

DISCOVER

2024 FALL AT THE LIBRARY



APPLAUSE, APPLAUSE

O C T O B E R 5

Celebrating 60 Years of Community

Bloomfield Township Public Library is thrilled to celebrate **our 60th anniversary** this fall with a grand event themed **“Applause, Applause.”** This celebration is a heartfelt thank you to the incredible Bloomfield Township community for six decades of unwavering support, enthusiasm, and engagement. Save the date for an unforgettable evening of fun, festivities, and nostalgia on **Saturday, October 5, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.** Registration is required and begins September 5.

A Carnival Extravaganza

Step right up and experience the magic of a vintage carnival! The 60th anniversary celebration will transform the inside of the Library with activities and entertainment for all ages. A live DJ will mix nostalgic tunes and current favorites, keeping the energy high and ensuring there’s never a dull moment.

Prepare to be dazzled by an array of spectacular performers who will help to bring the carnival atmosphere to life. Or try your hand at a wide variety of games and crafts designed to entertain guests of all ages. No carnival is complete without mouthwatering treats, and the *“Applause, Applause”* 60th anniversary celebration will be no exception.

An Event for Everyone

“Applause, Applause” is a celebration for everyone, from our youngest library patrons to long-time supporters. The event is designed to bring the community together in a joyful and inclusive atmosphere. Families, friends, and neighbors are all welcome to enjoy an evening of fun and festivity to help us commemorate this significant milestone. We invite you to celebrate 60 years of shared memories and accomplishments with us, and the bright future that lies ahead.

A tremendous thank you to the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library, the event’s Big Top Sponsor. Additional sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please visit www.btpl.org/applause for more information.



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.

STORY TIMES



Preschool STEAMtime: Story Time and Discovery

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

September 17 – October 22 (No Story Time October 1),

6-week session Registration is required and begins August 19.

November 5 – December 10, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins October 7.

Preschoolers ages 3 and up can explore STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) through stories, rhymes, music, and discovery activities in this independent story time.

Baby Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

September 18 – October 23, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins August 19.

November 6 – December 11, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins October 7.

Interactive early literacy fun with simple stories, songs, fingerplays, lap bounces, and play for little sitters and crawlers, ages birth – 17 months, and their grown-up.

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.

September 19 – October 24, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins August 19.

November 7 – December 12 (No Story Time November 28),

6-week session Registration is required and begins October 7.

Interactive early literacy fun with stories, songs, movement activities, rhymes, and play geared to toddlers and walkers, ages 18 – 35 months, and their grown-up.

Family Story Time

Saturdays, 11 a.m., September 14, and October 12

No registration is required. Families of all ages are invited to join us for stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more fun. Story time might be held outside if the weather is nice.



Sensory Story Time

Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m., Registration begins August 31.

Saturday, October 26, 11 a.m., Registration begins September 28.

Saturday, November 23, 11 a.m., Registration begins October 26.

Join us in an adaptive story time experience for youth of all abilities, including those who have difficulty in large groups and who have sensory integration challenges. Participants can expect stories with gentle multisensory engagement, visual aids, adaptive movement, low lights, and low sounds. For children ages 3 and up with a grown-up.

PLAY & BUILD PROGRAMS

Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, September 6 – November 22

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.

Brick Builders

Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Dream School

Thursday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Spooky Things

Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: Dinosaurs vs. Gnomes

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 or do a theme building challenge with your friends.

Gamer Lounge

Fridays, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., September 20, October 4, October 18,

November 1, and November 15

No registration is required. Start the weekend with video game fun! Come solo or bring your friends and try out different games and consoles each week. For ages 8 – 13.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Visit the Events page at www.btpl.org/events to register for youth book discussions. Print copies will be available for registered participants at the Youth Services Desk, or can be checked out and downloaded as e-audio or e-book formats through Libby by OverDrive or hoopla.



My First Book Group, Grades K – 1 with an Adult*

Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 p.m., Registration begins August 13.

Wednesday, October 9, 5:30 p.m., Registration begins September 10.

Monday, November 4, 5:30 p.m., Registration begins October 9.



Book Worms, Grades 2 – 3*

Thursday, September 12, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins August 15.

Tuesday, October 15 6:30 p.m., Registration begins September 12.

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins October 15.



Paperbacks & Snacks, Grades 4 – 6*

Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins August 29.

Thursday, October 24, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins September 26.

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins October 24.

SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS



Reading with the Dogs

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins August 20.

Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins September 17.

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins October 14.

Kids are invited to read to a furry friend at the Library. Licensed therapy dogs and their handlers will be ready to listen to readers in the Story Room. A great opportunity to practice your reading skills in a comfortable setting with no judgment from the dogs! Readers, ages 5 and up, can register for a 15-minute reading session.

Snack Lab

Wednesday, September 25, 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins August 28. Looking to make after-school snack time more fun? Junior chefs will create several simple no-cook snacks easy enough for little hands to make all by themselves. Snacks will be peanut/tree nut free. For snack scientists, ages 4 – 7.



BLOOMFIELD
Child & Family
COUNSELING

Mindfulness Matters

Monday, September 30, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 3. Bloomfield Child and Family Counseling presents a new program to teach kids techniques on mindfulness, working through big emotions, self-soothing, and problem solving. For ages 5 – 7.

Watercolor for Mindfulness

Monday, October 21, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 23. Slow down and play with watercolor paint at this relaxed event, where there will be no specific project outcome. We will dim the lights, play ambient music, and have all the supplies needed for participants to create art works in a calm space. For ages 9 – 13.



Toddler Dance Party

Saturday, November 9, 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required and begins October 12. Adults and big sibs are invited to interact and play with the toddlers in their life. Get everyone moving and exercising with dances to follow along with, and songs where you can make up your own moves. This program is open to WALKING toddlers and pre-kindergarten kids and their families.

Mickey Mouse's Birthday Story Time

Monday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Oh boy! All ages are welcome to a special story time celebrating our friend, Mickey Mouse. Listen to stories, participate in fun rhymes and songs, and make a craft. PJs welcome!

Leftover Craft Day

Thursday, November 21, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Drop-in the Story Room for some upcycling creative fun. You bring the inspo and we'll provide the supplies leftover from past craft activities. Families of all ages welcome.

Despicable Me Marathon

Friday, November 29, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

11 a.m. – Despicable Me (PG)

12:45 p.m. – Despicable Me 2 (PG)

2:30 p.m. – Despicable Me 3 (PG)

No registration is required. Stop by the Story Room for a viewing of the first three *Despicable Me* movies. Popcorn and water provided, but you may bring your own nut-free snacks. For families of all ages.

Puzzle Fun Days

Saturday, November 30, and Sunday, December 1

No registration is required. Relax, unwind, and spend quality family time together puzzling! Choose from a selection of puzzles at the Youth Services Desk, or finish a puzzle already started in the Youth Room. All ages fun for family and friends. Please bring all puzzles back to the Youth Services Desk by 4:30 p.m.

ANY TIME FUN!

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. Keep the box and gifts, but return the book when you are finished. Sign up is for three months, and you are welcome to register again and again based on availability. The next sign up begins September 1.

Teens

PROGRAMS AND CRAFTS

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)

Wednesday, September 11, 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins August 11. All teens are welcome to attend T.A.B. meetings to talk books, make arts and crafts, play games, and more. Snacks will be provided.

Teen After Hours: *The Traitors* @ the Library

Friday, October 25, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 25. Teens will immerse themselves in a world of deception, alliances, and MURDER as they attempt to uncover the secret traitors among them. Inspired by the hit TV show, *The Traitors*. Prizes and snacks will be provided.

Teen Club Craft Day: Design Your Own Book Bag!

Wednesday, November 13, 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins October 13. Gather with other teens to chat and create a one-of-a-kind book bag using a wide variety of mediums. Snacks will be provided.

**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!*

Adults

For programs requiring registration, visit the Calendar of Events 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 requires any accommodations.



EVENTS AND CONCERTS

Lecture: Sustainability and Upcycling with ISAIC*

Tuesday, September 24, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins August 24. At the Industrial Sewing and Innovation Center (ISAIC), the emphasis is on sustainability. This presentation aims to enlighten attendees about the fashion industry's environmental impact, and empower them with practical steps and techniques for integrating sustainability into a wardrobe, allowing an expression of unique style while extending the lifespan of clothing.

Adult and Teen Craft Workshop: Succulent Pumpkin Centerpiece

Wednesday, September 25, 6 p.m.

Registration is required and begins August 25. Open to both adults and teens. Create a beautiful pumpkin centerpiece adorned with live succulents and other natural elements.



The Grunyons*

Friday, September 27, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Enjoy a program of a capella vocal jazz performed by the Grunyons, a male vocal ensemble based in southeast Michigan and originally formed by Yale alumni in 1949. Incorporating rhythm patterns, melodic variations, and harmonic treatments reflecting techniques used by musicians in the early 20th century along with close harmony, the Grunyons perform an extensive repertoire and feature an enthusiastic love of singing.



MANHATTAN SHORT

Film Festival*

Saturday, September 28, 2 p.m.

OR Thursday, October 3, 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Join more than 100,000 film lovers in over 500 cities across six continents to view and vote on the finalists' films in the 27th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival. Both sessions will have the same content.

History Harvest with Bloomfield Historical Society

Sunday, November 10, 1 p.m.

No registration is required. Help the Library and the Bloomfield Historical Society collect and preserve local history. Bring items to donate to the Library's local history collection and have a librarian evaluate them. Members of the Bloomfield Historical Society will be onsite to help with research questions. Items of particular interest include yearbooks, photographs, postcards, telephone directories, and local publications.

Lecture: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*

Tuesday, November 12, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was killed in Dallas, Texas. Lecturer Jay Hernandez brings a fact-based perspective to the events surrounding this momentous day, and discusses how recently released classified documents shed new light. A 38-year public safety veteran, Jay bridges the gap between historical facts and real-world applications for a unique perspective on the JFK assassination.



Bon Odori Dance and Concert with Sakura Japanese Instrumental Group*

Saturday, November 16, 2 p.m.

No registration is required. All ages are welcome. Join Sakura Japanese Instrumental Group for a mini concert of festival and folk music followed by a *bon* dance. People of all ages will learn a simple series of moves and dance around a group of musicians

or participate sitting down. Obon festivals celebrate life and bring community together – join in the Michigan *Ondo*!

Cutting the Cable Cord: Alternatives to Cable TV

Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins October 21. Many households live without cable TV. Learn more about the possibilities with an overview of some of the most popular and user-friendly cable alternatives.

ADULT AND TEEN 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.

• Paint Along with Bob Ross, Available September 21.

Celebrate the end of summer by painting along with Bob Ross. This kit includes the paints and brushes needed to complete "Grandeur of Summer," a special episode of *The Joy of Painting*. The episode can be accessed on YouTube with the included QR code. Some suggested materials are not included; materials list inside.

• Terrifying Tiny Terrariums, Available October 4.

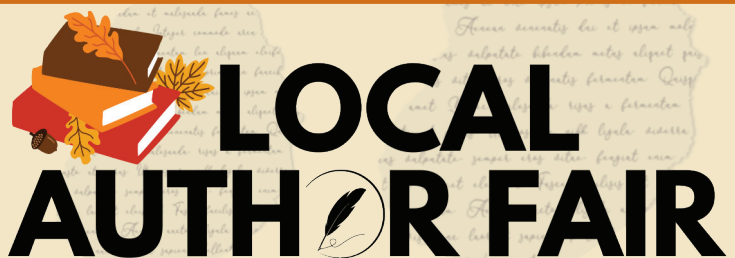
Create a spooky Halloween-themed tiny terrarium perfect for adding a touch of eerie charm to any home.

• Sashiko Sewing, Available November 5.

Learn the Japanese tradition of sashiko stitching as well as a plethora of ideas for creative and practical use. Supplies to get started and video tutorials are provided.

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.



Saturday, September 14, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

No registration is required. Local authors will be gathered to talk about their books. Stop by and find your next great read!

HALLO-MONTH™



Computers & Technology

Terrifying Tiny Terrariums: Halloween Craft Workshop for Adults and Teens Thursday, October 3, 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 3. Create a spooky Halloween-themed tiny terrarium perfect for adding a touch of eerie charm to any home. If unable to attend in person, remaining supplies and instructions will be provided as a craft kit available while supplies last starting Friday, October 4 at the Adult and Teen Services Desk.

Spooky Movie Night @ the Library: Beetlejuice (1988) Friday, October 11, 6:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Enjoy a spooktacular evening at the Library with a screening of the classic film *Beetlejuice!* Dive into Tim Burton's wonderfully weird world, and follow the misadventures of a recently deceased couple and their outrageous "bio-exorcist" as they try to reclaim their home. Bring some friends and enjoy a night of ghostly laughs with this fun cult classic. Rated PG.

Hallo -"Month" Lecture: Michigan Mysteries – Halloween Edition with Ross Richardson* Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. How many missing persons, missing aircraft, and missing ships are there in and around Michigan? Dozens? Hundreds? Try thousands! Listen to stories of documented haunting cases and decide for yourself, while exploring some of Michigan's most mysterious disappearances and learning how some of these baffling cold cases get solved. This program contains images and stories about true crime, missing persons, and human remains.

After Hours Spooky Tales on the Terrace Friday, October 25, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins September 27. Grab a blanket and join us under the Youth Terrace heaters for hot cocoa, snacks, and spooky, shivery tales. For ages 8 – 12.

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Trick or Treat at the Library (With Food Trucks) Tuesday, October 29

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Trick or Treat throughout the Library
(5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Food Trucks in the Parking Lot)

No registration is required. Grab your costume and drop in for trick-or-treating at the Library! Head to the first stop in Youth Services to decorate a trick-or-treating bag and pick up your first treats. Then follow the trick-or-treating map to find each station around the Library for peanut-free goodies, Halloween-themed mini craft kits, stickers, and other cool treats. Food trucks will be set up in the parking lot offering tasty food and treats for purchase, which can be enjoyed on the Library Terraces.

Join IT Department staff members for expert-led, subject-specific, one-and-a-half hour tech classes. Basic computer skills are all that is required to participate. 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 are limited to seven participants.

Scanning and Photo Editing Tuesday, September 3, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 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.

Google Apps Thursday, September 12, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, November 14, 5:30 p.m.

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.

Microsoft Excel I Tuesday, September 17, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, 5:30 p.m.

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

Microsoft Excel II Tuesday, September 24, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 29, 5:30 p.m.

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

Don't Get Scammed! Thursday, September 26, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, November 21, 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.

ChatGPT and AI Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 6, 5:30 p.m.

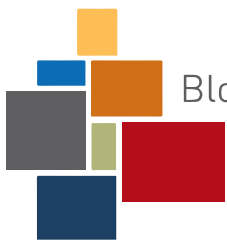
Explore artificial intelligence basics, from machine learning to natural language processing, and learn how to make ChatGPT work for you.

Computer and Internet Basics Thursday, October 17, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 26, 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

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

Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving
*Closing at 5:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve,
Wednesday, November 27*

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25
for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day
*Closing at 5:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve,
Tuesday, December 31*

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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

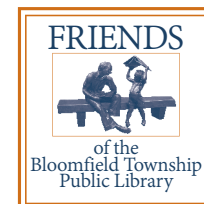
September 14, October 12, and November 9
Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

*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!

Coming this Fall @ the Library...

The Library's 60th anniversary celebration, lectures, concerts, performances, book discussions, story times, and more. Details available at www.btpl.org.