

Library Millage Election on November 4

On **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**, Bloomfield Township residents will have the opportunity to vote on a .541 mills ballot proposal to provide needed funding to the Bloomfield Township Public Library for the next 10 years. The .541 mills will restore the 1.78 mills previously approved by Bloomfield Township voters in 2002 and add .21 mills.

Bloomfield Township property taxes provide 93% of the Library's funding. Since 2008, property tax revenues have decreased by 23%, or \$1.3 million. The Library Board of Trustees has managed to keep the library operating in an extremely lean manner. Changes since 2008 to reduce spending include eliminating staff positions, reducing benefits, capping legacy costs, delaying major technology and building upgrades and repairs, reducing the book budget, programs, and library hours. After all these cuts, the Library now must consider a millage proposal. The restoration and supplemental mills are necessary for the Library to continue providing the quality library service residents have enjoyed.

The average Bloomfield Township resident with a property having a market value of \$352,000 will pay approximately \$93.33 per year for 10 years to restore library services.

Please attend one of two public forums to learn more about this proposal—**Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Library.

Proposal to Restore and Supplement Library Millage

Shall the limitation on taxes which may be imposed each year for library purposes upon taxable property in the Charter Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, Michigan, be increased in an amount not to exceed 0.5410 mills (\$0.5410 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten (10) years, 2014 to 2023, inclusive, as a new additional millage, of which .2946 mills of the increase is to restore the original August 10, 1982 1 mill levy, which had been reduced to .7054 mills by the required millage rollbacks and .0338 mills is to restore the August 6, 2002 .7874 mill levy, which had been reduced to .7536 mills by the required millage rollbacks. The remaining .2126 mills of the proposed .5410 levy is a millage to provide additional library funds for all library purposes authorized by law for the Bloomfield Township Public Library. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$1,756,004.00 in the first year if approved and fully levied.

What happens if the millage doesn't pass?

- Hours will be reduced further.
- Deeper cuts to funding for materials will be made.
- Fewer programs for children, teens, and adults will be offered.
- As public computers stop working, these will not be replaced.
- Urgent building and technology upgrades will be deferred indefinitely.

What happens if the millage passes?

- Library hours will be completely restored.
- Residents will see a return to a full schedule of programming for children, teens, and adults.
- Funding for library materials will be increased.
- Urgent building and technology projects will be completed.

THE PLACE TO
DISCOVER

1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Township, MI 48302 (248) 642-5800 www.btpl.org

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

Monday, September 1 for Labor Day
Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving
(closed 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 26)



Library Board of Trustees

Margaret Cohen, Grant Gerhart, Eli Greenbaum, 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 SALES

Save these dates — September 13, October 11, November 8 — for the Second Saturday 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. **Join us for our Special Sunday Sales on September 14 AND November 9, noon to 3:30 p.m.**

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? Look no further than the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library! The Friends are a group of dedicated volunteers who organize the Second Saturday Sales of used books and other materials. If you like books and have some spare time, stop at the Welcome Desk in the Library to inquire about Friends memberships and volunteering opportunities.



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

Ongoing programs such as various writers' groups, our Knit 'n Stitch circle, 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.

Searching for Your Ancestors with the D.A.R.

Saturday, September 13 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Experienced searchers from the Piety Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) can help you start tracing your ancestors or pass on expert tips at our drop-in workshop. Bring any records you may have with you.



Discover the Business Value of Your Library Card

Small Business Open House

Thursday, September 18 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Career Open House

Thursday, October 9 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Speak with experts from Gale, EBSCO, and other online resources available exclusively to our Bloomfield Township Public Library card holders. Learn how to grow your business and advance your career. Open to Bloomfield Township residents and business owners.

Financial/Retirement Programs

Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Practical Ways to Avoid Running out of Money with Rick Bloom

Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Strategies to Catch up on your Retirement Savings with Ken Bloom

Registration is required for both programs and both are open to everyone.

Great Female Artists of Detroit with Suzanne Bilek

Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m.

See Detroit and its rich history through the eyes of its female artists, and see why the area is gaining an international reputation as a center of the arts.

Movies in the Teen Center

Stop by the Teen Center to see a film or two using our wireless headsets. Movies are free of charge and no registration is required. Check our online Events Calendar for dates and titles.

Calling All Teens

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesdays, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Help select books and other materials for the Library's collections. Members also recommend books and write blogs promoting reading and the Library to other teens. Visit the Library's Teen Pages at www.btpl.org for more information and to register.

S.T.E.M. Resources for Teens

Wednesday, September 10 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

For teens and parents. Find out about library resources available to students. Registration is required.

Teen Creative Writers' Group

Mondays, September 15, November 10 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

For teens aged 13-18. Share your writing projects and provide constructive feedback to other teen writers. Participate in fun, imaginative writing activities. Registration is required.

Teen Book Series Discussion

Mondays, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

September 22: *Maze Runner Trilogy*
December 15: *Infernal Devices Series*
All teens are welcome for some fun games, trivia and lively discussion of these popular teen book series. Registration is required.

Teen Tech Lab

Tuesdays, September 23, October 28 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Open lab for teens aged 13-18. Talk apps, games, and tech trends with other teens. Bring your laptops, smartphones and tablets or use our computers. Registration is required.

Book Prom Teen After Hours

Friday, October 10 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

For teens aged 13-18. Celebrate your favorite books at our first ever Teen Book Prom. Expect lots of fun, teen-book-related trivia, movie clips, music, charades and prizes! Registration is required along with a signed parental permission slip.

Date Night @ the Library

First Friday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
Check the online calendar for movie titles and ratings — free popcorn!

What's Cooking with Trader Joe's

Check our calendar online for more great tasting programs with our local Trader Joe's. Registration is required and is open to everyone.

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.

PJ Theater — all ages

Wednesdays, September 10, October 1, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Live theater, puppet shows, authors, illustrators, movies...every night is different. No registration required.

Little Foodies — ages 4-7

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

September 17—Sports

Registration begins August 25.

October 15—Scary Snacks

Registration begins September 17.

November 19—Turkey Treats

Registration begins October 15.

Little chefs are invited to join us for stories, activities and fun recipes.

LEGO Club — ages 6 and older

Saturdays, September 20, October 18, November 15 at 11:00 a.m.

We supply the LEGO, you supply the imagination. No registration required.

Sign and Play — ages birth to 3 years with caregiver

Mondays, September 22 through November 10, at 10:00 a.m., an 8 week session

Signing Time Academy instructor, Sara Ghioto, will teach sign language through songs, stories, and play activities. Caregivers will learn to fingerspell their child's name. This series of classes is ASL based. Registration begins September 2.

Beaker Buddies — grades K-1 w/adult

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

September 23—*Duck Soup* by Jackie Urbanovic

Registration begins September 2.

October 21—*Strega Nona* by Tomie DePaola

Registration begins September 23.

November 25—*Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* by Mo Willems

Registration begins October 21.

Book discussions with a scientific twist!

NEW!! Crayon Crew — ages 18 months-3 years with adult

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

September 27

Registration begins August 28.

October 25

Registration begins September 27.

November 22

Registration begins October 25.

Story times are developed with stories, rhythms and rhymes for specific ages and all abilities. Visit www.btpl.org or call (248) 642-5800 for more information.

Movers and Shakers—older toddlers and early pre-schoolers, ages 2-3, with adult—registration required.

Mother Goose Club—ages 12-24 months with adult—registration required.

Tinker Tales—children, ages 3-6, ready to participate without adult—registration required.

Shake, Rhythm & Rhyme!—children of all abilities ages 2-6 with family—registration required.

Tablet Tales—digital story time for children ages 3-5 without an adult—registration required.

Wee Play—newborn-24 months with caregiver

Visit www.btpl.org or call (248) 642-5800 for dates and times.

Drop-in for unstructured play. No registration required.

Pages & Panels—3rd & 4th grade readers

Monday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins September 2.

Held during Banned Book Week, we will read and discuss *Sound Off!* by D.J. Steinberg followed by a short brainstorming session and comics drawing lesson.

Wild Swan Theater presents

"Strega Nona" — all ages

Sunday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Based on the Tomie DePaola book.

A not-to-be-missed live theater production.

Registration is not required.

All Ages Welcome!

Origami Library Card Holders

September 2-30

Fold an origami holder for your card.

StoryWalk

October 1-31

Celebrate the Library's 50th anniversary.

Harvest Hoedown

Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Fun farm story, dancing and more!

Spooktacular

Tuesday, October 28 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Halloween fun, costumes encouraged!

DIY Identity Flags

Tuesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Election Day — decorate a flag!

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for generously donating funds for Youth programming.

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

Tuesday, September 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 25 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Learn how to create a PowerPoint presentation.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Saturday, September 13 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Learn how to properly set up a spreadsheet.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Thursday, September 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 15 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Make Microsoft Word really work for you!

Introduction to Scanning & Photo Editing

Saturday, October 11 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Learn how to digitize documents and edit your photos.

Introduction to Social Networking

Wednesday, October 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Systems staff will introduce you to facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Music at the Library

Shelia Landis Sings a Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald

Shelia Landis Trio

Friday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Outstanding jazz vocalist Sheila Landis interprets the classic repertoire of Ella Fitzgerald, the First Lady of Song, with swinging support provided by guitarist Rick Matle and drummer Karen Tomalis.

Chamber Music Lecture Series

Friday, September 19 at noon.

Friday, October 10 at noon.

Friday, November 14 at noon.

Lectures with musical examples on the music to be heard on upcoming concerts at the Chamber Music Society of Detroit; given by Dr. Steve Wogaman.

Chamber Concert Schedule 2014—2015



Friday, October 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 23, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 20, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

JOIN US FOR
A Night at the Library!



50TH ANNIVERSARY
GALA CELEBRATION

Celebrate 50 years of the Bloomfield Township Public Library at our gala "A Night at the Library"!

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 each

- ◆ Strolling supper
- ◆ Live entertainment from the Paul Keller Quintet and others
- ◆ Raffles

Purchase tickets on the Library's website www.btpl.org and in the Library at the Circulation Desk.

Supporters are encouraged to purchase space in the evening's program for an advertisement or a message of congratulations for the Library. Call (248) 642-5800 for more information.

All proceeds support the Library's Youth Services Spaces and Activities.

Fifty Years at the Detroit Institute of Art with Dr. Salvador Salort-Pons

Thursday, September 18

10:00 a.m.

The curator of European painting at the DIA returns to share the past five decades of art history in Detroit.

Apps and Apps — Downloading Party

Wednesday, October 8 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 8 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Bring your device — smartphone, tablet, Kindle, or even your laptop — and we'll help you get started while you nibble on appetizers.

Teen eBooks and Audiobooks

Visit teen.btpl.org to access our teen collections on OverDrive.