The Library Photo Contest is back for the eighth year with an exciting theme: Picture Perfect Patterns. Bloomfield Township residents of all ages are invited to explore the captivating world of patterns in our everyday lives. Unleash your creativity, whether through black and white compositions, vivid color contrasts, or abstract interpretations. See www.btpl.org/photo-contest for details on how to enter. Winners will be announced at the Photo Contest Reception on Saturday, April 13, 2024.
Millage Renewal Proposal

On the February 27, 2024 ballot, Bloomfield Township residents will be presented with the opportunity to renew a millage for Bloomfield Township Public Library. The Library Board of Trustees is asking voters to consider renewing the current millage at a rate of .5047 for 10 years in order to maintain the existing level of funding for the Library. For more information, visit the Library’s website or attend one of the upcoming informational sessions, Wednesday, January 17 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., or Thursday, February 15 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Click here to read the full text of the millage renewal proposal.

Upcoming Programs @ the Library

Lecture: Home Organizing with Emilie Rivard
Tuesday, January 30, 7 p.m.
No registration is required. Emilie Rivard of Organize Step By Step will offer specific guidance on getting organized and creating space in your home, workplace, and life to help you accomplish your goals. She’ll talk about how to start, how to keep going, making decisions, and how to focus on sustainable change.

History Lecture: The First Michigan Colored Infantry Regiment with Maurice Imhoff
Monday, February 5, 7 p.m.
No registration is required. Following the Emancipation Proclamation, the U.S. military formed the United States Colored Troops. Even as Black soldiers fought and died, their citizenship status remained uncertain. Racist policies limited opportunities for Black soldiers to become line officers and paid them lower wages than whites. Join Maurice Imhoff for a lecture on the history of the First Michigan Colored Infantry Regiment, later known as the 102nd United States Colored Infantry, discussing its early authorization to its present-time remembrance.

Winter Reading Challenge
December 21 - January 31
Warm up with a good book, challenge yourself, and enter to win prizes. Visit btpl.org/winter for more information and to get started.
Warm Up in Youth Services

Registration for upcoming weekly Youth Story Times and Book Clubs is open. Visit the Library's online [Calendar of Events](#) to learn more and to register your child. Other programs include:

**Tots and Friends Playtime**
Friday Mornings, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
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 accessibility needs will be included.

**Sensory Story Time**
Saturday, January 13, 11 a.m.
*Registration is required.* Join us in an adaptive story time for youth of all abilities, including those who have difficulty in large groups or sensory integration challenges. Experience gentle multisensory engagement, visual aids, adaptive movement, and low lights and sounds. For ages 3 and up with a grown-up.

**After-Hours Family Fort Night**
Friday, January 26, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
*No registration is required.*
Bring your blankets and sheets to transform tables, chairs, nooks, and crannies into your family’s personal fort inside the Library. Read stories, eat snacks, and have fun at this after-hours family event. For families of all ages.

**Storytelling with Ms. Gwen**, Thursday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.
*No registration is required.* Storyteller and educator Gwendolyn Lewis welcomes you to engage in an interactive storytelling session celebrating Black History Month as she shares African Culture through songs, dance, drummin’ and more! For ages 5 and up.

**Vintage Video Game Night**, Friday, February 2, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
*No registration is required.* We’re bringing out our favorite old-school consoles and games for a fun after-hours event at the Library. For ages 8 – 12.

**Winter Puzzle Tournament**
Saturday, February 3, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
*Registration is required and closes January 27.*
Our Tournament is back! Puzzle players of all ages and levels may compete in teams of 2 – 4 players for a chance to win fun prizes. Gather your puzzle-loving family and friends!

To register your team, please email [AskAdult@btpl.org](mailto:AskAdult@btpl.org) or [AskYouth@btpl.org](mailto:AskYouth@btpl.org) with your library card number, the team leader’s contact information, all team members’ names and ages, and puzzle difficulty level (novice, intermediate, or advanced). You may also call (248) 642-5800 to register.
Visit our Calendar of Events for upcoming programs at the Library including:

- **English Language Conversation Group**, Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
- **Preschool STEAMtime: Story Time and Discovery**, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., January 16 – February 20 (6-week session)
- **Toddler Story Time** and **Baby Story Time**, New 6-week sessions begin the week of January 15.
- **Microsoft Excel II**, Tuesday, January 30, 5:30 p.m.

Are you a curious library patron eager to unlock a treasure trove of literary delights, educational insights, and library happenings? Look no further than our email newsletters! By subscribing, you’ll receive information on the latest books and movies, fun and educational programs for all ages, and new library services and resources, all tailored to your unique interests. Signing up is quick and easy – just visit btpl.org/newsletter-signup/ or ask staff for assistance in the Library. Subscribe today and embark on a journey of discovery, curiosity, and imagination!

**Friends of the Library**

The Friends of the Library will hold their **Second Saturday Sale**, Saturday, January 13, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., with a members-only sale period from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. (memberships available at the door). Please bring a bag or box for your purchase. Donations are also being accepted in the Book Donation Room on the west end of the building during the Library’s open hours. For the most up-to-date Friends information, please visit their Facebook page or the library’s website.
Library Hours

The Library building is open. Please visit www.btpl.org for up-to-date information.

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

Holiday Closings

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

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