



ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

SUMMER 2024 | JUNE 18 – AUGUST 9

Calling Adventurers of All Ages!

You are invited on an unforgettable quest this summer. Participate in our thrilling reading challenge and discover exciting prizes, events, and activities. Don't miss out on the fun – join us at the Library and let the exploration begin!

Join the Summer Reading Challenge!

All are invited to participate in our online reading challenge. Log your summer reading and complete activities to win badges and enter prize drawings. Visit Adult and Teen Services, Youth Services, or btpl.org/summer for full details and to get started.



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Summer Reading Kickoff and Food Truck Rally

Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Family and friends of all ages are invited to join us as we kick off the summer reading adventure! Sign up for the “Adventure Begins at Your Library” summer reading challenge and discover crafts, games, food trucks, and more at the Library.

Food Truck Rally

Food trucks will be here from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Trucks will be set up in our parking lot for patrons to visit and purchase food and treats. Enjoy dining outdoors on one of the Library Terraces.



Summer Reading Wrap Up: Pirate Party for All Ages!

Friday, August 9, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Ahoy mateys! Join us for a swashbuckling adventure filled with treasure hunts, games, and more. Enjoy some music for landlubbers and mates on the high seas performed by musician Randy Kaplan, and don't forget to don your finest pirate attire for our costume contest.



Crayon to Crochet: Adventure Art Contest

June 18 – June 30

Artists ages 3 to 13 are invited to draw a fantasy creature based on the theme “Adventure Begins at Your Library,” and enter it into the contest. Five lucky winners will receive a handmade crochet version of their drawing crafted by one of our resident fiber artist librarians.



Puzzle Tournament

Saturday, July 20, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Gather your puzzle-loving family and friends! Puzzle players of all ages and levels may compete in teams of 2 – 4 players in our third puzzle tournament for a chance to win fun prizes. Visit our website for more information. **Team registration is required and begins June 20.**



Youth Programs

Reading Challenge for Birth – Eighth Grade

Complete activities and log the days you read in Beanstack to earn BTPL Bucks and grand prize drawing tickets! For every 5 days you read, you earn a Logging Badge, a BTPL Buck to spend at the Adventure Readers Market, and a ticket to enter into grand prize drawings. For each activity you complete, you earn an Activity Badge and a prize ticket. Earn 10 badges to complete the Summer Reading Challenge and earn even more prize tickets and BTPL Bucks!

Baby – Pre-K Programs

Outdoor Summer Family Story Time

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. No registration is required. ***Campfire Tales**

- Wednesday, June 19, 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 25, 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 2, 7 p.m.*
- Thursday, July 11, 11 a.m.
- Monday, July 15, 7 p.m.*
- Wednesday, July 24, 11 a.m.
- Thursday, August 1, 7 p.m.*
- Thursday, August 8, 11 a.m.

Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays 10 a.m. – 12 noon

June 7 – August 2



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.

Sensory Adventure

Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Little explorers ages 2 and up, along with their grown-up, can enjoy a variety of fun, hands-on sensory activities, including play dough, sensory bins, light tables, and more. No registration is required.



Splash Bash

Thursday, July 25, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Drop-in water play fun for little ones, ages 1 – 3 years, on the Youth Terrace. There will be 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. No registration is required.

Kids Programs

Library Olympics

Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Join us for competitive library games and mini physical challenges based on real Olympic events. Will you take home the gold? For Olympians ages 8 and up. **Registration is required and begins June 12.**



Construction Club: Build or Bust!

Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Junior architects, ages 5 and up, are invited to join us for building fun with LEGO bricks, giant blocks, MAGNA-TILES, Lincoln Logs, and more. No registration is required.

Reading with the Dogs

Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. **Registration begins May 28.**

Monday, July 22, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. **Registration begins June 25.**

Thursday, August 22, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. **Registration begins July 22.**

Readers 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. This is a great opportunity to practice reading skills in a comfortable setting with no judgment from the dogs!

Art Lab Jr. Special Summer Edition: Map Making

Thursday, August 1, 2 p.m.

Discover the adventure of cartography by designing your own treasure map in a special summer edition of Art Lab, Jr. For ages 7 – 9. **Registration is required and begins July 8.**



Pokémon Party

Wednesday, August 7, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Pokémon fans, ages 7 and up, are invited to drop in to swap Pokémon cards, play Pokémon against others, and try your hand at Pokémon trivia! No registration is required.



Indiana Joel's Magic Show

Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m.

Climb, run, and leap into reading with Indiana Joel's Magic Show! Michigan's family funnyman, Joel Tacey, brings adventure stories to life with amazing magic, wacky stunts, music, and lots of audience participation. For families of all ages. **Registration is required and begins June 20. Please register all family members attending (including adults).**



Tween Programs

Constellation Jars

Monday, June 24, 7 p.m.

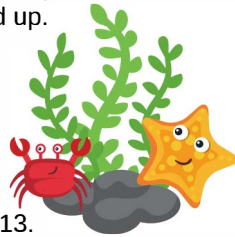
Learn about some famous constellations and other celestial bodies, then create your own glowing constellation jar to take home. All supplies are included. For ages 9 and up. **Registration is required and begins May 27.**



Under the Sea Escape Room

Wednesday, June 26, 3 p.m. OR 6 p.m.

Get lost under the sea and work as a team to find your way back to the surface! For ages 10-13. **Registration is required and begins May 29. Please register for only one time slot.**



Dungeons and Dragons for Tweens

Wednesday, July 31,

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

OR 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



Searching for adventure? Tweens ages 10 – 13 can join in on a “rules light” Dungeons and Dragons one shot game. 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.

Registration is required and begins July 3. Please register for only one time slot.

All Ages Programs

Tiny Art Kits

Available July 1 (while supplies last)

Create a tiny work of art on a small canvas. Kits can be picked up, beginning July 1, while supplies last. Bring back your tiny creation by July 31, to be displayed in our Tiny Art Show in September.



Disney Movies Through the Ages

Wednesdays in July and August

Bring a blanket and cozy up to watch Disney movies from the '90s to today. Popcorn and water provided, but you may bring your own nut-free snacks. No registration is required.

- July 3, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. *Hercules* (rated G)
- July 17, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. *Up* (rated PG)
- August 14, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. *Moana* (rated PG)
- August 28, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. *Encanto* (rated PG)

Wildlife Safari

Tuesday, July 23, 2 p.m. OR 4 p.m.

Are you looking for adventure? Let us take you on an expedition to discover exotic animals from around the world for adventurers of all ages. Presented by Nelson the Animal Guy, a federally licensed conservationist, master falconer, wildlife exhibitor, and animal trainer. **Registration is required and begins June 25. Please register for only one time slot and list all family members attending (including adults).**

Tales on the Trails at the Johnson Nature Center

Monday, July 29, 2 p.m.

Registration begins July 1.

Tuesday, August 6, 11 a.m.

Registration begins July 29.

Join us for a hiking story time adventure on the trails at the Johnson Nature Center. Stories, songs, and activities on the move for families of all ages. We will meet in front of the Visitor's Center before heading out on the trail.



Family Concerts

Music at the Blissful

Friday, June 21, 4:30 p.m.

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, and laugh with Music at the Blissful. This is sure to be an action-packed good time for all. No registration is required.

Jim Gill's Sing-A-Thon of Celebrated Songs

Thursday, June 27, 11 a.m.

Get ready to sing, clap, dance, and spin during this visit by award-winning musician and author Jim Gill. Jim's distinctive music invites children, parents, and grandparents to sing and play together. For families of all ages.

Registration is required and begins May 30. Please register all family members attending (including adults).



Adult and Teen Programs

Reading Challenge for Adults and Teens

Log your reading and complete activities in Beanstack to earn tickets to enter the grand prize drawings! You can earn up to 10 Logging Badges, 6 Activity Badges, and 2 Challenge Badges for a total of 18 chances to enter three different grand prize drawings. Register to win a Library lawn sign and complete the Summer Reading Challenge to win a Library logo tote bag.

Teen Craft Kit: Iron-On Book Bag

Releases Tuesday, June 18

Create your own *A Court of Thorns and Roses* or space-themed book bag using iron-on transfers. Available while supplies last.

Teen Summer Read

June 1 – July 31

Read along with other teens this summer. Multiple copies of books in both series are available at the Library. Each book you read from one of these series counts double in your Beanstack summer reading app!



Outdoor Adventure Scavenger Hunt

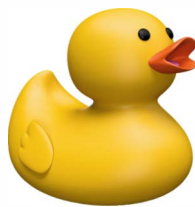
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Play the Outdoor Adventure Scavenger Hunt from anywhere! Visit our website to access the game. Complete the hunt to be entered into a raffle for a Stanley tumbler.

Adventure Duck Hunt

Wednesday, July 10, 3 p.m.

Teens! Go on an adventure duck hunt! Search inside the Library for ducks. If you find a special duck, you win a prize. Kick-off is at 3 p.m., and the hunt ends at 4:30 p.m. or while supplies last. Limit three ducks per person. Prizes are for teens ages 13 – 18. No registration is required.



Crafting Conversations for Teens: Beaded Charm Bracelet Bar

Wednesday, July 24, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Stop by the Library with your friends to gather supplies to create your very own beaded bracelet. Teens are welcome to select beads to take home to make, or, stay and create with other teens! Available beads include multiple colors, letters, and charms. No registration is required.



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Summer Reading Kickoff: Teen Treasure Hunt and Craft Kit

Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Join us the night of the Summer Reading Kickoff for fun activities at the Library including a library-wide treasure hunt, teen-only craft kits, and summer reading sign up. Participants receive a FREE teen book!

Golden Girls V. Seinfeld Trivia Night with Mocktails

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

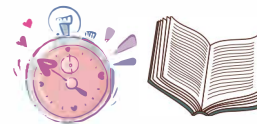
Join us for mocktails and trivia night at the Library! Get ready to answer a challenging range of questions on both iconic shows. Form a team of up to six people and register in advance. Delicious themed mocktails and snacks will be provided. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team. **Registration is required and begins June 11.**



Speed Dating with a Book

Friday, August 2, 7 p.m.

Looking for some great reads to complete the summer reading challenge? Join us for an evening of librarians and staff members giving 20+ new pitches of great books in the span of an hour to help you find your next excellent read. **Registration is required and begins July 2.**



Craft and Activity Kits for Adults & Teens

Pick up kits at the Adult and Teen Services Desk while supplies last. Bloomfield Township residents only. One kit per library card.

Tiny Art Craft Kit

Releases Monday, July 1

Create a tiny work of art on a small canvas to display.



Crocheted Mushroom Stuffie

Releases Monday, July 29

Create a tiny mushroom family with this tutorial and free crochet pattern.



Last Chance Craft Adventure Kits

Releases Friday, August 9

Stop by Adult and Teen Services to select your own craft adventure.