2019 PHOTO CONTEST

Bloomfield Township Public Library is pleased to announce its third annual photo contest! This year's theme is "Light and Dark." Inspired by the way a black and white photograph relies more on composition, texture, and contrast, this year's theme asks photographers to explore light and shadow. For inspiration think of a moonlit night, penguins, zebras, or perhaps contrasting moods of melancholy and joy.

Photographs can be either color or black and white, and digital or print. All ages may enter. Entrants will be grouped into three age categories (up to age 13; 13-18; and 18 and up). The contest opens January 14, 2019. To be eligible, photos must be taken by Bloomfield Township residents between May 1, 2018 and March 17, 2019. The deadline to enter photos is March 17, 2019 at midnight. Winners will be announced and honored at a reception at the Library on Saturday, April 13, 2018. Look for details on the Library's website and inside the Library.

An International Night at the Library Gala Event

An International Night at the Library, held Saturday, October 13, 2018, was a GREAT night at the Library! 97 guests attended, and the Library raised approximately \$4,000 in ticket sales and

sponsorships for our World Language Collections. Guests enjoyed food inspired by a variety of cultures and served with a smile by Two Unique Catering. Accordionist Michael Schaeffer serenaded partygoers for the first hour. Belly dancers Heather, Amanda, and Natalie captivated with their shimmies and shakes. Then the Cliff Monear Quartet brought the night to a close with their smooth sounds. Four fun gift baskets were given to happy guests. Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed this Gala event that was a culmination of the Library's "One World, Many Stories" event series.



Thank you to everyone that attended An International Night at the Library and helped make this event a huge success.

Library Building Updates

We are pleased to announce that our lower level and restroom renovations are complete. These spaces received much needed makeovers with fresh paint, carpet, and fixtures. Thank you for your flexibility during construction, which made things a little bit messy and inconvenient at times.

Also this winter, the Library will get a new, upgraded phone system. We do not anticipate any downtime of Library phone service during the transition, and the result will be improved phone quality and reliability. One thing that won't change: you will still be greeted by a friendly voice each time you call the Library!

Inside:

Programs for all ages, concerts, book clubs, story times, and more 1099 LONE PINE ROAD BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, MI 48302 248 642 5800

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FOR A COMPLETE PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON 'PROGRAMS.' WWW.BTPL.ORG



EVENTS, LECTURES, AND WORKSHOPS

2018 Gale Graduation

Tuesday, December 4, 2:00 p.m. No registration required.

If you completed a Gale course in 2018, you are invited to enjoy cake and refreshments, and maybe win a prize. Gale classes begin the second Wednesday of each month. Contact Adult Services for more information.

Library Tour: Discover Your Library

Thursday, December 13, 11:00 a.m. Registration is required and begins *November 13.* For those new to the Library or who visit regularly. Stop by for a fun, informational tour of the building and our great resources.

Readers' Club

Monday, January 14, 7:00 p.m. Registration is required and is ongoing. Get great book recommendations, discuss books and authors with other readers, and learn about reading resources from our expert librarian.

Michigan Author Series: Jan Bills, Late Bloomer

Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 p.m. No registration required.

Ever dream of changing careers to follow your passion? Jan Bills will discuss her experiences leaving her job in the corporate world to become a master gardener, business owner, and author.

Getting Your Financial House in Order

Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. Registration is required and begins December 22. Financial advisor Rick Bloom from Bloom Asset Management will be on hand to provide tips on organizing your finances.

Michigan Author Series:

Amy Emberling and Frank Carollo, Zingerman's Bakehouse

Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 p.m. No registration required.

Zingerman's has been a Michigan institution since 1992. Join Zingerman's co-owners as they discuss their cookbook and share the Bakehouse's unique history and business philosophy.

Do You Have Enough to Retire Comfortably?

Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. Registration is required and begins January 5. Attorney and financial advisor Ken Bloom from Bloom Asset Management will discuss the importance of proper retirement planning to ensure you have enough money to live comfortably in retirement.

The Good Roads Movement in Michigan:

How Bicyclists and Automobilists got Farmers out of the Mud Thursday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. *No registration required.*

Join local historian, Jim Craft, for an interesting look at how the popularity of bicycling in the early 19th century helped pave the way for roads around Michigan.

AARP Tax-Aide - Free Tax Assistance

Mondays, February 11 and 25, March 4, 18 and 25, April 8

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free tax assistance at the Library. Federal, state and local tax returns will be prepared. Bring with you: your photo ID, Social Security cards for all people on the return, last year's tax returns, and all relevant financial forms. *Registration is required by calling 248-451-1900 and requesting an appointment at the Library.*

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Adult and Teen Sensory Story Time

Mondays, December 10, January 14, February 11, 11:00 a.m.

No registration required. Join us for a fun sensory story time – including stories, songs, movement, and art – for adults and teens with special needs and a support person.

Sensory-Friendly Movie for Adults and Teens

Fridays, December 28, January 25, February 22, 11:00 a.m.

No registration required. Adults and teens with special needs and their caregivers are invited to enjoy an hour-long documentary in a stress-free environment with the lights up and the sound down.

SHARE YOUR STORY @ THE LIBRARY

English Language Conversation Hour

Fridays, 12:00 p.m. No registration required.

ESL tutor, Molly Renwick, and a librarian will facilitate a discussion for those who want to practice their English skills with others.

Coffee and Conversation

Third Friday of each month, 10:00 a.m. No registration required. Enjoy a cup of coffee and discuss some hot topics.

Memoir Writers'

Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month, 1:00 p.m.

Registration is required and is ongoing.

Share stories and writing ideas with other aspiring writers. No obligation to bring material – just come and become familiar with the idea of sharing your life experiences with others.

CONCERTS

Concerts are free; no registration required.

Dayna Davis Live @ the Library

Friday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Detroit's own Dayna Davis is back for a wonderful mix of Motown, classic R&B and classic pop songs.

An Evening of Music and Comedy with Eddy Kay Friday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

Musician and comedian, Eddy Kay will delight audiences of all ages with an acoustic collection of original blues, swing and folk music.

Chamber Music Concerts

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. January 25, 2019

February 22, 2019

March 22, 2019

April 12, 2019

This popular concert series is back for the 2018-2019 season. Student musicians from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance will thrill audiences with stirring performances of chamber music pieces.

Teens

Study Hall Week

Sunday, January 20 – Thursday, January 24. *No registration required.* Our Community Room will be open for study during exam week. Find extra seating, study resources and stress-relieving activities.

Winter Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m. Registration is required and is ongoing. For teens ages 13-18. Discuss books for the Library's Teen Collection and help promote reading and the Library to teens.

Teen Cosplay Book Club: Lord of the Rings Thursday, February 14, 6:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins January 14.

Explore Middle Earth with trivia and role-playing games based on *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Refreshments and prizes provided. For teens ages 13-18.

For All Ages

Game Night After-Hours

Friday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. No registration required.

Games aren't just for kids...bring your friends and enjoy a fun night of games – life-sized and otherwise! Refreshments and prizes provided. We will have games available for adults, and those for all ages including tweens ages 10+. No unattended minors, please.

MAKE IT @ THE LIBRARY FOR ADULTS AND TEENS: PLAY, CREATE AND DISCOVER

Card Making with Traci Romeo

Saturday, February 2, 11:00 p.m. Registration is required and begins January 2. Learn how to create personalized greeting cards. All materials included. For ages 13 through adult.

Crochet Colorwork

Wednesdays, February 6 and February 13, 6:00 p.m. Registration is required and begins January 6. Learn a new colorwork technique used to make "graphghans" in this two-part class. Beginners are welcome to attend, but previous crochet experience is recommended. All materials included. Plan on attending both sessions. For ages 13 through adult.

EVERYONE'S READING 2019!

Save the dates! We are happy to announce that Adriana Trigiani will be our **Everyone's Reading** featured author. Speaking engagements will be Tuesday, April 2 in Bloomfield Township and Wednesday, April 3 in Farmington Hills. Please check the library's website for information on the event. Tickets available beginning March 4.



Youth

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Frozen Sing-Along

Thursday, December 27, 2:00 p.m.

Sing-along and celebrate five years of *FROZEN*! All ages and abilities are welcome to join us as we sing-along to the movie.

Countdown to Noon!

Monday, December 31, 11:00 a.m.

Want to ring in the New Year but can't stay up until midnight? Join the celebration as we *Countdown to Noon*! All ages are welcome as we create noisemakers, fashion accessories, room decorations and other festive things to ring in the New Year.

LEGO Club - Pets

Wednesday, January 2, 2:00 p.m.

We supply the LEGO bricks, you supply the imagination, as you create the pet of your dreams. For ages 6 and older.

Cocoa and Coloring

Thursday, January 3, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a cozy and relaxing winter experience in the Story Room. Feel free to zone out as you color one or more of our coloring pages, using any of the coloring tools we will have available. All ages are welcome to attend. Stay for a little while, or stay the whole time. There will be hot water and packets of cocoa available to enjoy.

Robot Petting Zoo

Saturday, January 5, 1:00 p.m.

Drop-in to meet the library's Code-a-pillars, Dash and Dot, Spheros, and Ozobots. Explore what you can make them do! Ages 3 and up. Children ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

NEW "MINDFUL MONDAYS" YOGA SERIES

Mondays, January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 4:30 p.m.

Registration is required for this 4-week program and begins December 17.

Calm your body and clear your mind! Join us afterschool for yoga movement, breathing, and visualizations, then start your week feeling relaxed and focused. For yogis of all abilities, ages 9-13. Bring your own mat. Classes taught by Belightful Yoga instructors (www.belightfulyoga.com).

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY

Early On Parent/Caregiver Workshop "Making Sense of Sensory Systems" Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins November 19.

Learn how children use the familiar aspects of taste, touch, smell, hearing and vision, and the less familiar areas like vestibular, tactile and proprioceptive to learn and grow. Early On Oakland educator Susan Wit, M.Ed., OT, will provide strategies to help develop your child's sensory system that will easily fit into your daily routines. Learn to recognize signs of sensory difficulties and when to seek additional support.





REGISTERED PROGRAMS

Due to popularity and available space, the following activities require advance registration. Residents may sign up online at **www.btpl.org**. Non-residents may register one week before these activities, unless otherwise noted. Please choose programs based on your child's age.

The Princess Bride - An Interactive Adventure

Friday, December 28, 1:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 3.

Enjoy the classic fairy-tale film, *The Princess Bride*, in a whole new way! Each attendee will receive a bag of props and treats to be used at certain times throughout the movie. For ages 10 and older.

Bi-Lingual Stories

Friday, January 25, 4:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins January 2.

Aimez-vous les livres? Oui? If you love languages like we do, join us and our guest reader Melissa Baril for a very special French story time and craft! Ages 5-8 welcome.

Art Lab

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

December 20, Registration is required and begins November 15.

January 17, Registration is required and begins December 20.

February 14, Registration is required and begins January 17.

Explore different art mediums, some traditional and some not, in our newest program for young people ages 10-13.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

New and exciting book discussion groups are popping up every month. Join us for the one that is right for you. Registration is required. Titles will be available in December.

My First Book Group, Grades K-1 with an Adult

Days vary, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 13, Registration begins November 28. Wednesday, January 9, Registration begins December 13. Tuesday, February 5, Registration begins January 9.

Book Worms, Grades 2-3

Days vary, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12, Registration begins November 20. Tuesday, January 22, Registration begins December 12. Monday, February 18, Registration begins January 22.

Paperbacks & Snacks, Grades 4-5

Days vary, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 6, Registration begins November 12. Wednesday, January 16, Registration begins December 6. Monday, February 11, Registration begins January 16.

Book Chat, Grades 6-8

Days vary, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 10, Registration begins November 14. Thursday, January 24, Registration begins December 10. Thursday, February 28, Registration begins January 24.

STORY TIMES

Stories, rhymes, and discovery for all ages and abilities.

Tinker Tales

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

January 8 - February 26, 8-week session

Registration is required and begins December 17.

Children, ages 3-5 years, come to this story time on their own as they become independent enough to participate and explore without a parent or caregiver. They will "tinker" in a story time filled with tales, rhymes, music and scientific discovery.

Movers and Shakers

Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

January 11 - March 1, 8-week session

Registration is required and begins December 17.

For older toddlers and early preschoolers, ages 2-3 years, ready for "interactive" story time fun, but not quite ready to be on their own yet, accompanied by their special grown-up.

Mother Goose Club

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

January 10 – February 28, 8-week session

Registration is required and begins December 17.

Simple stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, music and movement for toddlers, ages 6-24 months, with a loving adult.

SENSEational Story Time

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

December 15, Registration is required and begins November 17. **January 12**, Registration is required and begins December 15. **February 16**, Registration is required and begins January 12.

This multisensory story time is geared to children ages 3-10 who have developmental delays, are on the autism spectrum, have difficulty with large groups or other special needs. Also great for English Language Learning families. Siblings welcome!

Family Story Time

Mondays at 10:00 a.m., December 17, January 21, February 18 For children and families of all ages. Join us in the Story Room for

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Tablet Tales

Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

December 8, Registration is required and begins November 10. January 19, Registration is required and begins December 8. February 23, Registration is required and begins January 19.

A digital story time for children ages 3-5 with an adult. We will explore using technology and apps to tell stories, learn songs, encourage movement, and have fun!

Wee ALL Play

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., January 9 - February 27

Drop in for unstructured play and discovery in the Story Room for children newborn-3 years with their caregiver. Adaptive toys for children with low vision, motor difficulties and/or other special needs will also be included. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.



Computers & Technology

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for all computer and technology classes unless otherwise noted. Registration is open only to Bloomfield Township residents. If waitlisted, please do not attend unless notified by email. Register online or call the Computer Help Desk, 248-642-5800, ext. 405.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Introduction to PowerPoint

Saturday, December 1, 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to create a PowerPoint presentation. Basic Windows operating skills are required.

Introduction to Social Networking

Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.

Systems staff will introduce you to Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and LinkedIn. Basic Windows operating skills are required.

PowerPoint 2

Saturday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to take your PowerPoint presentation to the next level. Basic Windows operating skills and Introduction to PowerPoint are required.

Internet Security

Thursday, December 20, 6:00 p.m.

What everyone must know about protecting themselves online. Basic Windows operating skills are required.

Introduction to Google Docs

Wednesday, January 9, 6:00 p.m.

Bring your documents to life with Google Docs. Google account and basic Windows operating skills are required.

Introduction to Scanning and Basic Photo Editing

Thursday, January 24, 6:00 p.m.

Learn to use our scanner and basic editing software to digitize documents and edit your photos. Basic Windows operating skills are required.

Introduction to Shutterfly and Digital Photobooks

Thursday, January 31, 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to create your own customized photobook that can be purchased using commercial online services such as Shutterfly.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, February 5, 6:00 p.m.

Make Microsoft Word really work for you in a hands-on, how-to session. Basic Windows operating skills are required.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Tuesday, February 19, 6:00 p.m.

Using a spreadsheet can organize your life – if you know how to set it up. Library staff will teach you how. Basic Windows operating skills are required.

Computer Basics

Wednesday, February 27, 6:00 p.m.

Are you new to a computer? Don't worry we can help.

TECHNOLOGY BEYOND THE DESKTOP

Digital Download Help

Second Thursday of each month, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

No registration required.

Stop by for a little extra help with accessing Overdrive, RBDigital, Hoopla or Freegal on your tablet or smartphone.

Travel Tuesday

Tuesday, December 4, 3:00 p.m. No registration required. Discover the world with our travel databases.

Cord Cutting Basics

Tuesday, December 11, 2:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins November 11.

Thinking of cutting cable? Learn the basics of streaming movies and television shows.

Tutor.com Tuesday

Tuesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m. *No registration required.* Find out how to get help with your homework and exams.

OPEN LAB

December 3 and 13, January 7 and 17, February 4 and 14, 7:00 p.m. *No registration required.*

Do you have tech questions? We have answers! Join library staff for informal, one-on-one assistance from experienced Techs. Topics can include: Microsoft products, web applications, social media, email, and how to use your personal digital device. Assistance is offered in 15-minute segments on a first come, first served basis.

CLASSES FOR KIDS

GOOGLE CS FIRST COMPUTER CODING FOR KIDS GRADES 4-8

Computer programming for kids ages 9-14. Google CS First introduces students to computer science and the programming language Scratch. Each module has a theme and is eight sessions long.

Music and Sound

Meets Mondays and Wednesdays for 8 sessions, 4:30 p.m. January 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, February 4, and 6

In Music & Sound, students use the computer to play musical notes, create a music video, and build an interactive music display, while learning how programming is used to create music.



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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 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

12:00 noon - 5:30 p.m.

Library Closings

Monday, December 24
Tuesday, December 25
Tuesday, January 1
The Library closes at 5:30 p.m.
on Monday, December 31 for
New Year's Eve

Board of Trustees

Tom Deska Sandra Edwards Grant Gerhart Eli Greenbaum Judy Lindstrom Joan Luksik Meetings are 7:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month except April, which is the fourth Tuesday.

View meeting packets at www.btpl.org.

Friends of the Library

Second Saturday Sales

December 8 January 12 February 9

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sundays 12:00 noon - 3:30 p.m.

On Saturdays, the first hour for Friends members only. Memberships available at the door.



Follow the Friends on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FriendsBTPL

Get Involved at the Library

Volunteers are needed year-round. The Library has a variety of volunteer positions for all ages.

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 248 642 5800 for more information.