

Bloomfield Township Public

**Library**

**Bloomfield Township Public Library  
Board of Trustees**

Library Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**  
7:00 p.m.

Board Room

Trustees:

[libraryboard@btpl.org](mailto:libraryboard@btpl.org)

Dani Gillman, President  
Judy Lindstrom, Vice President  
Joan Luksik, Secretary  
Keith Carduner  
Joy Murray  
Shane Spradlin

Director:

Tera Moon

[moontera@btpl.org](mailto:moontera@btpl.org)

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**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
LIBRARY BOARD INFORMATION PACKETS**

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Tuesday, June 20, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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1	Agenda	06/16/2023
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8c	Advocacy Committee – no report	
8c	Ambassadors Group – no report	
8c	Building and Grounds Committee – 06/08/2023	06/16/2023
8c	Cranbrook –no report	
8c	Development Committee – no report	
8c	Finance Committee– no report	
8c	Friends of the Library Liaison – no report	
8c	Jeanette P. Myers Scholarship Committee – 06/09/2023	06/16/2023
8c	Investment Committee – no report	
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11a	Library as Early Voting Site	06/16/2023
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	<b><u>UNNUMBERED ITEMS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE DELIVERED</u></b>
	Press Mentions	06/16/2023
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AGENDA  
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tuesday, June 20, 2023  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
7:00 P.M.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS #1-5**

1. Call to order of regular meeting
- 2a. Request to remove items from the Consent Agenda for Discussion
- 2b. MOTION to approve the order of items for the Regular and Consent Agendas
3. President's Verbal Report
4. Director's Verbal Report
5. MOTION to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items 6-8d

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #6-8d**  
**Items removed will be discussed under Item #12**

6. Regular Board meeting minutes of May 16, 2023
7. Budget
  - a. Cash Disbursements
  - b. Monthly Revenues & Expenditures
  - c. Energy Report
8. Written Reports:
  - a. President: \*Dani Gillman
  - b. Director: \*Tera Moon
  - c. Committee:
    - \*Art Committee *Ad Hoc*
    - \*Bloomfield Township Liaison
    - \*Building and Grounds
    - \*Cranbrook
    - \*Development
    - \*Finance
    - \*Friends of the Library Liaison
    - \*Investment
    - \*Jeanette P. Myers Scholarship Selection
    - \*Personnel
    - \*Policy

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

9. Call to the public, communications
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
  - a. Library as early voting location presented by Bloomfield Township Clerk, Martin Brook
  - b. Serials Bid
12. Discussion of items removed from the Consent Agenda
13. MOTION to approve any items removed from the Consent Agenda
14. Other
15. Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2023
16. Adjournment

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**REQUEST TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA  
FOR DISCUSSION**

**I REQUEST THAT ITEM (S):**

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**BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION  
DURING REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 12.**

If amended, CONSENT AGENDA items will be moved to REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #12 for discussion and REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #13 for approval.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR  
AND CONSENT AGENDAS**

**OPTION - NO AMENDMENT NEEDED:**

I move to approve the order of items as listed on the REGULAR and CONSENT AGENDAS as presented.

**OPTION - AMENDMENT TO AGENDA:**

I move to approve the order of items as listed on the AGENDAS, with the following items to be moved from

the **REGULAR AGENDA** as follows:

the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

If amended, CONSENT AGENDA items will be moved to REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #12 for discussion and REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #13 for approval.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS MOTION**

I move to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda.

**PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Bloomfield Township Public Library  
Oakland County, Michigan  
Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Library Board Room

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At 7:00 p.m. the Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Dani Gillman.

Trustees Present: Keith Carduner, Dani Gillman, Judy Lindstrom, Joan Luksik, and Joy Murray

Trustees Absent: Shane Spradlin

Administration: Director Tera Moon, Assistant Director Katherine Bryant, and Administrative Assistant Linden Godlove

Guests: Shayna Connolly, Adult Services Librarian; Killian Weston, Youth Services Librarian; Carolyn Noble, Bloomfield Hills School Board Member

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Joan Luksik requested **Item 7a – Cash Disbursements** be removed from the consent agenda for regular discussion.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom and seconded by Joy Murray **TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS AS LISTED ON THE AGENDAS WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: 7A**

*A vote was taken for approval of the motion.*

*Ayes: Carduner, Gillman, Lindstrom, Luksik, and Murray*

*Nays: None*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PRESIDENT’S VERBAL REPORT:**

President Gillman announced Art from the Hills is on display at the Library tonight through the end of the month. She remarked on how there is such talent in the district, with students exhibiting from developmental kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. At the Library, there are many exciting upcoming programs, including summer reading. The librarians will tell the Board about summer reading later in the meeting.

**DIRECTOR’S VERBAL REPORT:**

Director Moon shared that Lauren Catoni-Ellis received the Carol Mueller Leadership Award at Staff Development Day.

John Marshall of the Bloomfield Historical Society is in the process of donating his collection of research on homes in Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Hills. The Library is fortunate to receive this collection of John's work in paper and electronic form.

The Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT) of the American Library Association (ALA) announced that the Michigan Library Association (MLA) was selected as the recipient of the 2023 Gerald Hodges Intellectual Freedom Chapter Relations Award.

In Spring 2022, MLA's Intellectual Freedom Task Force launched MI Right to Read (pronounced "My Right to Read") to form a coalition of librarians and concerned citizens with a shared goal of protecting intellectual freedom and responding to censorship attempts. The MLA commissioned a poll of Michigan voters which found that the majority of people across the state are against censorship. The summary and some details are in the board packet press mentions.

The Library will be moving forward on a request for proposals for door access upgrade. A recommendation will be brought before the board in July.

Assistant Director Katherine announced that the Library will serve as one of many sites for the two-week Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival. The Library partnered with this group last year and it was quite successful. The Library will host four artistic encounters, like a masterclass, on Mondays, June 12 and 19 and Wednesdays, June 14 and 21, at 11 a.m. On Saturday, June 17, there will be a classical presentation of Little Red Riding Hood, which will include a score, narration, and interactive activities for children.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom seconded by Keith Carduner to **APPROVE THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

*A vote was taken for approval of the motion.*

*Ayes: Carduner, Gillman, Lindstrom, Luksik, and Murray*

*Nays: None*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

#### **Call to the public.**

Carolyn Noble, a member of Bloomfield Hills School board, was in attendance. She expressed appreciation at the opportunity to see how the library board operates. She wishes to work as a liaison to the Library and share connections with the school board.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **11 a. Summer Reading Showcase**

One of a public library's most basic functions is to support literacy throughout the community. A highly tangible way that happens is through summer reading programs. Reading throughout the summer helps mitigate that infamous "summer slide." Summer slide refers to the loss of knowledge in reading and math during the summer break. To encourage kids to keep reading while they are not in school, library staff plan creative programs, games, and other incentives. They also help readers choose new books to read through book talks, reading lists by grade, and personalized recommendations.

Killian Weston, Youth Services Librarian, and Shayna Connolly, Adult Services Librarian, presented what the librarians have planned to engage readers of all ages to read through the summer months using the theme "All Together Now." This is a nationwide theme. Prizes include gift cards, lawn signs, tote bags, and more. Youth and teens receive a book upon signing up for the program.



### **11b. Board Meeting Discussion**

Just as Staff Development Day is held every May, the agenda item for the board meeting in May is traditionally around board development. Director Moon suggested topics for discussion.

The board were curious if statistics could be collected to promote the Library. They expressed interest in infographics that could convey this in an accessible way, particularly to support the strategic plan. There was interest in promoting the Library more as a community center and the Board serving as ambassadors of the Library to other groups in the community. They are interested in more big community events. There is concern about the millage renewal and there was much discussion about particulars this involved. There was interest in inviting elected officials to an open house. There was discussion of having learning opportunities at each board meeting.

### **11c. Roof Repair Project Expenditure**

At the April 13, 2023 Building and Grounds Committee meeting, Director Moon reported that she had received a quote from Quinn Evans for \$41,000 for assistance with repair of the roof edge, replacement of the leaking skylights in the Magazine Room, and the rehabilitation of the cedar fascia.

That cost includes the complex and time-consuming work of researching products, creating architectural drawings, and bid specifications, running the bid process, and overseeing the construction for all three of these important repairs.

Upon discussion, the board elected to investigate the matter further before approving the proposal. Quinn Evans will be invited to discuss the issues at a future meeting to be determined and the board will ask questions.

## **12. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Joan Luksik inquired what "Playaway products" was, as listed as a vendor under section 7a. It was explained that this is a portable audio player with one book loaded on it.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Keith Carduner, seconded by Joan Luksik **TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDAS.**

*A vote was taken for approval of the motion.*

*Ayes: Carduner, Gillman, Lindstrom, Luksik, and Murray*

*Nays: None*

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **OTHER:**

Judy Lindstrom expressed her enthusiasm for the annual photo contest and reception. She also thought the Adult Spelling Bee was wonderful. Dani Gillman said that Adult Services Intern Darrius Fielder did a fantastic job with the spelling bee.

Joy Murray reported on the Friends of the Library. The Annual Meeting on May 3 was delightful and well-attended. The slate of officers was elected, with Kathy Conner continuing to serve as president. Jeff Morrison, the speaker, was enjoyable and well-received.

Tera Moon addressed the public comment concerning library security from last month. There is not one specific mandate for library security. There are policies and procedures of what a safe library looks like, which this Library does have in place. There are secured entrances, security cameras, and many other measures in place. Security professionals are not necessarily the best solution for this community.

The next Library Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be the serials bid.

At 8:40 p.m. President Dani Gillman adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Lindstrom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J".

Judy Lindstrom, Vice President

PROPOSED

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY****Cash Disbursements Comments  
May 2023****New Vendors:**

- J & M Window Cleaning
- PressReader Inc.
- Redford Lock and Security Solutions
- Smart Business Source
- ASCAP

**General Fund - Advance Checks:**

- Check # 23076 made payable to Martha McGee in the amount of \$111.72 was reimbursement for supplies for the volunteer reception.
- Check # 23081 made payable to Consumers Energy in the amount of \$5,880.24 was payment for natural gas service for the period 4/6-5/8.
- Check # 23082 made payable to Martha McGee in the amount of \$104.04 was reimbursement for supplies for the volunteer reception.
- Check # 23083 made payable to Patricia Ballard in the amount of \$41.09 was reimbursement for program supplies.
- Check # 23084 made payable to DTE Energy in the amount of \$19,897.76 was payment for electricity service for the period 4/11-5/8.
- Check # 23088 made payable to Singing Tree LLC in the amount of \$990.00 was payment for straightening and staking the arborvitaes that were damaged in winter storms.
- Check # 23089 made payable to Steve Bullo in the amount of \$104.80 was reimbursement for mileage for conference attendance.
- Check # 23091 made payable to Paul Zink in the amount of \$63.93 was reimbursement for mileage for conference attendance.
- Check #23104 made payable to Healey Fire Protection in the amount of \$920.00 was payment for fire suppression system inspection.
- Check #23110 made payable to Absolutely Baffling Magic in the amount of \$425.00 was payment for a program performer.
- Check #23112 made payable to Jamie Jasper in the amount of \$75.87 was reimbursement for supplies for a program.

## General Fund - Regular Checks:

- Check #23115 made payable to Arbor Oakland Group in the amount of \$4,603.64 was payment for the quarterly print newsletter for summer.
- Check #23116 made payable to Arifa Javed in the amount of \$100.00 was payment for video material for library collection.
- Check #23117 made payable to National Audubon Society in the amount of \$20.00 was payment for membership in order to receive the monthly magazine.
- Check #23118 made payable to Augies Building Services in the amount of \$12,744.95 was payment for monthly cleaning services.
- Check #23121 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$815.29 was payment for water and sewer service for the period 4/20-5/18.
- Check #23123 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$358,960.45 was payment for two payrolls including FICA, health insurance, pension, etc.
- Check #23128 made payable to Central Michigan University in the amount of \$50.06 was payment for a lost item loaned through MeLCat.
- Check #23134 made payable to Du All Cleaning, Inc in the amount of \$5,560.00 was payment for cleaning services for the month of May.
- Check #23136 made payable to Fesemyer Consulting in the amount of \$3,000.00 was payment for a Staff Development Day presenter.
- Check #23141 made payable to Great Oaks in the amount of \$12,741.42 was payment for lawn maintenance and tree removal.
- Check #23143 made payable to J & M Window Cleaning in the amount of \$3,900.00 was payment for exterior and interior window cleaning for the entire library building.
- Check #23152 made payable to Oakland County Historical Resources in the amount of \$1,200.00 was payment for membership in this county-wide shared digitization effort.
- Check #23154 made payable to PDM Investment Services in the amount of \$300.00 was payment for Focused Growth Investor newsletter.
- Check #23157 made payable to PressReader Inc. in the amount of \$6,263.00 was payment for a new online subscription that provides access to the Economist magazine among many other newspapers.
- Check #23159 made payable to Redford Lock and Security Systems in the amount of \$1,169.00 was payment for rekeying several door locks.
- Check #23165 made payable to Siemens Industry, Inc. in the amount of \$14,860.00 was payment for building automation service agreement.

- Check #23166 made payable to Smart Business Source in the amount of \$57.12 was payment for installing a tile-to-carpet transition strip from the donation room into the hallway.
- Check #23168 made payable to Terryberry in the amount of \$480.33 was payment for service awards for staff.
- Check #23169 made payable to The Library Network in the amount of \$3,758.67 was payment for internet service and other equipment and subscriptions.
- Check #23175 made payable to Yeo & Yeo in the amount of \$20,000.00 was payment for professional audit services.

**Gift Fund - Regular Checks:**

- Check #5417 made payable to ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) in the amount of \$420.00 was annual payment for music licensing.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**CHECK REGISTERS**

**FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2023**

<b>Check #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Cash Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>General Fund</b>				
<b>ADVANCE CHECKS:</b>				
23074	5/10/23	AT&T	016.01	170.00
23075	5/10/23	LOWE'S	016.01	169.13
23076	5/10/23	Martha McGee	016.01	111.72
23077	5/10/23	T MOBILE	016.01	119.92
23080	5/17/23	AMAZON.COM	016.01	2,079.39
23081	5/17/23	CONSUMERS ENERGY	016.01	5,880.24
23082	5/17/23	Martha McGee	016.01	104.04
23083	5/25/23	Patricia Ballard	016.01	41.09
23084	5/25/23	DTE ENERGY	016.01	19,897.76
23085	5/25/23	FLAGSTAR BANK	016.01	6,782.81
23086	5/25/23	POSEIDON LAWN SPRINKLERS	016.01	649.00
23087	5/25/23	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	016.01	720.70
23088	5/25/23	SINGING TREE LLC	016.01	990.00
23089	5/25/23	Steve Bullo	016.01	104.80
23090	5/25/23	VIGILANTE SECURITY	016.01	1,950.00
23091	5/25/23	Paul Zink	016.01	63.93
23101	5/31/23	APPLIED INNOVATION	016.01	1,179.06
23102	5/31/23	AT&T	016.01	170.00
23103	5/31/23	XFINITY	016.01	75.83
23104	5/31/23	HEALEY FIRE PROTECTION, INC	016.01	920.00
23105	5/31/23	PTS Communications	016.01	101.40
23110	6/7/23	ABSOLUTELY BAFFLING MAGIC	016.01	425.00
23111	6/7/23	AMAZON.COM	016.01	1,482.56
23112	6/7/23	Jamie Jasper	016.01	75.87
23113	6/7/23	PTS Communications	016.01	85.80
Total				44350.05
<b>REGULAR CHECKS:</b>				
23114	6/8/23	AMERICAN PEST CONTROL	016.01	1,324.00
23115	6/8/23	ARBOR OAKLAND GROUP	016.01	4,603.64
23116	6/8/23	ARIFA JAVED	016.01	100.00
23117	6/8/23	NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY	016.01	20.00
23118	6/8/23	AUGIES BUILDING SERVICES	016.01	12,744.95
23119	6/8/23	AUNALYTICS, INC.	016.01	3,152.75
23120	6/8/23	BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	016.01	15,395.55
23121	6/8/23	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	016.01	815.29
23122	6/8/23	BLACKSTONE PUBLISHING	016.01	41.60
23123	6/8/23	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	016.01	358,960.45
23124	6/8/23	CAPSTONE	016.01	1,153.04
23125	6/8/23	CAR TRUCKING, INC.	016.01	212.55
23126	6/8/23	CENGAGE LEARNING/GALE	016.01	723.06
23127	6/8/23	CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	016.01	59.92
23128	6/8/23	CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	016.01	50.06
23130	6/8/23	CINTAS CORPORATION	016.01	138.68
23131	6/8/23	CRABTREE PUBLISHING COMPANY	016.01	841.05
23132	6/8/23	CINTAS CORPORATION	016.01	73.56
23133	6/8/23	DEMCO, INC.	016.01	785.69
23134	6/8/23	DU ALL CLEANING, INC	016.01	5,560.00
23135	6/8/23	ENVISIONWARE, INC.	016.01	725.00
23136	6/8/23	FESEMYER CONSULTING, LLC	016.01	3,000.00
23137	6/8/23	FINANCIAL TIMES LTD	016.01	1,848.00
23138	6/8/23	FOUNDRY	016.01	25.00
23139	6/8/23	GAYLORD BROTHERS, INC.	016.01	113.35
23140	6/8/23	GOLDNER WALSH NURSERY, INC.	016.01	4,536.65
23141	6/8/23	GREAT OAKS MAINTENANCE	016.01	12,741.42
23142	6/8/23	H. V. BURTON CO.	016.01	495.00
23143	6/8/23	J & M WINDOW CLEANING	016.01	3,900.00

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**FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2023**

<b>Check #</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Cash Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
23144	6/8/23	J. APPLESEED	016.01	2,048.95
23145	6/8/23	LJ ROLLS REFRIGERATION CO., INC	016.01	8,410.00
23146	6/8/23	LIGHTBOX LEARNING INC.	016.01	329.84
23147	6/8/23	METCOM, INC.	016.01	8,837.40
23148	6/8/23	MICROMARKETING LLC	016.01	579.63
23149	6/8/23	MIDWEST TAPE	016.01	3,244.29
23150	6/9/23	MORNINGSTAR, INC.	016.01	384.00
23151	6/9/23	NICHOLS/NETWORK SERVICES CO	016.01	2,401.90
23152	6/9/23	OAKLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL RESOURCES	016.01	1,200.00
23153	6/9/23	OVERDRIVE	016.01	13,951.79
23154	6/9/23	PDM INVESTMENT SERVICES	016.01	300.00
23155	6/9/23	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	016.01	167.97
23156	6/9/23	PRESIDIO NETWORK SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC	016.01	2,714.00
23157	6/9/23	PressReader Inc.	016.01	6,263.00
23158	6/9/23	PROQUEST-CSA LLC	016.01	1,546.23
23159	6/9/23	REDFORD LOCK SECURITY SOLUTIONS	016.01	1,169.00
23160	6/9/23	ROSEN PUBLISHING	016.01	3,255.48
23161	6/9/23	SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY PUBLISHING	016.01	356.20
23162	6/9/23	School Life, a division of image stuff	016.01	206.20
23163	6/9/23	SENTINEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	016.01	1,693.07
23164	6/9/23	SHOWCASES	016.01	151.20
23165	6/9/23	SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC.	016.01	14,860.00
23166	6/9/23	SMART BUSINESS SOURCE	016.01	57.12
23167	6/9/23	TERMINIX PROCESSING CTR.	016.01	160.00
23168	6/9/23	TERRYBERRY	016.01	480.33
23169	6/9/23	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	016.01	3,758.67
23170	6/9/23	THOMSON REUTERS- WEST	016.01	142.88
23171	6/9/23	TOTAL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.	016.01	367.00
23172	6/9/23	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	016.01	157.60
23173	6/9/23	UNIVERSITY PRODUCTS, INC.	016.01	856.68
23174	6/9/23	WT COX INFORMATION SERVICES	016.01	61.50
23175	6/9/23	YEO & YEO	016.01	20,000.00
Total				<u>534252.19</u>
<b>ADVANCE CHECKS:</b>				
5415	5/25/23	FLAGSTAR BANK	012.03	1,026.56
5416	6/7/23	AMAZON.COM	012.03	974.60

**Bloomfield Township Public Library  
FY 2023-2024 General Fund Budget**

PRESENTED: JUNE 20, 2023      FOR THE MONTH OF: MAY, 2023

ACCOUNT NAME	2023-2024	2023-2024	REVENUE/EXPENSE CURRENT MONTH	REVENUE/ EXPENSE YTD	% OF BUDGET YTD	Two Months 16.66% VARIANCE
	ADOPTED BUDGET AS OF MARCH 21, 2023	AMENDED BUDGET AS OF JUNE 20, 2023				
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>						
Taxes	\$8,578,936	\$8,578,936	(\$1,240)	(\$1,240)	-0.01%	(\$8,580,176)
Penal Fines	\$71,695	\$71,695	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$71,695)
State Aid	\$40,800	\$40,800	\$22,280	\$22,280	54.61%	(\$18,520)
Circulation Fines & Fees	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$1,619	\$3,286	12.89%	(\$22,214)
Charges for Services	\$14,866	\$14,866	\$1,581	\$2,240	15.07%	(\$12,626)
Investment earnings	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,890	\$87,854	175.71%	\$37,854
Miscellaneous	\$34,566	\$34,566	\$414	\$672	1.94%	(\$33,894)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$8,816,363</b>	<b>\$8,816,363</b>	<b>\$75,544</b>	<b>\$115,092</b>	<b>1.31%</b>	<b>(\$8,701,271)</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>						
Personnel	\$4,977,239	\$4,977,239	\$356,441	\$875,420	17.59%	(\$4,101,819)
Library Services	\$823,309	\$823,309	\$69,693	\$134,319	16.31%	(\$688,990)
Facilities & Equipment	\$1,058,879	\$1,058,879	\$107,441	\$235,473	22.24%	(\$823,406)
Other Operating Expenditures	\$3,769,582	\$3,769,582	\$43,754	\$84,948	2.25%	(\$3,684,634)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$10,629,009</b>	<b>\$10,629,009</b>	<b>\$577,329</b>	<b>\$1,330,160</b>	<b>12.51%</b>	<b>(\$9,298,849)</b>
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$13,833,927	\$13,833,927		\$13,833,927		
Net revenue (expenditure)	(\$1,812,646)	(\$1,812,646)		(\$1,215,069)		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$12,021,281	\$12,021,281		\$12,618,858		

**Fund Balance Designations**

Nonspendable-Prepaid Expense	\$18,791	\$18,791
Committed Fund Balance (is 8-months of operational expenditures amount)	\$4,740,729	\$4,740,729
Assigned Fund Balance (is \$482,971 the 3/31/23 compensated absences accrual, plus \$1,726,920 the OPEB obligation plus \$3,517,916 for capital improvements)	\$7,161,761	\$7,161,761
Unassigned Fund Balance (is the unplanned emergency amount)	\$100,000	\$100,000



**Bloomfield Township Public Library**  
**FY 2023-2024 Gift Fund Budget**

PRESENTED: JUNE 20, 2023 FOR THE MONTH OF: MAY, 2023

Two Months 16.66%

ACCOUNT NAME	2023-2024 ADOPTED BUDGET AS OF MAR 21, 2023	2023-2024 AMENDED BUDGET AS OF JUNE 20, 2023	REVENUE/ EXPENSE CURRENT MONTH	REVENUE/ EXPENSE YTD	% OF BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>						
<b>Gift Income</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>76.19%</b>	<b>(\$500)</b>
Gift Revenue	\$0	\$1,600	\$0	\$1,600	100.00%	\$0
Friends of the Library	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0
Atkinson Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0
BTPL Endowment Fund/Amber Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Myers Scholarship	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$500)
Smith Challenge Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0
Fair Radom Garden's Endowment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0
Library Director's Legacy Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
<b>Investment Earnings</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$23</b>	<b>\$47</b>	<b>23.63%</b>	<b>(\$153)</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>\$23</b>	<b>\$1,647</b>	<b>71.62%</b>	<b>(\$653)</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>						
<b>Library Services</b>	<b>\$75,589</b>	<b>\$75,589</b>	<b>\$1,448</b>	<b>\$5,988</b>	<b>7.92%</b>	<b>(\$69,601)</b>
<b>Facilities &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$34,382</b>	<b>\$34,382</b>	<b>\$953</b>	<b>\$4,768</b>	<b>13.87%</b>	<b>(\$29,614)</b>
<b>Other Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$52,224</b>	<b>\$53,824</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>(\$1,504)</b>	<b>-2.80%</b>	<b>(\$55,328)</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$162,195</b>	<b>\$163,795</b>	<b>\$2,426</b>	<b>\$9,252</b>	<b>5.65%</b>	<b>(\$154,543)</b>
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$161,695	\$161,695		\$161,695		
Net revenue (expenditures)	(\$161,495)	(\$161,495)		(\$7,605)		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$200	\$200		\$154,090		

**Bloomfield Township Public Library**  
**Asset Allocation Summary**  
**MAY 2023**

Fund	Type	Annual Yield	Date	Amount on Hand
<b>General Fund</b>				
	5th 3rd Checking (Ecommerce)	0.00%	5/31/2023	\$120,923.99
	Flagstar Public Funds Savings	4.01%	5/31/2023	\$205,725.94
	Flagstar Premier Public Entities Checking	1.00%	5/31/2023	\$184,620.70
	RBC Capital Cash/Money Market	0.80%	5/31/2023	\$32,201.50
	RBC Capital - Investments	3.69%	5/31/2023	\$12,852,134.93
	<b>Total General Fund</b>			<b><u>\$13,395,607.06</u></b>
	Please see General Fund budget for notes on how this amount is earmarked			
<b>Gift Fund</b>				
	Huntington Public Fund Business Interest Checking	0.30%	5/31/2023	\$87,085.75
	Huntington CD (Charnov gift) - matures 02/05/2024	0.03%	5/31/2023	\$50,000.00
	Fifth Third Bank Business Standard Checking	0.00%	5/31/2023	\$15,272.77
	<b>Total Gift Fund</b>			<b><u>\$152,358.52</u></b>

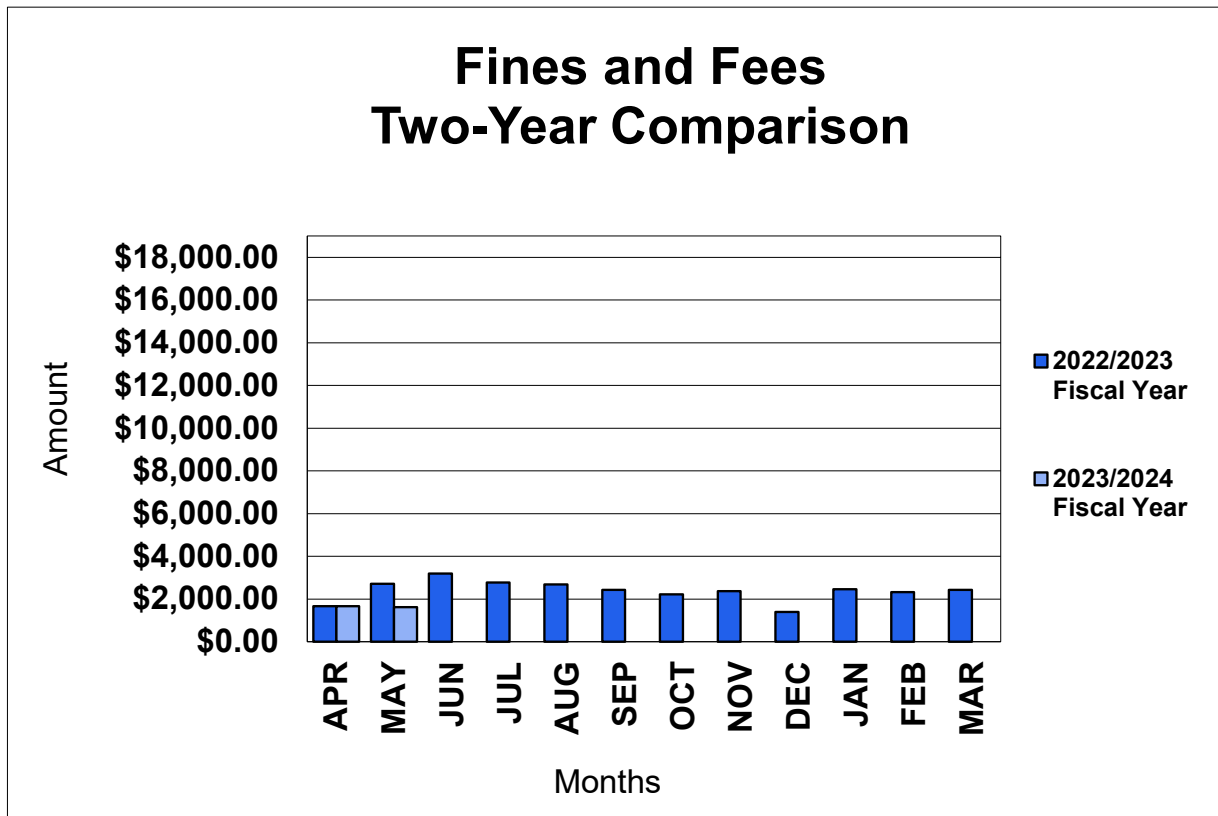
**CFSEM**

The following endowment funds are administered by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSEM). CFSEM maintains unilateral variance power and legal ownership of the endowment funds, and therefore, principal is not available to BTPL. Earnings are available for distribution to the Library for its operations at the discretion of CFSEM.

	<i>Updated 4/2023</i>	
Jeanette P. Myers Memorial Scholarship Fund	12/31/2022	\$15,283.00
Yvonne T. Atkinson Fund	12/31/2022	\$32,882.00
Lawrence Smith and Isabel Francis Smith Challenge Grant Fund	12/31/2022	\$35,695.35
BTPL Endowment Fund	12/31/2022	\$46,623.65
Fair Radom Garden Endowment Fund	12/31/2022	\$17,911.00
BTPL Director's Legacy Fund	12/31/2022	\$20,629.00
<b>Total CFSEM holdings</b>		<b><u>\$169,024.00</u></b>

**FINES AND FEES - TWO-YEAR COMPARISON**

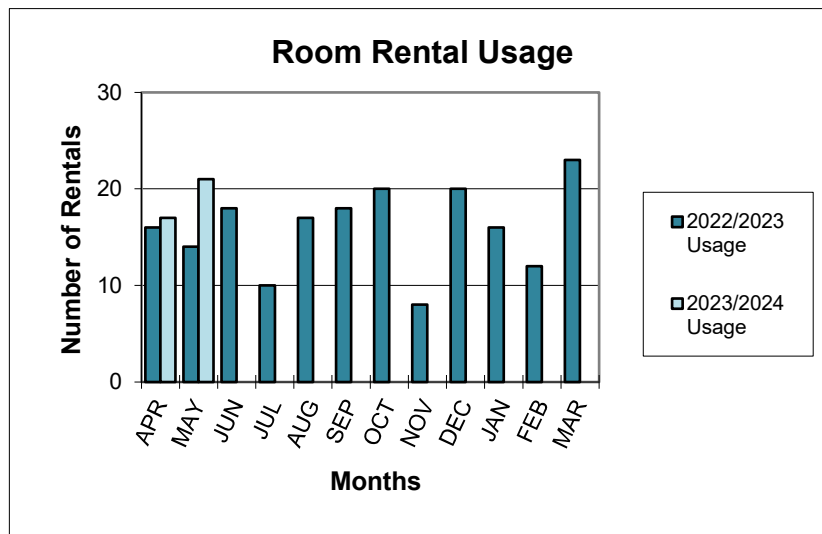
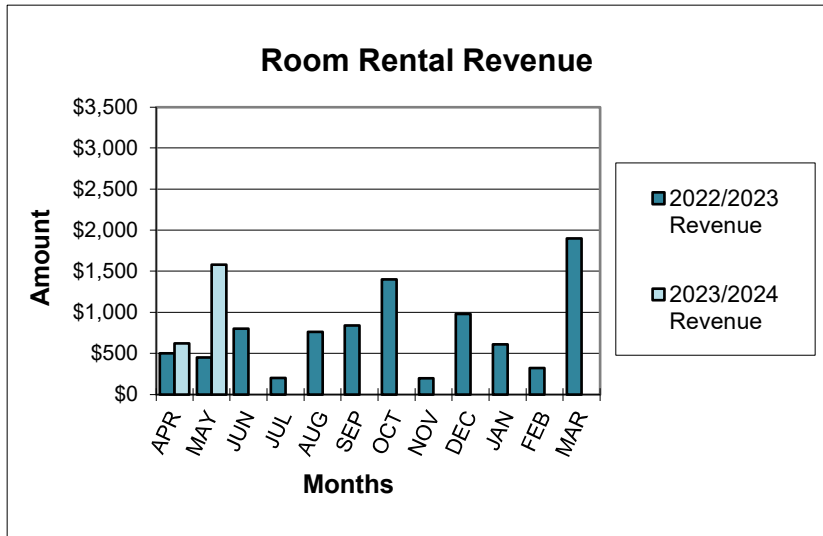
Month	2022/2023 Fiscal Year	2023/2024 Fiscal Year	Difference
APR	\$1,665.40	\$1,666.99	\$1.59
MAY	\$2,708.60	\$1,618.90	(\$1,089.70)
JUN	\$3,197.89		(\$3,197.89)
JUL	\$2,774.98		(\$2,774.98)
AUG	\$2,682.32		(\$2,682.32)
SEP	\$2,434.58		(\$2,434.58)
OCT	\$2,215.79		(\$2,215.79)
NOV	\$2,366.59		(\$2,366.59)
DEC	\$1,400.35		(\$1,400.35)
JAN	\$2,464.37		(\$2,464.37)
FEB	\$2,322.64		(\$2,322.64)
MAR	\$2,429.08		(\$2,429.08)
			YTD Difference
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,662.59</b>	<b>\$3,285.89</b>	<b>(\$25,376.70)</b>



## ROOM RENTAL - TWO-YEAR COMPARISON

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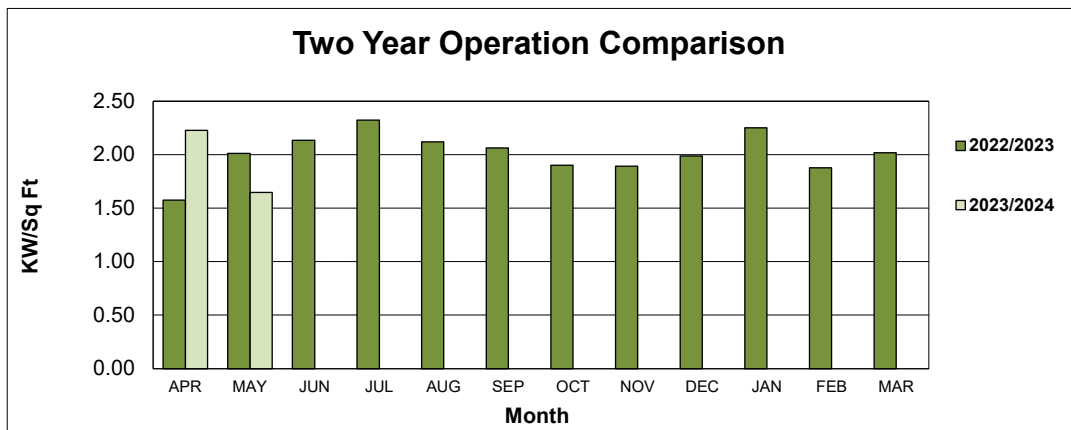
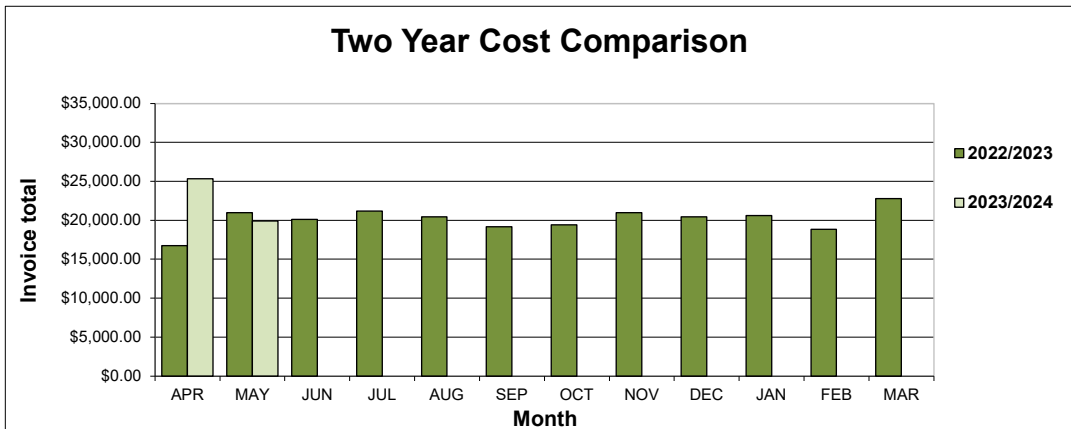
<u>Month</u>	<u>2022/2023</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>2023/2024</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>2022/2023</u> <u>Usage</u>	<u>2023/2024</u> <u>Usage</u>	<u>Month</u>
APR	\$500.00	\$620.00	\$120.00	16	17	APR
MAY	\$450.00	\$1,580.00	\$1,130.00	14	21	MAY
JUN	\$800.00		(\$800.00)	18		JUN
JUL	\$200.00		(\$200.00)	10		JUL
AUG	\$760.00		(\$760.00)	17		AUG
SEP	\$840.00		(\$840.00)	18		SEP
OCT	\$1,400.00		(\$1,400.00)	20		OCT
NOV	\$197.00		(\$197.00)	8		NOV
DEC	\$980.00		(\$980.00)	20		DEC
JAN	\$610.00		(\$610.00)	16		JAN
FEB	\$320.00		(\$320.00)	12		FEB
MAR	\$1,900.00		(\$1,900.00)	23		MAR
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,957.00</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>	<b>YTD Difference</b> <b>(\$6,757.00)</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>38</b>	



## Bloomfield Township Public Library Electricity Analysis

Building Area = 101,023 Sq ft.

TWO YEAR COST COMPARISON				CURRENT YEAR OPERATION					
Month	2022/2023	2023/2024	Difference	TOTAL	COST/KWH	KWH/HR (24 x no.days per month)	KWH/SQ FT 101,023	COST/HR (24 x no. days per month)	COST/SQ FT. 101,023
				KWH					
APR	\$16,757.01	\$25,322.27	\$8,565.26	225,134	\$0.11	312.69	2.23	\$35.17	\$0.25
MAY	\$20,983.27	\$19,897.76	(\$1,085.51)	166,495	\$0.12	223.78	1.65	\$26.74	\$0.20
JUN	\$20,099.70		(\$20,099.70)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JUL	\$21,165.46		(\$21,165.46)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AUG	\$20,421.44		(\$20,421.44)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SEP	\$19,149.28		(\$19,149.28)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OCT	\$19,397.88		(\$19,397.88)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV	\$20,955.05		(\$20,955.05)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEC	\$20,428.62		(\$20,428.62)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JAN	\$20,598.15		(\$20,598.15)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FEB	\$18,822.06		(\$18,822.06)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MAR	\$22,798.37		(\$22,798.37)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			YTD Difference						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$241,576.29</b>	<b>\$45,220.03</b>	<b>(\$196,356.26)</b>						

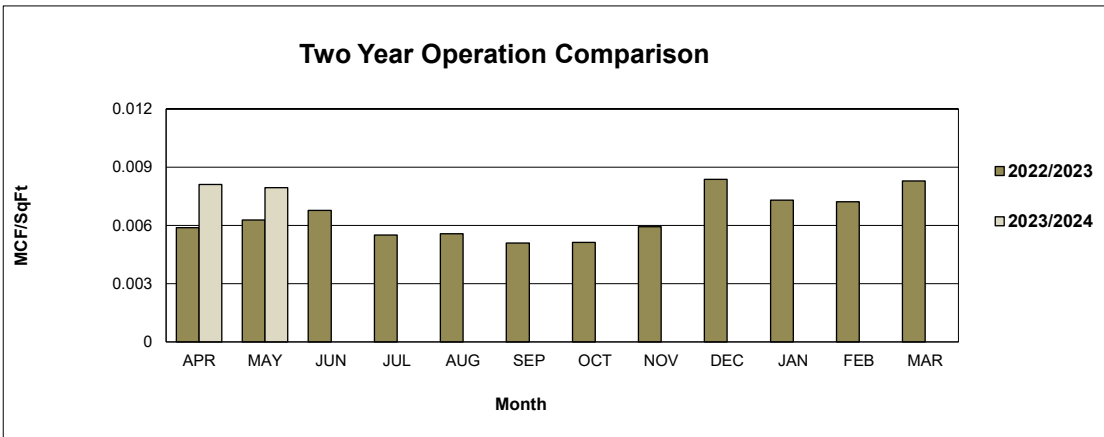
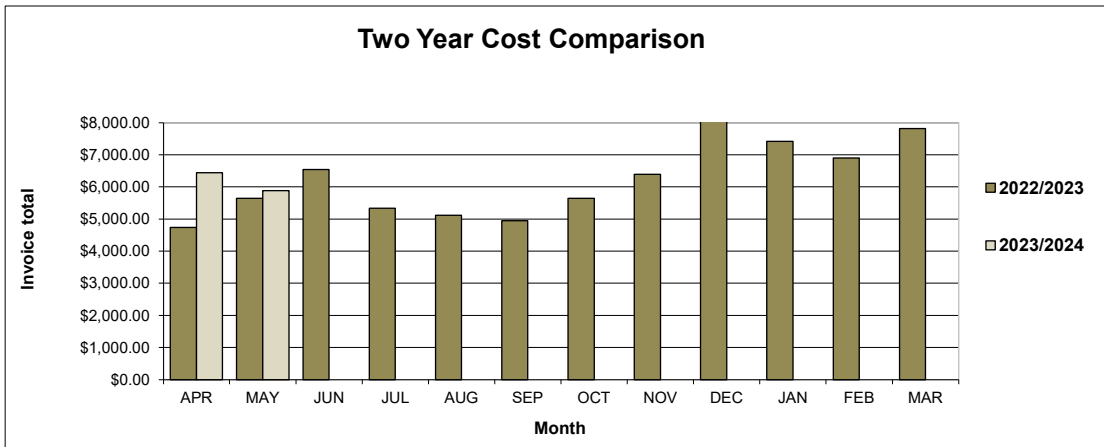


## Bloomfield Township Public Library Natural Gas Analysis

Building Area = 101,023

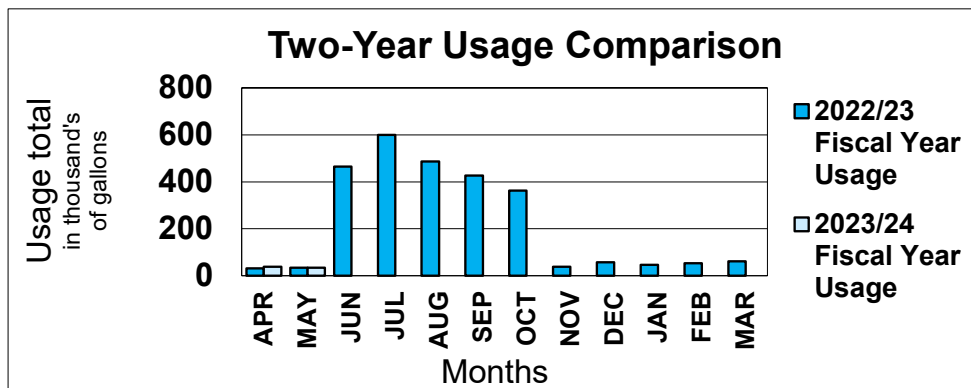
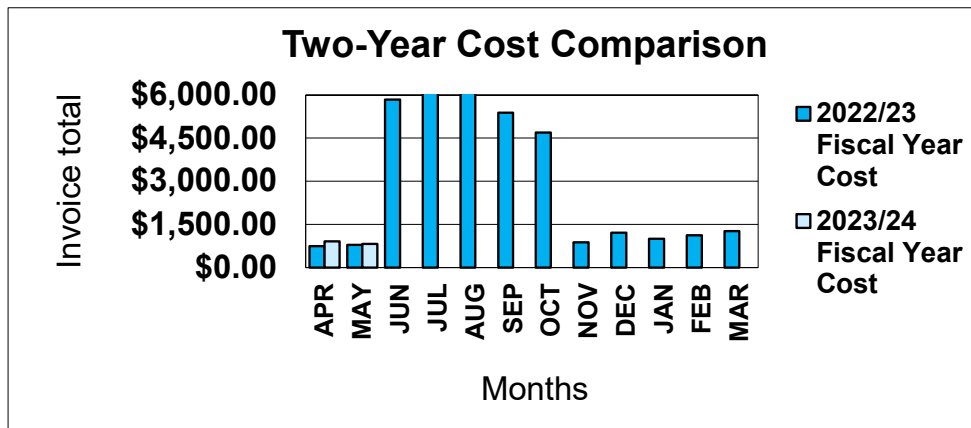
1 Cu. Ft. = 1000 BTU

TWO YEAR COST COMPARISON				OPERATION						
Month	2022/2023	2023/2024	Difference	MCF	COST/MCF	HOURS (24 x no. days per month)	MCF/HR	MCF/SqFt	\$/HR	\$/SqFt
	APR	\$4,734.95	\$6,437.40	\$1,702.45	819.4	\$7.86	720	1.14	0.008	8.94
MAY	\$5,648.12	\$5,880.24	\$232.12	802.0	\$7.33	744	1.08	0.008	7.90	0.057
JUN	\$6,540.98		(\$6,540.98)		#DIV/0!	720	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
JUL	\$5,339.99		(\$5,339.99)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
AUG	\$5,112.10		(\$5,112.10)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
SEP	\$4,944.69		(\$4,944.69)		#DIV/0!	720	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
OCT	\$5,643.43		(\$5,643.43)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
NOV	\$6,389.93		(\$6,389.93)		#DIV/0!	720	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
DEC	\$8,675.57		(\$8,675.57)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
JAN	\$7,423.04		(\$7,423.04)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
FEB	\$6,900.13		(\$6,900.13)		#DIV/0!	696	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
MAR	\$7,814.38		(\$7,814.38)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
YTD Difference										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75,167.31</b>	<b>\$12,317.64</b>	<b>(\$62,849.67)</b>							



## Bloomfield Township Public Library Water Analysis

Month	2022/23 Fiscal Year Cost	2023/24 Fiscal Year Cost	Difference	2022/23 Fiscal Year Usage	2023/24 Fiscal Year Usage	Difference
APR	\$738.86	\$905.74	\$166.88	31	39	8
MAY	\$791.54	\$815.29	\$23.75	34	34	0
JUN	\$5,842.47		(\$5,842.47)	465		(465)
JUL	\$7,436.77		(\$7,436.77)	600		(600)
AUG	\$6,106.80		(\$6,106.80)	487		(487)
SEP	\$5,385.90		(\$5,385.90)	427		(427)
OCT	\$4,694.57		(\$4,694.57)	363		(363)
NOV	\$879.34		(\$879.34)	39		(39)
DEC	\$1,212.98		(\$1,212.98)	58		(58)
JAN	\$1,002.26		(\$1,002.26)	46		(46)
FEB	\$1,125.18		(\$1,125.18)	53		(53)
MAR	\$1,265.66		(\$1,265.66)	61		(61)
			YTD Difference			YTD Difference
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,482.33</b>	<b>\$1,721.03</b>	<b>(\$34,761.30)</b>	<b>2,664</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>(2,591)</b>



**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY****LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONTHLY DIRECTOR'S REPORT****June 2023**

**Thank you to our generous and hard-working Friends who approved all the items on the latest wish list!** This includes support for Youth and Adult Services programming, book club books, and a large gift for enhancing the cellular service in the lower level of the Library. I am so grateful to the Friends for granting this large gift which was different from the usual projects they fund.

Systems and Circulation are working with Innovative Interfaces to develop a **mobile app** for the Library. We are in the early stages of this project and hope to have it ready for a soft launch by the end of summer. This project will achieve one of our strategic goals of improving the digital experience for our patrons. Stay tuned!

The Library has a long-standing practice of holding equipment sales at which discarded library equipment and furniture is sold to the public. We call this a **Used Equipment Sale**. They are held sporadically when there is a need. The last one was in 2018, so there is a need to clear out storage areas. Examples are CPUs, servers, printers, scanners, computer monitors, and furniture. Library staff will compile a list of items and prices and will publish the list on the library website a few weeks before the sale date. The sale date is Saturday, August 19, and it will be held in the Community Room. In the past this has been a popular event. I will share more details including publicity and the list of items for sale, as they are developed.

You have probably seen the promotion for the **Library Card Design Contest**. The goal is to generate some fun designs geared toward younger patrons, to heighten their excitement over getting their very own library card. We will retain the current design and add three new designs to give patrons a choice. Look out for the public voting to take place July 16-22 and vote for your favorite designs!

One of the key aspects of the Library's emergency procedures is the concept of a staff person assigned to be "in charge" during all hours we are open to the public. This person would be called on to handle a building problem or a medical emergency, among many other unusual scenarios. For many years, this role was called Senior-in-charge. That role has recently been relabeled Person-in-charge. The goal of the change is to provide more clarity to the role. Along with this change a more formal reporting structure has been developed to increase communication among the PIC and staff, and the whole team of PICs. As library security has come up at the last couple of board meetings, I wanted to share this as an illustration of our security procedures. Katherine arranges training for the PICs and leads a quarterly meeting. Through this training and lots of conversations, the PICs are empowered to use their best judgement and work together to handle whatever comes up.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Tera Moon  
Library Director*



**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT  
MAY 2023**

	2022		2023	
<b>COLLECTION</b>				
Book Collection:	231,141		230,449	
Media Collection:	54,538		53,421	
Total e-books:	20,421		20,810	
Overdrive:	16,493		16,999	
Total downloadable audiobooks:	8,633		9,178	
Materials Total:	314,733		313,858	
<b>CIRCULATION</b>				
Circulation Total:	47,140		48,921	
Bloomfield Township Circulation:	44,725		46,320	
Virtual Circulation Total:	10,979		11,824	
Circulation of Youth Materials:	17,272		15,790	
Circulation of Media:	7,063		7,115	
Circulation of Cranbrook passes:	156		154	
Self-Checkout machine use:	11,306	24.0%	11,348	23.2%
Library By Mail:	95	42 patrons	54	41 patrons
<b>Building &amp; Equipment Usage</b>				
Door Count:	14,383	**	17,016	*
Gate Count:	15,336		18,576	
Meeting rooms by public:	26		24	
Meeting rooms by staff:	42		60	
<b>Virtual Use</b>				
Home page hits:	26,656		27,985	
e-book access:	4,577		4,464	
Audiobook access: (Overdrive)	2,724		3,063	
Magazine download access:	764		841	
Hoopla access:	2,914		3,456	
<b>Library Computer Use</b>				
Resident Use	420		417	
Guest Use	238		218	
** Library closed May 6 for Staff Dev. Day; May 29 & 30 for Memorial Day.				
* Library closed May 5 for Staff Dev. Day; May 28 & 29 for Memorial Day.				

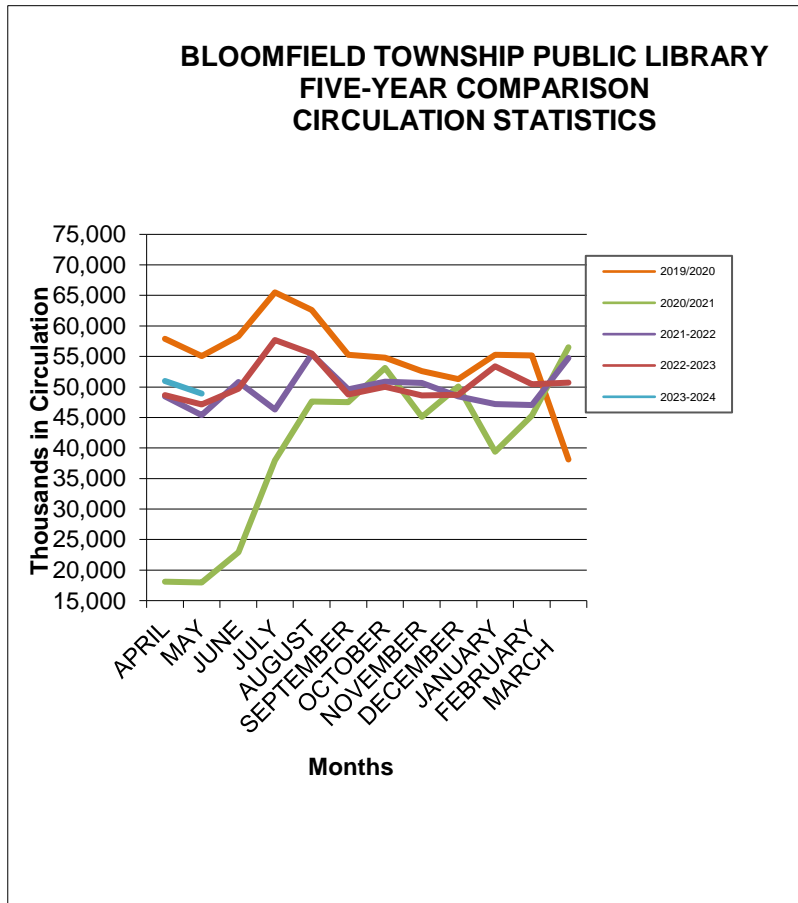
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT  
MAY 2023**

	<b>2022</b>		<b>2023</b>	
<b>OUTREACH &amp; PROGRAMS</b>				
<b><i>New Patrons and Accounts</i></b>				
Township:	158		131	
Cranbrook:	1		4	
Total new patrons:	195		192	
<b><i>Adult Program Attendance</i></b>				
Staff-led:	9 events	62 attended	11 events	82 attended
Speaker-led:	0 events	0 attended	1 event	23 attended
Book clubs:	8 events	68 attended	5 events	61 attended
Tours/visits on-site:	0 events	0 attended	0 events	0 attended
Tours/visits off-site:	1 event	30 attended	4 events	69 attended
Chamber Music Concert:	0 events	0 attended	0 events	0 attended
Bloomfield Historical Society:	0 events	0 attended	1 event	50 attended
<b><i>Systems Program Attendance</i></b>				
Staff-led:	2 events	3 attended	2 events	11 attended
<b><i>Teen Program Attendance</i></b>				
Staff-led:	2 events	21 attended	1 event	9 attended
<b><i>Youth Program Attendance</i></b>				
Staff-led:	18 events	526 attended	31 events	715 attended
Speaker-led:	0 events	0 attended	1 event	14 attended
Tours/visits on-site:	1 event	3 attended	0 events	0 attended
Tours/visits off-site:	3 events	152 attended	8 events	497 attended
TOTAL:	44 events	865 attended	65 events	1531 attended
<b><i>Volunteers (total for the month)</i></b>				
Shop volunteers	10 people	100.0 hours	7 people	53.25 hours
Court appointed volunteers	0 people	0 hours	1 person	2 hours
Student volunteers	2 people	91.5 hours	0 people	hours
Department volunteers	1 person	13.5 hours	1 person	10.25 hours
<b><i>Patron Remarks</i></b>				
Patron comments:	1		4	
Ask BTPL:	3		1	
<b>DISPLAYS</b>				
Lobby	<i>Art from the Hills</i>			
Local History	<i>National Bike Month</i>			

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FIVE YEAR CIRCULATION**

6/10/2023

	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
APRIL	57,900	18,087	48,463	48,665	50,983
MAY	55,056	17,974	45,393	47,140	48,921
JUNE	58,301	22,933	50,843	49,706	
JULY	65,499	37,962	46,304	57,694	
AUGUST	62,633	47,629	55,372	55,485	
SEPTEMBER	55,270	47,507	49,604	48,792	
OCTOBER	54,813	53,114	50,855	50,032	
NOVEMBER	52,623	45,117	50,656	48,595	
DECEMBER	51,267	50,080	48,439	48,737	
JANUARY	55,277	39,378	47,195	53,373	
FEBRUARY	55,172	45,329	47,023	50,469	
MARCH	38,121	56,504	54,732	50,705	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>661,932</b>	<b>481,614</b>	<b>594,879</b>	<b>609,393</b>	<b>99,904</b>



Decrease due to Library being closed March 14-31, 2020 (Covid-19 Pandemic)  
 Decrease due to Library being closed April 1-30, 2020 (Covid 19 Pandemic)  
 Decrease due to Library being closed May 1-31, 2020 (Covid 19 Pandemic)

## PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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The meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees Building and Grounds Committee was held at 9:00am on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

**Trustees Present:** Trustees: Keith Carduner (via Zoom), Dani Gillman, Judy Lindstrom, Joan Luksik, Shane Spradlin

**Administration:** Tera Moon, Library Director; Katherine Bryant, Assistant Director; Hugo Cardenas, Facility Services Department Head

**Guests:** Joe Christopher, Spaulding DeDecker

### **Lower-level water investigation**

Director Tera Moon introduced Joe Christopher of Spaulding DeDecker. Joe shared options to solve the flooding issue in the lower level. He took a conservative approach to determining how much water needs to be detained, based on current Oakland County standards. The first option is an aboveground detention basin on the northeast corner of the Library site, near the corner of Lone Pine Rd and Timberlake Dr. The large trees in the area, including the Dawn Redwoods, would be preserved, but a few small ornamental trees would need to be moved. It is proposed to be four feet deep, and when not filled with water, it would be a wetland or filled with appropriate plantings. This design would serve as an overflow holding area for the water pipe along the east side of the building, retaining water until the pipe can handle the flow. An alternate site for this detention basin is along the north side of the building. Another option is an underground detention basin on the east side of the parking lot, which would be an addition to an existing basin in that area.

Joe discussed the cost estimate for the project, with two options. The first option includes both lawn and parking lot detention basins, and includes repaving the entire parking lot, for a total of \$974,826. Joe recommended installing the parking lot detention basin at the end of the life of the parking lot, when repaving would be necessary anyway, as this is a substantial cost in this option. The second option does not include the parking lot detention basin, for a total of \$211,786. Both options include landscaping and restoring the grounds. Additional items could be added on, including a backflow preventer or a pump station at the central sump and replacing the existing landscaping with swale on the north side of the building. A cost estimate for a pump station needs further investigation.

Joe recommended that the best solution for the value is to install the aboveground detention basin and the pump station, for a total of approximately \$350,000-400,000. This would bring the property in line with modern standards. He assured the committee that the lower level would never flood again if these measures were implemented. He recommended engaging the Township in the discussion.

Joe shared photos of the Library grounds to clarify the proposed plans and the group discussed the various options in more detail. The committee decided to move forward with Spaulding DeDecker, asking for a proposal to be presented at the August 10 Building and Grounds Committee meeting and voted on at the August 16 Board meeting. The proposal should include the aboveground detention basin and related costs, to be completed in spring 2024. The Library will work with another company to install the pump station, potentially to be completed in winter 2023-2024. Joe will consider the timing of both projects and make a recommendation.

### **Roof Update**

Tera recounted a meeting at which Chris Schlaps (from Rewold and Son) and Richard Renaud (from Quinn Evans) shared information about the roofing problems with her and Hugo. There were four companies involved

with the original installation, and none have taken responsibility for the current issues. Tera has been unable to connect with Richard since the May Board meeting. At this point, the work will not be completed this year, due to scheduling and weather concerns. Additionally, there aren't many contractors who perform this type of work. There are three distinct issues: the skylights, the membrane, and the cedar fascia. Tera would like to invite Chris and Richard to the August 10 Building and Grounds Committee meeting to explain the issues and answer questions.

No other business was discussed.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, August 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room. Meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY****MYERS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

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The meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees Myers Scholarship Committee was held on Friday, June 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

**Present:** Trustees Joan Luksik and Joy Murray

**Administration:** Tera Moon, Library Director

The Myers Scholarship Committee met to review the 10 applications received for this scholarship. Director Moon thanked the Committee for their thoughtful review of all the applications. The Library received \$721.00 from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSEM) this year for disbursement. In addition, an anonymous donor contributed \$500.00 to the award. The total amount available for this scholarship is \$1,221.00.

After discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to give an award to two applicants: Rebecca Tauber and Tamia Austin. Administration will inform the recipients of their award. Rebecca Tauber is a Circulation Clerk at the Library and currently enrolled in a Master's in Occupational Therapy at Grand Valley State University. Tamia Austin is the daughter of the Library's Finance Coordinator, Monica Gower, studying at Purdue University with majors in Biomedical Health Science and Public Health

Administration contacted Rod Myers Jr. to confirm his family's attendance at the annual Myers Scholarship award presentation on Tuesday, August 15. The Committee will receive a presentation outline. Joan Luksik and Joy Murray will present the award certificates to the scholarship recipients that evening just prior to the regular Library Board meeting.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Tera Moon, Library Director

**DATE:** June 14, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Library as Early Voting Site

Bloomfield Township Clerk Martin Brook contacted me last week with a request to make the Library an early voting site starting in fall 2023. Martin, and Deputy Clerk Deana Murdock met with Assistant Director Katherine Bryant and me at the Library to review the requirements for early voting sites and discuss the logistics of this proposed arrangement.

The timeline for making this decision is tight, which is why I included this proposal on this month's regular monthly meeting agenda and invited Martin to discuss this with you. If you approve the request, the Library would be one of three sites under consideration. The team making the decision would tour each site on June 29 and make a decision shortly thereafter.

Martin submitted the included memo that explains the details of the proposed arrangement.

I have discussed this with the Department Heads and Assistant Department Heads. All are in support of this proposal. We are aware that this might cause some disruption to regular library business, but we are confident that, with some extra communication and teamwork, we can support Bloomfield Township's Clerk's office and election workers as an early voting site. We feel the good this does in our community and beyond outweighs the possible and temporary inconveniences.

If you support this proposal, a motion is needed.

**ACTION:** I move that Bloomfield Township Public Library be considered an early voting site as outlined by Bloomfield Township Clerk Martin Brook in his memo dated June 14, 2023.



# Clerk's Office

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## Memorandum

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TO: Tera Moon, Library Director  
FROM: Martin C. Brook, Clerk  
DATE: June 14, 2023  
SUBJECT: Early Voting Site Request

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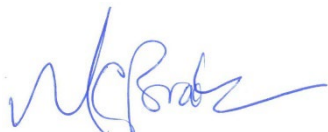
With the passage of Proposal 22-2, all municipalities are required to have an Early Voting site available to voters. This can be accomplished with a municipality-specific site, a shared-site between more than one municipality, or a county-wide program. The Township is considering a county-wide early voting plan. The timeline to establish the site and enter contracts is mid-summer 2023. If the Township enters the County early voting plan, we would also share the site with two other communities: Birmingham and Southfield Township (consisting of Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills, and Franklin).

- An ideal location would be the library's Community Room.
- Two other sites are under consideration. The jurisdictions will tour each site during the morning of June 29 and pick an early voting site soon after.
- Each municipality, the County, and the Library would enter into an agreement that would last until the end of 2024 and renew for two-year periods, unless a party timely-petitions to exit.
- We believe our residents will want to remain within our jurisdiction to early vote.
- By partnering with the County (and the communities), our citizens could also vote at the county secondary early voting location (County site).
- There are approximately 69,210 registered voters in the 3 municipalities combined (Bloomfield Township: 37,440; Birmingham: 18,995; Southfield Township: 12,775).
- There is no way to predict how many voters would use the early voting site. However, we will plan for as many as 1000 residents per day for the presidential primary and adjust as our early voting experience increases.



- The library's 250 parking spots would supply adequate parking to both library patrons and voters. However, if approved, we would like to designate 5 more handicapped parking spots – utilizing Township portable sign posts.
- Early Voting sites will be open for 9 days before an election – beginning the second Saturday before and continuing through the last Sunday before the Tuesday of the election.
- Voting hours would be: 9AM – 5PM every day except Thursday, 11AM – 7PM. Set-up and tear-down will occur for 60–90 minutes before and after the voting hours.
- During times that the library is closed; the retractable barrier will keep voters from roaming the building.
- If library staff is needed for additional hours due to voting, the communities would share in any costs.
- If approved, we would need to control access into the Community Room due to the voting equipment.
- During early voting, campaigning would occur – campaign signs and campaigners must remain behind a 100-foot mark.
- The Bloomfield Township Police Department works in conjunction with the Clerk's Office during elections and will provide a police presence for any issues that could not be handled by the election staff.
- Approval of this request would provide an invaluable public service and good exposure for the library.
- If a line occurs, the library provides good protection from the elements with its covered entrance.
- Information and/or training would be provided to the library staff regarding what to expect – in collaboration with Tera and Katherine.

We request that the Township Library Board approve locating the early voting site in the Community Room and authorize the Library Director to enter into appropriate intergovernmental agreement(s).



Martin C. Brook  
Bloomfield Township Clerk

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Trustees  
**FROM:** Katherine Bryant  
**DATE:** June 13, 2023  
**SUBJECT:** 2024 Serials Subscription Services Bid

Each year the Library releases a request for serials subscription services proposals. A copy of this year's request for proposals is included for your information. I worked with Adult Services Librarian Ed Niemchak to conduct the bid process for 2024 serials subscriptions services. A request for proposals was mailed to five companies –Prenax Inc., EBSCO Information Services, Popular Subscription Services, Rivistas Subscription Services, and W. T. Cox Information Services – posted on the Library website, and available at the Welcome Desk. In researching companies that provide serials management for libraries, Ed and I found that some have merged or folded since the last request for proposals was released in 2020, and there are fewer companies that provide this service now.

The deadline to receive all proposals was Friday, May 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. A bid opening was held in the Board Room on Friday, May 12 at 4:01 p.m. No members of the public attended the opening. Proposals were received from two companies, EBSCO Subscription Services and W. T. Cox Information Services. Prenax notified the Library in writing that they declined to submit a proposal. Ed and I thoroughly analyzed both proposals received. Attached is a chart which compares the vital aspects of each company's proposal.

EBSCO Information Services bid was the lowest bid at \$27,359.21, approximately \$2000 less than the other proposal received. EBSCO is unable to provide five titles that we requested. When the cost of purchasing those five titles separately is considered, their bid is under \$1000 less than the other proposal received. Because EBSCO could not provide all titles requested and the difference in price is minimal, we decline to recommend them as our serials subscription service provider.

W. T. Cox Information Services is our current serials vendor. They submitted a proposal for periodical subscriptions of \$29,368.01. W. T. Cox can provide all the titles we requested plus meet all our service requirements. This library has used W. T. Cox since 2006 with the exception of one year during which a different vendor was used. Our experience with W. T. Cox's service during these years has been very good.

For these reasons, it is the recommendation of Administration and Adult Services that we accept the bid from W. T. Cox Information Services for serials subscription services for 2024.

**ACTION:** I move to approve awarding the 2024 library serials subscription service bid to W. T. Cox Information Services, 201 Village Road, Shallotte, NC 28470.

Serials Subscription Services Firm Analysis – 2023

FIRM NAME	PROPOSAL PACKAGE	ONLINE PORTAL	HANDLING OF CREDITS	INTERFACE WITH SIERRA	ABILITY TO PROVIDE TITLES REQUESTED	FEE	SUPPLEMENTAL INVOICING	REFERENCES
<b>EBSCO Information Services</b>	Complete proposal, delivered on time via electronic submission. Dedicated customer service representative. Founded in 1944.	Yes	Credits included on monthly invoices.	Unknown	5 unavailable	Group A: \$24,502.11 Group B: \$2,857.10 <b>Total: \$27,359.21</b>  5% discount off every title	Yes, if terms with suppliers change significantly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dekalb County Public Library</li> <li>• Durham County Public Library</li> <li>• Vernon Area Public Library</li> </ul>
<b>WT Cox Information Services</b>	Complete proposal, delivered on time, via electronic submission. Did not share company history.	Yes	Issued as needed.	Yes	0 unavailable	Group A: \$26,569.33 Group B; \$2,798.68 <b>Total: \$29,368.01</b>  18% discount off eligible titles	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Area District Libraries</li> <li>• Charlotte &amp; Mecklenburg City Public Library</li> <li>• Johnson County Library</li> <li>• Upper Arlington Public Library</li> </ul>

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
SERIALS SUBSCRIPTIONS AND SERVICES  
April 3, 2023**

Bloomfield Township Public Library is accepting firm, sealed bids for **serials subscriptions and services**.

Specifications and bid forms can be obtained on the Library's website at [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org), at the Welcome Desk, Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Township, MI 48302, or by calling Katherine Bryant, Assistant Director, at 248-642-5800, ext. 114. Proposers should direct all questions to Katherine Bryant at the above phone number or email [bryantka@btpl.org](mailto:bryantka@btpl.org).

The deadline for proposals is Friday, May 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Proposals must be emailed to [bryantka@btpl.org](mailto:bryantka@btpl.org), hand delivered to the Welcome Desk, or mailed to arrive no later than this day and time. If hand delivered or mailed, please provide two (2) copies of the bid proposal form in a sealed envelope marked with the name of the bidder and entitled Serials Quote 2024. Address these to:

Katherine Bryant, Assistant Director  
Bloomfield Township Public Library  
1099 Lone Pine Road  
Bloomfield Township, MI 48302

Library hours are:

Monday through Thursday, 9:30am – 9:00pm  
Friday, 9:30am – 6:30pm  
Saturday, 9:30am – 5:30pm  
Sunday, 12noon – 5:30pm

A public bid opening will take place at 4:01 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2023 at the Library. All proposals submitted will remain firm for a period of 90 days.

Bloomfield Township Public Library reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award the contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general, to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the Library.

The successful bidder will declare and stipulate that its proposal is made in good faith, without collusion or connection with any other person or persons bidding for the same work, and that the prices quoted include all terms, insurance, royalties, transportation charges, allowances, taxes, use of all tools and equipment, overhead, profit, etc., necessary to fully complete the work in accordance with the bid documents.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

### PROPOSALS

1. Firm, sealed proposals will be received by Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Township, MI 48302 for the serials quote in accordance with the attached specifications.
2. Proposals will be submitted only on the forms provided, per the delivery instructions on page 1.
3. Proposers should direct all questions to Katherine Bryant by phone or email.
4. Proposals must include a description of the company's background (history, mission, growth).
5. Proposals must include a list of references that are **current customers**, including contact names and phone numbers.
6. Bidders **are required to fill in prices in the Excel spreadsheet** provided with this bid. If you did not receive the Excel spreadsheet, please contact Katherine Bryant by phone or email. Return spreadsheet by email or on a flash drive with proposal package by deadline.
7. Bidders **must** provide a comprehensive total for all subscriptions. Final bid price must reflect Group A: Bloomfield Township Public Library; Group B: Maggie Pub Bloomfield Township Public Library.
8. Bloomfield Township Public Library reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award the contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and, in general, to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the Library.

### TAXES

State and local sales and use taxes are not applicable and should not be included in the proposal.

### CONTRACT AWARD

The contract will be awarded in the form of a signed proposal sheet mailed to the vendor selected. It is the intent of the Library to award the bid for serials services at the regularly scheduled Library Board of Trustees meeting on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023**. Notification will be mailed to all proposers on June 21, 2023. Awards will be made on a lump-sum basis, in a manner most favorable to Bloomfield Township Public Library.

### WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

Any bidder may withdraw a bid at any time prior to the scheduled time for receipt of bids.

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The Library reserves the right to add or delete titles from the final purchase order submitted. This may be due to a) missed items from this original quote, b) a title has ceased publication, or c) the title is no longer needed by the Library.

2. The Library reserves the right to cancel any serial subscriptions deemed unnecessary.

#### REPORTS & CLAIMING

1. Bidder must include documentation demonstrating that the bidding company has the capability to accept electronic claims for missing issues via Innovative Interfaces Sierra Serials module.
2. Bidder must have the ability to notify the Library bi-monthly of ceased publications, suspended publications, publication delays, publishing frequency changes, title changes or title mergers.

#### INVOICING & CREDIT MEMOS

Bidder must include documentation describing the invoicing procedure for added subscriptions, periodical subscription price increases, and standing order invoices during the fiscal year. Bidder must also provide information describing its CREDIT MEMO procedure. Bidder must also provide information on any technology available to permit delivery of invoices by e-mail.

#### DELIVERY

Proposals must include delivery to Bloomfield Township, Michigan, Bloomfield Township Public Library. Deliveries will be made to this one (1) location of 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Township, Michigan. There are two accounts for this bid: Group A: Bloomfield Township Public Library; Group B: Maggie Pub Bloomfield Township Public Library. Each group is to be invoiced on the same invoice under separate accounts. If bidder is awarded the contract, both accounts must be renewed in a proper and timely fashion.

#### PAYMENTS

**Invoice must be received no later than September 15, 2023.** Payment in full will be due and payable as of **November 17, 2023**, providing all subscriptions are renewed and accepted and the contract has been fully renewed.

#### DOCUMENTATION

Bidder will provide a telephone number and e-mail address, and will assign a specific customer service representative and an account services manager to handle this account.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SERIALS QUOTE**

**PROPOSAL FORM**

Bloomfield Township Public Library  
1099 Lone Pine Road  
Bloomfield Township, MI 48302  
248-642-5800  
www.btpl.org

**GROUP A TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP B TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSAL GRAND TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Proposal (is, is not) \_\_\_\_\_ in complete accordance with specifications and instructions. (If answer is "is not," explanatory descriptive and illustrative materials must be attached.)

Bloomfield Township Public Library reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part; to award contract to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and, in general, to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the Library.

Successful bidder will declare and stipulate that its proposal is made in good faith, without collusion or connection with any other person or persons bidding for the same work, and that the prices quoted include all terms, insurance, royalties, transportation charges, allowances, taxes, use of all tools and equipment, overhead, profit, etc., necessary to fully complete the work in accordance with the bid documents.

Respectfully submitted,

Company \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Official  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**MOTION TO APPROVE ANY ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

I move to approve the items previously removed from the consent agenda for discussion.



Children's Rubber Rain Boots Trains & Tracks, 1Y

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Custom Prints & Photo Books

Ad Printique



# Library Friends group hosts Second Saturday Book Sale

By: Mary Beth Almond | Birmingham-Bloomfield Eagle | Published May 10, 2023

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — With summer just around the corner, the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library group is giving the public the chance to purchase some educational entertainment, all while supporting the library.

The Friends group is gearing up for its next Second Saturday Book Sale, which is open to the public and will be held 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 13 in the lower level of the library.

Friends members may shop the sale early, 10-11 a.m., and memberships can be purchased at the door on the day of the sale.

May's Second Saturday Book Sale will have around 10,000 books, including a large supply on the topics of golf, as well as vegan and vegetarian cookbooks. The books typically range in cost from 15 cents to \$5. Many DVDs, CDs, books on CD and games are also available.

"Our books are all generally very gently used and donated mostly by patrons of Bloomfield Township, but we do get donated books that come from quite a ways away, like Farmington, West Bloomfield and Ann Arbor," said Friends board member and book sale manager Kim Hoke.

The library welcomes donations of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles to the Friends of the Library. Magazines, condensed books, VHS and cassette tapes, vinyl records, and encyclopedias are not accepted. Donations are tax-deductible.



Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library volunteer Bob Schnorbus assists at a previous book sale.

Photo provided by the Bloomfield Township Public Library



“When people are cleaning out their bookshelves, their homes as they prepare to move, or just doing a little spring cleaning, books are such a sentimental item, and people don’t want to toss them in the trash. These books can still have a second life with a new reader, and the library is a great central hub for people to drop off those books, DVDs and other materials,” library Assistant Director Katherine Bryant said. “It also keeps stuff out of the landfill and it gives people the chance to read or buy something they maybe wouldn’t buy brand-new, so it’s really a nice way that people can give away their treasured books that they have already loved and give those for somebody else to love.”

The library’s book donation room is open the same hours as the library and is located on the west side of the building, just a short walk down the sidewalk to the staff and delivery entrances. Five-minute parking is permitted in the delivery zone, and carts are available in the donation room to help transport items. To receive an acknowledgment of a donation, complete a donor receipt card, self-address it, and leave it in the box provided in the donation room. For more information on how to donate, go to the library’s donation page.

Proceeds from all Super Saturday Book Sales go to the Friends group — the library’s primary volunteer support group — which Bryant said funds many library programs, events and services that aren’t included in the library’s regular budget. The Friends group also runs The Library Shop and donates the proceeds to the library.

“The Friends give us funding for our Battle of the Books, for outreach activities and giveaways, our chamber music concerts, and all sorts of other amazing things that we wouldn’t be able to do without that support, so when people come to the library and buy a couple of \$1-\$2 books, they are contributing to something much greater than maybe they even realize,” Bryant said.

Hoke said the Friends’ used book sales, held monthly, bring in between \$5,500 and \$5,800 per sale. Since 1975, she said, the Friends group has given the library approximately \$1.75 million.

Additional upcoming Second Saturday Book Sales will be held June 10, July 8 and Aug. 12 at the library. For more information on the sales or membership in the Friends group, call the Bloomfield Township Public Library at (248) 642-5800 or visit [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org) and click on the Friends tab.

THINGS TO DO

## **Oakland County community calendar May 7 and beyond**

- “Dark Money in Politics” presentation with speakers Nick Pigeon, executive director of Michigan Campaign Finance Network and Hank Mayers of Rise UP MI! is 7 p.m. May 8, at Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Twp. [www.facebook.com/lwvoa](http://www.facebook.com/lwvoa). A Zoom option is available by emailing [LWVOAMI@gmail.com](mailto:LWVOAMI@gmail.com). Space is limited, register at [bit.ly/3LSC0gA](http://bit.ly/3LSC0gA).

OAKLAND

# Bloomfield school officials leave amid uproar in Jewish community over Palestinian speaker



**Niraj Warikoo**

Detroit Free Press

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After Huwaida Arraf finished her four presentations about Palestinian history to students at Bloomfield Hills High School, the attorney and Palestinian American activist, who was invited to speak as part of a diversity program, thought the talks had gone well.

But over the next few weeks, a storm of controversy erupted as some students, parents and Jewish leaders expressed outrage over her remarks on March 14, criticizing her history of Palestinian activism and accusing her of being anti-Israel and antisemitic.

After months of public forums, angry calls from parents for school officials to be fired and intense debate among Jewish, Arab and Muslim communities in metro Detroit, the Bloomfield Hills School District recently announced that its superintendent, Patrick Watson, will be [retiring in July](#). And the principal of the high school where Arraf spoke, Lawrence Stroughter, has resigned "in order to pursue other opportunities in education," district spokesman Karen Huyghe said. The school district has also hired a Troy firm to investigate what happened.

The controversy over the past two months illustrates the challenges diverse communities face in trying to promote inclusion of all groups while also being able to have open dialogue. Both Jewish and Muslim communities feel their voices were not being respected.

### **'A chilling effect'**

On April 30, a forum was held featuring Arraf and Jewish and Palestinian advocates hosted by Jewish Voice for Peace-Detroit at Bloomfield Township Public Library. They spoke out against the reaction of some school officials and Jewish leaders, saying that supporting Palestinians is not antisemitic. About 150 attended, with some protesting the event, said organizers. On May 3rd, Arraf took part in [a rally](#) condemning antisemitism outside a Royal Oak synagogue that had been vandalized with a Nazi symbol.

A discussion with Arraf and a local Jewish leader, Rabbi Asher Lopatin, had been set for Friday, May 12, on [a podcast hosted by Peter Beinart](#), a journalist who often writes on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. But earlier this week, Lopatin pulled out of the dialogue, Arraf said.

The departure of the school officials has concerned Arraf and her supporters.



Lawyer and activist Huwaida Arraf is among the Democrats running in the newly drawn 10th Congressional District based in Macomb County  
*Huwaida For Congress*

"That creates a chilling effect," Arraf told the Free Press about the school officials leaving. "People who speak about Palestinian rights will think twice about it. And people who would give a platform for someone to speak about Palestinian rights also need to be concerned. And I think that's the intention of it, to silence the Palestinian narrative, and that's dangerous. That's why we did not want to be silent about it, while we wanted to do something to actually amplify how wrong this is."

Some Jewish leaders had differing views, praising the departures.

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"There must be consequences for antisemitic agitation if we want to eliminate it, and the Bloomfield Hills community has imposed those consequences," Liora Rez, executive director of StopAntisemitism, said in a statement. "Allowing Ms. Araff to spread her vitriol at length on four occasions was unacceptably negligent ... and it is now the District's responsibility to prevent similar incidents in the future."

The tensions over the past couple of months led to polarized debates, but also attempts to bring people together. Some Jewish and Muslim leaders are working on putting out a joint statement to promote unity and "protect both communities," said Dr. Yahya Basha, of West Bloomfield, a longtime Arab American and Muslim leader.

Arraf and Lopatin met and spoke with each other briefly at a recent dinner at a Warren mosque, the Islamic Organization of North American, that had invited them.

The debate comes as both sides are marking this spring the 75th anniversary of the founding of Israel, with Palestinians planning a [rally Saturday](#) in Dearborn calling it the Nakba, or "catastrophe," referring to the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians as the Jewish state was being established.

On Wednesday evening, U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Detroit, held a [Nakba event](#) with a [packed crowd](#) that U.S. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-California, had earlier tried [to block](#). The event was praised by Arab American and Muslim groups while the CEO of the largest Jewish civil rights group, the Anti-Defamation League, called it "[disgraceful](#)."

## **History of Palestinian activism**

Arraf is a longtime advocate for Palestinians, co-founding the International Solidarity Movement and leading the [Gaza flotilla](#) protests in 2008 and 2010 that drew widespread attention. Born to Palestinian Catholic immigrants, Arraf, 47, of Macomb Township, is also a civil rights attorney and ran for Congress last year in the 10th Congressional District, losing in the Democratic primary. Her husband, Adam Shapiro, is Jewish and has been active alongside her in Palestinian activism over the years.



Arraf spoke to the Free Press in detail about what happened March 14. She said she had been invited earlier this year to speak at Bloomfield High School, along with other speakers representing various diverse groups such as trans, Asian American and Black communities.

After her first of four talks at the Bloomfield school on March 14, Arraf was told by Stroughter, the principal, to tone down her remarks, which included discussions about Gaza and the death of a volunteer Arraf had once worked with, Rachel Corrie, who died in Gaza 20 years ago on March 16, 2003, after she was run over by a bulldozer while protesting against Israel.

"I read a few lines of one of her emails" written a couple of weeks before Corrie died, Arraf said.

But most of her talk was about her own experiences, she said. Arraf started by speaking about how she grew up in a largely white area where she "tried to hide my my culture," but then embraced her heritage while studying at the University of Michigan. Arraf then spoke about her time as an activist.



A forum hosted by Jewish Voices for Peace-Detroit was held April 30th, 2023, at Bloomfield Township Public Library to discuss the debate over attorney Huwaida Arraf's talks at Bloomfield Hills high school in March. Left to right: Palestinian-American educator and activist, Lori Ajlouny; Rabbi Alana Alpert, who is speaking in the photo; Arraf, student Mariam Aladlouni; civil rights attorney, Barbara Harvey. *Barbara Barefield*

"I ended the talk by kind of stressing ... there are forces out there that try to divide people based on our differences," she said. "But we can't let that win. ... Every person deserves the same rights and freedom."

After her talk, Stroughter approached Arraf, saying her speech was too political.

"The principal did speak to me ... made me aware that we had a lot of families in Bloomfield that had close ties to Israel," Arraf said, recalling the conversation. "And I said, 'you know, I work with Israelis ... That doesn't negate what is actually happening there nor my experience.' But I didn't argue too much. Because, he said, he doesn't want the students to shut me out. He wants me to reach them."

"And so I said, 'fine, I don't need to talk about Gaza. There's a lot of things to talk about,' " Arraf said. "And Rachel (Corrie) was taken out of the second, third and fourth talks."

### **Outrage among Jewish leaders**

The evening after her talks, the Jewish Community Relations Council/American Jewish Committee (JCRC/AJC), a local Jewish advocacy group that often is the public voice of the Jewish community in metro Detroit, released [a statement](#) blasting Arraf and the district for allowing her to speak.

"We are horrified that known anti-Israel activist Huwaida Arraf was invited to speak at Bloomfield Hills High School as part of the school's diversity initiative," the statement from JCRC/AJC read in part. "Arraf gave four presentations over the span of the day — increasing her anti-Israel rhetoric and making Jewish students - of which there were many in attendance — extremely uncomfortable. Some points Arraf made to students in attendance included: Israel is the oppressor, and Israel is an apartheid state."

The largest Jewish house of worship in Michigan, Temple Israel, released [a statement](#) the next day, saying leaders were "shocked and disappointed" with what they said was "anti-Israel and antisemitic rhetoric." A group of Jewish leaders, including Lopatin, other rabbis, and members of the Michigan Anti-Defamation League, met the following day with Stroughter and other school officials, [reported](#) the Detroit Jewish News.

Stroughter issued a letter of apology, but that was slammed by Jewish leaders as inadequate for failing to mention the specific topics of Israel or Jewish people. The next day, another letter of apology was sent from Pat Watson, the Superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools, to the community that was more specific, calling out Arraf by name, reported [WDIV](#).

"We made a mistake," Watson said in his letter addressed to students, staff and parents. "We own what went wrong and will improve our practices. ... In preparation for this assembly, administration met with each of the five speakers to discuss the intent of the assembly and prompts. The prompt was to address an oppression or discrimination they have faced and what could the people around you have done to make this better. A guest speaker deviated from the prompts and discussed specific incidents, political in nature, which were outside of the parameters of the assembly and not their own lived experience."



A town hall organized by Jewish Voices for Peace-Detroit was held April 30, 2023, at Bloomfield Township Public Library to discuss the debate over attorney Huwaida Arraf's talks at Bloomfield Hills High School in March. About 150 people attended, organizers said. *Barbara Barefield*

Watson echoed the views of Temple Israel, saying that Arraf was using "antisemitic rhetoric" that "was shared with our students and we recognize its devastating impact. For this we are very sorry."

Arraf bristles at the claim she is antisemitic, noting her long history of working with Jews and Israelis on fighting for human rights. She said she was outraged by the recent antisemitic attack in Royal Oak, which is why she joined with others in the protest Thursday.

"My presentation to the students was not very political, didn't speak in detail about what's happening with Palestine," Arraf said. "Just my very presence and talk about Palestine — not that I said anything antisemitic — is what made them uncomfortable and caused the outrage. And I think that that needs to change."

## **Groups rally to defend Huwaida Arraf**

At school board meetings, Arab American and Muslim leaders spoke out in support of Arraf. Some in the Jewish community also rallied to support Arraf, including members of Jewish Voice for Peace-Detroit, a liberal group that criticizes what it sees as human rights abuses in Israel.

Rabbi Alana Alpert of Congregation T'chayah defended Arraf at the April 30 town hall at the library hosted by the group.

"We make it impossible for Palestinians to talk about their lives without being accused of antisemitism," Alpert said in a statement. "We don't have any practice listening, we only have practice policing — 'you didn't tell that story right, you didn't say it in a way that we could hear it.' When we police and censor their most basic relationship to history and family, we tell Palestinians that they cannot exist in the world except according to our very strict parameters."

But Lopatin said Arraf should not have been invited in the first place to speak at the school



Rabbi Asher Lopatin speaks at the Abortion is a Jewish Value rally at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield on Wednesday, June 29, 2022. *Akash Pamarthy, Detroit Free Press*

"The Bloomfield Hills situation was painfully flawed because all students were forced to hear Huwaida Arraf speak disparagingly and falsely about Israel — it was mandatory — in a setting that was supposed to be about inclusion and equity and respect for all opinions," Lopatin told the Free Press. "Arraf advocated against everything Bloomfield High School was about — building relationships even with people with whom you disagree."

## **Jewish leader calls it 'serious mistake'**

Lopatin said one mistake made by the school was relying on students to select the speakers without adequate supervision.

"It was a serious mistake that initially hurt many Jewish students and then, ironically, caused pain to many Arab American and Muslim students," Lopatin said. "It was unfortunate because there are many Palestinian and Arab American — let alone Jewish — speakers who could have demonstrated the values of shared society, building relationships with those you disagree, and mutual respect."

Karen Huyghe, a spokesperson for the school district, sent the Free Press a statement the district had issued earlier, saying "our commitment to fostering an accepting and caring school environment is not without challenges."

"We actively listened to the concerns of our students, families, and community and put together a comprehensive plan toward healing as a community," the statement added. "The district will emerge stronger and better as a result of these conversations, undeterred from its commitment to all students and to foster a school environment of safety and support for all our students."





## Art from the Hills Showcases Talented Students

Art from the Hills is an annual celebration of the Bloomfield Hills Schools art department, from kindergarten through grade 12, including the International Academy. Student work is displayed at the Bloomfield Township Library, and a special reception to kick off the exhibition featured Superintendent Watson as a speaker. Watson shared from the heart, "I am literally moved by the quality, thought, and creativity of all our students. The art pieces that you see here are things that I would expect to see when I walk into the DIA. To think this is done by students in K-12 blows my mind." The artwork showcases the talents of students, and the diversity of mediums utilized by Bloomfield Hills Schools artists, including charcoal drawing, digital arts, collage, printmaking, ceramic sculpture, watercolor, multimedia, fashion design, photography, jewelry, and many others.

Each school's art teacher chose about 20 two- and three-dimensional pieces. The show also serves as a visual record of the teaching process of art. According to Bloomfield Hills High School art teacher Matthew Beauchamp, "In all of our art classes, there is an emphasis on in-depth research, technical skill, and personal voice, all of which are demonstrated in the fabulous products our students produce. When the public sees all the incredible work together in one location, it really sends a positive message about the value of having a comprehensive K-12 visual arts program."

Elementary art teacher Pennie Ellis notes, "The district art show is a reflection of the Bloomfield Hills students, their families, their teachers, and the community. Since art is both a social and individual process of making meaning, these artifacts reveal what we collectively value about the human experience. When we nurture the BHS art program and its students, we enrich our community."

The art show is at the Bloomfield Township Library until Monday, May 29, located at 1099 Lone Pine Road, in Bloomfield Township. The Bloomfield Township Library operating hours are located on their website at [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org). Congratulations to all of our students whose work is on display, and to our amazing art educators for inspiring and guiding our student artists!



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## Township library seeks summer teen volunteers

Is your teen looking for a something to do this summer, and considering a summer volunteer opportunity?

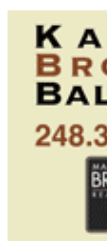
The Bloomfield Township Public Library has the ticket. They are looking for teen volunteers, ages 14–18 and attending high school this coming fall, for the summer of 2023.

“This is a great opportunity for teens to help out the library and their community,” said Patricia Ballard, youth services librarian. “Students can build their resume for college or job applications and earn community service hours.”

All teen volunteers are required to attend a one-hour orientation where the library will go over what the volunteer opportunity is all about, how to schedule shifts, and answer questions. The two orientation dates are Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m.–8 p.m. or Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.–11 a..m.

Volunteers are required to attend only one of these trainings. If the volunteer is unable to attend either date or needs to request accessibility accommodations, please contact the teen volunteer coordinator at [askyouth@btpl.org](mailto:askyouth@btpl.org).

Eligible teens must reside in Bloomfield Township or be enrolled in the Bloomfield Hills School District. Teen volunteers will assist staff during children's programs, prep materials for crafts, update displays and perform many other tasks. All interested teen summer volunteers should fill out the Teen Summer Volunteer Form for 2023 available at [btpl.org/youth](http://btpl.org/youth) or at the Library Welcome, Adult, or Youth Desks.



This post was contributed by a community member. The views expressed here are the author's own.

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## Building Wealth in Your 40s Seminar at Bloomfield Township Public Library

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### Event Details

 Thu, Jun 1, 2023 at 6:30 PM [Add to calendar](#) 

 Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Twp, MI, 48302

 [More info here](#)

### STAYING ON TRACK WITH YOUR RETIREMENT SAVING PLAN IS KEY – ARE YOU PREPARED?

According to Yahoo 64% of Americans Aren't Prepared for Retirement – and 48% Don't Care.

[PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED - CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

The 40s are a turning point and your peak earning years, it's important to stay on track with your retirement savings. That's because there are likely to be fewer pensions and other sources of reliable income; therefore, much of your retirement income will come from your personal savings.

Have you been contributing to your retirement plan since you started working, whether it's a 401k, an IRA or something similar? If you haven't, there's still time to catch up with contributions and use the power of compounded interest to increase retirement savings over the long run.

This seminar has been designed for people like you and has already helped nearly 700,000 people who have already planned for retirement or have concerns over whether or not their retirement plan will last.

Join us at the Bloomfield Township Public Library covering the importance of Building Wealth in Your 40s on **May 23 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM** or **June 1 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**.

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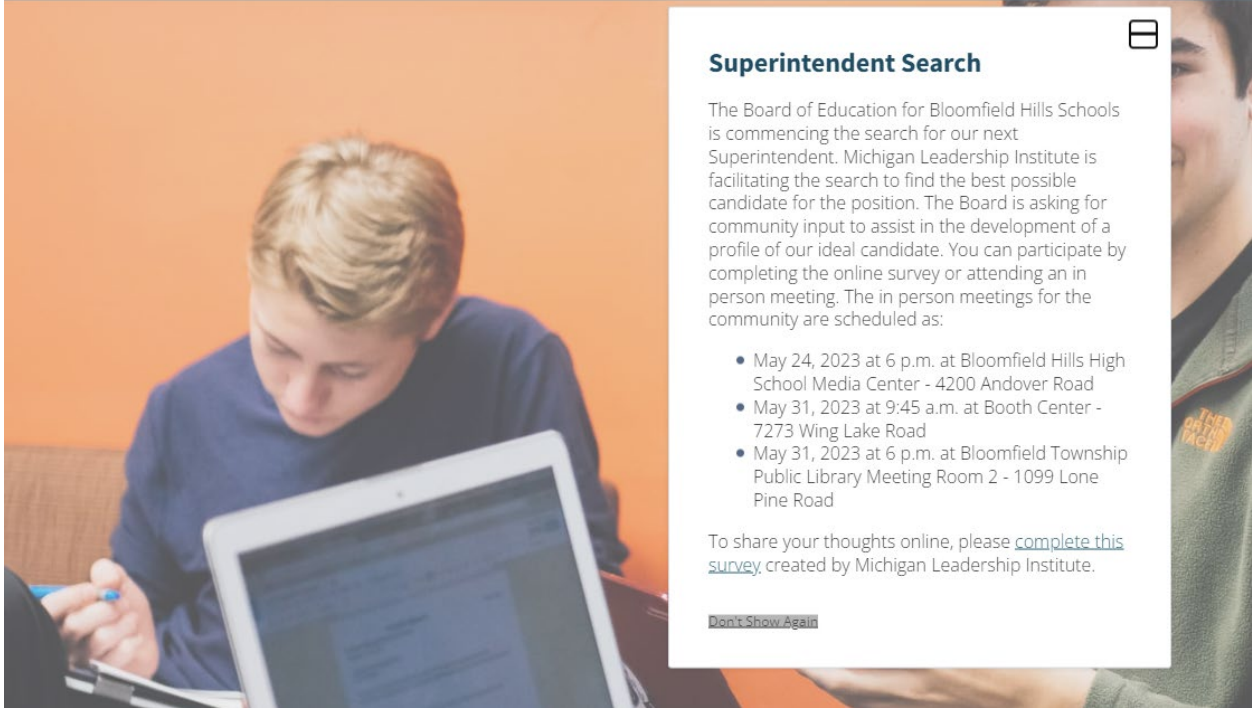
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### Superintendent Search

The Board of Education for Bloomfield Hills Schools is commencing the search for our next Superintendent. Michigan Leadership Institute is facilitating the search to find the best possible candidate for the position. The Board is asking for community input to assist in the development of a profile of our ideal candidate. You can participate by completing the online survey or attending an in person meeting. The in person meetings for the community are scheduled as:

- May 24, 2023 at 6 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills High School Media Center - 4200 Andover Road
- May 31, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. at Booth Center - 7273 Wing Lake Road
- May 31, 2023 at 6 p.m. at Bloomfield Township Public Library Meeting Room 2 - 1099 Lone Pine Road

To share your thoughts online, please [complete this survey](#), created by Michigan Leadership Institute.

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## BTPL Accepting Applications for Myers Scholarship



Bloomfield Township Public Library will be accepting applications for the Jeanette P. Myers Memorial Scholarship through June 1st.

The Myers Memorial Scholarship provides funds to encourage and support the post-secondary education of past or present employees of

Bloomfield Township Public Library, or persons who have some relationship with the Library. That relationship can be as simple as having a library card. A total amount of at least \$500 will be awarded to one or more scholarship applicants to be used for books, tuition, or other relevant expenses to assist in working toward an associate's, bachelor's, or graduate degree, or for the pursuit of other higher education.

Scholarship guidelines and application forms are available at the Library's Welcome Desk and on the Library website at [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org).

For more information, please call the Library at (248) 642-5800 or visit our website at [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org).

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## Design a library card contest in township

Have you ever dreamed of having your artwork on a library card? Here's your chance. The Bloomfield Township Public Library is holding a design contest to design one of three new library cards.

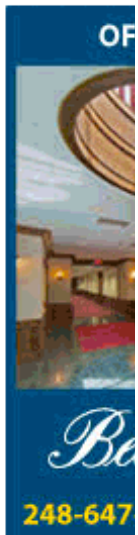
The contest is for artists of all ages, and runs from June 1-30. Entries are grouped into three categories: ages 12 and younger; 13-17; and 18 and older.

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## Pewabic Pottery archivist to visit township library

Annie Dennis, Pewabic Pottery's education director and archivist, will visit the Bloomfield Township Public Library for a look at its 120-year history on Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m.

The presentation will explore the Pewabic archives highlighting over a century of handcrafting pottery and tiles in Detroit and the legacy of the founders that still carries on today.

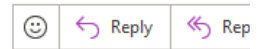
The presentation is free and open to all thanks to the generous operating support provided by Pewabic members, donors, and the Phillip and Elizabeth Filmer Memorial Charitable Trust.

No registration is required.





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To Katherine Bryant



## Library Card Design Contest



Bloomfield Township Public Library is calling artists of all ages! Your artwork could be featured on a new library card! The Library invites Bloomfield Township residents to submit a design for one of three new library cards. The contest runs June 1–June 30. Entries will be grouped into three categories: ages 12 and younger, 13–17 years old, and 18 and older.

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### Multilingual Family Event a Great Success!

The English Language Development department hosted a beautiful evening of celebration on May 24, bringing together families from Bloomfield Hills Schools who come from all over the globe. Featuring performances, information sharing, and food, the event was enjoyed by all!

ELD teachers and paraprofessionals from across all seven K-8 Bloomfield Hills schools welcomed families, and everyone enjoyed the social opportunity to connect with both staff and other families. World language students shared performances, including a chamber orchestra piece by the Chinese National Honor Society coordinated by Mandarin teacher Angela Lee-Jan and Jennifer Guan (grade 12), a K Pop dance performance by Aileen Hsi (grade 11), and a song and dance by 6th grade French language students, led by French teacher Stephanie Potier. Several students in the English Language Development classes shared presentations on their home countries, including Afghanistan (Zahra Mirzad, grade 7, and Shokron Mirzad, grade 5), Germany (Theo Deinlein, grade 5), and South Korea (Branden Lee, grade 7). Lee then performed a series of impressive magic tricks to share with the community! The Bloomfield Township Library provided activities and books for young children in attendance.

ELD Coordinator Lisa Lockhart explained resources regarding free book services, summer learning opportunities, and summer camps offered through Bloomfield Hills Schools. Deyar Nasiri, ELD paraprofessional and Family Liaison, shared enrichment scholarship opportunities through Bloomfield Youth Assistance. Two BHHS students in the Student Leadership class, Lucia Farah (grade 11) and Joele Ballouz (grade 11), shared information on their LINK and THINK groups, which connect multilingual students across grades. Family Ambassador Leah Abel provided information on Bowers Farm and the Johnson Nature Center. And all participants enjoyed delicious food, brought by everyone in attendance, representing cuisine from cultures around the world. The event highlighted the beautiful diversity of our international community, and how we can all learn from one another!

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## Chamber music, fairy tale at township library

Several Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival events will take place at the Bloomfield Township Public Library in June, along with a performance of the classic fairy tale "The Little Red Riding Hood."

The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays, June 12, 14, 19 and 21 at the library, at 11 a.m. through Artistic Encounters.

The Catherine Filene Shouse Chamber Music Institute, led by violist Philip Setzer of the Emerson String Quartet, provides a platform for emerging professional ensembles. Artistic Encounters are public coachings for Shouse Institute fellows in a setting similar to a master class. Artistic Encounters provides a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to be a professional musician. The public coaching sessions of professional musicians, which are sponsored by Paul and Barbara Goodman, are intended for an adult audience. They are open and free of charge.

All performances require prior registration at <https://greatlakeschambermusic.org/performances/>. For more information, call the library at 248.642.5800 or visit the website at [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org).



On Saturday, June 17, at 11 a.m., the classic family fairy tale "The Little Red Riding Hood" will be shared in a performance through music. The whole family will be captivated by the whimsical and evocative sounds of the instruments as they journey through the beloved story performed by Hesper Quartet. The performance is sponsored by Gwen and S. Evan Weiner and is free. All ages are welcome.

All performances require prior registration. For more information, call the library at 248.642.5800 or visit the website at [www.blankbtpl.org](http://www.blankbtpl.org).

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## Bloomfield Township Public Library @ IA Annual Picnic

BTPL Librarians came to the IA picnic to promote their summer reading program and sign students and teachers up for BTPL library cards. Students who shared their favorite book walked away with a fun rubber duck. It was a great addition to the IA picnic.



**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Katherine Bryant, Assistant Library Director

**DATE:** June 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Strategic Plan

The three strategic plan committee rosters were finalized at the end of May (full lists below). The co-chairs set first meeting dates in mid- to late-June and formed groups in Microsoft Teams to keep chats and files in a central location. At their first meetings, the committees will select regular meeting dates and times and discuss their respective charges and goals. They will also review the information and feedback gathered at Staff Development Day and in the Strategic Planning Learning Report to inform their work.

- **HR Practices Committee**
  - Goal: Update recruiting, hiring, on-boarding, and retention practices using a diversity, equity, and inclusion lens.
  - Co-chairs: Adult Services Department Head Laura Kraly and Youth Services Department Head Jen Taggart
  - Committee members: Melissa Belevender (Clerk), Heather Coffee-Borden (Page), Linden Godlove (Administrative Assistant), Monica Gower (Finance Coordinator), Drew Heuser (Librarian), Elizabeth Korey (Circulation Assistant Department Head), Killian Weston (Librarian)
- **Collaborative Culture Committee**
  - Goal: Cultivate a collaborative culture by focusing how we work together.
  - Co-chairs: Systems Department Head Paul Zink and Technical Services Assistant Department Head Deb Smith
  - Committee members: Patricia Ballard (Librarian), Bala Cramer (Librarian), Remy Combs (Clerical Assistant), Megan Doyle (Clerk), Eddie Havard (Monitor), Jamie Jasper (Librarian), Liz May (Librarian), Aaron Phillips (Clerical Assistant), John Sapp (Librarian)
- **Inclusive Spaces Committee**
  - Goal: Reimagine use of library spaces for increased inclusion and flexibility.
  - Co-chairs: Adult Services Assistant Department Head Brooke Hoskins and Youth Services Assistant Department Head Lauren Catoni-Ellis.
  - Committee members: Emily Benoit (Librarian), Andy Cascarelli (Librarian), Tom Corliss (Maintenance Assistant), Krista Gregory (Page), Mary Miner (Systems Assistant), Lori Smith-Hoogasian (Technical Services Department Head), Rebecca Tauber (Clerk)

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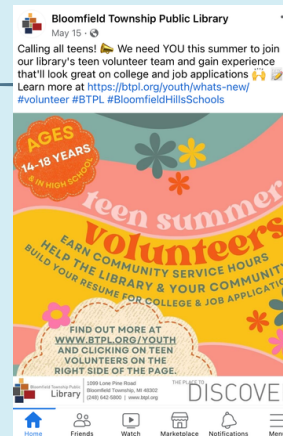
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FOLLOWERS:  
1542 (113 from Apr.)

TOTAL REACH:  
1117  
(↓10% from Apr.)



## FACEBOOK



FOLLOWERS:  
2837 (119 from Apr.)

TOTAL REACH:  
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FOLLOWERS:  
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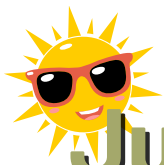
- **Books and More** (new books, Adult Spelling Bee) - 1441 messages
- **Movies and More** (new DVDs, Kanopy) - 91 messages
- **Discover** (Myers Scholarship, Pewabic Pottery Presentation, Story Times, Book Sale) - 20,408 messages
- **Chamber Music Concert** - 237 messages
- **Digital News** (new ebook and eaudiobook titles from Libby and hoopla, Summer Reading) - 1788 messages

## PRESS RELEASES



- Recruiting Teen Volunteers
- Library Card Design Contest
- Pewabic Pottery Presentation
- June Second Saturday Book Sale





# June YOUTH Events Calendar

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				01 Library Card Design Contest June 1 - June 30	02	03
04 	05	06	07 	08	09	10 Friends Book Sale 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17 Little Red Riding Hood Music Performance 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
18 	19 	20 Summer Reading Kickoff 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	21	22 Outdoor Family Story Time 11 am - 11:30 a.m.	23 Music at the Blissful Family Concert 4:30 p.m.	24
25	26	27 Outdoor Family Story Time 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	28 Brick Builders Club 7 - 8 p.m.	29 A Magical Evening with Baffling Bill 7 p.m.	30 American Red Cross WHALE Tales 2 p.m.	

VISIT [WWW.BTPL.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.BTPL.ORG/EVENTS) FOR MORE INFO

## 2023 Summer Reading Program

# All Together Now

June 20 - August 11



## SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

*No registration is required.*

Our Summer Reading Program begins with a party! We will have crafts, games, food trucks and more for the entire family! Sign up for our Summer Reading Program starting Tuesday, June 20 either in-person or online at [btpl.org/summer](http://btpl.org/summer). All youths from infant to 8th grade will get to pick a book to keep upon registration and a LOVE MY LIBRARY lawn sign. More information on the back of this calendar.



## LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST

June 1 - June 30

Submit a design for a new library card! One entry per person. Entries will be grouped into three categories: 12 and under, 13 - 17 years, and 18 and older. You must be a Bloomfield Township resident and submit your entry by Friday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m. The top designs for each age group will be selected and the public will be able to vote for their favorite between July 16 - 22. Three winners will receive a \$100 gift card and be featured in our newsletter.

## MUSIC AT THE BLISSFUL FAMILY CONCERT

Friday, June 23, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*No registration is required.*

National Touring Musician, Evan Haller, will present a fun-filled, interactive, movement packed experience that will get the whole family singing, jumping and laughing!



## A MAGICAL EVENING WITH BAFFLING BILL

Thursday, June 29, 7 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

*No registration is required.*

Join us for an astounding evening of magic with Baffling Bill, the magician, and Gus the magical bunny! This mystifying, interactive program will keep the entire family engaged and entertained.





# Summer Reading Prize Patrol

All residents can opt to sign up for Prize Patrol after registering for the Summer Reading Program. What does that mean? Every week of our Summer Reading Program we will be randomly selecting two households and dropping off a bag full of library and book swag, IF your LOVE MY LIBRARY sign is on display on your lawn or in a window. You do not have to be home to win!

## Outdoor Family Story Time

Thursday, June 22, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, June 27, 11 a.m.

*No registration is required. In the case of inclement weather, story time will be held inside.*

Join us on the Youth Terrace for stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family.



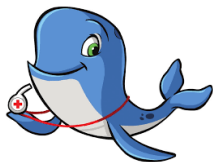
## Brick Builders Club

Wednesday, June 28, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

*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 design something based on the theme— All Together Now!

## American Red Cross Longfellow's WHALE Tales



Friday, June 30, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

*Registration is required and begins June 9.*

WHALE (Water Habits Are Learned Early) teaches children about water safety in different environments like pools, waterparks and lakes. An American Red Cross Water Safety Ambassador from Ascension Providence Hospital will use fun interactions to teach kids about water safety. Each child will leave with an activity bag and certificate for home! For ages 5 – 12 years.

**Questions? Contact the Youth Department –**  
Call (248) 642-5800 or email [AskYouth@btpl.org](mailto:AskYouth@btpl.org)



Please contact us if you require any additional accommodations.

## July Programs!

### Friendship Bracelets

Thursday, July 6, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Registration is required and begins June 8.*

We'll supply everything you need and show you how to make different styles of friendship bracelets for your favorite person! For ages 9 and up.

### The Wizard of Oz Interactive Movie

Tuesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

*Registration is required and begins June 13.*

Join us for an interactive movie experience on the Yellow Brick Road that you'll want to share with family and friends. Each attendee will receive a bag of props and treats to use throughout the movie.

For families, ages 5 and up.

### Stop-Motion Animation Workshop

Thursday, July 13, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

*Registration is required and begins June 15.*

Each participant will build their own custom, stop-motion puppet and bring it to life using the magic of stop-motion animation! Presented by Alex Thomas and the Friends of the Library. For ages 8 – 12 years.

### DIY Mini Squishmallow

Wednesday, July 19, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

*Registration is required and begins June 21.*

Learn simple hand-sewing techniques while making your own unique Squishmallow. Time and patience are both needed as we design, cut and sew our creations.

For ages 11 – 13 years.

### Dungeons and Dragons "Light"

Wednesday, July 26

Two Sessions: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

*Registration is required and begins June 28.*

Brand new players and experienced adventurers are welcome for this D & D one shot using pre-generated characters. Materials will be provided but bring your own dice if you want! Please register for one session.

For ages 10 – 13 years.

### Art Lab: 2 Hour Summer Edition

Thursday, July 27, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

*Registration is required and begins June 29.*

Using different art mediums, create something special for summer! Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program. For ages 10 – 13 years.



### Bluey Party!

Thursday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

*Registration is required and begins June 29.*

Celebrate the fun of this popular children's show with themed crafts and exciting games! For ages 3 and up with a grownup.



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# June 2023 Adult and Teen Programs

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Events @ the Library</b>  <b>Artistic Encounters:</b> Four master class style events with students from The Catherine Filene Shouse Chamber Music Institute. Register at <a href="http://greatlakeschambermusic.org/artistic-encounters">greatlakeschambermusic.org/artistic-encounters</a>            11 a.m. on: Monday, June 12 – Violinist Hsin-Yun Huang, Wednesday, June 14 - Pianist Gilles Vonsattel, Monday, June 19 – Pianist Shai Vosner, Wednesday, June 21 – Emerson String Quartet  <b>Classical Family: Little Red Riding Hood:</b>            Family concert featuring the Hesper Quartet, which will tell this classic tale through music.            Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m. Register at <a href="http://greatlakeschambermusic.org/performances">greatlakeschambermusic.org/performances</a></p>				<p>1  <b>**Movie Discussion Club</b>            7 p.m.</p> 	<p>2  <b>English Language Conversation Group</b>            10 a.m. – Noon</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6  <b>Fiber Arts Club</b>            10 a.m. – Noon   <b>***Learn Canva</b>            5:30 p.m.   <b>Pewabic: Detroit's Pottery</b>            7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>7  <b>***Google Apps</b>            5:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10    <b>Saturday Book Sale</b>  <b>Friends of the Library</b>  <b>Second Saturday Book Sale</b>            10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  <i>(First hour Friends members only)</i></p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12  <b>**Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounter</b>            11 a.m.   <b>Fiber Arts Club</b>            6 p.m. – 8 p.m.</p>	<p>13  <b>2023 Summer Reading Program</b>    <b>All Together Now</b>            June 20 – August 11</p>	<p>14  <b>**Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounter</b>            11 a.m.   <b>**Writers' Rendezvous</b>            6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16  <b>English Language Conversation Group</b>            10 a.m. – Noon</p>	<p>17  <b>**Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Classical Family: Little Red Riding Hood</b>            11 a.m.</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19  <b>**Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounter</b>            11 a.m.   <b>**Lunchtime Book Club</b>            1 p.m.</p>	<p>20    <b>Summer Reading Kickoff and Food Truck Rally</b>            6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.   <b>**Science Fiction / Fantasy Book Club, 7 p.m.</b></p>	<p>21  <b>**Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounter</b>            11 a.m.   <b>**Mystery Book Club</b>            1 p.m.</p>	<p>22  <b>**Thursday Book Club</b>            10 a.m.   <b>***Meet the Databases</b>            6 p.m.</p>	<p>23  <b>English Language Conversation Group</b>            10 a.m. – Noon</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26  <b>**Books in Bars Book Club</b>            6 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28  <b>**Writers' Rendezvous</b>            6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29  <b>***PowerPoint Basics</b>            5:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>30  <b>**Speed Dating with a Book</b>            7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>*Register by emailing <a href="mailto:AskTeen@btpl.org">AskTeen@btpl.org</a> or with Adult Services, (248) 642-5800, ext. 171.</b>  <b>**Register by emailing <a href="mailto:AskAdult@btpl.org">AskAdult@btpl.org</a> or with Adult Services, (248) 642-5800, ext. 171.</b>  <b>***Register by emailing <a href="mailto:AskTech@btpl.org">AskTech@btpl.org</a> or with Systems, (248) 642-5800, ext. 121.</b>  <b>OR register online at <a href="http://www.btpl.org/events">www.btpl.org/events</a></b></p>

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2	3	<p>LIBRARY CLOSED FOR JULY 4TH</p> 	4	5	<p>***Introduction to Scanning and Photo Editing 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>**Movie Discussion Club 7 p.m.</p>	6	7	<p>English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon</p>	8	 <p>Friends of the Library Second Saturday Book Sale 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (First hour Friends members only)</p>
9	10	<p><b>Adult and Teen Craft Kit Release: Puffy Paint Lines</b> <i>Twp. residents only while supplies last</i></p> <p>Fiber Arts Club 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.</p>	11	12	<p>**What's Your Story? A Memoir Writing Group 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Scavenger Duck Hunt for Teens 12 noon – 2 p.m.</b></p> <p>*Teen Crafternoon: Make What You Want, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.</p> <p>**Writers' Rendezvous, 6:30 p.m.</p> 	13	14	<p>***Introduction to Excel 5:30 p.m.</p> 	15	<p>English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon</p>
16	17	<p>**Lunchtime Book Club 1 p.m.</p> 	18	19	<p>**Austentacious Afternoon Tea – A Jane Austen Tea Party 2 p.m.</p> <p>**Classics Book Club 7 p.m.</p> <p>**Mystery Book Club 1 p.m.</p> <p>***Don't Get Scammed! 5:30 p.m.</p>	20	21	<p><b>Adult and Teen Craft Kit Release: Crochet an Amigurumi Rocketship</b> <i>Twp. residents only while supplies last</i></p> <p>English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon</p>	22	
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## **DATES FOR LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. – Summer Reading Program Kickoff Event  
and Food Truck Rally

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 p.m. – Library Board Meeting (all Trustees)

Wednesday, July 12, 11:00 a.m. – Friends Board Meeting

Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.– Friends Second Saturday Sale (with  
the first hour, 10-11 a.m., open to Friends members only

Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m. – Library Board Meeting (all Trustees)

Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 p.m. – Ambassadors Group

Thursday, August 3, 10:00 a.m. – Work Session for Preliminary Proposed  
2024/2025 Budget