DISCOVER 2020 SPRING AT THE LIBRARY Bloomfield Township Public Library



Time is running out to enter the Library's fourth annual photo contest. The deadline to submit photos is March 15, 2020 at midnight. This year's theme is "In Motion." Winners will be announced during a reception at the Library on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 2 p.m. Further details can be found at *www.btpl.org.*



2019 Best in Show Photo Contest Winner A Quiet Moment in the Shade by Amy Messano

- SAVE THE DATES -

April 18	Photo Contest Reception
June 20	Read-a-thon: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
November 7	A Magical Night at the Library

Automatic Renewal Comes to Bloomfield Township Public Library

Beginning April 1, 2020, Bloomfield Township Public Library aims to make life easier by automatically renewing checked out items. It's easy! It's convenient! It's automatic! This is how it works.

Eligible items checked out to library accounts in good standing will automatically be renewed up to three times on the due date. You will still be able to access your account online to view the status of checked out items, and you can always return items before the due date.

Items NOT eligible for automatic renewal are:

- HITS books and DVDs
- Items marked NEW
- Magazines
- Items with holds
- MeLCat or other items on loan from other libraries
- Digital items such as ebooks and eaudiobooks

This new feature will save you the worry of getting items back on time, and provides a safety net between you and fines. Visit the Library's website at *www.btpl.org* for more details.

Celebrate The New Library Commons

The new Library Commons has officially opened, adding 77 seats to the Library in various configurations for you to enjoy. We invite all to join with us as we celebrate its completion with brief remarks and simple refreshments on **Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m.** We thank all of our patrons for the insightful comments and feedback provided during this transformation, which helped to drive the re-imagining of this space. And a special thank you to everyone that visited the Library during 2019 for patiently enduring the noise, dust and inconvenience that our various facilities improvements may have caused.



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



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

Adults

EVENTS, LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

Millennials and Baby Boomers

Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. *No registration required.* Join Dr. Heidi Lyons, Associate Professor of Sociology at Oakland University, for a lecture on how different generations can learn from each other.

Stratford Festival Speakers Series: A Champion for New Play Development

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m. *No registration required.* Bob White, director of the Foerster Bernstein New Play Development Program, will give insight into the creative process behind new play development and discuss what lies ahead for the Stratford Festival. Plan on arriving at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy refreshments and displays, and to enter for a Stratford Festival ticket giveaway.

ONGOING PROGRAMS @ THE LIBRARY

For a full listing of our ongoing programs, writing groups, book clubs, and Knit 'n Stitch, please visit *www.btpl.org* or stop by the Adult Services desk.

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.

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.



2020 "In Motion" Photo Contest Reception

Saturday, April 18, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., winners announced at 3:00 p.m. Since January 13, 2020, Bloomfield Township residents have been submitting photos to the Library's 2020 "In Motion" photo contest. Deadline to enter is midnight, March 15, 2020. Eleven photographers will be honored during this special reception at the Library.

The Iditarod Sled Dog Race Experience

Saturday, May 2, 2:00 p.m. *No registration required.* Kim Darst from Husky Haven Sled Dogs shares her experience competing in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Anchorage, Alaska. For ages 5+.

Birdwatching vs Birding

Wednesday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. No registration required.

From birdwatching in your backyard to across Michigan, Greg Bodker's beautiful photography will help you learn more about birds and the joys of birding that you can experience both at home and in the field. Novice and aspiring birders will particularly benefit from this program.

Make It @ the Library For Adults and Teens

Spring Wreaths

Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. Registration is required and begins February 18. Make a twig wreath with greenery, florals, and ribbons. All supplies will be provided.

Journal Making and Calligraphy with Traci Romeo Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.

Registration is required and begins March 25. Join Traci for a fun craft. All supplies will be provided. For ages 13 to adult.

3D Art Pen Project for Adults

Wednesday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. Registration is required and begins April 6.

Learn to design a simple craft with our 3D art pens. All supplies will be provided. No previous experience needed.

Teens

Teen Manga Book Club Thursday, March 12, 4:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins February 12.

For ages 13-18. We are starting a quarterly manga book club. Please join us at this initial meeting to select titles for future book clubs.

Teen Game Night

Friday, March 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins February 20. For ages 13-18. Join us after-hours for a night of fun and games! Teens get to choose their games including an Escape Room, trivia, scavenger hunt and board games. Prizes and refreshments provided.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 21, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Registration is required and is ongoing. For ages 13-18. Meet with other teens to provide input into the library collections, programs and services for teens.

Teen Book Club: *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus Tuesday, May 12, 3:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins April 12. For ages 13-18. Join with other teens to discuss the teen book club selection. Copies available in the Book Club collection.

For All Ages

ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS, TEENS AND CHILDREN

Adult and Teen Sensory Story Time Mondays at 11:00 a.m. March 9, April 13 and May 11

No registration required.

Join us for a fun sensory story time – including stories, songs, movement, and art – for adults and teens with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities accompanied by a support person.

Sensory-Friendly Movie for Adults and Teens Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

March 27, April 24 and May 22

No registration required.

Adults and teens with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their caregivers are invited to enjoy an hour-long documentary in a stress-free environment with the lights up and the sound down.

Youth SENSEational Story Time Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. March 19 and April 16

No registration required.

This story time is developed for youths with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Visuals, interactive preschool-level stories, adaptive movement, and multi-sensory activities will engage the senses. For children, ages 3-12, with a favorite adult.

Concerts, Performances and Events for All Ages

These events are free. Unless indicated, no registration is required.

Andrew Brown's Djangophonique Friday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.

After performing across the continental United States, Detroit's own Andrew Brown is back in Michigan with Djangophonique, a musical project performing jazz manouche and hot swing inspired by legendary guitarist Django Reinhardt and his Quintette du Hot Club de France.

Chamber Music Concerts

Fridays, March 27 and April 24, 7:00 p.m.

This popular concert series continues for 2019/2020 season. Talented student musicians from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance will thrill audiences with stirring performances of chamber music pieces.



Youth

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.

Art Lab

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 19, Registration is required and begins February 20. April 16, Registration is required and begins March 19. May 14, Registration is required and begins April 16. Explore different art mediums, some traditional and some not, in this creative program for young people ages 10-13. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

Friendship Bracelets

Monday, April 6, 2:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins March 16. Make your own colorful bracelets using embroidery thread. Beginners can use our pattern; intermediates may create their own. For ages 8-13.

Paint By Sticker Tuesday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.

Registration is required and begins March 16.

Ages 5-12 are invited to make and take home their own Paint By Sticker masterpiece. Just like paint-by-number, each page is divided into dozens of spaces with numbers that correspond to particular stickers. Find the stickers, peel, and then place and watch your "painting" emerge.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Join us for the book discussion group that is right for you. Registration is required. Titles will be available in February. *Thank you to the Friends of the Library for supporting these discussions.*

My First Book Group, Grades K-1 with an Adult Days vary, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, *Registration is required and begins February 5.* **Tuesday, April 14,** *Registration is required and begins March 12.*

Book Worms, Grades 2-3

Days vary, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, Registration is required and begins February 10. Wednesday, April 29, Registration is required and begins March 25.

Paperbacks & Snacks, Grades 4-5 Days vary, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, Registration is required and begins February 11. Wednesday, April 15, Registration is required and begins March 11.

Book Chat, Grades 6-8 Days vary, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, Registration is required and begins February 24. Monday, April 27, Registration is required and begins March 26.

March is National Reading Month

Celebrate books, children and reading all month long.

Bloomfield Township preschools, elementary schools, early intervention classrooms, and daycare centers are invited to schedule a special story time or book talk during **National Reading Month**. You can make a special field trip to us or we can come to you! To schedule a visit for your class, call Youth Services at 248-642-5800, ext. 173.

First Grade Readers Rally – March 9-31

The Library celebrates young readers during National Reading Month with this annual event. We invite first grade classes to the Library, along with their teachers, and then honor them with books and other library treasures. Details will be available through area schools. *This awardwinning program is generously supported by the Friends of the Library.*

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Drop-in programs are open to all; no registration is required.

Wee ALL Play

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., March 4 – May 20

Drop-in for unstructured play and discovery for children newborn–3 years. Caregivers and little ones can interact with toys and books that support each child's learning and development. Adaptive toys for children with low vision, motor difficulties, or other accessibility needs will be included. *Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.*

Student Storytelling

Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Talented student storytellers from area middle and high school speech forensics teams will perform a variety of literary works. Tuesday evening is appropriate for ages 6 and up; Wednesday is for ages 12 through adult. Attend one or both sessions, as different storytellers are scheduled each night. Audience registration is not required.

Family Movie – *Maleficent 2* Wednesday, April 8, 1:00 p.m.

Join us for another movie event, the next chapter in the *Maleficent* story: *Mistress of Evil*. Follow along as Maleficent and her goddaughter Aurora uncover answers about their complicated family bonds and find themselves pulled in different directions by new friends and foes. This movie is rated PG and has a running time of 119 minutes. Recommended for tweens and older. *Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring our Family Movies.*

Up, Up in the Sky.....with LEGO Thursday, April 9, 2:00 p.m.

We supply the LEGO, you supply the imagination as you join us for LEGO building fun! For ages 6 and older.

Allegro B DANCE

Ballet for Children Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.

Ages 3 ½ - 6. Prior experience is not needed. Director and instructor at Allegro Dance (*www.allegrodancemi.com*), Jenn Montie reads from the beloved classic tale *Madeline* by Ludwig Bemelmans. Learn some of the basic ballet steps found in the ballet.

Plastic Bag Repurposing

Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Want to help keep plastic grocery bags out of our oceans and landfills? Come and find out how you can repurpose bags for all sorts of different useful crafts and art projects. Bring a pile of your own plastic bags (clean and dry) or use ours. Ages 8-12.

STORY TIMES

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

Bilingual Story Time

Chinese, Monday, March 23, 6:30 p.m. Registration begins March 2. **Arabic, Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.** Registration begins March 12. Registration is required. If you love languages, join us and a guest reader for a very special story time and crafts. Ages 3-7 with a favorite grown-up.

Book 'N Play

Saturdays at 11:00 am

March 14, Registration is required and begins February 15. April 18, Registration is required and begins March 14. May 9, Registration is required and begins April 18. Listen, engage, and play! Discover a picture book through the senses. Visuals, movement, and multi-sensory activities included. Adaptive story play for explorers of all abilities, ages 3-7, along with a favorite adult.

Family Story Time Days vary, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, March 6, and Mondays, March 16, April 13 and May 11

No registration required. For children and families of all ages. Join us for stories, songs, movement, and more. Drop-in fun for everyone.

Mother Goose Club

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

April 2 – May 7, 5-week session (No class April 30.)

Registration is required and begins March 9. Simple stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, music and movement for toddlers ages 6-24 months with a loving adult.

Movers and Shakers

Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

April 3 – May 8, 5-week session (No class May 1.)

Registration is required and begins March 9.

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.

Tinker Tales Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. March 31 – May 5, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins March 9. Children ages 3-5 years come to this story time on their own as they become independent enough

to participate without a parent or caregiver. They will "tinker" in tales, rhymes, music, and scientific discovery.





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 Microsoft Word

Thursday, March 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 Social Networking Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 p.m.

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

Introduction to Microsoft Excel Thursday, March 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.

Introduction to PowerPoint

Saturday, April 4, 2:00 p.m.

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

Introduction to Scanning and Basic Photo Editing Tuesday, April 7, 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.

PowerPoint 2

Saturday, April 18, 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, May 7, 6:00 p.m.

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

Computer Basics Monday, May 18, 6:00 p.m. New to a computer? Don't worry we can help.

Introduction to Shutterfly and Digital Photobooks Thursday, May 21, 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 Google Apps Thursday, May 28, 6:00 p.m.

Bring your documents to life with Google Apps, everything you need together in one package that works seamlessly from your computer, phone or tablet. Google account and basic Windows operating skills are required.

TECHNOLOGY BEYOND THE DESKTOP

Digital Download Help

Second Wednesday of each month, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. March 11, April 8 and May 13 No registration required. Stop by for a little extra help with accessing OverDrive, RBdigital, Freegal, hoopla or Kanopy on your smart device.

Free Movies from Kanopy and hoopla Mondays at 7:00 p.m., March 23 and April 13

No registration required. Get streaming films, documentaries and television on free, easy-to-use apps for your smart TV or mobile device. Return April 13 with follow up questions, and to enjoy a discussion of *Shoplifters,* the Palme d'Or-winning Japanese film available on hoopla.

Grand Circus Intro to Coding Workshop Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 p.m. Registration is required.

The Library is pleased to announce free computer coding boot camps presented by Grand Circus Detroit. For more information and to register visit the library's website at *www.btpl.org*.

CLASSES FOR KIDS

GOOGLE CS FIRST COMPUTER CODING FOR KIDS GRADES 4-8

Meets Mondays and Wednesdays for 8 sessions, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Computer programming for kids grades 4-8. Students learn through video tutorials and block-based coding in Scratch.

Friends

March 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, April 1, 13, and 15

Students work in pairs, tell the story of how their friendship started, and imagine a company together.

Game Design

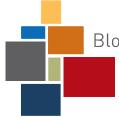
April 27, 29, May 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, and 20

Students learn basic video game coding concepts by making different types of games, including racing, platform, and launching.

OPEN LAB

Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., March 12, April 9, and May 14 No registration required.

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



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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

Sunday, April 12 Friday, May 1 Sunday, May 24 Monday, May 25

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

March 14 April 11 May 9 Saturdays 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.* *9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for Friends members only. Memberships available at the door.



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



Make it your quest to join the Friends today!

Coming this Summer...

Imagine Your Story... Summer reading fun for children and families.

Details and program information for the Library's annual reading incentive program will be available in May.