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Celebrating 50 Years!



In October, 2014, Bloomfield Township Public Library will celebrate a milestone in its history — 50 years of serving the community! Since opening its doors on October 20, 1964, the Library has become a cornerstone in Bloomfield Township. The Library has grown from a print collection in the 1960s to a state of the art facility today, thanks to the strong support of the Bloomfield Township residents. To celebrate this special anniversary, a year full of activities, events and displays is being planned.

Join us as we kick off our yearlong 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, January 25. A variety of family friendly activities will be available for everyone to enjoy. In honor of the Library's opening in 1964, our day-long celebration will have a 1960's theme and is called "Feeling Groovy". Starting at 1:00 p.m., stop by and get your face painted. Have your photo taken in a photo booth with 1960's props. Enjoy some karaoke of sixties songs. Remember the Twist? Join us for a dance lesson. Be part of a "Where the Wild Things Are" wild rumpus featuring various crafts. To end the day-long celebration, the Beatles tribute band, Toppermost, will perform at 7:30 p.m. that evening. No registration is required for any event. We invite all of you to be a part of our nostalgia as we look back at the very first years of Bloomfield Township Public Library!

SAVE THE DATE of October 18, 2014 for "A Night at the Library", a gala evening concluding our yearlong anniversary celebration. Enjoy an evening of entertainment, food and more! Further details and ticket information will be available soon.

As part of our celebration, tell us why you love the Bloomfield Township Public Library. Do you have a special memory to share? Has a staff member provided you with excellent service? Write it down and submit it on the library's website, www.btpl.org, email it to communitylinks@btpl.org, or drop it off at the library's Welcome Desk. Or maybe you have photos that were taken at the Library which you would like to contribute for the celebration (all photos will be returned). If you do, please email these to communitylinks@btpl.org, or drop off at the library's Welcome Desk. Your stories and photos will be used in the yearlong anniversary celebration at the Library, on the library's website and social media pages, and in promotional pieces. You will need to fill out a release form before the Library can use your story or photo.

Consider giving a gift to the Library in honor of its 50th anniversary. Become a partner in the Library's ongoing commitment to support access to knowledge for everyone in the community. Help us continue our tradition of excellence. Your gift helps assure that the Library remains a vital asset to generations to come. To give a gift, just visit the library's website, www.btpl.org, and click on "About Us" for further information about donations and for the Tribute form. Tribute forms also are available in the Library at the Welcome Desk.

Watch our website at www.btpl.org for complete details on all our anniversary events, activities and displays, including weekly fun facts about the Library!

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

Tuesday, December 24 for Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31 close at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1, 2014 for New Year's Day



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 — December 14, January 11, February 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.

Freezing Holds — Are you going on a vacation soon and don't want to miss your hold when it comes in? Now you can freeze a hold online. Freezing a hold retains your position in the hold queue while you are away. To freeze a hold, go to our website, www.btpl.org, and click on "My Account" at the top of the page. Type your full name and your library card number and click on Submit. At the top of the page, click on the link that says "requests (holds)." You will see all the items you currently have on hold. To freeze a hold, click on the small box to the right of an item. A checkmark will appear in this box indicating that the hold has been frozen for you. Don't forget to come back and click on the small box again to un-freeze your hold once you return from your vacation.

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, 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.

All Downton All Day

December 26-January 2
See the entire Season 3 of Downton Abbey, shown at multiple times and multiple dates, before Season 4 kicks off! Check the Library Events calendar for showtimes.

GAME TIME @ the Library

Friday, December 27 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Friday, February 28 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Teens and adults of all abilities are invited to play board games with other patrons. We will provide a wide variety of classic board games plus low-vision and memory games from our Vitality Kits. No registration required.

Everyone Loves Chocolate!

Saturday, February 8
Join us for our 4th annual celebration of everyone's favorite treat. Learn how to make easy chocolate treats, enjoy quizzes and chocolate tastings, and much more throughout the Library. Bloomfield Township residents can enter a raffle to win our basket of chocolate treats. Call, check online, or come in for more information beginning January 2.



"Quite the Pet of Cranbrook": James Scripps Booth and the Early Car

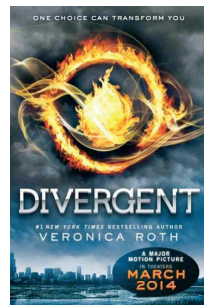
Sunday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m.
Held at the DeSalle Auditorium, Cranbrook Museum of Art

From electric doors to the rear-mounted spare tire, James Scripps Booth, the son of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen, designed decades ahead of his time, developing innovations that still impact us today.

Calling All Teens

Collaging and Scrapbooking for Teens
Tuesday, December 3 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
For ages 13 through 18. We will provide supplies—no registration required.

Hunger Games After-Hours Teen and Tween Challenge—for ages 11-18
Friday, December 27 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Compete with other tributes in our Quarter Quell Hunger Games Challenge. The Challenge will include trivia, scavenger hunts, hide and seek, and tag in the Library in the dark. Fun prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is required along with a signed parental permission slip.



Divergent Trilogy Teen Book Discussion
Monday, February 17 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Teen fans of this popular trilogy by Veronica Roth are invited for discussion, games, trivia and more. Registration is preferred.

Get Involved at the Library: Join the Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, December 10, January 14, January 28, February 11, February 25 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Help plan library events, select materials for the Library's Teen Collection and create flyers and blogs to promote reading and the library to other teens. Visit the Teen Page online to print out your TAB application.

Volunteer as a Homework Coach
High school student volunteers in good academic standing are needed to assist middle and high school students with their homework at the Library. For more information and to apply, visit the Teen page at www.btpl.org.

Free Homework Help at the Library
Volunteer high school students will be on hand several weekday afternoons to assist students in grades 5-12 with their homework. Check the library calendar online to see when a coach in your subject area will be in.

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.

Iron Chef Bloomfield III — ages 8-13

Saturday, December 7, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Using the secret ingredient, contestants will try to make the yummiest food possible for our judges. Registration begins November 13.

PJ Theater — all ages

Wednesday, December 18, January 15 and February 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Live theater, puppet shows, authors, illustrators, movies...every night is different. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. No registration required.

LEGO Club — ages 6 and older

Saturday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Monday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m.
We supply the LEGO, you supply the imagination. No registration required.

4th Wall Theatre Workshop (inclusive of children with special needs)

Friday, December 27
1:00-2:00 p.m. for ages 5-7 years
2:30-3:30 p.m. for ages 8-12 years
Instructors from the 4th Wall Theatre Company will teach young actors the basics of theatre. There will be a special performance at the end! Registration begins December 6.

A Day with Mo Willems—ages 4 and up

Monday, December 30 at 11:00 a.m.
Celebrate the creator of Pigeon and Knuffle Bunny with fun stories and activities. Registration begins December 9.

An Afternoon with Felicity—ages 7-12

Thursday, January 2 at 2:00 p.m.
Read and discuss "Felicity Learns a Lesson". Registration begins December 9.

Sign & Play — ages birth to 3 years with caregiver

Fridays, January 10-February 14 at 10:00 a.m. (Six-week session)
Registration begins December 20.
This series of signing classes is ASL-based. Signing Time Academy instructor, Sara Ghioto, will teach children and their caregiver sign language through songs, stories, and play activities. Caregivers will also learn how to fingerspell their child's name, promoting early literacy.

Story times are developed with stories, rhythms and rhymes for specific ages and all abilities. Pick up a calendar at the Library or call for dates and times.

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

Just Us Kids—preschoolers, ages 3-6, ready to participate without adult—registration required.

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

Itsy Bitsy Yoga — ages 2-5 with favorite adult (inclusive of children with special needs)

Mondays, January 13-February 3 at 10:00 a.m. (Four-week session)
Registration begins December 23.
This series will include poses, yoga breathing, and visualizations, taught by instructors from Belightful Yoga. Please bring a mat for everyone participating.

Predators and Prey: The Eternal Struggle — ages 6-11 with an adult

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
January 16 **Dining on Dinos**
Registration begins December 23.
February 20 **Meals with Megafauna**
Registration begins January 30.
Join the U of M, Museum of Natural History on a journey through time as we explore survival strategies of predator and prey.



Sensory Saturday Story Times — ages 3-10 and their families

Saturday, January 18 at 2:00 p.m.
Registration begins December 16.
Saturday, February 15 at 2:00 p.m.
Registration begins January 18.
Join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month for an interactive story time filled with rhythm, movement, stories and sensory-friendly fun. Designed especially for children with developmental delays and other different needs.

Mad Science — Kindergarten and first grade with adult

Wednesday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 2.
Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Registration begins January 29.
Read and discuss books, then conduct related experiments.

Hearts and Flowers—all ages welcome

Tuesday, February 11 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Create your own unique cards, flowers and more to send to friends near and far. Registration is not required.

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.

Computer Basics

The Adult Services Department can guide you to hands-on tutorials on our website. Practice in the Library or at home on your own computer. Stop by or call Adult Services to get started.

Ebooks: Free From the Library — for your Tablet or Smartphone

Monday, January 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 15 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 11 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Become familiar with downloading free OverDrive ebooks onto your own device, including Kindle Fire, iPad, and smartphones.

Introduction to Scanning & Photo Editing

Saturday, December 14 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Learn how to digitize documents and edit your photos.

Introduction to Social Networking

Saturday, February 22 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
An introduction to Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Saturday, January 4 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 8 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Learn how to properly set up a spreadsheet.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Saturday, January 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 1 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Make Microsoft Word really work for you!

Introduction to PowerPoint

Saturday, December 7 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 21 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Learn how to create a PowerPoint presentation.

Kindle or Nook Owners — Download free ebooks through the library's Overdrive collection. Pick up step by step instructions at the Adult Services Desk, or on our website at www.btpl.org. Click "Find It Online", then "eBooks" and click on Quickstart Guides for your Device. If you need more help, please call (248) 642-5800, ext. 171, to set up an appointment.



SPOTLIGHT ON DATABASES

Appropriate for both adult researchers and young students, Facts On File Science Online is a wonderful resource. This database conveys the visual nature of science in an easy-to-understand manner. Content is divided into sections based on the National Science Education Standards. Additionally, suggestions and methods for science experiments are available on a variety of subjects. Videos, diagrams and biographies provide more content for users. Students and researchers alike should make sure to explore this excellent tool.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

We're kicking off the library's 50th anniversary with books about the Sixties.

Adult: **Ready for a Brand New Beat: how "Dancing in the Street" became the anthem for a changing America by Mark Kurlansky** — The summer of 1964 saw a new Motown hit that became not only an iconic song, but also an activist anthem in a time of great cultural change.

Teen: **The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton** — This classic coming-of-age novel set in the 1960s follows three brothers as they struggle to stay together and find their identities after their parents' death.

Youth: **The 1960s decade in Photos: Love, Freedom and Flower power by Jim Corrigan** — From JFK being elected president to the Rat Pack entertaining the nation to Neil Armstrong walking on the moon, this book is filled with extraordinary pictures of an extraordinary time. It is also filled with interesting descriptions of the decade's events.

Chamber Concert Schedule 2013—2014

Friday, November 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, January 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, February 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for their sponsorship of this concert series.