the growing awareness that he is gay. His story is told with insight,

Author Visit: Curtis Chin

anticipation for Curtis Chin’s visit to the Library on March 25, where

Cantonese restaurant in Detroit. This discussion will help to build

Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m.

www.btpl.org/teen

TAB meeting. Winners will receive a library item with their design and

March is National Reading Month! We encourage all ages to

Library challenges you to read 50 books – there’s no deadline, so you

50 Book Challenge for Adults

test your knowledge and challenge your inner bookworm.

Adult and Teen Services librarians will dish out weekly literary trivia to

Are you the Ken Jennings of literature? Prove it! Beginning March 1,

Adult and Teen Services Weekly Literary Trivia Challenges

Please visit

www.btpl.org/events,

half hour tech classes. Basic computer skills are all that is required to

Participate. Township residents may register at

www.btpl.org/teen

or by calling (248) 642-5800, ext. 405.

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New Online Catalog @ the library!

This March, the Library will upgrade to a new online catalog system to provide you with an enhanced and user-friendly experience. This new catalog, Vega Discover, uses a simple, intuitive interface that allows you to navigate and discover the extensive array of books, DVDs, CDs, jobs, downloadable titles, and more that the Library has to offer.

You can use Vega Discover to efficiently search for specific titles, browse new releases and librarian-curated recommendation lists, place holds on popular items, and manage your account.

This catalog upgrade marks a significant step forward in the Library’s goal of offering innovative technology resources for a seamless digital experience. To access the new resource, visit www.btpl.org and click “Catalog” in the top right corner to search for your next great read today! Call or stop by the Library if you have any questions.

Eighth Annual Photo Contest – “Picture Perfect Patterns”

Photo submissions are being accepted from Bloomfield Township residents through midnight, Sunday, March 17 at www.btpl.org/photo-contest. Prizes will be awarded in three age categories – children, teens, and adults – along with a People’s Choice award and a grand prize awarded by Best of Bruce. The entire community is invited to a Photo Contest Reception, Saturday, April 15, 2 p.m. where all photos will be displayed and the winners announced.

Library Hours

Sunday - 12 noon - 5:30 p.m.

Monday - Thursday - 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday and Saturday - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day Holiday

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March is Reading Month Events

Kindergarten Readers’ Roundup
March 1 – March 31
We are celebrating emerging readers by inviting local kindergartners classes to our Kindergarten Readers’ Roundup during March. March is Reading Month. Students will love the Roundup, enjoy a fun talk by volunteers with book-buddy characters, and so much more. Details are available through your local elementary school.

Book Character Scavenger Hunt
See if you can find one of your favorite book characters hidden all around the Youth Room during the month of March. Stop by the Youth Services Desk for more details.

Virtual Family PJ Story Time (Live on Zoom)*
March 27 – May 21 (no program on April 15th and May 2nd)
No registration is required. Drop in to participate and play, build, and discover in the Story Room. Caregivers and kids of all ages can involve with toys and books that suit each child’s learning and development. Adaptive toys for children with low vision, motor difficulties, or other academic needs will be included.

Sensory Integration Challenges.
Participants can expect stories with

Registration begins April 13.

Play & Build Programs

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math

Registration begins March 4.

Art Lab†
March 31, 10:30 a.m., Registration begins February 12
March 31, 1:30 p.m., Registration begins March 7
March 31, 4:30 p.m., Registration begins March 10
March 31, 7:30 p.m., Registration begins March 13

Art Lab Junior†
March 1, 1:30 p.m., Registration begins February 12
March 4, 10:30 a.m., Registration begins February 15
March 11, 1:30 p.m., Registration begins February 22
March 18, 10:30 a.m., Registration begins March 21
March 25, 1:30 p.m., Registration begins March 24

Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.
Registration is required and begins March 16.

Lecture: Climate Change as of 2024 – A Conversation with Meteorologist Chris Edwards

This event features one-on-one interviews, where local authors can talk about their books with young readers of the Youth Services desk. The event will be held inside.

Reading with the Dogs
There is an answer

Registration begins February 13.

A book lover, a family, and a dog, can lead to make a meaningful experience for both the dog and the owner. These dogs and their handlers are trained to listen and provide a calming environment, making them a great fit for individuals who may struggle with traditional therapy services. Details are available through the Library. Therapy dogs and their handlers will be ready to listen and provide comfort to individuals of all ages, including children and adults with special needs.

Other Events

Birdwatching and Birding for the Young Birder

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SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS

Reading with the Dogs
Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Registration is required and begins February 19. Kids, ages 5 and up, are invited to register for Story Time reading sessions with a furry friend at the Library. Therapy dogs and their handlers will be on hand to read in our Story Room. This is a great opportunity to practice your reading skills in a comfortable setting with no judgment from the dog! Email knoth@btpl.org or call Youth Services at (248) 540-5900 to register.

Disney Movie Marathon
Monday, March 5, 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.
No registration is required. Stop by the Story Room for a viewing of a favorite Disney classic and contemporary Disney films. Popcorn and water provided. Family fun for all ages.

Cardio Science on the Go: Weights, and Cardio Things Wednesday, March 27, 5:00 p.m.
Registration is required and begins February 25. Explore beneficial adaptations of weights, cardiovascular, and more. This hands-on program will provide information and awareness live lectures from the collection at the Cardiovascular Institute of Science. For building endurance, ages 3 and up.

Intro to Performance Art
Thursday, March 28, 5:00 p.m.
Registration is required and begins February 25. This interactive program features a performer from Moxy. Moxy will introduce audience members to different types of performance art and provide opportunities to try out some amazing new props such as toilet paper, dancing sticks, and spinning plates. The show includes a mixture of performance activities and audience participation. For ages 6 and up.

Ted E. Bear Pen Pal Program
April 1 – 20
Get ready for a super cool adventure with Ted E. Bear. Here’s how it works: go to your local public library and get a letter to Ted E. Bear. Tell him about yourself, your favorite hobbies, or ask him anything you want. Put the letter into the special mailbox in the Youth Room, wait for 5-7 days, and Ted E. Bear will meet your letter and you’ll get a special letter back.

Birdwatching and Birding for the Young Birder
Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.
No registration is required. Discover the excitement and enjoyment of bird-watching with bird expert, Greg Bodiker. Young birders, ages 6 and up, will learn how to attract birds to their backyard, about birding “hotspots” in the area, interesting stories from the field, and more.

Michigan Science Center Portable Planetarium: Eclipse Science
Thursday, April 4, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Registration is required and begins March 7. Register for this free once-a-year event. Explore the phenomena of solar and lunar eclipses and journey with us on the path of totality, learn how light and shadows play a crucial role in creating these breathtaking events and get a sneak peak of the 2024 North American Solar Eclipse on April 2. For ages 6 and up.

Eclipse Art Project
Thursday, April 4, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
No registration is required. Join us in fun eclipses and paper related activities on your schedule when you visit the Library. There will be a smile model of the solar eclipse, eclipse art to make and take home, calendars to explore, and more.

Celebrate National Library Week: Be A Star Reader
Sunday, April 7 – Saturday, April 13
No registration is required. Bring your favorite books to the Youth Services Department and have your photo taken with in celebration of National Library Week. All participants and their homes entered into a special drawing. 20 lucky Star Readers will have their books featured on ROAD plates that will be displayed monthly in the Library.

Baby Parade
Saturday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.
Registration is required and begins March 27. Our youngest fans are invited to bring their stroller or wagon to the Library to make a walk for the Baby Parade. Parade participants will be profiled, but you must register your own stroller or wagon. For birth through age 3 with an adult.

May the 4th Be With You and Free Comic Book Day
Saturday, May 7, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
No registration is required. Drop in for Star Wars and comic book fun all day including crafts, comic drawing activities, and a Star Wars themed photo booth. Take home a free comic book, provided in partnership with Comic City of Bloomfield Township.

How to Make a Mini-Comic Workshop
Saturday, May 7, 11:00 a.m.
No registration is required. Young animators of all ages are invited to drop in to the Youth Room to make a paper airplane. We will supply the paper, design elements, and the “How-To” — you supply the creativity.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

Addressing Anxiety in Your Child or Teen
Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 p.m.
Registration is required and begins March 12. 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, Donnie Caccamo will discuss what anxiety is, how it affects all of us, and steps we can take at home to support your child through high emotions and behaviors. Families will receive relaxation, visualization, and stress-relief tools.

Teens

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Wednesday, April 11, 4:00 p.m.
Registration is required and begins March 10. All teens are welcome to attend TAB meetings. We discuss books, make arts and crafts, play games and more. This month’s teens will be selecting the winners of the Teen Book Cover Design Contest. Snacks will be provided.

Crafting Conversations
Wednesday, May 8, 4:00 p.m.
Registration is required and begins April 8. Come paint with us! Bring your own items to paint or create something using our supplies. Acrylic paints, ceramics, and brushes will be available.
PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Lecture: Climate Change as of 2024* Simple, Surveys, Scientists with Chris Edwards*

Tuesday, March 7, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins February 15. This versatile fact-based look by meteorologist Chris Edwards at the scientific rate of the issues and impacts involved in climate change will center on southeast Michigan. Chris will explore a range of ideas to address the significant challenges we face, including what each of us can do individually.

Genealogy Workshop: Daughters of the American Revolution, Patty Hill Cooper, and Some of the American Revolution

Saturday, March 12, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Volunteer genealogists from the DAR and DAR will provide consolidations of ages 25-35 minutes of guidance and assistance with your lineage questions. Whether you are beginning your genealogy research or are more advanced, all are welcome to attend this workshop. Registration is required, but is free. Register by emailing pattihillcooper1@gmail.com. Slots will be filled as genealogists are available.

Lecture: Historical Clothing Presentation: 16th Century English and Colonial Fashion with Chris O'Brien

Wednesday, April 11, 6 p.m.

Registration is required and begins February 15. Last holiday, historian Chris O'Brien will discuss the social, economic, and political events of the time affecting what people wear in Europe and the Americas. Chris will present examples, exploring the various factors that enter into the history of the 16th-century fashions. How they changed over time and what factors they used, and their functions.

Lecture: Plants Used by the Anishinabek of the Great Lakes with Nathan Wright

Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.

Registration is required and begins April 10. Indigenous herbalist Nathan Wright will discuss the importance of maintaining a harmonious relationship with our surroundings and utilizing natural resources sustainably. Not just about using plants for medicinal purposes, herbalism is an integral part of indigenous culture, fostering a respect for nature and condensing knowledge passed down from generations.

GARDENING PROGRAMS

Lecture: A Toast to Compost with Janet Macunovich

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins March 15. There is an answer to the problem of disposing of yard waste – home composting. Composting allows you to make “black gold” from your yard clippings, leaves, sticks, and kitchen waste. Discover ways to start or manage a compost system that’s just for you. Presenter Janet Macunovich is an author and educator who has been teaching, planting, and maintaining gardens and landscapes for 40 years.

Lecture: Great Vegetables with Devin Cohen

Thursday, April 14, 6 p.m.

No registration is required. Discover how to plant, care, and grow your most productive garden ever! Learn from Devin’s decades of growing experiences, including tips on soil health, weed starting and transplanting, pruning, and weeding, as well as when to harvest your perfect produce. Devin Cohen is an award-winning author, horticulturist, creator of Great Home Fries, and host of the popular Seeds and Weeds podcast. Seeds will be available for purchase.

AFTER-HOURS CONCERTS

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

Friday, April 7, March 9 and April 12

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.

wildin’ hall*

Friday, March 30, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. wildin’ hall, founded by longtime collaborators Raleigh Miller and Ben Hall, create “Afro-diasporic excess” by binding new myth structures to a rich Velvet-African ritual music. The core instruments they use are the grito, a space- resonated gourd rattle native to Ghana’s Upper West Region and predecessor of the marimba, and the surdo, a Brazilian bass drum. Hall Berry is an analog acoustic SSD. The pair present orchestral sets of interlocking rhythms, fluctuating tempos, and melodies.

Orchids Sera

Friday, April 15, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Orchids Sera is a professional Michigan-based orchestra whose music is in transcendent ties through powerful, world-class performances that engage, inspire, and echo the lives of the communities they touch. Members are professional musicians, most of whom play for both the Detroit Opera House and Detroit Grand Circus. The Orchestra will present chamber music commissions for piano and design by Fits Chi Dassoii, Robert Parks, George Eno, and Susan Mariner.

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Author Visit: Curtis Chin*

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Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., April 2 or May 7

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., March 21 or May 23

ChatGPT and AI

Explore artificial intelligence basics, from machine learning to natural language processing, and learn how to make ChatGPT work for you.

For assistance with downloadable resources such as Libby, hoopla, Kanopy, or PressReader, email Adult and Teen Services for an individual appointment at AskTech@BTPL.org.

Ask a Librarian: How Do I Find Good Books?

Teen Book Cover Design Contest, March 4 – April 4

Can you turn your own design into a book cover? Teen Advisory Board members will select a winner at the April TAB meeting. Winners will receive a library item with their design and a gift card. Visit www.btpl.org/events for more information.

Teen Book of the Month Club

Teens – you are invited to use your mad editing skills to create a new book cover. Each month, choose a new book, and work in a group to design the cover. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative, clever, original, and artistic book covers. The first month will be Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant by Curtis Chin, a 2024 Michigan Notable Book. The book details Chin’s journey and how it influenced his life. The club will meet the second Tuesday of each month except April, which is the fourth Tuesday.

For the most current information on how to participate, visit www.btpl.org.

Library Hourly Challenges

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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday

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Saturday

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday

12 noon - 3:30 p.m.

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