facilities of Cranbrook, including the Institute of Science, the Art Museum, Cranbrook Art Academy Library, Cranbrook House and Gardens, the Archives, Ice Arena and the Natatorium during regular public hours.

For a complete program schedule and more information, visit our website at www.btpl.org and click on "Library Events." Register for programs online at www.btpl.org (Library Events), by phone (248) 642-5800, or in person at the Library. Programs not requiring registration are open to all. Programs may be subject to change or cancellation.

Adult Programs & Events

Several programs such as various writers' groups, our Knit 'n Stitch circle, Tuesdays at the Movies and **Coffee and Conversation for seniors** are offered every month. Pick up a calendar at the library or call us for more information at (248) 642-5800.



Carnegie Hall Preview

Friday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. DSO musicians return to the Bloomfield Township Public Library with a special

preview of their historic Charles Ives concerts at Carnegie Hall in May. Free tickets to the concert are reserved online at www.dso.org, or by calling (313) 576-5111. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Home Repair and Equity Scams: How to **Avoid Them**

Wednesday, March 20 at 2:00 p.m. Presented by the Michigan Attorney General's Senior Brigade.

Identity Theft: Protect Yourself

Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. Presented by the Michigan Attorney General's Senior Brigade.

From Crisis to Hope, and The Art of Healing Workshop: **Common Ground**

Saturday, May 4 Presentation from 11:00 a.m. to noon Workshop from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Registration required and is open to everyone—register at http://commonground helps.org/ or call (248) 451-3734.

Teen Book Club Kits

Looking to start a book club with your friends? Already have a club but need some good books to read? Try one of our new Teen Book Club Kits. Each kit contains five copies of a popular title, one audiobook CD version, plus additional materials, activities and a discussion guide to help get your group talking. Titles include The Hunger Games Series, Ship Breaker, Going Bovine, Matched and many more.

Calling All Teens

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesdays, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Teens aged 13-18 are invited to apply to be

on the Board. TAB members provide valuable input into our teen collections and programming.

After Hours Teen Lock-In-Ultimate Hide and Seek Challenge

Friday, April 12 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Teens aged 13-18 are invited to compete in our library-wide hide and seek games for fun

Online Teen Book Club

A new book will be selected and posted on the first day of each month. Read the book and visit the Library's Teen page to participate in online book discussions. Submit questions and responses.

Video Book Reviews Wanted

Review a book and submit your 1-2 minute video to the Library to be posted on the Library's website. Visit the Teen Page.

Free Homework Coaching/Tutoring

Most weekday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Contact Adult Services for dates and times and to find out when a coach in your requested subject is scheduled to be in.

THINK SPRING!!

Gardening in Difficult Places

with Janet Macunovich Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

No Registration Required.

Healthy Lawn Care Seminar

with Gary Eichen Monday, April 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration and exhibits open at 6:00 p.m. Pre-registration preferred register online or by calling SOCWA at (248) 288-5150

Rain Gardens for the Rouge River

with Don Carpenter Monday, April 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. See registration details above.

Gardening Seminars Co-Sponsored by SOCWA, Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, and the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Youth Programs & Events

In addition to the programs listed that require registration, the Youth Department offers many drop-in programs every month. Visit www.btpl.org or call (248) 642-5800 for more information.

Just Like Me? Exploring Culture, Biology and the Human Experience Friday, March 8, 15, 22 from 4:30 to

5:30 p.m. — ages 6-11 with adult Join the University of Michigan, Museum

of Natural History for a three week series of family workshops and explore: • The biology behind our differences

- and similarities How geology and human migration
- influenced food What makes music the universal
- language Registration for the three week series

Pi Day — grades 3-6

begins February 11.

Thursday, March 14 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Celebrate 3.14 on 3/14 with numerical activities and snacks! Registration begins February 19.

Sensory Saturdays — ages 3-10 with developmental delays and other different needs

Join us on the third Saturday of the month for an interactive story time and sensory-friendly

Saturday, March 16 at 11:00 a.m. Registration begins February 16. Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m. Registration begins March 16. Saturday, May 18 at 11:00 a.m. Registration begins April 20.

LEGO Club — ages 6 and older Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Adventures in Books Friday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. On the Menu

Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m. Flying Machines

We supply the LEGO, you supply the imagination during these monthly building projects. Registration not required.

Scrabble Club — ages 6 and up Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 20, April 17, May 15 Drop-in for loads of fun, practicing spelling and math skills at our newest club. Relaxing fun with words for all.

Story times are developed with stories, rhythms and rhymes for specific ages. from the youngest listener on an adult lap to the independent listeners on their own. Pick up a calendar at the Library

Bouncing Babies—newborn through crawling, with adult—registration reauired.

Movers and Shakers—toddlers walking and ready to engage in group activities, with adultregistration required.

or call for dates and times.

Almost On My Own-older toddlers ready for "interactive" story time with an adult-registration required.

Just Us Kids—preschoolers, ready to participate without adult registration required.

Family Story Time—for the entire family—no registration required.

Babies and Books

Wednesday, March 20 from 10:00 a.m. to

Bring your babies to our open house to see the latest and greatest materials available at the Library, perfect for introducing our youngest patrons to the world around them. Demonstrations of bouncing rhymes, finger plays and songs will be interspersed throughout the morning.

An Evening with An American Girl: Rebecca — ages 7-12

Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. Read and discuss "Rebecca and Ana" by Jacqueline Dembar Greene. Registration begins February 21.

An Evening with An American Girl: Felicity — ages 7-12

Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. Read and discuss "Felicity Learns a Lesson" by Valerie Tripp. Registration begins March 21.

PJ Theater — all family members welcome

Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. Live theater, puppet shows, authors, illustrators, movies...every event is different. We provide the show and you bring the snacks. Come in your PJs too! Generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Sign and Play — ages birth to 3 with caregiver

Mondays, April 15 to May 6 at 10:00 a.m. Signing Time instructor Sara Ghioto will teach sign language through songs, stories and play activities—classes ASL based. Registration begins March 25.

Computer Classes

Registration required. Classes are open to Bloomfield Township residents only.

Register online at www.btpl.org (Library Events), by phone (248) 642-5800, or in person at the Library. Have your Bloomfield Library card number ready to register. Basic computer skills required.

Introduction to PowerPoint

Saturday, March 2 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 23 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Learn how to create a PowerPoint presentation.

Introduction to Scanning & Photo Editing Saturday, March 9 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Learn how to digitize documents and edit your photos.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Saturday, March 16 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday, April 6 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Make Microsoft Word really work for you!

Ebooks: Free From the Library

Monday, March 18 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 15 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Become familiar with downloading free ebooks onto your own ereader. Our OverDrive ebooks are compatible with all devices, including Kindles, Nooks, tablets, and iPods. We'll also cover downloading audiobooks.

Introduction to Social Networking

Saturday, May 11 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. An introduction to Facebook, Twitter and I inkedin

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Saturday, April 20 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Learn how to properly set up a spreadsheet.

Computer Basics

The Adult Services Department can guide you to hands-on tutorials to learn your basic skills at your own speed. Practice in the Library or at home as much as you need, at your own pace. Check out the Computer Basics page on our website, or come in to the Library and we'll also show you learning programs and videos you can borrow for use at home.



SPOTLIGHT ON DATABASES

Do you have a student looking for help with their homework? Send them to the TutorMe link available for free on the Bloomfield Township Public Library website. Tutors provide instruction in English, Math, Science and Social Studies for students in grades 4 through 12 using a real-time shared computer chat and whiteboard session. This service is available every day from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

There are 1.300 tutors who work from their homes or offices throughout North America. They are certified teachers, college professors, and professional tutors, all with proven subject experience in their fields. All tutors have passed criminal background checks and comply with the Children's Online Protection Act and Children's Internet Protection Act.

The following browser operating systems are all supported by this service:

- Internet Explorer (6.0 or higher)
- Safari (2.0 or higher)
- Firefox (2.0 or higher)

Additionally, you will need an internet connection and Flash Player (version 8) installed on your computer.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

It's the perfect time of year to curl up with a cool fantasy!

Adult: A Memory of Light by Robert Jordan — The final installment in the Wheel of Time saga is being called a fitting end to a magnificent series.

Teen: Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi — In a futuristic world. teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

Youth: The Lost Flower Children by Janet Taylor Lisle — After their mother's death, Olivia and Nellie go to live with their great aunt, where they slowly bring her overgrown and weedy old garden back to life, enabling them to adjust to a new life as well.