

JANUARY 2023



## 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! SIGN UP AT [BTPL.ORG/WINTER](http://BTPL.ORG/WINTER)



# tiny art

December 21 - January 21

## Exhibition

Persons from age 5 years and up are invited to display their artistic talents in our Tiny Art Exhibition. Sign up for our Winter Reading Challenge, then pick up a Tiny Art Kit from Youth or Adult Services beginning **Wednesday, December 21** through **January 21** while supplies last.

**Saturday, January 21**  
**2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

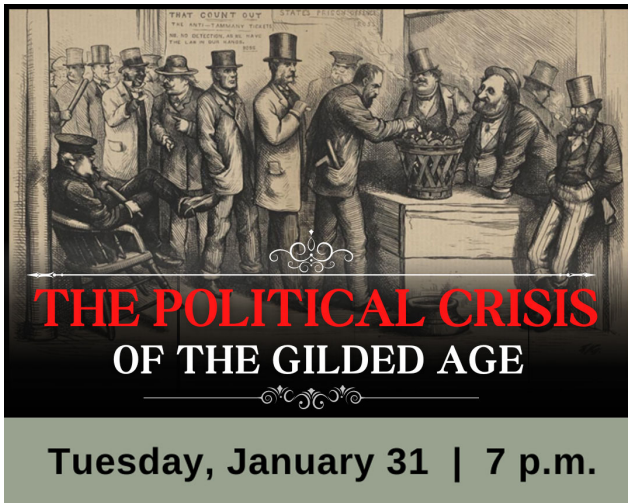
Drop-in to work on your Tiny Art.  
No registration required. *For ages 5 and up.*



**Artwork and entry form are due back by Saturday, January 21 to be included in the exhibition.** The Tiny Art Exhibition will be featured in the Library's lobby display case in February.

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## Warm Up With Winter Programs!



**THE POLITICAL CRISIS  
OF THE GILDED AGE**

Tuesday, January 31 | 7 p.m.

Get out of the cold and join us for two exciting programs at the Library:

First, on Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m., we welcome back Professor Bruce Zellers as he discusses **The Political Crisis of the Gilded Age**. Professor Zellers will describe 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 then explore how the emerging middle class stepped in and reformed the process, allowing more decorous elections to follow. No registration is required and all are welcome.

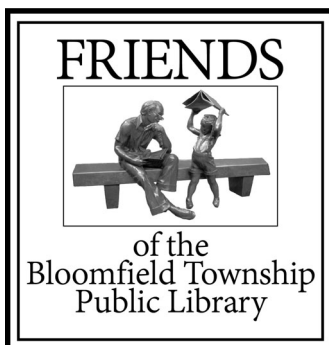
Then Saturday, February 4 at 2 p.m. come and enjoy the passionate music and dances of Spain: flamenco. Local dance troupe **Compañeros de Flamenco** will bring this vibrant art to life with colorful costumes and intricate footwork, telling the visual story of Spain's multicultural heritage. All are welcome to this family-friendly event; no registration required. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this performance.



**COMPAÑEROS  
DE  
FLAMENCO**

DANCE PERFORMANCE

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 4  
2 P.M.**



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## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their **Second Saturday Sale**, Saturday, January 14, from 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., with a members-only sale period from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. ([memberships available](#) at the door). Please bring a bag or box for your purchase. Donations are also being accepted in the Book Donation Room on the west end of the building during the Library's open hours. For the most up-to-date Friends information, please visit their [Facebook page](#) or the [library's website](#).

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## Family Events @ the Library

Join us for **After-Hours Family Fort Night** on Friday, January 13 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your own blankets, sheets, and flashlights to build your own family's fort inside the Library and help transform the Youth Room. Read stories, eat snacks, and have fun with us! This event is for the entire family, and no registration is required.



### Family Story Times

**Virtual Family PJ Story Time (Live on Zoom!)**, Wednesday, January 18 at 7 p.m. [Registration is required](#). Settle into a cozy spot in your home with your PJs on and join us live on Zoom. Craft kits will be available to pick up at the Youth Services Desk before the story time. Registered participants will receive a Zoom link emailed prior to the event.

**Outdoor Family Story Time**, Friday, January 20 at 1 p.m. No registration is required. It's winter but that doesn't mean you can't bundle up and join us for our monthly outdoor story time. Join us under the heaters on the Youth Terrace for stories, songs, and rhymes. Please dress for the weather.

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COUNTY

**FOR PARENTS  
& CAREGIVERS**



**Ascension  
Providence**

### Parent/Caregiver Workshop:

**Keep Your Kids Safe Around Medications**, Monday, January 30 at 7 p.m. Every day children are rushed to emergency rooms for medical poisoning. Learn from a trauma nurse about the surprising ways kids get into medications and what we can do to protect them. Participants will leave with resources and valuable information. [Registration is required](#).

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# UPCOMING EVENTS



Visit our [Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming programs at the Library including:

- [Speed Dating with a Book](#), Friday, January 20, 7 p.m.
- [PowerPoint Basics](#), Saturday, January 21, 1:30 p.m.
- [Crafting Conversations: A Teen Book Club](#), Wednesday, February 8, 4:30 p.m.

## Bloomfield Township Public Library Virtual Branch



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

### Library Hours

The Library building is open. Please visit [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org) for up-to-date information.

M-Th: 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Fri: 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Sat: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sun: Noon - 5:30 p.m.

### Holiday Closings

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

### Library Board

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