

DISCOVER

2023 WINTER AT THE LIBRARY



Tiny Art for All Ages

Persons of all ages are invited to display their artistic talents in our Tiny Art Exhibition! Everyone can participate in this fun program from December 21 through January 21.

Beginning Wednesday, December 21, pick up a Tiny Art Kit from the Youth or Adult Services Desks while supplies last. Then create your artwork at home, or drop in for an in-person Tiny Art Paint Day at the Library on January 21 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

If you would like to be included in the exhibition, please drop off your finished masterpiece and entry form at either the Adult or Youth Services Desk by Saturday, January 21. The Tiny Art Exhibition will be featured in the Library's lobby display case throughout the entire month of February.

Reading Recommendations @ the Library

Can you recommend a good book? This is a question librarians hear many times each day in one form or another. They agree that recommending books is one of the best parts of working in a library, but with hundreds of thousands of items to choose from, it is an endeavor that requires much consideration. Thankfully, librarians have a wide variety of tools to help readers find just the right book.

When picking out items for younger patrons, the materials in the Youth Services department are conveniently arranged according to developmental stages. For children from birth through age two, there is a section of board books that feature basic concepts and sturdy materials for little hands. Rows of picture books, which focus on early learning concepts on a variety of topics, are available for preschoolers and up. You will also find beginning-to-read books color-coded by reading stages for emerging readers containing simple text and illustrations. Intermediate fiction is the next developmental stage for young readers, with beginning chapter books that contain increasingly complex structure. And for independent young readers who are ready for more advanced materials, Youth Services has a robust collection of both juvenile and youth fiction and non-fiction.

The Adult Services department features individual areas for teen and young adult readers, fiction and non-fiction materials, graphic novels, magazines, classic literature, as well as other genres and categories. Librarians at both the Adult and Youth Services Desks hold Masters in Library and Information Science degrees (MLIS or MLS), meaning they have specialized training in evaluating, selecting, and recommending materials appropriate for every reading stage and taste. Their training incorporates content comprehension levels, while considering the equity, diversity, and inclusion of each individual reader. Librarians create reading recommendation lists covering a wide variety of genres and age levels, as well as brochures on various topics including award winners, holidays and events, accessibility support materials, and more.

Finding the right book can take some thought and searching, but luckily, our expert staff members are always ready to help! For personalized reading recommendations, stop by or call the Youth or Adult Services Desks any time, email AskYouth@btpl.org, AskTeen@btpl.org, or AskAdult@btpl.org, or fill out an online reading recommendation form at btpl.org/youth-reading-form or btpl.org/adultreadingrecommendation.

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

December 21 - January 31

All ages are encouraged to join us for our Winter Reading Challenge. Warm up with a good book, challenge yourself, and win prizes. Visit www.btpl.org/winter for more information and to get started.



STORY TIMES

Preschool STEAMtime: Story Time and Discovery

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

November 22 – December 13, 4-week session

Registration is required and begins October 31.

January 10 – January 31, 4-week session

Registration is required and begins December 12.

February 14 – February 28, 3-week session

Registration is required and begins January 17.

Preschoolers, ages 3 and up, can explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) through stories, rhymes, music, and discovery activities together with their grown-up.

Wee Read: Baby and Toddler Story Time

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

December 1 – December 15, 3-week session

Registration is required and begins October 31.

January 12 – February 2, 4-week session

Registration is required and begins December 12.

February 16 – March 2, 3-week session

Registration is required and begins January 17.

Simple stories, finger-plays, lap bounces, songs, and play for little sitters, crawlers, and toddlers along with their grown-up.

Outdoor Family Story Time*

Fridays at 1 p.m.

December 9, January 20, and February 24. No registration is required.

*In the case of inclement weather, Story Time will be held inside.

Join us outside for story time this winter on the Youth Terrace. Grab your jackets, hats, and blankets and cozy up together under our terrace heaters for stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more. For families of all ages.

Virtual Family PJ Story Time (Live on Zoom)

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

December 14, January 18, and February 15

Registration is required for each session. The entire family can settle in to a cozy space at home in your comfiest pajamas for this bedtime story time. Registered attendees will receive a Zoom link prior to the event.

ARTS AND CRAFTS PROGRAMS

Art Lab

Thursday, December 22, 4:30 p.m., Registration begins November 17.

Thursday, January 26, 4:30 p.m., Registration begins December 22.

Thursday, February 23, 4:30 p.m., Registration begins January 26.

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.

Art Lab Junior

Monday, December 12, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins November 14.

Monday, January 16, 6:30 p.m. (Special MLK Day Edition),

Registration begins December 12.

Monday, February 6, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins January 16.

Experiment with making arts and crafts using different materials. We will focus on the process of creativity in this program for children ages 7 – 9.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Visit the Events Calendar at www.btpl.org/events to register for these programs. Print copies of the book will be available for all registered participants at the Youth Services Desk, or can be checked out/downloaded as eAudio or eBook formats through OverDrive or hoopla.

My First Book Group, Grades K – 1 with an Adult

Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins November 21.

Monday, January 23, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins December 21.

Monday, February 27, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins January 23.

Book Worms, Grades 2 – 3

Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins November 15.

Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins December 20.

Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins January 31.

Paperbacks & Snacks, Grades 4 – 6

Thursday, December 15, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins November 16.

Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins December 15.

Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins January 11.

A Sweet Week @ the Library!

Tuesday, December 27 – Thursday, December 29

Life-Sized Candy Land

Tuesday, December 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Drop by the Story Room to play a life-sized game of Candy Land. Wind your way through the Gumdrop Mountains and Lollipop Woods. Say hello to Gramma Nutt but don't get stuck in Molasses Swamp! For families of all ages.

Gingerbread Craft Day

Wednesday, December 28, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Drop by the Youth Room to make some paper gingerbread friends.

Candy Land Escape Room

Thursday, December 29

2 p.m. or 3:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 5. Please register for only one time slot.

For ages 10-13. Enter a world of sweet treats and help friends like Queen Frostine, Princess Lolly, and King Kandy protect Candy Land from the clutches of Lord Licorice. Can you help break the codes and decipher the clues to unlock the key to saving Candy Land?





Winter Break Board Game Fun! December 26 – January 7

No registration is required. Play a classic game with friends and family or learn a brand new one. Drop in the Youth Room during Winter Break and choose a board game from our selection at the Youth Desk.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Bricks Builders: Fairy Tale Fun

Tuesday, January 3, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Junior architects, ages 6 and up, are invited to join us for fairy tale building fun with LEGO bricks. Create your own masterpiece or do a fairy tale challenge with your friends.

Wings of Fire Book Party

Thursday, January 5, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 5. Celebrate your favorite dragon series with crafts, activities, and trivia. For ages 9 – 13.

After Hours Family Fort Night

Friday, January 13, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required. Bring your blankets and sheets to transform tables, chairs, and nooks into your family's personal fort. Read stories, eat snacks, and have fun at this after-hours family event for all ages.

Family Game Night

Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Try a new game or challenge family and friends to a classic from our wide selection of board and card games.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Friday, February 10, 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. drop off your Stuff

Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. pick up your Stuff

No registration is required. Ever wonder what happens at the Library after it's closed? Bring your stuffed animal to the Youth Services Desk on Friday and check it in for an overnight stay to find out. Pick your stuffy back up the next day, and receive a special souvenir from its visit.

Leftover Craft Day

Friday, February 17, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

No registration is required. Drop in the Story Room for some upcycling creative fun. You bring the inspiration and we'll provide lots of leftover supplies from past craft activities. Families of all ages welcome.

Gamma Science

Monday, February 20, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Registration is required and begins January 30. Join us for an hour of interactive science for ages 4 – 5. After your in-person fun, you'll receive a handout of experiments you can do at home.

Youth Programs are developed to engage children of all abilities with activities that are appropriate for a specific age or grade level, so please register for events based on this recommendation.

PLAY PROGRAMS

Wee Play

Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., December 3 – February 25

No programs December 24 or 31, or January 21. No registration is required. Drop in the Story Room for unstructured play and discovery. Caregivers and little ones ages birth – 36 months can interact with toys and books that support each child's learning and development. Adaptive toys for children with accessibility needs will be included.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

Keep Your Kids Safe Around Medications

Monday, January 30, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins January 2.

Every hour, five kids are rushed to emergency rooms for medical poisoning. Hear from a local trauma nurse about the surprising ways kids get into medications and what parents and grandparents can do to protect them. Participants will leave with a resource-filled goodie bag.

ANY TIME FUN!

In addition to scheduled programming, the Library offers various activities that you can participate in at any time.

Stories and Stuff Subscription Book Boxes

Youth Services offers a subscription book service for Grades 3 – 8. Sign up your child to receive one library book and some neat gifts each month for three months in a row based on their favorite topics. Keep the box and gifts, but return the book when you have finished reading it. The next sign-up begins February 1 on our Virtual Branch web page.

KidLITCast

Check out our new and improved KidLITCast! Instead of us reading and you listening, we would like to invite you to come in and help read *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame. Each participant will read a selection from the book in our recording studio, and then library staff will turn it into an episode of KidLITCast. Friends and family will want to tune in and hear your reading! Registration for this program begins December 5 and is limited to 12 kids, Grades 5 – 7. Participants will receive a copy of the book to keep. After registering, you will be emailed a scheduling site link to sign up for a recording appointment.

Take and Make Kits

Pick up a take-home craft, activity, or science-at-home kit in the Youth Room while supplies last. Upcoming kit releases include:

- **Paper Snow Globe Kit**, Available beginning December 5.
- **New Year's Eve at Home Kit**, Available beginning December 26.
- **Melting Snowman Kit**, Available beginning January 9.
- **Hibernating Fox Kit**, Available beginning January 23.
- **Paper Hearts Sculpture Kit**, Available beginning February 6.
- **Heart Gnome Greeting Cards Kit**, Available beginning February 20.

Virtual Programs On-Demand

In addition to live programming, check out our podcast episodes and other pre-recorded activities to enjoy any time on our Youth Vimeo channel at www.btpl.org/youth-on-demand or www.btpl.org/virtual.

Adults

For programs that require registration, visit the Library's Events Calendar at www.btpl.org/events or call the Adult Services Desk at (248) 642-5800, email AskAdult@btpl.org, or stop by the Adult Services Desk in-person. A virtual option is available for most programs upon request.



ONGOING PROGRAMS

Book Clubs

Registration is required for each book club. The Library has a number of book clubs that meet regularly throughout the year. Contact the Adult Services department with questions or for more information.

Movie Discussion Club

First Thursday each month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required. Watch the selected movie on your own before joining the discussion at the Library. All movies are part of the Library's media collection and available on Kanopy.

English Language Conversation Group

Every Friday from 10 a.m. – 12 noon

No registration is required. All levels of comfort with English are welcome to join and participate in this weekly drop-in meeting.

Memoir Writers' Group

Second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration is required. Participants meet informally to share stories and writing ideas.

Writers' Rendezvous

Second and fourth Wednesdays each month, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required. This workshop-structured group of fiction and nonfiction writers is welcoming new members.

Fiber Arts Club

First Tuesday each month, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Second Monday each month, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required. Anyone who knits, crochets, embroiders, or creates with any type of fiber is welcome to bring a project you're working on and enjoy meeting with other fiber artists of all skill levels.

TAKE HOME KITS FOR ADULTS

No registration is required. Pick up a kit at the Adult Services desk while supplies last. For Bloomfield Township residents only. One kit per library card. Upcoming kit releases include:

- **Tunisian Crochet Washcloth Craft Kit**

Available beginning December 6.

Tunisian crochet is a crochet technique that is a mixture of crochet and knitting. Learn the Tunisian simple stitch by making a washcloth.

- **DIY Green Cleaning Kits**, *Available beginning December 13.*

Maintain your home with homemade, nontoxic alternative cleaning products. This take-home kit will provide instructions for cleaning products that you can make yourself. Each kit not only includes "green clean" recipes, but also borax, essential oils and castile soap to help you get started on these green projects.

- **Crochet Produce Bag Craft Kit**, *Available beginning January 3.*

Start the year off right by making your own eco-friendly crochet mesh produce bag.

- **Macrame Plant Hanger Craft Kit**, *Available beginning February 7.*

Use basic macrame knots to create a plant hanger with vintage style.

TEENS AND ADULTS

Sensory Story Time for Adults and Teens

Second Monday each month, 11 a.m. – 12 noon

Adults and teens with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities as well as their caregivers are invited for a story time filled with interactive stories, songs, art projects, and sensory crafts.

Teens and Adults STEM Kit Open House

Saturday, February 11, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Explore the wide-open world of STEM with us! Join librarians for a workshop featuring our STEM kits and investigate everything this collection has to offer. Play math games, build robots, solve puzzles, and navigate the stars – all from the comfort of the Library.

Teens

Designed for teens ages 13 – 18. To register, visit the Events Calendar at www.btpl.org/events or email AskTeen@btpl.org. Nonresidents may sign up one week prior to the program if space is available.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, December 7, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required. All teens are welcome to attend our TAB meetings. We discuss books, make arts and crafts, play games and more. Snacks provided.

Exam Week Study Hall, January 23-27

The Library will offer various stress relieving games and activities throughout the week, plus a visit from therapy dogs. Extra seating will also be available.

Crafting Conversations: A Teen Book Club

Wednesday, February 8, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Join us for a fun book discussion and crafts based on the theme "Love and Friendship." View recommended books on the teen page or pick up a flyer at the Library. Snacks provided.



**Wednesday, January 11 and
Thursday, January 12 ~ 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

Registration is required. Join us to play a two-part, two-day online game of Dungeons and Dragons led by Dungeon Master Nathan Shaw. Players must commit to both dates and have a Discord account. Game is played at Level 3; beginners welcome!

Computers & Technology

WINTER TECH CLASSES

Join Systems staff for expert-led, subject-specific tech classes. Township residents may register at www.btpl.org/events, by emailing AskTech@btpl.org, or by calling (248) 642-5800, ext. 405. Basic computer skills are all that is required to participate. Classes are limited to eight participants and are held in person in our computer lab.

PowerPoint Basics

Saturday, December 3, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 21, 1:30 p.m.

PowerPoint is a powerful program that allows you to quickly create professional-looking, high-impact, dynamic presentations. Designing slides to share your information has never been easier when you learn the basics of PowerPoint from our Systems staff.

Google Apps

Wednesday, December 7, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 18, 5:30 p.m.

Google Apps seamlessly and securely brings together your documents, photos, sheets, and calendar. This class has tips, resources, inspiration, and help links for each app. A Google account is required.

Microsoft Excel

Saturday, December 17, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 4, 1:30 p.m.

Learn basic spreadsheet skills and explore other in-depth online Excel courses and topics.

Intro to Social Media

Wednesday, December 21, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15, 5:30 p.m.

Learn the ins and outs of social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Scanning and Photo Editing

Saturday, January 7, 1:30 p.m.

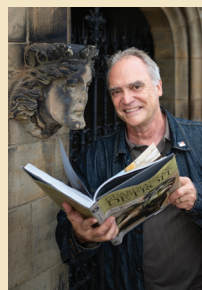
Saturday, February 25, 1:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of scanning and photo editing in our computer lab so you can get started digitizing your old photos.

GENERAL TECH ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of general technical assistance, ask away anytime! All tech topics are welcome, including Microsoft products, web applications, social media, email, or even how to use your personal digital device. Stop by or call the Computer Help Desk at (248) 642-5800, ext. 405, or email AskTech@btpl.org to set up a personal help session with an expert either in person or via Zoom.

Featured Events @ the Library



Author Visit: Jeff Morrison

Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m.

No registration is required.

Jeff is the author of the newly released book *Guardians of Michigan: Architectural Sculpture of the Pleasant Peninsulas* as well as the award-winning *Guardians of Detroit: Architectural Sculpture in the Motor City*. Copies of his books will be available for purchase.

Speed Dating with a Book

Friday, January 20, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 20. Back by popular demand! Enjoy an evening of librarians giving 20+ new pitches of great books in the span of an hour to help you find your next excellent read.

Drive-Up Document Shredding

Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

No registration is required. Find yourself with lots of unwanted paper? Let Shred Nation dispose of it safely and quickly for you. Please join us for a free shredding event at the Library. Drive up to the Library parking lot and they'll do the rest. Limit of four boxes per vehicle.

History Comes Alive: The Political Crisis of the Gilded Age

Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Oakland University lecturer Bruce Zellers discusses the odd political situation at the outset of the Gilded Age: an excess of democracy caused by high voter turnout combined with elections that were unregulated and often corrupt. Professor Zellers will explore how the emerging middle class stepped in and reformed the process, allowing more decorous elections to follow.

Dance Performance: Compañeros de Flamenco

Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m.

No registration is required. Enjoy the passionate music and dance of Spain: flamenco. Compañeros de Flamenco is a group of dancers that bring this vibrant art to life with colorful costumes and intricate footwork telling the story of Spain's multicultural heritage. All are welcome to this family-friendly event. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this performance.



Lecture: The Negro Motorist Green Book with Kimmie Dobos Wolfe of the Detroit Historical Society

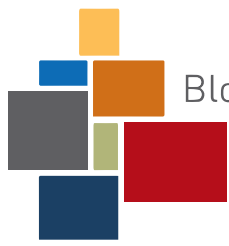
Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Join Kimmie Dobos Wolfe, manager of Education and Public Programs at the Detroit Historical Society, for a "walk" through Midtown and downtown Detroit to discover the safe havens, swinging spots and surprising stories that helped African Americans from Detroit and all over the country navigate the city safely.

University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance Chamber Music Concerts

Fridays at 7 p.m. on February 17, March 17, and April 14

No registration is required. Talented student musicians from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance will thrill audiences with stirring performances of chamber music pieces.



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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday
12 noon - 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Saturday and Sunday, December 24 and 25
Sunday, January 1

Board of Trustees

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Meetings are at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month except April, which is the fourth Tuesday.

For the most current information or to view meeting packets visit www.btpl.org.

Friends of the Library

Second Saturday Sale Dates

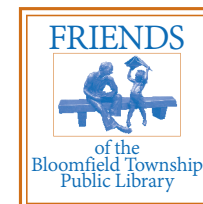
December 10, January 14, and February 11
Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

*10 a.m. – 11 a.m. for Friends members only.

Memberships available at www.btpl.org/friends, or at the door on Second Saturday Sale dates.



Please visit the Friends Facebook page
www.facebook.com/FriendsBTPL
for the most up-to-date information.



Make it your quest to join the Friends today!

This Winter @ the Library...

The Seventh Annual Photo Contest, concerts, performances, and lectures, and the Winter Reading Challenge. Details available at www.btpl.org.