March is National Reading Month – a month designated to motivate people of all ages to read every day. Reading has many benefits, including increasing memory recall, building vocabulary, and reducing stress.

Check out the many great programs the Library has to offer this spring as we celebrate all things reading. Visit the Youth or Adult and Teen Services Desks and discover your next great read!
Spring Adult and Teen Programs @ the Library

All are invited to an author talk by Curtis Chin on Monday March 25, 7 p.m. Writer, activist, and author of the 2024 Michigan Notable Book, *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant*, Mr. Chin will discuss his book detailing his upbringing and time working in his family’s Cantonese restaurant in Detroit. Prior to his visit, a librarian-led book discussion will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Register for both of these events today!

Join us on Friday, March 29, 7 p.m. for the music duo wilder/hall. Founded by longtime collaborators Kaleigh Wilder and Ben Hall, the pair present continuous sets of interlocking rhythms, fluctuating tempos, and melodies, creating “Afro-diasporic excavation” by finding new myth structures in and of Afro-American ritual music. The core instruments they use are the gyil, a gourd-resonated xylophone, and the surdo, a Brazilian bass drum. No registration is required.

Adults and teens ages 16+ are encouraged to sign up for the 50 Book Reading Challenge. The goal is to read 50 books over the course of a year – there's no deadline, so you can do so at your own pace. Stop by the Adult and Teen Services Desk to pick up your book tracker, then record your progress, and receive small prizes and prompts that inspire your next read.
March in to Youth Services for National Reading Month

Kindergarten Readers’ Roundups
We are celebrating emerging readers during National March is Reading Month by welcoming kindergarten classes in our community to our Kindergarten Readers’ Roundups to tour the Youth Room, enjoy fun skits with favorite book characters performed by your Youth Services librarians, and much more! Details for this program are available through the schools.

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 to find out more details.

Stories and Stuff Subscription Book Boxes
A subscription book service for grades 3 – 8. When you sign up, you will receive one highly recommended book based on your favorite topics and/or genres and some neat book-related gifts to keep! Sign up is for three months, 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.

Johnson Nature Center Visits
Your favorite Youth librarians will be visiting the Johnson Nature Center with stories and fun activities during the Maple Sugaring Sap Happy events on Saturday, March 16. For more information and to register visit the Johnson Nature Center website.

Sensory Story Time
Saturday, March 9, 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.

Virtual PJ Family Story Time
Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m.
Registration is required. 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.
Enjoy Spring Break @ the Library!

**Disney Movie Marathon**, Monday, March 25, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
*No registration is required.* Stop by the Story Room for a viewing of some favorite classic and contemporary Disney films! Popcorn and water provided. Family fun for all ages.

**Brick Builders**
Tuesday, March 26, 2 p.m. – 3 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 for this month's theme (Favorite Book for March is Reading Month) or do a theme building challenge with your friends.

**Intro to Performance Art**
Thursday, March 28, 2 p.m.
*Registration is required.* This interactive program features a performer from Motley Misfits who will introduce audience members to different styles of performance art and provide opportunities to try out some amazing flow props through audience participation. For ages 6 and up.

Visit our [Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming programs at the Library including:

- **Ask a Librarian: “How Do I Find Good Books?”**, Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m.
- **Bloomfield Historical Society’s Waterways, Trails, Artifacts, and Wild Rice: The Challenges of Uncovering Native American History**, Sunday, March 10, 3 p.m.
- **Don’t Get Scammed**, Tuesday, April 2, 5:30 p.m.
- **Birdwatching and Birding for the Young Birder**, Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.
Bloomfield Township residents still have time to enter their photos into the Library’s Eighth Annual Photo Contest – “Picture Perfect Patterns.” Submissions are being accepted through midnight, Sunday, March 17 at [www.btpl.org/photo-contest](http://www.btpl.org/photo-contest). Prizes will be awarded in three age categories (children, teens, and adults), along with a People’s Choice and a grand prize award for Best of Show. The entire community is invited to a Photo Contest Reception, Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m. where the winners will be announced.

**Friends of the Library**

The Friends of the Library will hold their Second Saturday Sale, Saturday, March 9, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., with a members-only sale period from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. ([memberships available](http://www.btpl.org/photo-contest) 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](http://www.btpl.org/photo-contest) or the [library’s website](http://www.btpl.org/photo-contest).

Thank you, Bloomfield Township, for your overwhelming support of the library millage renewal proposal! The proposal passed with over 72% of the vote. We are excited to continue providing valuable programs, collections, and services to all residents.
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