# Welcome!

The staff at the Bloomfield Township Public Library are ready to work with you to meet the diverse needs of your students. Reference librarians are available during library hours in person, by telephone at 248-642-5800, or by email: askbtpl@btpl.org.

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# Special Educator's Toolbox



Library



## Special Needs Collections

#### Youth Services

#### www.btpl.org/youth/special-needs/

The Youth Special Needs Collection at the Bloomfield Township Public Library is a circulating multi-media collection serving youth with disabilities and their caregivers/ educators. The collection includes books, therapeutic toys, ASL signed story kits, Discovery Skills Kits, story boxes, speech therapy card sets, interactive books, books in Braille, DVDs, music & activity CDs, and computer software designed for students with special needs.

#### **Teen & Adult Services**

The Teen & Adult Special Needs Collection at the Bloomfield Township Public Library is a circulating collection which currently has high-interest, low-reading level fiction titles, resource books and guides for daily living. In addition, we have an iPad available loaded with apps for adults and teens with special needs and our VITALITY kits designed to help seniors and caregivers with memory, education, health, and relationships.

### **Check It Out**

Library cards for Bloomfield Hills Schools staff: BHS staff can apply for a library card with proof of employment and a valid photo ID.

Library cards for students: Residents of Bloomfield Township can apply for a card with valid photo ID showing residence in Bloomfield Township. If



students are not residents, but live within The Library Network (TLN) service area (http://tln.lib.mi.us/md/), they may be eligible to register for a card at their home library first and then bring in their home library card and valid

photo ID to register their card here. (Exceptions may apply.) For more information, please see http://btpl.org/services/circulation-information/.

#### **Special Needs Focus Group**

Bloomfield Hills Schools special educators and Bloomfield Township residents are invited to participate in our focus group discussing ideas for programming, outreach and services for people of all ages with disabilities in the community. Your input is important and welcome! Please contact <u>taggartj@btpl.org</u> for more information.

## **Let's Get Together**

Classroom and Library visits: We can bring a sensory story time to your classroom (preschool - adult) or meet with parent/family/staff groups for a "show & tell" of our materials, programs and services for students with special needs. Groups are also welcome to come visit the library for a story time, tour, or "show & tell." Please allow two weeks notice for staff to prepare for your visit.



