

DISCOVER

2024 SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY



Librarians Drew, Emily, Killian, and Nicole are your friendly neighborhood bookworms who can't resist the siren call of movies, video games, music, and everything else in the pop culture universe. They've created **The Distracted Librarians** podcast, a digital campfire where they share their latest obsessions, analyze the hidden depths of their favorite distractions, and maybe, just maybe, rediscover the joy of reading in between.

If you're a fellow media junkie, a book lover, or someone looking for a fun, engaging escape from your daily grind, download the podcast from your favorite podcast app or listen at www.btpl.org/the-distracted-librarians. New episodes come out twice a month on the 1st and 15th. Sit back, relax, and prepare to get delightfully distracted!

Thank You for Being a Friend

The Library is grateful for the diverse group of supporters who each play a crucial role in enriching our community. One of our most valued groups is the **Friends of the Library**. With a dedicated group of volunteers, the Friends tirelessly support and promote the Library's mission. Through various fundraising initiatives, including their monthly Second Saturday sales of books and media, donations, and memberships, they have exceeded all expectations, gifting over \$105,000 to enhance the Library last year alone.

You too can become a Friend of the Library by joining at one of six membership levels. Membership not only allows you to support the Library but also grants you early access to each Second Saturday sale, giving you the first pick of the vast assortment of books and media. To sign up or to learn more, visit www.btpl.org/friends.

In addition to the Friends, we are grateful for our **Library Ambassadors**. Comprised of enthusiastic supporters with strong community ties, this group plays a vital role in facilitating community involvement and active participation in library initiatives. Meeting quarterly as an ad hoc committee of the Board of Trustees, they contribute valuable insights on strategic planning, marketing, public relations, and local advocacy.

Speaking of the **Board of Trustees**, these six elected officials are the backbone of the Library. With their fiduciary responsibilities, policy-setting role, and active involvement in library activities, they ensure the Library remains a financially sound hub of community engagement. Their commitment and hard work are indispensable.



The Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees.

Last but certainly not least, we consider **each and every one of our patrons** a friend. We are thrilled to share that the February 2024 millage renewal proposal passed with an overwhelming 72% of the vote. This significant support underscores your belief in the importance of the Library and the services we provide. Whether you visit us weekly, or just a few times a year, your support is deeply appreciated. When you come to borrow books, attend programs, or use study or meeting rooms, or when you simply share your love for the Library with others, you are an invaluable part of the library family.



Announcing Fines-Free @ the Library!

Welcome to a new chapter at Bloomfield Township Public Library. We're excited to share that as of April 1, 2024, **we have eliminated overdue fines** to make the Library more accessible and inclusive for everyone in our community. Whether you're a frequent patron or just beginning to explore our offerings, we want you to feel welcome to borrow and enjoy books, movies, music, and more without the worry of fines.

Please note, fees will still apply for lost, damaged, or unreturned items. Once an item is billed to your account, borrowing privileges will be suspended until the fees are settled.



Youth

Registration and information for youth programs can be found by visiting www.btpl.org/events or by calling the Youth Services Desk at (248) 642-5800. Please contact the Library if your child requires accommodations. 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.

DROP-IN SUMMER EVENTS

Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

June 7 – August 2

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.

Outdoor Summer Family Story Times

Various Days and Times

Wednesday, June 19, 11 a.m.

Monday, July 15, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 24, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 2, 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 1, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 11, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, August 6, 11 a.m.

No registration is required. 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.*

Music at the Blissful Family Concert*

Friday, June 21, 4:30 pm.

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

Disney Movies through the Ages

Wednesday, July 3, 2 p.m. – Hercules (G)

Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 p.m. – Up (PG)

Wednesday, August 14, 2 p.m. – Moana (PG)

Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 p.m. – Encanto (PG)

No registration is required. 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.

Sensory Adventure

Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

No registration is required. 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.

Construction Club: Build or Bust!

Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. 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.

Splash Bash

Thursday, July 25, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

No registration is required. 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.*

Pokemon Party

Wednesday, August 7, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

REGISTERED PROGRAMS



Children's Concert: Accent Pontiac Bucket Band

Saturday, June 15, 11 a.m.

Register by visiting greatlakeschambermusic.org/performance.

In partnership with the 2024 Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, the Library is hosting Accent Pontiac Bucket Band for a K – 5th grade hands-on, rhythmic music workshop using drumsticks and buckets.

Constellation Jars

Monday, June 24, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins May 27. Learn about some famous constellations and celestial bodies. Then create a glowing constellation jar to take home. All supplies are included. For ages 9 and up.

Reading with the Dogs

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

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

Thursday, August 22, 7 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!

Under the Sea Escape Room

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

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

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

Thursday, June 27, 11 a.m.

Registration is required and begins May 30. 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.

Library Olympics

Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 12. 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.

Indiana Joel's Magic Show*

Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 20. Please register all family members attending (including adults). 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.

Wildlife Safari*

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

Registration is required and begins June 25. Please register for only one time slot and list all family members attending (including adults). 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.

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 August 6.

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.

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.

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

Art Lab, Jr. Special Summer Edition: Map Making

Thursday, August 1, 2 p.m.

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

ANY TIME FUN!

Tiny Art Kits

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.

I Spy at the Library: Scavenger Hunts

Beginning June 1, Youth Services will be holding a different themed scavenger hunt each month this summer. Stop by the Youth Services Desk for more information.

Sensory Garden on the Youth Terrace

Take a walk outside and discover the Youth Terrace sensory garden. See, smell, and touch this garden of flowers and herbs for the senses.

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 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. The next sign up begins June 1.

Teens

EVENTS

Teen Summer Read: *A Court of Thorns and Roses* and *Nyxia* Series

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!

- ***A Court of Thorns and Roses* series by Sarah J. Maas**

Dragged off to a treacherous magical land as retribution for killing a wolf, huntress Feyre learns that her captor, Tamlin, is one of the lethal, immortal faeries who once ruled her world.

- ***Nyxia* series by Scott Reintgen**

Recruited by a mysterious corporation for a mission in outer space, an ordinary teen joins a group of fellow travelers, each of whom must earn the right to travel down to a paradise planet where the universe's most valuable mineral has been discovered.

Outdoor Adventure Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, June 18 – Friday, August 9

Join in an outdoor adventure scavenger hunt and compete for a chance to win prizes. Visit the Library's website at www.btpl.org for more information.

Adventure Duck Hunt

Wednesday, July 10, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

No registration is required. 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.

Crafting Conversations for Teens: Beaded Charm Bracelet Bar

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

No registration is required. Stop by the Library with your friends to gather supplies and create your own *A Court of Thorns and Roses* inspired beaded bracelet. Teens are welcome to select beads to take home and make, or stay and create with other teens.

Teens & Adults

CRAFT KITS

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

- **Teen Craft Kit: Iron-On Book Bag**, Available Tuesday, June 18.

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

- **Tiny Art Craft Kit**, Available Monday, July 1.

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

- **Crocheted Mushroom Stuffie**, Available Monday, July 29.

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

- **Last Chance Craft Adventure Kits**, Available Friday, August 9.

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

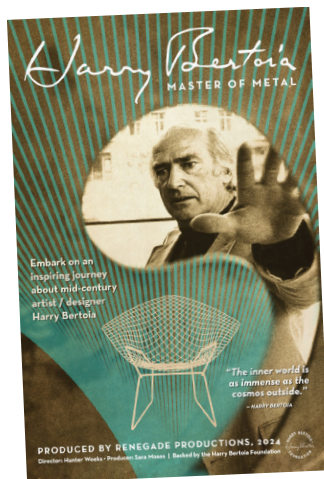


Adults

For programs requiring registration, visit the Events Calendar at www.btpl.org/events or call the Library at (248) 642-5800. Registration opens one month before the program date. Bloomfield Township residents have one week of priority registration before registration opens to all. Please contact the Library if you or someone else in your group require any accommodations.



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



Film Screening: *Harry Bertoia, Master of Metal*

Tuesday June 25, 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required. A decade in the making, this documentary film focuses on Harry Bertoia and his inspiring career. Archival footage of the artist playing his sounding sculptures in the Sonambient barn is one of the highlights. Several in-depth interviews and numerous Bertoia events round out this 54-minute documentary, which will be introduced by Celia Bertoia, daughter of Harry and President of the Harry Bertoia Foundation, via Zoom.

The Golden Girls v. Seinfeld Trivia Night with Mocktails

Thursday, July 11, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 11. 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.

Houseplant and Seed Swap

Saturday, July 13, 2 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 13. Come to the Library for a houseplant and seed swap. Please bring in your saved seeds or healthy plants rooted in dirt or loose cuttings and be ready to trade with others.

Speed Dating with a Book

Friday, August 2, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins July 2. 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.

Lecture: Our Island Jewel – Detroit's Belle Isle Park with Brendon Roney, Detroit Historical Society

Tuesday, August 13, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins July 13. Often called the crowning jewel of Detroit's riverfront, Belle Isle has a long and storied history. The park has hosted world-class sporting events, musical performances, and family parties. It has also witnessed a massacre, a riot, and military incursion. Presented by Brendon Roney, the Manager of Digital Projects at Detroit Historical Society.

Library Garden Tour with Jim Slezinski from Goldner Walsh Garden and Home

Thursday, August 15, 11 a.m., OR Monday, August 19, 11 a.m.

Registration is required and begins July 15. Please register for only one time slot. Join Jim Slezinski, landscape designer and horticulturalist, for a guided tour of the Library gardens and terraces explaining the flowers, plants, trees, and shrubs, and their culture and history at the Library. Tour content is the same for each date.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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

Adult and Teen Services has several book clubs that meet throughout the year. **Registration for September 2024 to August 2025 club sessions begins Thursday, August 1** for both new members and those planning to continue their participation in each club.

Librarian-Led Book Clubs*

Classics Book Club, third Tuesday every other month, 7 p.m.

Lunchtime Book Club, third Monday each month, 1 p.m.

Monday Night Book Club, fourth Monday each month, 7 p.m.

Pages Across Nations: An International Book Club, first Tuesday each month, 7 p.m.

Science Fiction / Fantasy Book Club, third Tuesday every other month, 7 p.m. (starting in October)

Thursday Book Club, fourth Tuesday each month, 10 a.m.

Volunteer-Led Book Clubs*

Mystery Book Club, third Wednesday each month, 1 p.m.

Tuesday Book Club, third Tuesday each month, 10 a.m.

Call for New Members: Writers' Rendezvous

Second and fourth Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. *Registration is required and is ongoing.* This volunteer-led group is accepting new members interested in workshoping their fiction or nonfiction writing.



GREAT LAKES
CHAMBER MUSIC
FESTIVAL EVENTS @
THE LIBRARY

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounters

Monday, June 10, 11 a.m. – Tai Murray

Wednesday, June 12, 11 a.m. – Peter Wiley

Monday, June 17, 11 a.m. – Hsin-Yun Huang

Wednesday, June 19, 11 a.m. – Musical Chairs with Philip Setzer


Visit greatlakeschambermusic.org/performance to register for Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival programs. The Library is pleased to be the host of several 2024 Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival events. Artistic Encounters are public coachings for Shouse Institute fellows in a setting similar to a masterclass. The Catherine Filene Shouse Chamber Music Institute, led by violist Philip Setzer of the Emerson String Quartet, provides a platform for emerging professional ensembles. These public coaching sessions gives viewers a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to be a professional musician. Artistic Encounters are intended for an adult audience.

***Programs in this brochure marked with an asterisk are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library. We are grateful for their support!**



ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

SUMMER 2024 | JUNE 18 – AUGUST 9



Computers & Technology

Join the IT Department staff for expert-led, subject-specific, one-and-a-half hour tech classes. Basic computer skills are all that is required to participate. Township residents may register at www.btpl.org/events, by emailing AskTech@btpl.org, or by calling (248) 642-5800, ext. 405. Classes are held in the Computer Lab and limited to seven participants.

Join the Summer Reading Challenge!

All ages are invited to come together to read books, attend special events, and win prizes during the Library's family summer reading program, "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Register online at www.btpl.org/summer or stop by one of the Library's Service Desks to rediscover the joy of reading. All who register are eligible to enter weekly drawings and win fun prizes. The Summer Reading Challenge is open to readers of all ages and abilities. Let the exploration begin!



Scan to Register

Summer Reading Kickoff and Food Truck Rally

Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

No registration is required. 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, take part in library-wide scavenger hunts for all ages, and discover crafts, games, and special activities. Food trucks will be set up in the parking lot from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. for patrons to visit and purchase food and treats. Enjoy dining outdoors on one of the Library Terraces.

Crayon to Crochet: Adventure Art Contest

Entries Accepted 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.

Summer Puzzle Tournament

Saturday, July 20, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Team registration is required and begins June 20. 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.



Summer Reading Wrap Up: A Pirate Party for All Ages!

Friday, August 9, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

No registration is required. 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.

Scanning and Photo Editing

Tuesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 29, 5:30 p.m.

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

PowerPoint Basics

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., June 13 or July 25

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

Microsoft Excel I

Wednesday, June 19, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23, 5:30 p.m.

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

Don't Get Scammed!

Thursday, June 20, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 9, 5:30 p.m.

Recognizing the common signs of a scam could help you avoid becoming a victim of one. IT staff will help you learn what to look for.

Microsoft Excel II

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., June 25 or July 30

Take a deeper dive into Excel. Learn about filters, pivot tables, v-look-up, and more. Excel I or previous experience with Excel required.

Google Apps

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., June 26, July 17, or August 7

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.

ChatGPT and AI

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., July 10 or August 14

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

Computer and Internet Basics

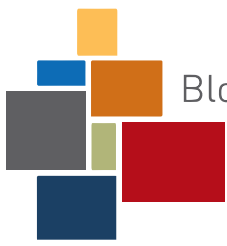
Thursday, August 1, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20, 5:30 p.m.

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

Personal Tech Help Available by Appointment

Whether you would like help with your smartphone or an answer to a specific tech topic, email IT staff at AskTech@btpl.org to arrange a personal help session. For assistance with Libby, hoopla, Kanopy, or PressReader, email Adult and Teen Services at AskAdult@btpl.org.



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Library Hours

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

Thursday, July 4 for the July 4th Holiday

Sunday, September 1 and Monday, September 2
for the Labor Day Holiday

Board of Trustees

Keith Carduner
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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

June 8, July 13, and August 10

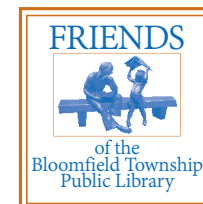
Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

*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
quest to join
the Friends
today!

Summer Fun for All Ages!

Adventure Begins @ Your Library

Summer Reading for children, teens, and adults.

Details about the Library's annual reading challenge
can be found by visiting www.btpl.org/summer.