

APRIL 2021



# LIBRARY CARD PINs



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Beginning Monday April 26, all library card holders will need to create their own PIN (Personal Identification Number) to access their library card account. The first time you log into your account after this change, you will receive a prompt to create a unique 4-digit PIN. The PIN must be four numerical digits of your choosing, with no letters or special characters.

## **Why is the Library instituting PINs?**

**Additional Security** – The privacy of your library card account is a responsibility we take very seriously. This change will give you an additional level of protection. Similar to a password, your PIN number should be kept secret, because it allows access to your personal information, borrowed items, requested items, and any fines or fees owed.

**Future Opportunities** – This feature has become an industry standard. Making this change allows the Library to pursue new services and technology to better meet the needs of our community.

**Convenience** – If you know your library card number and PIN number by heart, you will no longer be required to have your physical library card to borrow items at the self-checkout machines.

**Questions or concerns?** Please contact Circulation at (248) 642-5800 or email [Circ@btpl.org](mailto:Circ@btpl.org).

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## Welcome New Library Director Tera Moon



*Tera Moon and Carol Mueller.*

After a national search by the Library Board of Trustees, it was announced on March 30, 2021 that current Assistant Director Tera Moon was offered and accepted the position of Library Director of the Bloomfield Township Public Library. Library Board President Judy Lindstrom shared, "I want everyone to know that it was a unanimous choice of the Trustees to select Tera to step into this role created by the retirement of Carol Mueller. The Trustees have every confidence that Tera will maintain the integrity of the Library and bring it to new levels of excellence."

Outgoing Director Carol Mueller states, "These last twelve years at Bloomfield Township Public Library have been the highlight of my career. I am grateful to have been a part of the Library's proud history. I wish all of you the very best in your future endeavors and look forward to hearing about the new ways you make Bloomfield Township Public Library 'the place to discover.'"

Tera adds, "I am honored and thrilled that the Library Board of Trustees has chosen me to lead this already-great library through its next chapter. I look forward to leveraging the skills and ideas of the creative, talented, hard-working staff, Trustees, and volunteers into excellent service to the Bloomfield Township community." Tera Moon begins her new role as Library Director Monday, May 3, 2021.

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## Family Story Time: Live!

SPRING EDITION



### April Showers Bring...Lots of Great Activities in Youth Services!

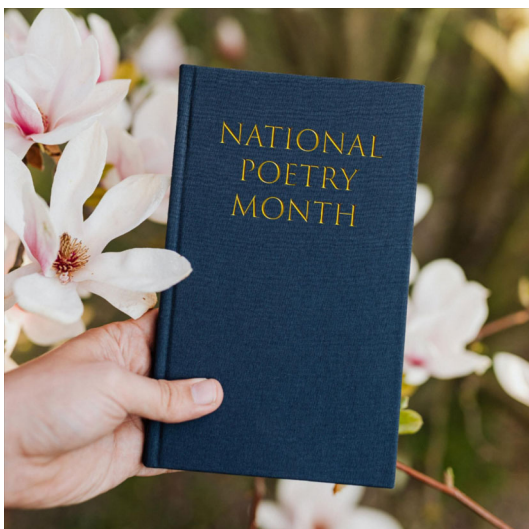
Join us for our **Live, Virtual Family Story Times**. Participate while in your own home as we share books, rhymes, and songs with you and your children. Register and learn more at [btpl.org/events](http://btpl.org/events).

- Tuesdays, April 27 and May 11 at 10 a.m.
- Wednesdays, April 21 and May 5 at 11:30 a.m.

Our **Beginning to Read Collection** looks a bit more colorful and easier for you and your Early Reader to find books just right for them. Each book now has a colored dot, signifying easy to more challenging depending on the color on each of their spines: Red, Yellow, Green, or Blue. Ask us if you have any questions about this new system.

**Virtual Programs On-Demand** is available 24/7. Check out the [Youth Services Vimeo channel](#) at [btpl.org/youth-on-demand](http://btpl.org/youth-on-demand), where you can find story times, experiments, book talks and so much more.

We are featuring **Outer Space Roam from Home** kits for the month of April. Each kit has carefully selected library material that contain books, movies, and music for the whole family to explore together.



### April is National Poetry Month

Sponsored by the Academy of American Poets, during the month of April, we take the time to honor some of the greatest writers and poets through history. We often overlook these folks in favor of their novel-writing brethren, though we should remember that there are many distinct styles and voices in poetry writing that have been some of the most influential writings in the nation and world. Check out poetry by [Maya Angelou](#), [Emily Dickinson](#), and [Shel Silverstein](#) or browse through our [poetry collection](#) today!

### 2021 Photo Contest Winners Announced

On Friday, April 9, the Library announced the [winners of the 5th Annual "The Incredible Journey" Photo Contest](#) on its social media accounts and website. Township residents were invited to enter photographs from January 11 to March 14, 2021, which captured part of a significant passage in their life.



*Best in Show Winner – "Press On Graduation 2020" by Laura Teste*

Public Choice voting took place on the library's website the week of March 29, and judging for all other categories occurred the week of April 5. The winning photos are currently on display in the Lobby Display case at the Library. Congratulations to all who entered and we look forward to seeing the interesting photographs you have to share next year!



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## 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.

### Live Weekly Family Story Times

*Dates and times vary; view the [Calendar of Events](#) for more information.*

Join our Youth Services librarians for live, interactive virtual story times for families of all ages.

[Register online](#) to receive your Zoom link/login.

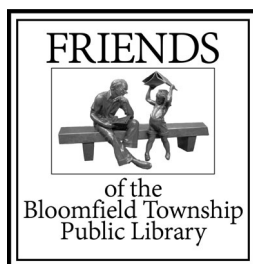
### Videos On Demand

Have you checked out what's new on the [Library's Vimeo channel](#)? Our Youth, Teen and Adult Services Librarians have been busy recording on-demand programs for you to enjoy at home 24/7. Recent uploads include [this month's recommendations from Adult Services](#), Youth Services' [Puppy Love Story Time](#), and [how to access and use the many learning databases](#) that are available for residents free with your library card.

### Tech Open Lab Online

*Various dates and topics throughout April and May.*

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](mailto: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.

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# The library building is open for 30-minute visits to:

- Browse the library collection.
- Use computers (by appointment).
- Talk to a librarian.
- Curbside Service for contactless pickup is available.

## Health and Safety Expectations

- Please wear a face mask.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash hands and use sanitizer.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- No food allowed in the library.
- Please social distance.



### Library Hours

The Library building is currently open for 30-minute visits with reduced hours and services

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

The Library will be closed Friday, May 7 for staff development, and Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

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