

DISCOVER

2023 SPRING AT THE LIBRARY



Bloomfield Township Public
Library

Bloomfield Township Public Library Seventh Annual

PHOTO CONTEST



**Celebrating the Past,
Embracing the Future**

January 30 - April 29, 2023



Is it possible to capture the past and the future in a single moment? This year's photo contest theme invites amateur photographers to honor and acknowledge where they've been, while also welcoming the inevitable changes to come.

The Seventh Annual Photo Contest coincides with the launch of the Library's new strategic plan, in which we build upon our strong foundation to serve the Bloomfield Township of the future.

Through March 26, Township residents may pick up an entry form at the Library Welcome Desk or submit photos online at www.btpl.org/photo-contest. Prizes will be awarded in three age categories (children, teens, and adults), along with a People's Choice and a grand prize award for Best of Show. Winners will be announced and honored at a special reception at the Library on Saturday, April 29 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Library's 2023-2025 Strategic Plan

To meet the emerging needs of the Bloomfield Township community, the Library underwent a strategic planning process in 2022. The goal of the process was to determine how best to utilize the Library's resources in delivering programs, providing outreach, and enhancing collections for meaningful community connection. Through focus groups, surveys, and stakeholder meetings, we asked for your vision of the kind of community you would like Bloomfield Township to be and what role the Library has in that vision. The Library Board of Trustees and staff pored through the resulting survey data and interview responses to develop an informed plan for the Library's future. We are excited to share our strategic direction and updated vision and mission statements that will guide the Library's priorities in the coming years.

Vision

The place to discover.

Mission

We spark curiosity and imagination by connecting the community to resources, technology, and support.

Enhance Our Core

to create responsive collections, functional and comfortable spaces, and seamless digital experiences.



Connect the Community

with each other, with opportunities to be creative, and with new experiences.

Build Organizational Capacity

for strong operations, satisfying employment, and a collaborative culture.



MARCH IS READING MONTH!



Celebrate Reading @ the Library

March is National Reading Month – a month designated to motivate people of all ages to read every day. Reading has many benefits, including increasing memory recall, building vocabulary, and reducing stress. Check out the many great programs on offer this spring as we celebrate all things reading. Visit the Youth or Adult Services Desks to discover your next great read!



Check out everything the Library has to offer this spring! Registration and information for youth programs can be found by visiting the Library's Calendar of Events at www.btpl.org/events or by calling the Youth Services Desk at (248) 642-5800. Please contact Youth Services if your child requires accommodations.

STORY TIMES

Preschool STEAMtime: Story Time and Discovery

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

April 4 – May 9, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins February 28.

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

New Times! Thursdays at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

April 6 – May 18, 6-week session (No class April 27)

Registration is required and begins March 2.

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

Sensory Story Time

Saturdays at 11 a.m.

April 8, Registration is required and begins March 18.

May 13, Registration is required and begins April 8.

This inclusive story time welcomes families looking for a more adaptive experience. Visuals, stories with multi-sensory engagement, and adaptive movement for youth of all abilities, ages 3 and up, with their grown-up.

Outdoor Family Story Time*

Wednesday, March 29, 1 p.m.

Friday, April 21, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31, 1 p.m.

No registration is required. Join us outside for story time this spring on the Youth Terrace. Grab your jackets and blankets and cozy up together under the terrace heaters for stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more. For families of all ages.

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

Virtual Family PJ Story Time (Live on Zoom)

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

March 15, April 19, and May 17

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

Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

March 23, Registration is required and begins February 23.

April 20, Registration is required and begins March 23.

May 18, Registration is required and begins April 20.

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

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

March 6, Registration is required and begins February 6.

April 10, Registration is required and begins March 6.

May 8, Registration is required and begins April 10.

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. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

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 Libby or hoopla.

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

Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins February 27.

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins March 20.

Monday, May 22, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins April 25.

Book Worms, Grades 2 – 3

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins February 28.

Monday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins March 14.

Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins April 17.

Paperbacks & Snacks, Grades 4 – 6

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins February 9.

Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins March 8.

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins April 6.

MARCH IS READING MONTH EVENTS

Kindergarten Readers' Roundup

March 6 – March 24

We are celebrating emerging readers during National March is Reading Month by inviting kindergarten classes in our community to our Kindergarten Readers' Roundups. Students will tour the Youth Room, enjoy a fun skit with favorite book characters performed by librarians, and so much more. Details available through your local elementary school.

Book Character Scavenger Hunt

See if you can find all of your favorite book characters hidden throughout the Youth Room during the month of March. Stop by the Youth Services desk to pick up a scavenger hunt sheet.



April 23 - April 29

Celebrate

National Library Week

Be A Star Reader

Monday, April 24 – Friday, April 28

Bring your favorite book to the Youth Services Department and have your photo taken with it in celebration of National Library Week. Participants will have their names entered into a special drawing, and 20 lucky Star Readers will have their photo featured on monthly READ posters displayed at the Library.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!

Saturday, May 6

~ Starting at 10 a.m. while supplies last ~

No registration is required. Kids are invited to drop in and create their own comics in the Youth Room. Free take-home comics will also be available at the Youth and Adult Services Desks. This event is made possible through a partnership with Comic City of Bloomfield Township.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Cozy Fiber Fun

Thursday, April 13, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Are you a young fiber artist age 7 and up? Bring your existing crochet, knitting, embroidery, felting, or any other fiber project with you and drop in to the Story Room. Work on your project while chatting with friends and get inspired by their projects.

Medieval Merriment

Friday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required. Join us for an evening of medieval crafts and games for the whole family on a Friday after the Library has closed.

May the 4th Be With You!

Thursday, May 4, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required. Drop in for Star Wars fun all afternoon and evening, including crafts, movies showing in the Story Room, and other intergalactic activities.

Sewing Workshop for Kids

Monday, May 1, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required and begins April 3. Space is limited.

Celebrate *Children's Book Week* by making your very own tote bag for your library books at this sewing workshop for kids grades 3 – 6 taught by Mila Pershyna, local resident and Mrs. USA 2022. Mrs. Pershyna is passionate about fashion design and teaching hands-on skills to youth through her nonprofit MP Global Foundation (mpglobalfoundation.org).

Toddler Dance Party

Saturday, April 29, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

No registration is required. Calling all families with walking toddlers and pre-kindergarten students – we are having our first Toddler Dance Party! This is an excellent opportunity for adults and older siblings to interact and play alongside the toddlers in their life. Get moving on a Saturday morning with a variety of songs, including some with simple movements that everyone can follow (think the Hokey Pokey or Chicken Dance). Come and show off your best dance moves, or have fun making up some new ones of your own!

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 noon, March 4 – May 6 (No program April 8)

No registration is required. Drop in for unstructured play and discovery in the Story Room. 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 included.

Brick Builders Club

Various Days, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 27: Favorite Book Character

Monday, April 24: Outer Space

Tuesday, May 9: Things That Go

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

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 May 1 on our Virtual Branch web page.

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:

- **Beaded Pipe Cleaner Shamrocks**, Available beginning March 1.
- **Pom Pom Poppers**, Available beginning March 15.
- **Coffee Filter Butterflies**, Available beginning April 1.
- **Earth Day Balls**, Available beginning April 15.
- **Fork Stamped Tulips**, Available beginning May 1.
- **Bee Finger Puppet**, Available beginning May 15.

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.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

All About ADHD, Monday, March 13, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins February 13.

Parents and caregivers can learn more about supporting and understanding ADHD with a licensed social worker from Bloomfield Child and Family Counseling. We will discuss the signs and symptoms of ADHD, how to increase executive functioning skills, and ways to build success through behavioral support at school and home. Participants will learn easy take-home ideas and strategies to practice, as well as resources for advocating for your child.

Adults

For programs requiring registration, visit the Events Calendar at www.btpl.org/events, stop by or call the Adult Services Desk at (248) 642-5800, or email AskAdult@btpl.org. Registration opens one month before the program date. Nonresidents may sign up one week prior to the program if room is available.



ONGOING PROGRAMS

Book Clubs and Writing Groups

Registration is required for each club or group. The Library has several book clubs and writing groups that meet throughout the year. Contact the Adult Services department with questions or for more information.

NEW Science Fiction / Fantasy Book Club

First Tuesday every other month, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required. The first session of this new book club will meet on April 4 and will explore science fiction, fantasy, and other speculative fiction titles.

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 to stream 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.

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.

Sensory Story Time for Adults and Teens

Second Monday each month, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

No registration is required. Adults and teens with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities as well as their caregivers are invited for a story time filled with interactive stories, songs, art projects, and sensory crafts.

Teens

Designed for teens ages 13 – 18. To register, visit the Events Calendar at www.btpl.org/events or email AskTeen@btpl.org.

Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 8, 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.

Crafting Conversations: Plant a Tiny Terrarium

Wednesday, May 24, 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Plant a tiny terrarium while we discuss your favorite books and movies. The May theme is all about spring, gardens, and anything green. View recommended books by visiting the Library's Teen webpage at www.btpl.org/teen, or pick up a flyer in Adult Services. Snacks provided.

TAKE HOME KITS FOR ADULTS & TEENS

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:

- **Hand Embroidered Card Craft Kit**, Available beginning March 13.
Use paper and embroidery floss to create your own greeting card.
- **Teen Break-In Bags**, Available beginning April 1.
Love escape rooms and puzzles? The Break-In Bag is like a mini escape room, only instead of trying to break out, you must break in! To open the bag containing your goodies players must solve all three puzzles, which provide the combination to a three-digit lock.
- **Comic Book Magnets**, Available beginning May 6.
Create your own comic book magnets with your favorite panels in a variety of shapes. Instructions included in the kit.
- **Plant a Tiny Terrarium**, Available beginning May 25.
Create your own mini plant environment, perfect for brightening up any space. Tiny terrarium kits include step-by-step instructions and all supplies needed.

MARCH IS READING MONTH SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS!



Friday, March 10, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required and begins February 10. 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.

Silent Book Club

Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins February 20. Experience a different kind of book club by joining other readers for some silent reading. Browse through the Library's curated selection of books to read during the event, or bring your own to catch up on. No pressure to engage in discussion or read a certain title – just enjoy the company of other book lovers in a quiet space. Light refreshments provided.

Finding Your Next Read

Monday, March 27, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required and begins February 27. Discover library resources to help you find your next read and discuss books with other readers.

Local Author Fair

Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

No registration is required. Local authors will be gathered to talk about their books. Stop by and find your next great read.

Computers & Technology

SPRING 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 held in person in our computer lab and limited to seven participants.

PowerPoint Basics

Thursday, March 2, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 15, 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, March 8, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12, 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

Thursday, March 16, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 22, 1:30 p.m.

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

Intro to Social Media

Wednesday, March 22, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10, 5:30 p.m.

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

Scanning and Photo Editing

Thursday, March 30, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18, 5:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of scanning and photo editing with your own smartphone (Android or Apple) and free photo editing apps.

PERSONAL TECH ASSISTANCE

Whether you would like help with your smartphone, personal digital device, or assistance with a specific tech topic, our experts can help! 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.



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Upcoming Featured Events @ the Library



SCHOOL OF
MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

Fridays at 7 p.m., 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.

Genealogy Workshop with Piety Hill Chapter DAR

Saturday, March 25, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

No registration is required.

Whether you are beginning your genealogy research or are more advanced, all are welcome to attend for free 20-minute consultations with experienced genealogists.

Earth-Friendly Compost...With a Sense of Humus

Saturday, March 25, 1 p.m.

Registration is required and begins February 25.

Join Master Composter Lillian Dean for a one-hour hands-on class in making and using earth-friendly compost. Topics covered will include natural mulches, materials for composting, compost maintenance, the "underground" soil food web, how to use compost, and compost benefits for healthy plants and planet Earth. Class size limited to 25.



Back to Basics: Canning with the MSU Extension Food Safety Team

Mondays, April 3 and April 17, 7 p.m.

Registration is required to attend this two-session program and begins March 3.

Discover how to safely preserve high and low-acid foods at home in this

two-part program using a water bath, atmospheric steam, or pressure canners. The latest methods and research will be presented.

Detroit Country Day Chamber Music Ensemble Concert

Friday, April 28, 7 p.m.

No registration is required.

This exciting concert will feature both chamber strings and woodwind quintet students from the Detroit Country Day School Honors Chamber Ensemble program. Participating students have the opportunity to develop advanced musicianship under the school's music faculty.

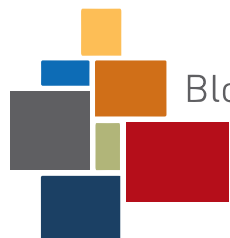
Adult Spelling Bee

Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m.

Registration is required to be a contestant and begins April 10.

Are you great at spelling? Do you have a competitive spirit?

We are hosting an adult spelling bee! Anyone 18 or over can enter and compete for great prizes. Bring family and friends to help cheer you on!



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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

Sunday, April 9 for Easter

Friday, May 5 for Staff Development Day

Sunday and Monday, May 28 and 29
for the Memorial Day Holiday

Board of Trustees

Keith Carduner
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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

March 11, April 8, and May 13

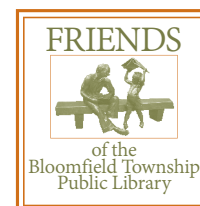
Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

*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!

Coming this Summer...

“All Together Now” Summer Reading
program for children, teens, and adults.

Details and information for the Library’s annual
reading incentive program will be available in May.