

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We were all greatly saddened and shocked when our Library Board President Pam Williams suddenly passed away on April 16, 2017. Pam had served on the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees since 2008. Pam was retired from many years of service in public schools. Our connection to the 2016 Conant Elementary School art project made her especially proud and pleased. Her love for Bloomfield Township Public Library and this community was evident in all that she did. She will be greatly missed by many. A lovely dawn redwood tree was planted on the Library's grounds to honor her memory.

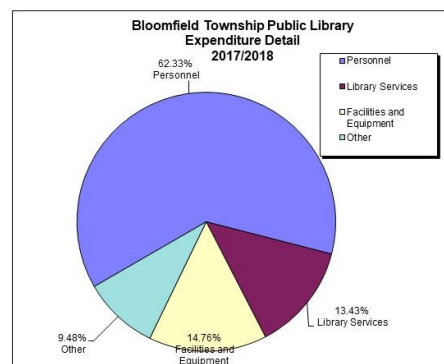
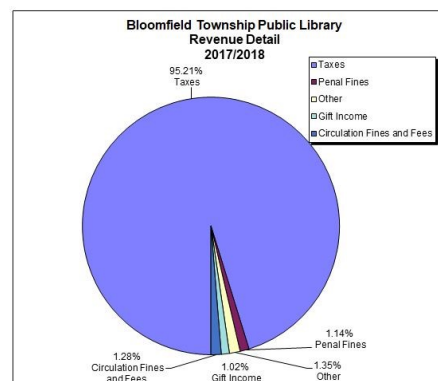
Sandra Edwards was chosen as a new Trustee on the Library Board. Sandy is retired from higher education where she served as a development officer. Sandy brings a great public service ethic and experience. Sandy and her grandchildren love spending time at the Library.



Library Board of Trustees

Grant Gerhart, Joan Luksik, Judy Lindstrom
Eli Greenbaum, Sandra Edwards, Tom Deska

Financial Review of Fiscal Year 2017/2018



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.

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

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY FACTS AT A GLANCE

352,417

Items in the Library's collection, including books, DVDs, CDs, games, and one skeleton.

17,906
709

Library patrons attended

Programs

2,689

Hours given to the Library by volunteers. From Trustees to the teen volunteers, the Library would not function without our volunteers.

223,709

Visitors to the Library

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Virginia Lee Smith photographed in the early 1980s in The Friends Garden. A photographic trick shows the current appearance of The Friends Garden.



Bloomfield Township Public
Library

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PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS CAPTURE THE JOY OF READING

The Library’s first community-wide photo contest came to a close on April 29, 2017 with a wonderful reception held at the Library. The contest was open to Bloomfield Township residents of all ages with the theme “capture the joy of reading”. A total of 53 people entered 83 photos: nine were children under 13; 15 were teens aged 13-18; and 29 were adults. Photos were judged by celebrity judges Laurie Tennent, Nancy Kulish, and Dave Buffington. A first, second, and third place winner were chosen in each age category. One photograph was named Best in Show and a People’s Choice winner was selected through online and in-person voting.



Best in Show
Jourdan Rus
“Bibliophile”

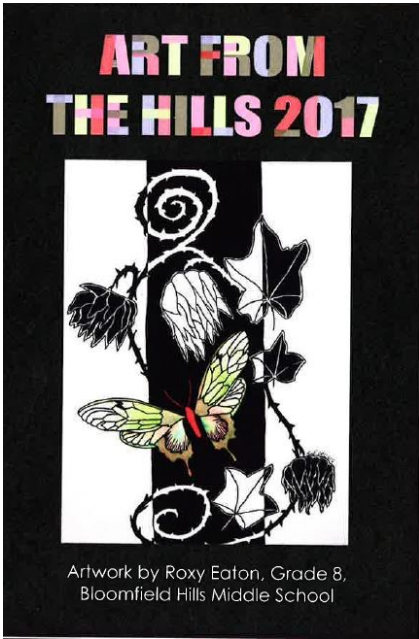


People’s Choice
Noor Mustafa
“Flying in a Book”

COLLABORATIONS WITH BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS IN THE ARTS & SCIENCES

The Library hosted the Bloomfield Hills School Student art exhibition *Art from the Hills*. The creative and beautiful artwork of the students was on display in the Library’s Community Room from May 15-27, 2017. A special reception was held on May 16 at the Library.

This year marked the first collaboration with Bloomfield Hills Schools science fair. Librarians provided research support for students as they created projects for the fair.



Artwork by Roxy Eaton, Grade 8,
Bloomfield Hills Middle School

WRITERS’ GROUP PUBLISHES FIRST BOOK

Writers’ Rendezvous is a group of writers that has been meeting at the library for more than 20 years. In March 2018, they celebrated the publication of their first book, *Writers’ Rendezvous Anthology 2017*. The Library is thrilled to be part of their success.



HISTORIC LIBRARY PHOTOS GRACE COMMUNITY ROOM WALL

On April 29, 2017, the Library unveiled several framed historic photographs of the Library’s first days, months, and years. Displaying these beautiful photographs in the Community Room was the vision of Virginia Lee Smith, a longtime library supporter, former staff, former Trustee, and current Friends member. The Friends of the Library provided gift funding that made it possible to enlarge, enhance, frame, and hang a selection of photographs that tell the story of the Library’s beginnings. Nationally-recognized, Birmingham-based photographer Laurie Tennent completed the enlarging, enhancing, framing, and hanging. The display is not only attractive, it also captures a moment in time and an era. The photographs convey our pride in Bloomfield Township Public Library.



Virginia Lee Smith
enjoys the historic
photo display

NEW INCLUSIVE TECHNOLOGY STATION

The Youth Services department added an Inclusive Technology station to its offerings. This desktop PC is loaded with adaptive software and applications plus has accessories geared to people of all ages with special needs and their caregivers. This station has “active seating” and an iPad with 40 apps geared to youth working on developmental skills. Thank you to the Friends for funding this project.



GIFTS FROM OUR FRIENDS

The Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library continue to help the Library elevate its service from good to great with their generous donations. The Friends total gift for the 2017/2018 fiscal year was \$65,894.00 Friends gift funding has helped accomplish projects that add to the Library’s beauty, services, and programs. From the historic photos in the Community Room to technology that welcomes even more abilities, we get by with a LOT of help from our Friends. Thank you, Friends, for all your hard work, generosity, and dedication to making Bloomfield Township Public Library the place to discover!

The Library is so very fortunate to be supported by such a generous community.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

The Systems department completed a major server upgrade and virtualization project. The result is increased performance, reliability, and better management capabilities. Using cloud technology, Systems also moved the Sierra and Encore servers to Innovative Interfaces hosting services to ensure better security, availability, compliance, and privacy for our patrons and staff.

The audio-visual equipment in the Library’s three lower level meeting rooms, the Board Room, and the Story Room was upgraded. The upgrade includes all new equipment and new user-friendly, touchscreen interface panels.

SPACE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

As part of the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan, the Library completed a Space Needs Assessment. This project was facilitated by Quinn Evans Architects (QEA). QEA is helping us reimagine some of the Library’s spaces to ensure that a variety of users’ needs are met. The findings of this assessment will result in some big changes around the Library in the years to come.

In addition, QEA will help complete some building renovations such as replacement of the lobby floor.

SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY



On Monday, August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse of the sun brought Bloomfield Township to a halt ... literally! A national news story promoted public libraries giving out viewing glasses that allow a person to safely see the eclipse generated a lot of interest. The Library gave out 1,200 pairs of glasses in 45 minutes! The Welcome Desk fielded thousands of phone calls, a line of patrons stretched from the inside of the Library down Timberlake nearly to Lone Pine Road, a traffic jam on Telegraph brought the Bloomfield Township police department out to help. On a typical day at the Library there are about 1,000 visitors—this day brought 1,880 guests. This rare celestial event really eclipsed everything else.

LIBRARY CARD DISCOUNT PROGRAM

During the month of September, the Library partnered with 12 Bloomfield Township businesses to offer a discount to customers who showed their Bloomfield Township Public Library card. This discount program helped us celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month. Usually around 300 new and updated library cards are issued each month. This September 578 new and updated library cards were issued.



Stroh’s Ice Cream Parlour
is super excited to be part
of the Library Card
Discount Program.

LIBRARIANS IN THE COMMUNITY

Librarians from both Adult and Youth Services met patrons outside of the Library to deliver programs and services. Adult Services hosted three trivia nights at Mex restaurant and began offering a variety of programs at the Bloomfield Township Senior Services Center that helped seniors navigate the world of digital content.

The Youth Services librarians visited 27 classrooms and school assemblies to promote the summer reading program, and were onsite at Eastover Elementary and East Hills Middle School during a workshop introducing kids to a science fair.

DISCOVER

2017 SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

Bloomfield Township Public Library

Award-Winning Librarian

On March 29, the Library's own Marian Ralff, Youth Services Department Head, was awarded the Frances H. Plitz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth by the Michigan Library Association. This award is given annually to a Michigan library staff person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of library service to youth. Marian's outstanding leadership of our Library's Youth Services Department has allowed services, programs and collections to flourish in many wonderful ways. Meet virtually the first Grade Reader! Ralff has ensured that every first grader in the Bloomfield Hills Schools visits the library. We are testically proud of her. Congratulations, Marian!

Inside:

Programs for all ages, concerts, book clubs, story times, and more

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Build a Great Summer

Read books, come to programs, and discover new things in your world during the Library's family summer reading program. Bloomfield Township Public Library encourages readers of all ages to keep their reading skills sharp all summer with prizes, programs, and lots of fun.

START THE CELEBRATION AT THE FAMILY SUMMER READING KICKOFF ON MONDAY, JUNE 19 AT 6:30 P.M.

Interested young readers should sign up in the Youth Services room. Participation is open to all, but due to popular demand, some activities require advance registration. Non-residents are welcome to sign up the week before these activities (see inside for more information). Teens and adults should pick up a summer reading challenge game card at the Adult Services desk. Participation is open to all, but prizes are limited to Bloomfield Township residents. On August 4 from 12-2 p.m., turn in your reading sheets and game cards, play Quidditch on the library lawn, enjoy refreshments, and celebrate summer reading.

YOUR SUMMER OF EXPLORATION BEGINS ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 6:30-8:00 P.M. THE YOUTH SERVICES ROOM WILL BE FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES. REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

REGISTER: ONLINE, BY PHONE, IN-PERSON

The newly designed print newsletter, Discover, debuted in March 2017.