

1962

November 11: Citizens' Library Committee of Bloomfield Township was formed.

The 16 local men and women were tasked with creating a library for the Township.

1963

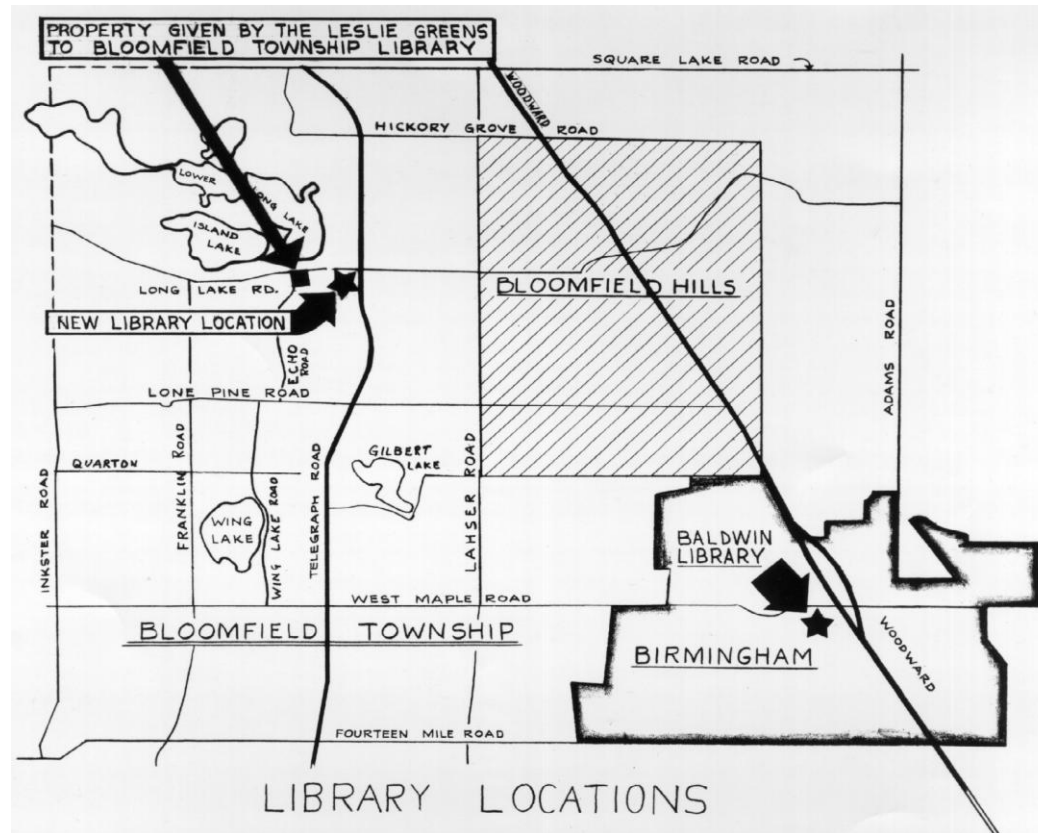
April 1: The Millage passed 2 to 1 in favor of creating Library services for Bloomfield Township residents.

The first Board of Trustees was established in August.

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| <p>Here is what you will see on your ballot:</p> <p>I. LIBRARY TAX LEVY PROPOSITION Shall the Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, Michigan, levy a tax of not to exceed one (1) mill on the assessed valuation, as equalized, of all taxable property in the Township for a free public library, this proposition to carry only if the qualified electors also approve an increase in the constitutional tax-rate limitation of one (1) mill for ten (10) years, the years 1963 to 1972, inclusive?</p> <p>For a mill tax for a free public library Yes <u> X </u> For a mill tax for a free public library No <u> </u></p> <p>II. LIBRARY MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSITION Shall the limitation of the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, Michigan, for all purposes except taxes levied for the payment of principal and interest on obligations incurred prior to December 8, 1962, be increased as provided by Section 21, Article X of the Constitution of Michigan, by one (1) mill of the assessed valuation, as equalized, of all property in the Township for a period of ten (10) years, the years 1963 to 1972, inclusive, for the purpose of making a tax levy for a free public library?</p> <p>Yes <u> X </u> No <u> </u></p> <p>Remember to vote "Yes" on Proposition Number I and then again on Proposition Number II as shown above. Both Propositions I and II must be approved to adopt the library proposal.</p> | <p>LIBRARY SERVICE FOR BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP</p> <p>A library proposal will be on the ballot for Bloomfield Township voters April 1. This folder outlines the essential facts and the reasons for the proposal.</p> <p>Citizens' Library Committee of Bloomfield Township</p> <p>A GOOD LIBRARY IS A WINDOW TO THE WORLD</p> |
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1964

January 16: John Rumsey, President of the Board, accepts a deed to 4 acres of land donated to the library by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Green. This site is located on the southeast corner of Echo and W. Long Lake Road. This land was sold with their permission and the current site was purchased.



Bloomfield Township Public Library opened its doors on October 20, 1964 in a rented facility called the Devon Office Building. It was located at the corner of Long Lake and Telegraph. It was open 49 hours per week and housed a collection of over 13,000 items. There were 342 cardholders and a staff of 7.



1965

March: The Friends of the Library was formed. They encourage and coordinate volunteers in support of the library. The first meeting was held in March, 1965 when their first officers were elected.

Dr. Paul Connolly, President

Mrs. Earl Haley, Vice-President

Mrs. William Slocum, Jr., Corresponding Secretary

Leonard Grabow, Treasurer

Other members included:

Mrs. Arthur Elliott, Jr.

Mrs. Henry L. Newnan

Mrs. Leroy Buzan

Donald A. Forman

Albert J. Weinrich

Mrs. Robert Sinclair

**Friends of Bloomfield Township Public Library
Incorporated November 22, 1966**

“The purposes of this corporation are to encourage the support, development and extension of library services to the community in which the township is situated; to encourage public interest in books and libraries in such community; to provide an association and organization of persons interested in books and libraries; to serve as a vehicle of communication between the community and the Library Board of focusing public attention upon library facilities and needs; to encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to or for such library services and to act as a trustee or other recipient in connection therewith, subject always to the limitations herein contained; and encourage the residents of the community and surrounding areas in the enjoyment and utilization of library facilities of Bloomfield Township and any system of which it is a part; and to do any and all things reasonably necessary, expedient or appropriate to effectuate the aforementioned purpose.”

1966

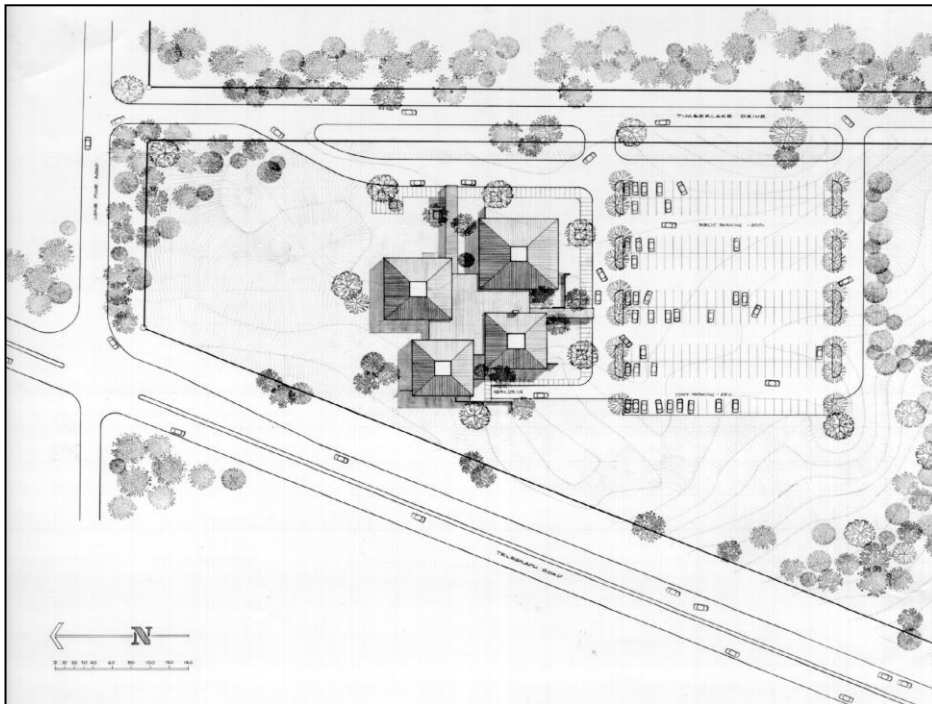
May 10: A special millage was needed to fund a permanent library building. A Citizens' Financial Advisory Committee was appointed and proposed a one-half mill to fund a building, equipment and books. It passed by a two to one margin.



1967

April 20: A blue print for library building was revealed. It consisted of four interconnecting pavilions.

Charles MacMahan from Tarapata-MacMahon Assoc. was the architect.



L to R: Lucile Roehm, Mary Katherine King, John Rumsey, Charles MacMahan, and Ralph Hesler

1969

February: Staff moves out of the Devon building.

March 23: the Library holds a dedication for their new and permanent building.



Balthazar Korab

The trustees
of the
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
request the pleasure of your company
at the
dedication of their new building
at
1099 Lone Pine Road
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
on Sunday the twenty-third of March
Nineteen hundred and sixty-nine
at three o'clock

1977

Bloomfield Township Public Library becomes the first public Library in the state of Michigan to have a computer automated Circulation system.



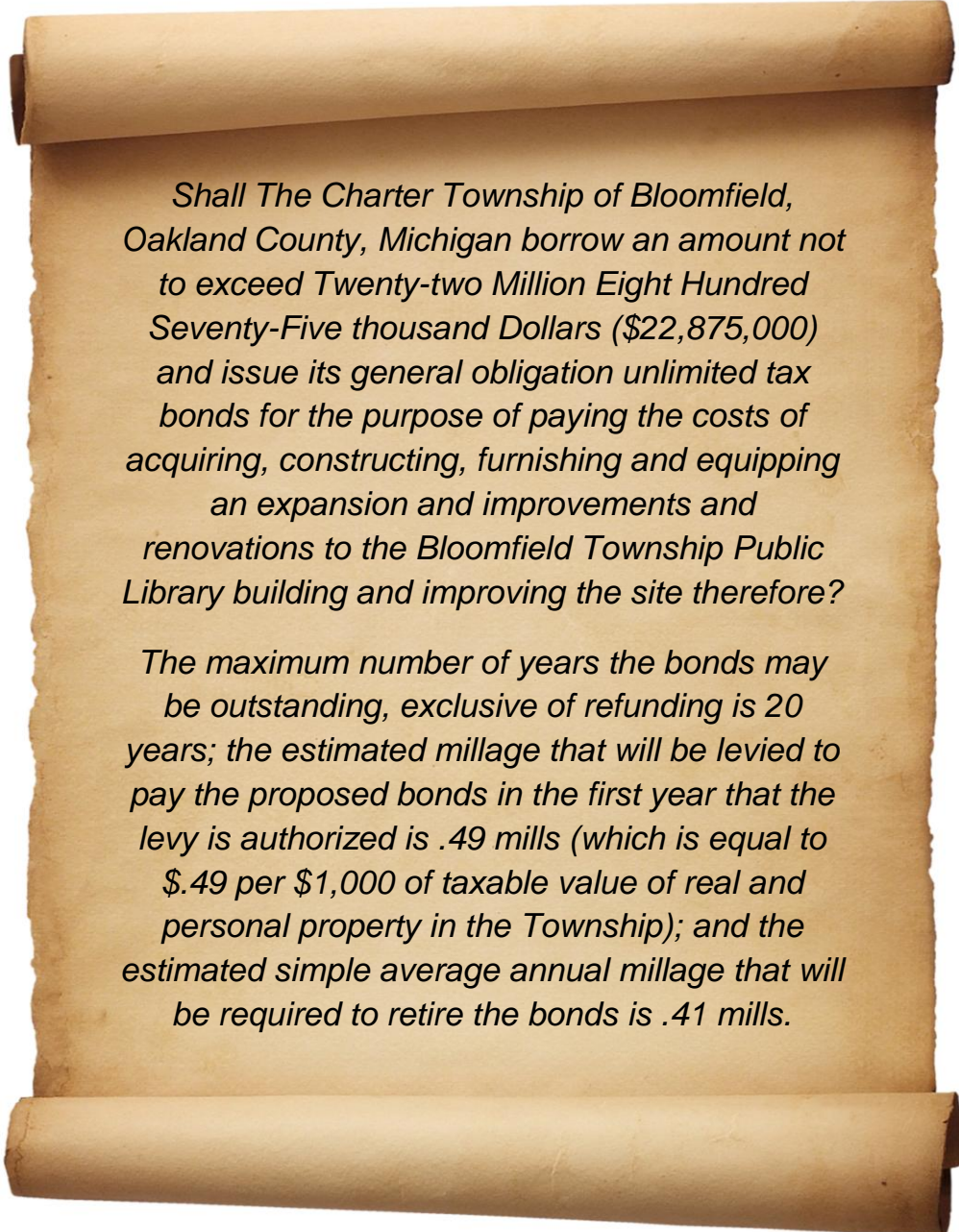
1986

In August, a 2.5 million bond issue was passed. This enabled the library to expand from 31,000 sq. feet to 55,000sq.ft. This addition included the Community Room, Audio Visual Room, and Youth Story Room and expanded the Adult Services collection.



2004

August 4: a Library Improvement bond passed for another expansion and renovation of the building

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Shall The Charter Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan borrow an amount not to exceed Twenty-two Million Eight Hundred Seventy-Five thousand Dollars (\$22,875,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of paying the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping an expansion and improvements and renovations to the Bloomfield Township Public Library building and improving the site therefore?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding is 20 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is .49 mills (which is equal to \$.49 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and personal property in the Township); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is .41 mills.

2005

July 19: The Library broke ground for another expansion and renovation project.

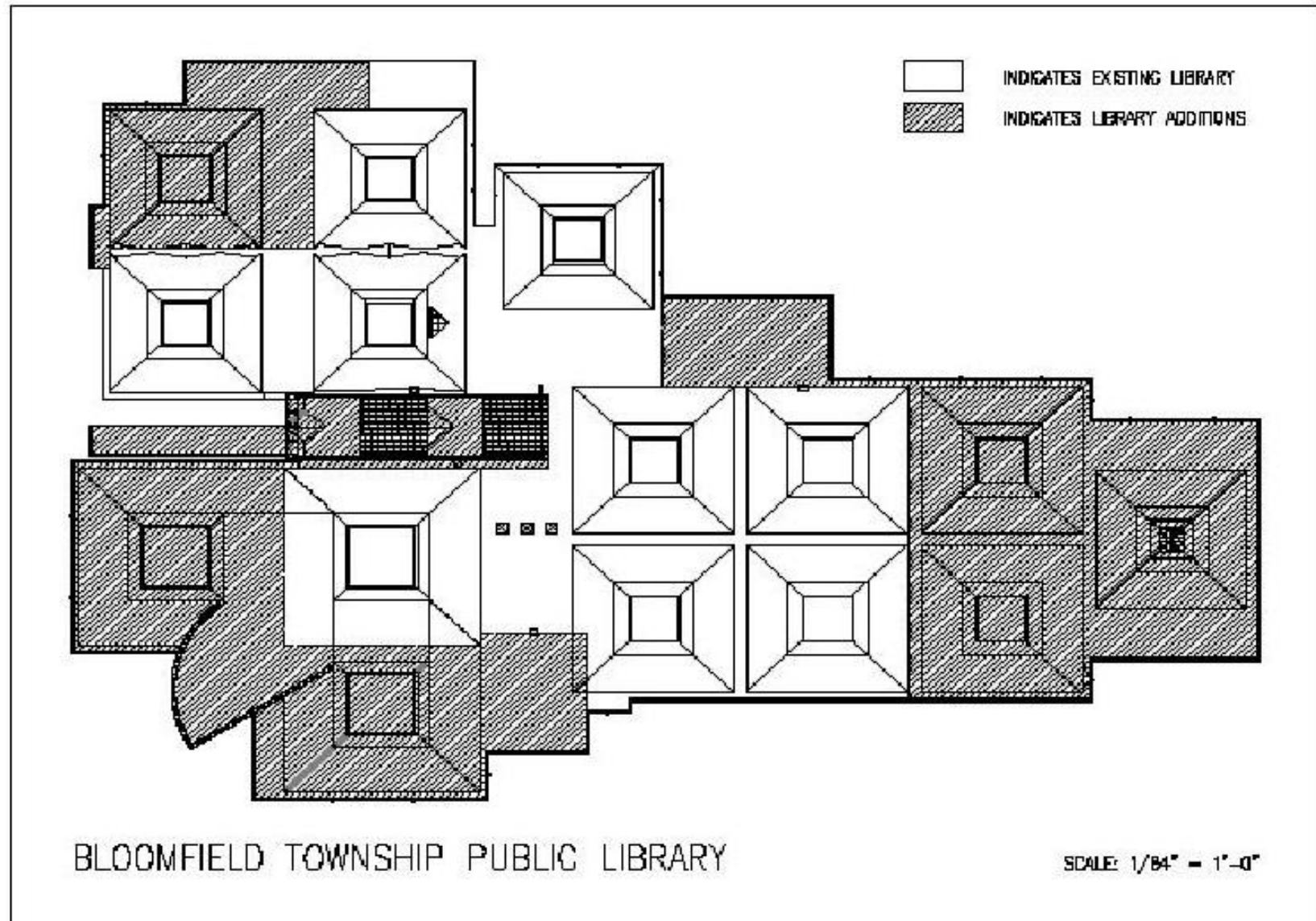


2008

October 12: Re-dedication Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



New Library Footprint



2009

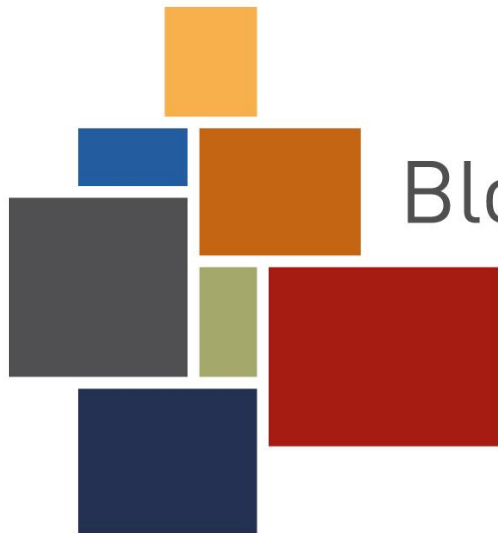
New Mission Statement

Bloomfield Township Public Library
champions the power of words to spark
discovery and imagination.

THE PLACE TO

DISCOVER

2014



Celebrating 50 years

Bloomfield Township Public

Library

Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future