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.
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.
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 service 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.”
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.
April 20: A blueprint 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.
Bloomfield Township Public Library becomes the first public Library in the state of Michigan to have a computer automated Circulation system.
In August, a 2.5 million bond issue was passed. This enabled the library to expand from 31,000 sq. feet to 55,000 sq. ft. This addition included the Community Room, Audio Visual Room, and Youth Story Room and expanded the Adult Services collection.
August 4: a Library Improvement bond passed for another expansion and renovation of the building

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.
July 19: The Library broke ground for another expansion and renovation project.
2008

October 12: Re-dedication Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
New Library Footprint

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

SCALE: 1/84" = 1' - 0"
Bloomfield Township Public Library champions the power of words to spark discovery and imagination.