

DISCOVER

2023 FALL AT THE LIBRARY



Library Card Design Contest Winners!

From over 100 entries for our **Library Card Design Contest**, three winners were selected based on their creativity, originality, and representation of the Library's spirit.

- Top: Youth Category winner Logan Mills' artwork showcasing the power of reading.
- Middle: Teen Category winner Briana Stahlheber's Library entrance design.
- Bottom: Adult Category winner Nina Urbonya, for beautifully illustrating the Library's sense of community that blossoms through reading.

To celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month, we invite all Bloomfield Township residents to get a new library card with one of these beautiful designs beginning September 1.

Exploring the Digital World @ the Library

Bloomfield Township Public Library offers an incredible range of downloadable materials through Libby, hoopla, Kanopy, and PressReader. These digital options open a whole new world of e-books, e-audiobooks, movies, music, newspapers, and magazines you can access anytime, anywhere with your library card. Visit www.btpl.org/all-downloads or search the app store on your smartphone, tablet, computer, or smart TV to get started.



Libby is designed to make borrowing digital books a breeze. Use this app on your smartphone, tablet, or e-reader to discover a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, bestsellers, and children's books. Libby offers a user-friendly interface and a customizable reading experience with adjustable fonts, night mode, and the option to sync your progress across multiple devices.



From movies and TV shows, to music, comics, e-books, and e-audiobooks, **hoopla** has it all. Hoopla lets you instantly access an extensive collection of your favorite titles with no waiting lists or late fees. Stream or download your preferred content and enjoy it on various devices. With the hoopla app the world of entertainment is at your fingertips.



Calling all film enthusiasts! **Kanopy** showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard to find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema. Compatible with smartphones, tablets, computers, and smart TVs, Kanopy gives you the ability to watch films anytime, anywhere.



Stay connected to the world with **PressReader**. This platform provides access to thousands of newspapers and magazines in over 60 languages from around the globe. Keep up on the latest global news including current events, business, politics, and culture. PressReader offers a customizable reading experience, and has the option of searching for specific articles.

Explore these digital treasures and unlock a wealth of resources at the Library! If you need assistance with any of these apps call (248) 642-5800 or email AskAdult@btpl.org.



Coming Soon: The BTPL Mobile App

Get ready for a game-changing library experience! Coming soon, the **BTPL Mobile app** will allow you to seamlessly manage your library account, track borrowed materials, and renew items with just a few taps. Explore the Library's extensive catalog of books, movies, and music, and discover downloadable content. Stay up-to-date with library programs for all ages, ensuring you never miss a fun event. Access the Library's online resources and databases for lifelong learning and entertainment. From placing popular titles on hold to keeping up with Library news, this app is your gateway to discovery on your Apple or Android device. Visit www.btpl.org for more information.





Youth

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

STORY TIMES

Preschool STEAMtime: Story Time and Discovery

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

September 12 – October 17, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins August 14.

November 7 – December 12, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins October 9.

Preschoolers ages 3 and up can explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) through stories, rhymes, music, and discovery activities in this independent story time.

Baby and Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

September 13 – October 18, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins August 14.

November 8 – December 13, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins October 9.

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

Sensory Story Time

Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

October 21, Registration is required and begins September 23.

November 18, Registration is required and begins October 14.

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

Outdoor Family Story Time

Fridays, 11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

September 8 and October 13

No registration is required. For families of all ages. Join us outside for story time on the Youth Terrace. Grab your jackets, hats, and blankets and cozy up together for stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more. In the case of inclement weather, Story Time will be held inside.

Virtual Family PJ Story Time (Live on Zoom)

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

September 6, October 4, and November 1

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

PLAY & BUILD PROGRAMS

Tots and Friends Playtime

Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

September 7 – November 30 (No program November 23)

No registration is required. Drop in for unstructured play, building, and discovery in the Story Room. Caregivers and little ones of all ages can interact with toys and books that support each child's learning and development. Adaptive toys for children with low vision, motor difficulties, or other accessibility needs will be included.

Brick Builders

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Spooky Things

Friday, November 24, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Dinosaurs!

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.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Art Lab*

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

September 28, Registration is required and begins August 31.

October 26, Registration is required and begins September 28.

November 16, Registration is required and begins October 26.

Explore different art mediums, some traditional and some not, in this creative program for young people ages 10 – 13.

Art Lab Junior*

Mondays, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

September 11, Registration is required and begins August 14.

October 9, Registration is required and begins September 11.

November 13, Registration is required and begins October 9.

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

Cozy Fiber Fun

Thursday, November 30, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Are you a young fiber artist age 7 and up? Are you making a gift for someone? If you are working on an existing crochet, knitting, embroidery, felting, or any other fiber project, bring it along and drop into the Story Room. Work on your own project while chatting with friends – and get inspired by theirs!



CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy

Wednesday, September 20, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required and is open August 23 – September 18. This workshop explores skills parents can use to become more effective

advocates for their child with a disability. These skills include understanding your child's disability, knowing your rights and responsibilities, understanding the special education process, and more. Presented by the Michigan Alliance for Families.

Addressing Anxiety in Your Child or Teen

Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins October 18.

This workshop will introduce you to the signs and symptoms of anxiety in your child as well as real-life strategies to address anxious behaviors. Local therapist, Jessica Cortez, LMSW, will teach you evidence-based tools to try at home to support your child working through high emotions and behaviors. Families will receive handouts, worksheets, and resource lists that can assist in improving emotion regulation with their child.

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

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Visit the Events page at www.btpl.org/events to register for these one-hour book discussions. Print copies will be available for registered participants at the Youth Services Desk, or can be checked out and downloaded as e-audio or e-book formats through OverDrive or hoopla.

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

Monday, September 18, 5:30 p.m., *Registration begins August 21.*

Thursday, October 19, 5:30 p.m., *Registration begins September 18.*

Monday, November 20, 5:30 p.m., *Registration begins October 19.*

Book Worms, Grades 2 – 3*

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m., *Registration begins August 30.*

Monday, October 30, 6:30 p.m., *Registration begins September 27.*

Tuesday, November 28, 6:30 p.m., *Registration begins October 30.*

Paperbacks & Snacks, Grades 4 – 6*

Thursday, September 14, 6:30 p.m., *Registration begins August 17.*

Thursday, October 12, 6:30 p.m., *Registration begins September 14.*

Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m., *Registration begins October 12.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Grand Ole Time to Celebrate Grandparents

Saturday, September 9, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Registration is required and begins August 12.

For ages 1 – 6 with an adult. Grandparents (or any adult) and their child(ren) are invited to join us for lots of fun crafting, singing, dancing, and listening to stories together.

Reading with the Dogs

Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 19.

Kids ages 5 and up are invited to register for a 15-minute reading session with a furry friend at the Library. Therapy dogs and their handlers will be ready to listen in our Story Room. This is a great opportunity to practice your reading skills in a comfortable setting (with no judgment from the dogs!)

Mad Science Detroit Dinosaur Workshop*

Thursday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins October 5.

Future paleontologists, ages 7 – 12, are invited to join a dinosaur excavation with Mad Science Detroit. Examine real fossil casts and see the differences in the teeth of herbivorous and carnivorous dinosaurs. Students will participate in a mini dinosaur excavation and make a cast of a dinosaur tooth to take home.

Tea-Rex (and Other Dinos) Tea Party

Saturday, November 11, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins October 14.

If you are between 4 – 7 years old, we would like to cordially invite you and an adult guest for afternoon tea at the Bloomfield Township Public Library. Entertainment will be provided through games, crafts, and refreshments. We encourage our young guests and their escorts to dress in proper tea party attire, dinosaur costumes, or both.

HALLO“MONTH”



There was too much spooky stuff happening to fit in just one week, so we expanded to a month's worth of activities!

Haunted Gingerbread House Competition for Teens and Adults

Saturday, October 14, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 11. Make your own spooky or cute gingerbread house and compete against other teens and adults in this hands-on competition. Players may participate as an individual or group (maximum group size 3). Only one Library cardholder needs to register per group.

Halloween Creepies with Dan the Creature Man*

Saturday, October 21, 2 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 21. Join Dan Briere the Creature Man, for a fun, educational, and slightly creepy program featuring a colorful collection of non-venomous snakes, lizards, turtles, crocodiles, and amphibians.

Trick or Treat Food Truck Rally

Wednesday, October 25, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required. Food trucks will be set up in the parking lot offering tasty food and treats for purchase, which you can enjoy eating on the Library Terraces before or after Trick or Treating.

Trick or Treat at the Library!

Wednesday, October 25, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Grab your costume and drop in for Trick or Treating at the Library! Head to the first stop in Youth Services to decorate your trick-or-treating bag and to pick up your first treats. Then follow the trick-or-treating map to find each station around the Library for peanut-free goodies, Halloween-themed mini craft kits, stickers, games, and other cool activities.

UFOs over Michigan with Bill Konkolesky, MI MUFON

Thursday, October 26, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Did you know that Michigan has some of the biggest UFO cases on record? Find out about these unusual and well-documented UFO sightings with Bill Konkolesky, State Director for the Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network. Bill served as a consultant to Netflix's *Unsolved Mysteries*, History Channel's *Hangar 1* and *UFO Hunters*, National Geographic Channel's *The Truth Behind*, and the Science Channel's *Uncovering Aliens* and *Close Encounters*.

After Hours Children's Spooky Tales on the Youth Terrace

Friday, October 27, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 29. For children ages 8 – 12. Grab a blanket and join us under the Youth Terrace heaters for hot cocoa, snacks, and spooky, shivery tales.

Teen After Hours Program: Survive the Zombie Apocalypse!

Friday, October 27, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 27. Are you a fan of *The Last of Us* or *The Walking Dead*? Join us for the zombie apocalypse at the Library, featuring an escape room, library-wide hide-and-seek, and zombie duck hunts. Fun prizes and delicious refreshments will be provided. For teens ages 13 – 17.

Adults

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



ONGOING PROGRAMS

The Library offers eight book discussion clubs, a Fiber Arts club, two writing groups, and a weekly English Language Conversation group. For a full listing of these programs, please visit www.btpl.org/events.

Featured Club: NEW Pages Across Nations International Book Club **First Wednesday each month, 7 p.m.**

Registration is required and ongoing. This new librarian-led club will discuss works by contemporary authors from around the world.

CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES

After Hours Concert: Hannah O'Brien and Grant Flick*

Friday, November 17, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Fiddle duo Hannah O'Brien and Grant Flick will play a mix of original compositions and traditional pieces from various fiddling traditions. While the duo feels most at home on double fiddle, they also change instrumentation, often incorporating tenor guitar and nyckelharpa, resulting in an eclectic repertoire.

Dance Performance: Ballet Folklórico de Detroit*

Saturday, December 2, 2 p.m.

No registration is required. This Detroit-based group is comprised of volunteers who teach area youth ethnic traditions and cultural pride through ballet folklórico, otherwise known as traditional Mexican folk dancing. This type of ethnically diverse dance combines traditional indigenous styles with African, Spanish, and other European ones.

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

Coming this Winter! Please visit www.btpl.org/events for more info.

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

FOOD WORKSHOPS

Join us for one (or all) of these educational workshops led by Ghaida Havern, Extension Educator for Food Safety with Michigan State University Extension's Health and Nutrition Institute.

• Using Fresh Produce to Make Homemade Baby Food

Monday, October 2, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 1. Making your own baby food can be cost-effective and convenient. Learn about food-safe methods for making and storing your own baby food.

• Food Safety During Baby's First Year

Tuesday, October 24, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 24. Infants have a higher risk for foodborne illness because of their developing immune system. Learn important food safety tips to keep your baby healthy.

• Make and Preserve Fruit Butters

Monday, November 6, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins October 6. Fruit butters are a delicious addition to so many dishes! Join us to learn how to make and preserve delicious fruit butters like apple and pumpkin.

AUTHOR EVENTS

Detroit: An Illustrated Timeline* with Paul Vachon

Tuesday, September 12, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Join author Paul Vachon for a lecture on the newly released second edition of *Detroit: An Illustrated Timeline*, a photographic account of significant events in Detroit's history. Paul is an author and freelance writer covering Michigan travel, business, and popular culture. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

Intersections: Where Architecture Meets

Live Performance in the Motor City with Dale A. Carlson*

Tuesday, September 19, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Join photographer, architectural historian, and author Dale A. Carlson as he examines the histories of 20 architecturally significant Detroit-area live theater and music venues. Learn about these dazzling designs by noted Detroit architects along with stories of some of the legendary artists that performed in them.

Local Author Fair

Saturday, October 7, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Boys Come First* with Aaron Foley

Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Journalist, author, and native Detroiter Aaron Foley will talk about his debut novel *Boys Come First* along with his earlier works and upcoming projects. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the author and engage in insightful conversation. Books will be available for purchase.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Water Resources Commission Programs

Join Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash for a series of community discussions regarding water issues. Public concerns, questions, and feedback are welcome at each session.

• Session 1 – Water Resources Commission 101

Thursday October 5, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Topics include a history of the Water Resources Commissioner's office and an informational overview.

• Session 2 – Water Resources Commission Areas of Concern

Thursday October 19, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Topics include aging infrastructure, PFAS, climate change, and more.

Cable Cutting: Alternatives to Cable TV

Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins October 16. Have you considered canceling your cable TV package but aren't sure how to access your favorite content without it? Learn how to cut cable through an overview of some of the most popular and user-friendly cable alternatives.

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Teens

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Wednesday, September 27, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins August 27. Teens ages 13 – 18 are welcome to attend TAB meetings to discuss books, participate in arts and crafts, play games, and more. Snacks will be provided. To register visit www.btpl.org/events or email AskTeen@btpl.org.

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.

- **Bullet Journaling**, Available September 12.

Learn how to create a bullet journal to help organize scheduling, reminders, to-do lists, and brainstorming in a single notebook.

- **Victorian Halloween Paper Doll Witches**, Available October 2.

Turn Victorian clip art into three-dimensional spooky paper witches and warlocks.

- **Positive Potato Crochet Amigurumi**, Available November 9.

Create an adorable crocheted amigurumi potato complete with a positive quote! Makes a great gift or happy reminder for yourself.

MOVIE TIME @ THE LIBRARY

Movie Discussion Club

First Tuesday each month (NEW DAY), 7 p.m.

Registration is required and is ongoing. Watch the selected movie at home before joining a librarian-led discussion at the Library. All movies are available in the Library's media collection or streaming on Kanopy.

Film Discussions with Dr. Tara Hayes*

Oakland University professor Dr. Tara Hayes will lead two movie discussions this fall. Attendees are encouraged to watch the film prior to the event, and extra copies will be available in the DVD collection.

- **Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining* (1980), Rated R**

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins August 28.

A family heads to an isolated hotel for the winter where a sinister presence influences the father into violence, while his psychic son sees horrific forebodings from both past and future.

- **Jordan Peele's *Get Out* (2017), Rated R**

Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 25.

A young African-American man visits his white girlfriend's parents for the weekend, where his simmering uneasiness about their reception of him eventually reaches a boiling point.

MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival

Saturday, September 30, 2 p.m. or Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Event lasts approximately two hours. Both sessions have the same content. Join us along with over 100,000 film lovers in over 500 cities across six continents to view and vote on the finalists' films in the 26th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival.

Computers & Technology

FALL TECH CLASSES

Join Systems staff for expert-led, subject-specific, one-and-a-half hour 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 the Computer Lab and are limited to seven participants.

Learn Canva

Wednesday, September 6, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8, 5:30 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

Thursday, September 7, 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Computer and Internet Basics

Wednesday, September 13, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21, 5:30 p.m.

Learn the ins and outs of your PC computer and internet browsers, from file organization to recovering passwords.

PowerPoint Basics

Thursday, September 21, 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Thursday, October 12, 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Don't Get Scammed!

Thursday, October 19, 5:30 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.

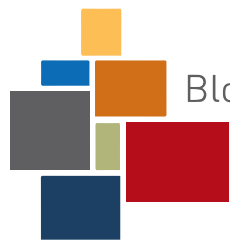
Scanning and Photo Editing

Tuesday, October 24, 5:30 p.m.

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

Personal Tech Help Available by Appointment

Whether you would like help with your smartphone or an answer to a specific tech topic, email Systems staff at AskTech@btpl.org to arrange a personal help session. For assistance with downloadable resources such as Libby, hoopla, Kanopy, or PressReader, email Adult Services for an individual appointment at AskAdult@btpl.org.



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Monday-Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

12 noon - 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Closings

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

Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving
Closing at 5:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve,
Wednesday, November 22

Sunday and Monday, December 24 and 25
for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Sunday, December 31 and Monday, January 1
for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

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

September 9, October 14, and November 11

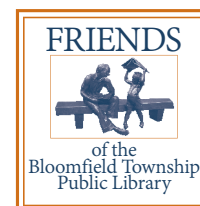
Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

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

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



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



Make it your
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today!

Coming this Fall @ the Library...

Author talks, concerts, performances,
food and caregiver workshops, book
discussions, story times, and more.
Details available at www.btpl.org.