

JANUARY 2021



“The Incredible Journey” Has Begun!



Winter Reading Challenge – There is still time to sign up for the Library’s online winter reading program taking place from January 1 to March 20, 2021. Readers of all ages are welcome to warm-up with a good book, challenge yourself, and win prizes. [Visit our website to register](#), or email AskYouth@btpl.org or AskAdult@btpl.org for more information. Where will reading take you?

5th Annual Photo Contest – This year’s theme asks photographers to capture part of a significant passage in their life. To be eligible, photos must be taken by Bloomfield Township residents between May 1, 2020, and March 14, 2021. The deadline to enter is March 14, 2021 at midnight. [Further details and an entry form](#) can be found on the Library’s website. Judging, voting, and announcement of winners will take place virtually via the Library’s website and social media.

Read-a-thon – Join us Saturday, March 20, 2021 beginning at 10 a.m. for a virtual read-a-thon featuring *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford. Bloomfield Township residents of all ages who are able to read aloud from the book on their own are welcome to participate. Volunteer reader registration begins February 1. [Check the website](#) for details.

Community Quilt Project: Create Your Incredible Journey – Beginning March 22, 2021 all ages are invited to create their own customized panel to be included in the Library’s community quilt. Precut squares and instructions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, and you may use any medium to depict your own “incredible journey” – paint, embroidery, printing, dyeing, etc. Completed panels must be returned by April 10. More information soon on [the Library’s website](#).

Happy 2021 from Youth Services!

The Library is excited to have the virtual return of **My First Book Group** for Kindergarten and First Graders on Tuesday, February 9 at 5 p.m. Registrants will receive a copy of the book to keep, Zoom link, and supplies for a craft project that can be done during the program. [Registration is limited](#) and begins Tuesday, January 19.

Craft and Science Bags to Go – each month Youth Services puts together projects to take and make at home. Supplies are limited, so please email AskYouth@btpl.org or call us at 248-642-5800 to reserve your kit. January kits feature a catapult science project, preschool mitten art project, and a middle school *Among Us* plushie.



There is also a new **Roam from Home: Journey Under the Sea** bag available for check out. Each Roam from Home bag contains books, music, and DVDs that can be enjoyed together as a family.

And if you are looking for something new to read, a fun project, or virtual story time, check out the [Youth Services Vimeo channel on-demand](#). Visit often to view our regularly updated, prerecorded programs.

January is National Get Organized Month

Are you organized? It's an important question. There are many ways of being organized, but some of us certainly have better organizational skills than others. A bit of organization can make even the most chaotic of spaces relatively manageable. If one of your New Year's resolutions (during National Get Organized Month, no less!) is to get more organized, let the library catalog be your guide. Check out the Library's collection to find a variety of material on the topics of [Orderliness](#) and [Time Management](#) and get started organizing your life today.





Bloomfield Township Public Library **Virtual Branch**

Visit the Library's [Virtual Branch webpage](#) for a full list of upcoming virtual events and other resources including pre-recorded, on-demand programs for all ages.

Youth and Adult Services Book Clubs

The Library's book clubs return virtually this January. Visit the library's [Virtual Branch webpage](#) for more information. Registration is required and space is limited.

- [My First Book Group](#) (Grades K-1), Tuesday, February 9, 5 p.m.
- [Bookworms](#) (Grades 2-3), Monday, January 18, 1 p.m.
- [Paperbacks & Snacks](#) (Grades 4-5), Wednesday, March 17, 5 p.m.
- [Book Chat](#) (Grades 6-8), Thursday, April 8, 5 p.m.
- [30-Minute Lunchtime Book Club](#) (Adult/Teen), Monday, January 18, 1 p.m.
- [BYOB-Bring Your Own Book Club](#) (Adult/Teen), Monday, February 22, 7 p.m.
- [Classics Book Club](#) (Adult/Teen), Tuesday, February 16, 7 p.m.
- [Nonfiction Book Club](#) (Adult/Teen), Thursday, January 21, 6:30 p.m.
- [Adult Reading Club](#) (Adult/Teen), Friday, February 12, 2 p.m.

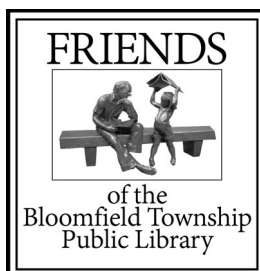
Adult and Teen Craft Kits: Create Something Incredible!

An assortment of pre-made craft kits listed on the [Virtual Branch webpage](#) are available for pick up by emailing AskAdult@btpl.org or by calling the Library during open hours. Kits contain instructions and most of the supplies needed, with the exception of a few household tools or supplies. One kit per adult/teen please; available while supplies last.

Tech Open Lab Online

Various dates and topics throughout January and February.

Join technology staff on Zoom as they discuss topics including Microsoft products, social media applications, and video conferencing software. Visit the Library's [Virtual Branch webpage](#) for dates, times, and topics. To register email AskTech@btpl.org.



Friends of the Library

At this time, the Friends Second Saturday Sales have been indefinitely suspended, and donations of materials are not currently being accepted. However, the Friends continue to work hard to support library programs and resources. If you would like to help by becoming a Friends member, affordable [memberships](#) are available on the Library's website.

Library Hours

The Library building is currently closed to the public. Curbside service is available.

M-Th: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri: 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sun: Closed

Holiday Closings

There are no scheduled closings for the remainder of January or February.

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