

DISCOVER

2023 SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY



Bloomfield Township Public
Library

2023 Summer Reading Program

All Together Now

June 20 - August 11



Summer Reading Program Begins June 20

Rediscover the joy of reading for fun and adventure during the **"All Together Now" Summer Program!** From Tuesday, June 20, through Friday, August 11, participants of all ages are invited to read books, attend special programs, and discover a world of imagination and exploration at the Library.

To learn more or to register, please visit www.btpl.org/summer or stop in at any one of the Library's Service Desks. Once you and your family have signed up, simply log in to your account to record your reading progress, complete virtual activities, earn badges, and qualify for great prize drawings. Don't forget to join us for the **Summer Reading Kickoff Event** at the Library, Tuesday, June 20, from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.!

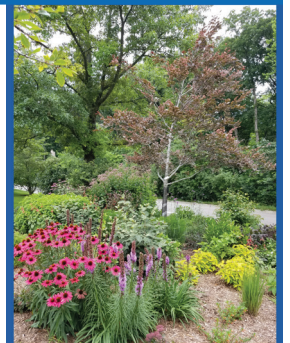
Gardens @ the Library

Summer is here and the Library's 13 signature gardens are in bloom. Designed and directed by Jim Slezinski, Landscape Horticulturist and Vice President of Goldner Walsh Garden and Home, the Library gardens won a Detroit Design Award for Commercial Landscape in 2022. As a public space, the gardens are available for anyone to come and walk the grounds and enjoy their beauty at any time of year.

Goldner Walsh was the original landscaper for the Library, which opened in its current location in 1969. Jim began working on the Library gardens in the 1970s after joining Goldner Walsh. His favorite Library garden is the Adult Services Terrace. He says, "It's nice to go read a book and sit at the tables, surrounded by the garden. I like to watch the gardens change with the seasons."

Jim has worked through many challenges over the years. Early on the Library lacked proper exterior hose taps, so Jim and his crew found it necessary to connect hoses inside the building in a maintenance room in order to water the plants outside. More recently, an increase in the deer population prompted Jim to modify plantings, including switching to daffodils from tulips, and to apply deer repellent. When asked for tips for Michigan home gardeners, Jim shared, "always improve the soil when planting something new." He also recommends using organic fertilizer when needed, as well as mulching to retain moisture in the soil and keep weeds at bay.

Join Jim Slezinski for a **tour of the Library gardens Thursday, August 17 or Friday, August 18 at 11 a.m.** Registration is required and begins July 17, and space is limited. Call or stop by the Adult Services Desk or visit www.btpl.org/events to sign up. Everyone is also welcome to take a self-guided tour of the Library's gardens at any time. Brochures detailing each garden's plantings are available at the Welcome Desk. Thank you to the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library for continuing to make the Library gardens possible through their generous donations.



Library Card Design Contest for All Ages June 1 – 30!

How much do you love your Library? Why not show us by helping design a new library card?! Bloomfield Township residents of all ages are invited to enter their own unique artwork to be considered for printing on one of three new library cards. Submissions will be grouped into three age categories: 12 and younger, 13 – 17 years, and 18 and older. Entries will be judged by Library staff based on creativity, design, and reflection of the Library and the Bloomfield Township community. Top designs in each age group will be picked for a public vote July 16 – 22. Entries are due Friday, June 30, 6:30 p.m. and there is a limit of one (1) entry per Bloomfield Township resident. See the Library's Service Desks or visit www.btpl.org for more information.



Youth

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

DROP-IN SUMMER EVENTS

Outdoor Summer Family Story Times*

Various Days and Times

Thursday, June 22, 11 a.m.

Friday, July 21, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, June 27, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 25, 3 p.m.

Friday, July 7, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, August 2, 11 a.m.

Monday, July 10, 3 p.m.

Monday, August 7, 11 a.m.

No registration is required. Join us outside for story time this summer on the Youth Terrace. Families can cozy up together for stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more. For families of all ages.

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

Music at the Blissful Family Concert

Friday, June 23, 4:30 pm. – 5:30 p.m.

No registration is required. National Touring Musician, Music at the Blissful (Evan Haller) will present a fun-filled, interactive, movement packed music experience for the whole family. Come join the fun as we sing, jump, shake, laugh, and go slow and fast with Music at The Blissful. Playing songs off his new album, "It's Me, Evan!" and much more, this is sure to be an action-packed good time for all.

Brick Builders Club

Various Days, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28: All Together Now

Tuesday, August 8: At the Fair!

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

A Magical Evening with Baffling Bill

Thursday, June 29, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required. Join us for an evening with Baffling Bill the magician as he dazzles the audience with amazing magic, audience participation, and Gus the Bunny! Magic fun for the whole family.

Splash Bash

Tuesday, July 18, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.*

No registration is required. Drop-in water play fun for little ones, ages 1 – 3 years, on the Youth Terrace. There will be a variety of splashy activities so be prepared to get a little wet. Towels and swimsuits are welcome. **If the weather is bad, we will try to reschedule for another date outside.*

Critchlow Alligator Friends

Thursday, July 20, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

No registration is required. The Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary will be visiting the Library with some reptile and amphibian friends. Bring out the whole family to learn all about alligators and more in a safe, informative space. All ages welcome.

Hanging On To Summer Family Concert with Randy Kaplan

Tuesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Summer isn't over yet! Gather the whole family and join us for an evening filled with lively, funny tunes and classics with award-winning children's musician, Randy Kaplan.

REGISTERED PROGRAMS

Classical Family: Little Red Riding Hood

Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Register by visiting greatlakeschambermusic.org/performances.

In partnership with the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, the Library is hosting this enchanting performance that tells the story of this classic fairy tale through music. The whole family will be captivated as the Hesper Quartet performs *Songs for Little Red Riding Hood* by Jordyn Davis. Sponsored by Gwen and S. Evan Weiner.



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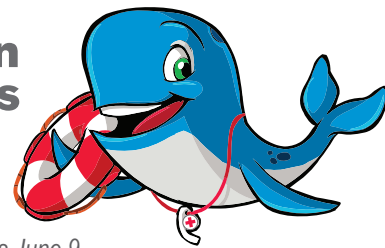
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Longfellow's Whale Tales

Friday, June 30, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 9.

Longfellow's WHALE (Water Habits Are Learned Early) Tales teach children about water safety in different environments. An American Red Cross Water Safety Ambassador from Ascension Providence Hospital will use fun, animated videos, stickers, and worksheets to teach kids about water safety. Each child will leave with an activity bag that includes items to help reinforce lessons learned and a certificate to display. For ages 5 – 12.



Friendship Bracelet

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

Registration is required and begins June 8. Make a bracelet for your friend, sister, brother, cousin, or just your favorite person! We will provide the supplies and show you how to make your own gift of kindness to treasure. For ages 9 and up.

Interactive Movie: The Wizard of Oz

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

Registration is required and begins June 13. This is going to be 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 be used at certain times 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. Participants will build their very own custom puppet and bring it to life using the art and magic of stop-motion animation. Choose from a variety of templates or create your own. Then everyone will work together to create a series of animated scenes focused on the theme "Kindness and Friendship." For ages 8 – 12 years. Presented by Alex Thomas and Friends.

DIY Mini Squishmallow

Wednesday, July 19, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 21. We will be cutting fabric and felt, and learning some simple hand-sewing techniques so you can create your very own unique Squishmallow. For ages 11 – 13.

Dungeons and Dragons "Light"

Wednesday, July 26, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 28. Please register for only one time slot. Searching for adventure? Participants ages 10 – 13 can join in on a "rules light" D&D one shot. Both experienced and brand new players are welcome. We will be using pre-generated characters and materials will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own dice.

Bluey Party!

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

Registration is required and begins June 29. A Bluey party? For real life?!?! Yes! Celebrate this popular children's TV show with fun themed crafts and exciting games. For ages 3 and up with a grownup.

Art Lab: Special Two-Hour Summer Edition!

Thursday, July 27, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 29. Explore different art mediums, some traditional and some not, in this creative program for young people, ages 10 – 13. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

Glow Party

Tuesday, August 1, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration is required and begins July 3. Join us for a glow-in-the-dark party in the Library's lower level. We'll be keeping the lights low while kids create art, participate in glowing STEM activities, and dance. Wear white or neon colors so you can glow, too! For ages 5 – 10 years.

Youth Caricature Workshop: Draw and Get Drawn

Thursday, August 3, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins July 6. Kids ages 8 – 12 years are invited to learn to sketch cartoon faces quickly with artist Andrew Sigman. Class begins with Andrew making a souvenir drawing of each participant. Next, Andrew will break down the drawing process in a hands-on demo of how to draw caricatures, with time after for practice.

Pedestrian Safety for Kids

Tuesday, August 15, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins July 25. School days bring traffic congestion: buses, kids on bikes, and parents dropping off kids. It's important to teach pedestrian safety to children to help keep them safe. An injury prevention nurse from Ascension Providence Hospital will share ways to stay safe on sidewalks and around streets while reading *Clifford Takes A Walk*. Participants will leave with a pedestrian safety packet including their own copy of the Clifford book. For ages 5 – 10.

ANY TIME FUN!

Sensory Garden on the Youth Terrace

Take a walk outside and discover the Youth Terrace sensory garden. See, smell, and touch this garden of flowers and herbs for the senses.

Stories and Stuff Subscription Book Boxes

Youth Services offers a subscription book service for Grades 3 – 8. When you sign up, you will receive one highly recommended library book based on your favorite topics and genres and some neat book-related gifts to keep. Sign up is for three months in a row, but you are welcome to register again and again based on availability. Keep the box and gifts, but return the book when you are finished. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program. The next sign up begins August 1 on our Virtual Branch web page.

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Summer Reading Challenge

All ages are invited to come together to read books, attend special events, and win prizes during the Library's family summer reading program, "All Together Now." Register online at www.btpl.org/summer or stop by one of the Library's Service Desks to rediscover the joy of reading for fun and adventure. All who register are eligible to enter weekly drawings and win fun prizes. The "All Together Now" summer reading challenge is open to readers of all ages and abilities.

Summer Reading Kickoff and Food Truck Rally

Tuesday, June 20 | 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required. Get your summer started by gathering at the Library to kick off Summer Reading! Sign up for the summer reading challenge, take part in library-wide scavenger hunts, and join us for crafts, games, and activities. Food trucks from *Baobab Fare* (voted 2022 Best New Restaurant in Detroit), *Wizard Food Truck* and *D'Vine Cookies* will be set up in the parking lot offering tasty treats for purchase. Enjoy dining outdoors on one of the Library Terraces!



All Ages Puzzle Tournament

Saturday, July 29 | 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Team registration is required and begins July 1. Gather your puzzle-loving family and friends! Puzzle players of all ages and levels may compete in our first ever puzzle tournament in teams of 2 – 4 players for a chance to win fun prizes. Visit our website for more information.

Summer Reading Family and Friends Game Day (and Night!)

Friday, August 11

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Best for friends and families of all ages.

After-hours! | 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Best for friends and families ages 8 and up.

No registration is required. Game on! Get together with family and friends to try a new game or challenge others to a classic from our wide selection of board and card games. Work on a puzzle together, play one of the life-sized games located throughout the building, or try your hand at sticker mosaic art.



Adults

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



LECTURES / WORKSHOPS / EVENTS

PEWABIC: DETROIT'S POTTERY

Tuesday, June 6, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required.

Join Annie Dennis, Pewabic Pottery's Education Director and Archivist, for a look into the 120-year history of Detroit's iconic Pewabic Pottery. Explore images from the Pewabic archives from over a century of handcrafting pottery and tiles in Detroit. This presentation is free to all thanks to the generous operating support provided by Pewabic members, donors, and the Phillip and Elizabeth Filmer Memorial Charitable Trust.

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival's Artistic Encounters

Monday, June 12, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., with violist Hsin-Yun Huang

Wednesday, June 14, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., with pianist Gilles Vonsattel

Monday, June 19, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., with pianist Shai Wosner

Wednesday, June 21, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., with Emerson String Quartet

Register by visiting greatlakeschambermusic.org/artistic-encounters.

In partnership with the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, the Library is hosting a series of artistic encounters. The Catherine Filene Shouse Chamber Music Institute provides a platform for emerging professional ensembles. Artistic Encounters are public coachings for Shouse Institute fellows in a setting similar to a masterclass. You are invited to attend for a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to be a professional musician. This series is sponsored by Paul and Barbara Goodman.

Walking Track Trivia

Tuesday, June 20 through Friday, August 11

Answer trivia questions to win prizes, all while getting your steps in and exploring the Library. Questions are updated weekly and offer new opportunities to win. Visit the Adult Services Desk to get started.

Speed Dating with a Book

Friday, June 30, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required and begins May 30. Back by popular demand!

Enjoy an evening of librarians giving 20+ new pitches of great books in the span of an hour to help you find your next excellent read.

Austentacious Afternoon Tea:

A Jane Austen Tea Party with Barb's Tea Service

Tuesday, July 18, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 19. You are cordially invited to a discussion of Jane Austen's life, family, and the Regency era including tea's importance to the time and to Jane. We encourage you to bring your favorite tea cup. This program is best enjoyed by adults and teens ages 13 and up.

Drive-Up Document Shredding

Saturday, July 22, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

No registration is required. Find yourself with lots of unwanted paper? Let Shred Nation dispose of it safely and quickly for you. Drive up to the Library parking lot, follow the signage, and they'll do the rest. Limit of four (4) boxes per vehicle.

August STEM Experiences for Adults and Teens

Throughout the month of August we'll have special displays in Adult Services focusing on STEM kits and resources, and out-of-this-world experiences are in the works. Check the Library's website at www.btpl.org and follow us on social media for more details.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

The Library has several book clubs that meet throughout the year.

Registration for September 2023 to August 2024 club sessions begins Tuesday, August 1 in Adult Services for both new members and those planning to continue their participation in each club.

Librarian-Led Book Clubs

Classics Book Club, third Tuesday every other month, 7 p.m.

Lunchtime Book Club, third Monday each month, 1 p.m.

Monday Night Book Club, fourth Monday each month, 7 p.m.

Science Fiction / Fantasy Book Club, first Tuesday every other month, 7 p.m. (starting in October)

Volunteer-Led Book Clubs

Mystery Book Club, third Wednesday each month, 1 p.m.

Thursday Book Club, fourth Thursday each month, 10 a.m.

Tuesday Book Club, third Tuesday each month, 10 a.m.

Movie Discussion Club

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

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

Fiber Arts Club

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

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

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

English Language Conversation Group

Every Friday from 10 a.m. – 12 noon

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

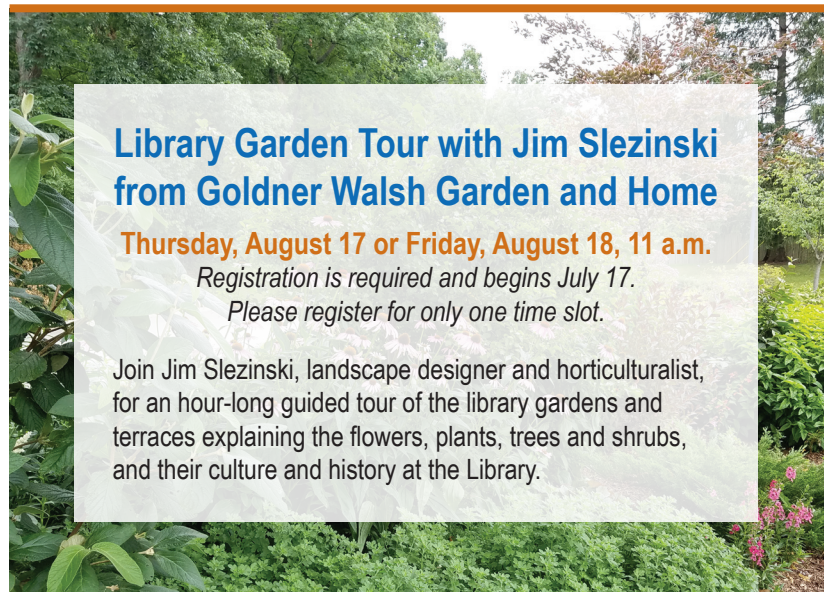
Library Garden Tour with Jim Slezinski from Goldner Walsh Garden and Home

Thursday, August 17 or Friday, August 18, 11 a.m.

Registration is required and begins July 17.

Please register for only one time slot.

Join Jim Slezinski, landscape designer and horticulturalist, for an hour-long guided tour of the library gardens and terraces explaining the flowers, plants, trees and shrubs, and their culture and history at the Library.



Teens

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

Teen Summer Read: Book Club Collection

Read one or read them all! The teen book club collection includes many new books such as the latest by Jessica Goodman and Karen M. McManus. Read any book from the collection along with other teens in the community to receive an extra ticket for prizes and a special badge in the Beanstack app.

Teen Crafternoon: Make What You Want

Wednesday, July 12, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 12. Spend an afternoon with other teens using our craft supplies to make many different types of crafts including gnomes, buttons, key rings, jewelry, and more. Bring your imagination and your friends!

Summer Duck Hunts for Teens

Game 1: Summer Reading Kick-Off Duck Hunt

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Game 2: Scavenger Duck Hunt

Wednesday, July 12, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Game 3: Break-in Bag

Monday, August 7, 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join us the night of the Summer Reading kickoff for Game 1 of a special TEEN ONLY Duck Hunt! This will be the first in a series of Summer Reading Duck Hunts for Teens, including a scavenger hunt, Break-in Bag and randomly announced duck hunts. Make sure to watch our website (www.btpl.org) and social media pages for pop-up duck hunts. Players will be allowed to keep up to five found ducks and win prizes.



CRAFT KITS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Pick up a kit at the Adult Services desk while supplies last. For Bloomfield Township residents only. One kit per library card. Video instructions are available for most projects through CreativeBug.

- **Six-Pocket Keepsake Book**, Available beginning June 20.
Transform a simple piece of paper into a structured six-pocket folder, perfect for stashing sentimental items, photos, and papers.
- **Make Your Own Lip Balm**, Available beginning June 26.
Create a one-of-a-kind lip balm using four basic ingredients.
- **Puffy Paint Linens**, Available beginning July 10.
Make individualized party settings with these Puffy Paint linens.
- **Crochet an Amigurumi Rocketship**, Available beginning July 21.
Build your own cuddly rocketship to take with you on your summertime adventures!
- **Last Chance Craft Kits**, Available beginning August 3.
Choose from a variety of craft kits using an abundance of supplies.

Computers & Technology

SUMMER TECH CLASSES

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

Learn Canva

Tuesday, June 6, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Canva is a free-to-use online graphic design tool. Use it to create social media posts, presentations, posters, videos, logos and more.

Google Apps

Wednesday, June 7, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 30, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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

Meet the Databases

Thursday, June 22, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Check out all that the Library has to offer in subscription databases, including research, newspapers, and magazines, with Adult Services staff.

PowerPoint Basics

Thursday, June 29, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 10, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

PowerPoint lets you quickly create professional-looking, high-impact, dynamic presentations. Designing slides has never been easier!

Scanning and Photo Editing

Thursday, July 6, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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

Microsoft Excel

Thursday, July 13, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 24, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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

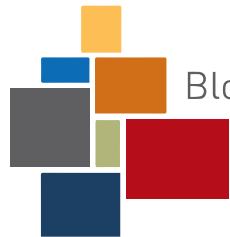
Don't Get Scammed!

Wednesday, July 19, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Recognizing the common signs of a scam could help you avoid becoming a victim of one. Systems staff will help you learn what to look for.

Personal Tech Help Available by Appointment

Whether you would like help with your smartphone, personal device, or assistance with a specific tech topic, just email AskTech@btpl.org and we can arrange a personal help session. Or if you need assistance with downloadables such as Libby, Kanopy and hoopla, set up a one-on-one appointment by emailing AskAdult@btpl.org.



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

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

Sunday
12 noon - 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Tuesday, July 4 for the July 4th Holiday
Sunday and Monday, September 3 and 4
for the Labor Day Holiday

Board of Trustees

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

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

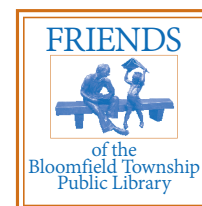
Friends of the Library

Second Saturday Sale Dates
June 10, July 8, and August 12
Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*
*10 a.m. – 11 a.m. for Friends members only.

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



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



Make it your
quest to join
the Friends
today!

Get Involved @ the Library

Volunteers are needed year-round. The Library
has a variety of volunteer positions for all ages.

Visit www.btpl.org/employment-volunteer or contact the
Volunteer Coordinator at (248) 642-5800 for more information.