

JULY 2021



Services Return to the Library

The Library is pleased to announce we have entered **Phase Four** of our reopening plan – the return of Limited Services. The following are now available:

- Patrons may visit the Library with no time limit.
- Study rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The majority of seating has been restored throughout the Library.
- The Vending Café, vending machines, and café restrooms are open.
- Virtual programming continues, with some limited in-person programming.
- Curbside service and Library-by-Mail remain available.
- Meeting rooms and regular library hours will be restored in the fall.

We want to thank all of our patrons, staff members, Friends of the Bloomfield Township Library, and the entire Bloomfield Township community for continuing to support the Library over this past year!



The [“Tails and Tales” Summer Reading Program](#) continues through Saturday, July 31. Everyone in the family – kids, teens, and adults – are invited to [participate by signing up online](#). Read at your own pace, log your progress using the Beanstack app, earn virtual badges, and receive entries for chances to win great prizes. Don't miss out on this great summer program!

Visit Youth Services for Summertime Fun



Miss Amanda singing during Story Time at Bowers Farm.

There is still time to participate in the **Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program** before it ends on Saturday, July 31. Just [by signing up](#) you will receive a free book, and when you complete your first challenge visit the Youth Services Desk to pick up a complimentary **Love My Library! yard sign** (while supplies last).

Summer is a great season to spend exploring. Why not check out one of the three **scavenger hunts** going on throughout the Library and community, [including Bowers Farm?](#)

Another great program to participate in with friends or family is our [Virtual Online Escape Room – Incredible Journey: Escape the Wild!](#)

Each person or group that “escapes” can visit the Youth Services Desk to be entered in a special drawing for a pack of board games and puzzles, so you can continue the fun later on your own.

And finally, submit a photo of your favorite pet or stuffie for our **Pets on Parade** bulletin board. Drop off a picture in Youth Services that shows off your furry, finned, or feathered friend, or email it to AskYouth@btpl.org. One photo per pet/stuffie please. Photos will not be returned.

The Library's [Virtual Branch page](#) is a great source of summer fun 24/7. Visit weekly for brand new videos of crafts, book recommendations, story times, and virtual programs. Happy summer reading and we hope to see you soon!



July is National Picnic Month

July is an excellent time for National Picnic Month. The fresh air stirs the appetite, and garden vegetables and fruits make outdoor eating easier. Picnics harken back to mid-18th-century al fresco French dining. A bottle of wine, a loaf of bread, some cheese and fruit made for an instant meal under the sky. The word picnic is derived from the French word *pique-nique*. Whether we pack meals for tailgating at sporting events, an afternoon get-away, or a weekend of camping, picnics provide an excellent way to enjoy the company of friends and family away from home. If you are looking for recipe ideas for your picnic basket, look no further than the library [catalog](#)!



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.

Live Interview with Children's Author Kelly DiPucchio

Monday, July 19, 4:30 p.m.

Join the Metro Detroit Book & Author Society and Book Beat bookshop for a live interview with children's book author, [Kelly DiPucchio](#) on Zoom. Our very own Ms. Jen in Youth Services will be the guest interviewer. For more information and to register, please visit [bookandauthor.org](#).

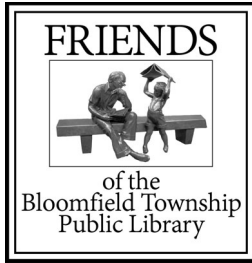
Virtual Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Monday, July 26 and Thursday, July 29, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Players must attend both sessions.

Join Teen Services staff and other area teens in the online game Dungeons & Dragons: The Joy of Extradimensional Spaces. For ages 13-18; registration is required. Space is limited to 8 participants. [Please visit the library's website for additional details.](#)

Summer Open Labs

Do you have tech questions? We have answers! Email AskTech@btpl.org for a Zoom link, or call (248) 642-5800, ext. 121 to set up a date and time to meet with staff for personalized help on topics such as Microsoft products, web applications, social media, or how to use your own digital device. Day and evening appointments are available. Or you can check out one of the pre-scheduled, topic-specific open labs by visiting the Library's [Virtual Branch webpage](#).



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce a **Special Clearance Booksale**, Friday, July 16, 1 - 6 p.m., and Saturday, July 17, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., with a members-only sale period the first hour each day. At this time, donations are still not being accepted. If you would like to become a member, affordable [memberships](#) are available on the Library's website.

Library Hours

The Library building is currently open 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

There are no scheduled closings for the remainder of July and August.

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