



Bloomfield Township Public

Library

**Bloomfield Township Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
7:00 p.m.

Board Room

Trustees:

libraryboard@btpl.org

Dani Gillman, President
Judy Lindstrom, Vice President
Joan Luksik, Secretary
Keith Carduner
Joy Murray
Shane Spradlin

Director:

Tera Moon

moontera@btpl.org

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**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
LIBRARY BOARD INFORMATION PACKETS**

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Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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AGENDA
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
Regular Board Meeting
7:00 P.M.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS #1-5

1. Call to order of regular meeting
- 2a. Request to remove items from the Consent Agenda for Discussion
- 2b. MOTION to approve the order of items for the Regular and Consent Agendas
3. President's Verbal Report
4. Director's Verbal Report
5. MOTION to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items 6-8d

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS #6-8d
Items removed will be discussed under Item #12

6. Regular Board meeting minutes of October 15, 2024
7. Budget
 - a. Cash Disbursements
 - b. Monthly Revenues & Expenditures
 - c. Energy Report
8. Written Reports:
 - a. President: *Dani Gillman
 - b. Director: *Tera Moon
 - c. Committee:
 - *Art Committee *Ad Hoc*
 - *Bloomfield Township Liaison
 - *Building and Grounds
 - *Cranbrook
 - *Development
 - *Finance
 - *Friends of the Library Liaison
 - *Investment
 - *Jeanette P. Myers Scholarship Selection
 - *Personnel
 - *Policy

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

9. Call to the public, communications
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
 - a. Compensation and Classification Study
12. Discussion of items removed from the Consent Agenda
13. MOTION to approve any items removed from the Consent Agenda
14. Other
15. Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 2024
16. Adjournment

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

**REQUEST TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA
FOR DISCUSSION**

I REQUEST THAT ITEM (S):

**BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION
DURING REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 12.**

If amended, CONSENT AGENDA items will be moved to REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #12 for discussion and REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #13 for approval.

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**MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR
AND CONSENT AGENDAS**

OPTION - NO AMENDMENT NEEDED:

I move to approve the order of items as listed on the REGULAR and CONSENT AGENDAS as presented.

OPTION - AMENDMENT TO AGENDA:

I move to approve the order of items as listed on the AGENDAS, with the following items to be moved from

the **REGULAR AGENDA** as follows:

the **CONSENT AGENDA** as follows:

If amended, CONSENT AGENDA items will be moved to REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #12 for discussion and REGULAR AGENDA ITEM #13 for approval.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS MOTION

I move to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda.

**PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Oakland County, Michigan
Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Library Board Room

At 7:00 p.m. the Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Dani Gillman.

Trustees Present: Keith Carduner, Dani Gillman, Judy Lindstrom, Joan Luksik, and Joy Murray

Trustees Absent: Shane Spradlin

Administration: Library Director Tera Moon; Administrative Assistant Linden Godlove

Guests: Laura Norman, Materials Services Clerical Assistant and SOC Representative

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Keith Carduner and seconded by Joy Murray **TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR AND CONSENT AGENDAS.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Carduner, Gillman, Lindstrom, Luksik, and Murray

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S VERBAL REPORT:

President Dani Gillman announced "a huge applause, applause" to the planning committee for the 60th anniversary celebration on October 5. It was a fantastic event with a wonderful turnout. People enjoyed the face painting, balloon animals, "stump the librarian" booth, entertainers, and more. She said it was a tribute to the library staff that everyone feels like such a part of the Library, and it was wonderful to see so many people together celebrating.

DIRECTOR'S VERBAL REPORT:

Director Moon also praised the 60th anniversary celebration "Applause, Applause," calling it an outstanding success. There were around 524 attendees. Staff worked hard to prepare for the event, collaborated to ensure everything operated beautifully, and worked hard to have everything put back together for the Library's return to general operations the following Sunday. She thanked the Library Board for their work toward the event.

Bloomfield Community Television, better known to us as BCTV, is celebrating Community Media Day on October 20 by giving out awards, and the Library is receiving "The Heart of Our Community" award. Community Media Day and the awards celebrate organizations and individuals that "bring awareness to the importance of free speech and accessible media for all

individuals to have their voices heard.” The Library is receiving the community partner award. It will be presented at the Township’s regular meeting on Monday, October 28. Tera will be present to accept the award and expressed hope that one of the trustees could also be present.

Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3 is early voting at the Library. The Library has held four early voting events, and this marks the one-year anniversary of becoming a voting location. Bloomfield Township, Southfield Township, and the City of Birmingham voters all can vote at the Library.

Adaptive Umbrella, a virtual workshop for caregivers, educators, and their supporters, took place on Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00-3:30. There were over 300 attendees from around the world. The Library received rave reviews about the speakers and topics presented, with thanks to Youth Services Department Head Jen Taggart and Assistant Department Head Lauren Catoni-Ellis for planning and presenting this worldview-changing conference. The Friends of the Library were thanked for their financial support.

Starting November 4, the Youth Services Department is going to assess the community's current needs for world language materials by surveying patrons, especially parents and educators.

Since 2020, the Library Ambassadors group has been meeting four times a year. They were assembled to capture the talented and dedicated people who applied to become library trustees. They have supported work on the 2023-2025 strategic plan and the millage renewal in 2024. They will likely contribute towards the spaces project, where library areas and furniture will be reimaged in anticipation of future needs. Director Moon and President Gillman decided to have the Ambassadors meet three times a year. The October meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting will be January 28, 2025.

The Library will host a Trick or Treat Night on October 29. The festivities span all departments and the entire campus, including the parking lot. The fun starts in Youth Services, where attendees can decorate a bag and pick up their first treats. Food trucks will be set up in the parking lot offering food for purchase.

Bloomfield Township Public Library is partnering with West Bloomfield Township Public Library to host Shelby Van Pelt, author of *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, on March 5, 2025. WBTPPL asked if this Library would be interested in splitting the costs, which we agreed to. This book is very popular, and patrons will love this opportunity. The latest round of wish list items contains a request for funding to make this possible.

Annually, staff complete a set of open-ended questions for “Midyear Feedback.” This provides an opportunity for staff to share their perspectives about the Library, things they are proud of, and areas where they see more work to be done. The Human Resources Information System that was acquired in the summer, BambooHR, was used to distribute, complete, and receive the surveys. Using BambooHR made the process monumentally easier for all. 98% of active staff completed forms. The Library management team uses this feedback to make informed

decisions on how best to support staff.

Tera also showed concierge items that are repeatedly requested by patrons. These items include charging cables, headphones, band aids, and sanitizing wipes. The items are branded and are meant to be giveaways, with funding provided by the Friends.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Call to the public.

Laura Norman, representing the SOC, provided an update on their activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

11a. Annual Policy Review

The Policy Committee, Judy Lindstrom and Shane Spradlin, met in August for the annual review of all approved Library policies. This review is to ensure that these are up to date and continue to meet Library needs.

Director Moon identified several policies that the Library should adopt. Some of the policies codify ways in which the Library already operates, but two are new, which are a security camera policy and a whistleblower protection policy.

As a group of staff have started working on upgrading the Library's security cameras, it was discovered that the Library should have a public policy that outlines how the cameras will be used and other details. This will guide staff's use of the cameras to help ensure safety and security and will let the public know how they can expect video files to be accessed and used.

The whistleblower protection policy was inspired by one of the staff committees that has been examining workplace culture. One of the themes for the committee has been establishing mechanisms for staff to provide feedback to management, both anonymous and signed. A whistleblower protection policy supports establishing procedures for the most serious kind of feedback: reporting fraud or illegal activity without fear of retaliation.

The Library's legal counsel on library law matters is Anne Seuryneck of Foster Swift. Upon review of the draft policies, Anne suggested purchasing a model policy from Foster Swift for the security camera policy and asked her colleague Michael Blum to review the whistleblower protection policy as he has expertise in labor matters. The committee reviewed and accepted counsel's suggestions.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom, seconded by Joan Luksik **TO APPROVE A SECURITY CAMERA POLICY AND A WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION POLICY AS INCLUDED IN THE LIBRARY'S POLICY MANUAL.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

Ayes: Carduner, Gillman, Lindstrom, Luksik, and Murray

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

11b. Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Reporting

The State of Michigan requires two reports to be completed each year regarding the local unit of government's pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligations per PA 202 of 2017. The Library's reports have been submitted to the state's Department of Treasury to verify the Library's compliance with PA 202.

12. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- Nothing was removed

OTHER:

Judy Lindstrom added her praise to the 60th anniversary celebration. The rest of the Trustees added their praise for the food and entertainers.

Joan Luksik commented on the Friends of the Library week and the Board's plans to honor the Friends.

Judy Lindstrom praised the entrance urns.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 19. The compensation and classification study report will be reviewed.

At 7:48 p.m. President Gillman adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:



Joan Luksik, Board Secretary

Bloomfield Township Public Library**Cash Disbursements Comments****October 2024****New Vendors:**

- Ai-Media Technologies LLC
- Oxford Public Library
- Jay Hernandez
- Charles Hunt
- Taste by Chartwells
- Michael Alan Ross
- Ross Richardson
- Andrew Goldberg

General Fund – Advance Checks:

- Check #24374 made payable to Monica Gower in the amount of \$51.26 was reimbursement for mileage.
- Check #24375 made payable to Loretta Polish in the amount of \$8.00 was a refund for a returned billed item.
- Check #24380 made payable to The Motley Misfits in the amount of \$800.00 was payment for a program performer.
- Check #24384 made payable to Consumers Energy in the amount of \$4,656.53 was payment for natural gas services for the period 9/4-10/2.
- Check #24386 made payable to Michael Alan Ross in the amount of \$24.00 was a refund for a returned billed item.
- Check #24390 made payable to Avalon Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$2,305.80 was payment for support on recently installed virtual servers.
- Check #24391 made payable to Katherine Bryant in the amount of \$51.40 was reimbursement for expenses related to conference attendance.
- Check #24392 made payable to Petty Cash - BTPL in the amount of \$295.80 was reimbursement of the petty cash fund.
- Check #24393 made payable to DTE Energy in the amount of \$23,245.65 was payment for electrical service for the period 9/10-10/8.
- Check #24394 made payable to Martha McGee in the amount of \$42.88 was reimbursement for purchase of Library Shop inventory.
- Check #24398 made payable to Andy Cascarelli in the amount of \$29.36 was reimbursement for purchase of program supplies.

- Check #24399 made payable to Nicole Gillies in the amount of \$597.60 was reimbursement for mileage plus other expenses related to conference attendance.
- Check #24401 made payable to Amanda Carroll in the amount of \$35.75 was reimbursement for purchase of program supplies.
- Check #24402 made payable to Andy Cascarelli in the amount of \$342.78 was reimbursement for expenses related to conference attendance.
- Check #24403 made payable to Charles Hunt in the amount of \$22.98 was a refund for a returned billed item.
- Check #24406 made payable to Andrew Goldberg in the amount of \$50.00 was a refund for a returned billed item.
- Check #24407 made payable to Katherine Bryant in the amount of \$359.12 was reimbursement for mileage for conference attendance.
- Check #24408 made payable to Amanda Carroll in the amount of \$52.45 was reimbursement for purchase of program supplies.
- Check #24409 made payable to Martha McGee in the amount of \$158.30 was reimbursement for purchase of Library Shop inventory.

General Fund – Regular Checks:

- Check #24414 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$3,547.90 was payment for water and sewer services for the period 9/18-10/16.
- Check #24415 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$17,692.37 was a semi-annual payment for the Library's portion of the pension obligation bonds.
- Check #24416 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$370,055.73 was payment for two payrolls including FICA, health insurance, etc.
- Check #24418 made payable to Butzel Long in the amount of \$78.00 was payment for legal services related to labor matters.
- Check #24423 made payable to D.J. Murray Plumbing in the amount of \$810.00 was payment for back flow testing.
- Check #24425 made payable to Duross Painting Co in the amount of \$20,729.00 was payment for repairs to the cedar fascia.
- Check #24426 made payable to Electrocycle, Inc. in the amount of \$275.00 was payment for shredding services.
- Check #24427 made payable to Elm Usa, Inc. in the amount of \$520.00 was payment for an extended warranty on the Library's disc repair machine.

- Check #24428 made payable to Envisionware, Inc. in the amount of \$5,303.92 was payment for three invoices: \$1,061.72 for annual maintenance subscription; \$2,917.20 for renewal of licensing related to point-of-sale; \$1,325.00 for ecommerce software.
- Check #24429 made payable to Farmington Community Library in the amount of \$3,652.62 was annual payment for three invoices for subscriptions to Ancestry Library Edition (\$1,463.05); Scholastic BookFlix Gold (\$1,251.17); AtoZ databases (\$938.40).
- Check #24430 made payable to Foster Swift in the amount of \$906.50 was payment for legal services related to library policy.
- Check #24431 made payable to Frank Rewold & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$62,476.05 was payment for two invoices: \$9,934.05 and \$52,542.00 both for roof repairs.
- Check #24433 made payable to Innovative Interface, Inc in the amount of \$98,443.08 was payment for two invoices: \$18,443.24 was annual payment for cloud hosting of the Library's ILS; \$79,999.84 was for maintenance of the ILS.
- Check #24435 made payable to LJ Rolls Refrigeration Co., Inc in the amount of \$15,615.52 was payment for 6 invoices: \$4,139.25 for HVAC repairs; \$7,999.50 for storm sewer cleanout and investigation; \$2,067.52, \$390.09, and \$561.29 for repairs to the back flow devices; \$457.87 was payment for electrical repairs.
- Check #24440 made payable to Oxford Public Library in the amount of \$15.99 was payment for a lost MeLCat item.
- Check #24442 made payable to Rocket Enterprise Inc. in the amount of \$880.00 was an annual payment for flag service.
- Check #24446 made payable to Spalding DeDecker in the amount of \$800.00 was payment for services related to the Drainage Improvement Project.
- Check #24447 made payable to Summit Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$595.00 was payment for tracing of electrical feeds in parking lot in anticipation of installing new cameras in the parking lot.
- Check #24448 made payable to *The Sun* in the amount of \$49.00 was payment for an annual subscription to a periodical.
- Check #24449 made payable to Tel Systems in the amount of \$68.00 was payment for repairs to the AV equipment in the Community Room.
- Check #24450 made payable to The Library Network in the amount of \$17,468.00 was payment for three invoices: \$2,852.00 for internet services; \$13,816.00 for virus protection software; \$800.00 for a database subscription.

Gift Fund - Advance Checks:

- Check #5599 made payable to Ross Richardson in the amount of \$408.16 was payment for a program presenter.
- Check #5601 made payable to Goldner Walsh Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$966.85 was decorative urns at the front entrance.
- Check #5603 made payable to Taste By Chartwells in the amount of \$13,482.00 was payment for catering services for Applause, Applause.
- Check #5604 made payable to Jewish Community Center in the amount of \$1,600.00 was a deposit to reserve the Berman Center for a future author visit.
- Check #5605 made payable to Mathew Jaqmin-Kramer in the amount of \$1,000.00 was payment for a program performer.
- Check #5606 made payable to State of Michigan in the amount of \$12.78 was payment for sales tax for alcohol sales at Applause, Applause.
- Check #5608 made payable to Jay Hernandez in the amount of \$150.00 was payment for a program performer.
- Check #5611 made payable to Killian Weston in the amount of \$52.89 was reimbursement for purchase of program supplies.
- Check #5613 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$130.76 was for shuttle driver services for Applause, Applause.

Gift Fund - Regular Checks:

- Check #5614 made payable to Ai- Media Technologies LLC in the amount of \$900.00 was payment for expenses related to Adaptive Umbrella.
- Check #5616 made payable to Bloomfield Twp. Public Library in the amount of \$15.90 was for reimbursement of the general fund for a petty cash charge.
- Check #5617 made payable to Deaf C.A.N. in the amount of \$660.00 was for expenses related to Adaptive Umbrella.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHECK REGISTERS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024**

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
General Fund				
ADVANCE CHECKS:				
24372	10/10/24	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	016.01	2,079.56
24373	10/10/24	DEMCO, INC.	016.01	359.85
24374	10/10/24	Monica Gower	016.01	51.26
24375	10/10/24	Loretta Polish	016.01	8.00
24376	10/10/24	Mobility City of Metro Detroit	016.01	450.00
24377	10/10/24	POSEIDON LAWN SPRINKLERS	016.01	400.00
24378	10/10/24	PRIORITY WASTE, LLC	016.01	401.06
24379	10/10/24	T MOBILE	016.01	60.20
24380	10/10/24	The Motley Misfits	016.01	800.00
24381	10/15/24	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	016.01	3,040.94
24382	10/15/24	APPLIED INNOVATION	016.01	1,426.73
24383	10/15/24	XFINITY	016.01	75.50
24384	10/15/24	CONSUMERS ENERGY	016.01	4,656.53
24385	10/15/24	LOWE'S	016.01	311.05
24386	10/15/24	Michael Alan Ross	016.01	24.00
24387	10/15/24	PTS Communications	016.01	85.80
24388	10/15/24	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	016.01	275.80
24389	10/23/24	AT&T	016.01	742.77
24390	10/23/24	Avalon Technologies, Inc.	016.01	2,305.80
24391	10/23/24	Katherine Bryant	016.01	51.40
24392	10/23/24	PETTY CASH - BTPL	016.01	295.80
24393	10/23/24	DTE ENERGY	016.01	23,245.65
24394	10/23/24	Martha McGee	016.01	42.88
24395	10/23/24	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	016.01	1,013.72
24396	10/23/24	VIGILANTE SECURITY	016.01	1,950.00
24397	10/23/24	WT COX INFORMATION SERVICES	016.01	2,141.44
24398	10/24/24	Andy Cascarelli	016.01	29.36
24399	10/24/24	Nicole Gillies	016.01	597.60
24400	10/31/24	AT&T	016.01	162.78
24401	10/31/24	AMANDA CARROLL	016.01	35.75
24402	10/31/24	Andy Cascarelli	016.01	342.78
24403	10/31/24	Charles Hunt	016.01	22.98
24404	10/31/24	FNBO	016.01	3,385.28
24405	11/6/24	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	016.01	7,294.89
24406	11/6/24	Andrew Goldberg	016.01	50.00
24407	11/6/24	Katherine Bryant	016.01	359.12
24408	11/6/24	AMANDA CARROLL	016.01	52.45
24409	11/6/24	Martha McGee	016.01	158.30
Total				<u>58787.03</u>
REGULAR CHECKS:				
24410	11/11/24	AERO FILTER, INC	016.01	337.68
24411	11/11/24	ASSA ABLOY ENTRANCE SOLUTIONS	016.01	1,059.26
24412	11/11/24	AUNALYTICS, INC.	016.01	2,530.22
24413	11/11/24	BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	016.01	15,209.24
24414	11/11/24	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	016.01	3,547.90
24415	11/11/24	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	016.01	17,692.37
24416	11/11/24	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	016.01	370,055.73
24417	11/11/24	BOOKPAGE	016.01	1,116.00
24418	11/11/24	BUTZEL LONG	016.01	78.00
24419	11/11/24	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	016.01	635.83
24420	11/11/24	CENGAGE LEARNING/GALE	016.01	1,277.34
24421	11/11/24	CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	016.01	125.09
24422	11/11/24	CINTAS CORPORATION	016.01	99.68
24423	11/11/24	D.J. Murray Plumbing	016.01	810.00
24424	11/11/24	DEMCO, INC.	016.01	479.08
24425	11/11/24	DUROSS PAINTING CO	016.01	20,729.00
24426	11/11/24	ELECTROCYCLE, INC.	016.01	275.00
24427	11/11/24	ELM USA, Inc.	016.01	520.00
24428	11/11/24	ENVISIONWARE, INC.	016.01	5,303.92
24429	11/11/24	FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY	016.01	3,652.62

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FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024**

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
24430	11/11/24	FOSTER SWIFT	016.01	906.50
24431	11/11/24	FRANK REWOLD AND SON, INC.	016.01	62,476.05
24432	11/11/24	HUNT SIGN COMPANY	016.01	496.00
24433	11/11/24	INNOVATIVE INTERFACE, INC	016.01	98,443.08
24434	11/11/24	J & M WINDOW CLEANING	016.01	1,500.00
24435	11/11/24	LJ ROLLS REFRIGERATION CO., INC	016.01	15,615.52
24436	11/11/24	MICROMARKETING LLC	016.01	641.82
24437	11/11/24	MIDWEST TAPE	016.01	2,646.99
24438	11/11/24	NETWORK SERVICES COMPANY	016.01	1,490.92
24439	11/11/24	OVERDRIVE	016.01	19,356.90
24440	11/11/24	Oxford Public Library	016.01	15.99
24441	11/11/24	PRIORITY WASTE, LLC	016.01	402.26
24442	11/11/24	ROCKET ENTERPRISE INC.	016.01	880.00
24443	11/11/24	THE ROWMAN & LITTLEFIELD PUBLISHING GRP	016.01	327.26
24444	11/11/24	THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CO	016.01	341.94
24445	11/11/24	SHOWCASES	016.01	1,036.80
24446	11/11/24	Spalding Dedecker	016.01	800.00
24447	11/11/24	SUMMIT ELECTRIC, INC.	016.01	595.00
24448	11/11/24	THE SUN	016.01	49.00
24449	11/11/24	TEL SYSTEMS	016.01	68.00
24450	11/11/24	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	016.01	17,468.00
24451	11/11/24	THOMSON REUTERS- WEST	016.01	169.76
24452	11/11/24	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	016.01	197.00
24453	11/11/24	UNIVERSITY PRODUCTS, INC.	016.01	899.64
24454	11/11/24	WORLD BOOK, INC.	016.01	3,556.66
24455	11/11/24	WT COX INFORMATION SERVICES	016.01	327.38
Total				<u><u>676242.43</u></u>

Gift Fund

ADVANCE CHECKS:

5598	10/10/24	AMAZON.COM	012.03	283.01
5599	10/14/24	Ross Richardson	012.03	408.16
5600	10/15/24	AMAZON.COM	012.03	210.85
5601	10/15/24	GOLDNER WALSH NURSERY, INC.	012.03	966.85
5602	10/15/24	LOWES	012.03	779.05
5603	10/15/24	Taste by Chartwells	012.03	13,482.00
5604	10/23/24	Jewish Community Center	012.03	1,600.00
5605	10/23/24	Mathew Jaqmin-Kramer	012.03	1,000.00
5606	10/23/24	STATE OF MICHIGAN	012.03	12.78
5607	10/31/24	FNBO	012.03	3,563.49
5608	10/31/24	Jay Hernandez	012.03	150.00
5609	11/6/24	AMAZON.COM	012.03	798.64
5611	11/6/24	Killian Weston	012.03	52.89
5613	11/7/24	Bloomfield Township	012.03	130.76
Total				<u><u>23438.48</u></u>

REGULAR CHECKS:

5614	11/11/24	Ai- Media Technologies LLC	012.03	900.00
5615	11/11/24	BAKER & TAYLOR	012.03	174.34
5616	11/11/24	BLOOMFIELD TWP. PUBLIC LIBRARY	012.03	15.90
5617	11/11/24	DEAF C.A.N.	012.03	660.00
5618	11/11/24	MIDWEST TAPE	012.03	75.71
Total				<u><u>1825.95</u></u>

**Bloomfield Township Public Library
FY 2024-2025 General Fund Budget**

PRESENTED: NOVEMBER 19, 2024 FOR THE MONTH OF: October, 2024

ACCOUNT NAME	2024-2025		2024-2025		Seven Months 58.33%		VARIANCE
	ADOPTED BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	REVENUE/EXPENSE	REVENUE/EXPENSE	% OF BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	
	AS OF MARCH 19, 2024	AS OF AUGUST 20, 2024	AS OF CURRENT MONTH	YTD	YTD		
Revenues							
Taxes	\$8,922,094	\$9,381,644	(\$13)	(\$9,088)	-0.10%	(\$9,390,732)	*taxes collected Dec-Mar
Penal Fines	\$71,695	\$71,695	\$0	\$60,788	84.79%	(\$10,907)	
State Aid	\$40,800	\$40,800	\$0	\$45,163	110.69%	\$4,363	
Circulation Fines & Fees	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$618	\$8,174	96.16%	(\$326)	
Charges for Services	\$10,651	\$10,651	\$921	\$6,483	60.87%	(\$4,168)	
Photocopy Fees	\$651	\$651	\$21	\$533	81.91%	(\$118)	
Room Rental Fees	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$900	\$5,950	59.50%	(\$4,050)	
Investment earnings	\$610,000	\$610,000	\$26,775	\$458,109	75.10%	(\$151,891)	
Interest/Dividends	\$610,000	\$610,000	\$40,036	\$315,004	51.64%	(\$294,996)	
Change in Asset Value	\$0	\$0	(\$13,262)	\$143,106	0.00%	\$143,106	
Miscellaneous	\$13,451	\$13,451	\$441	\$13,923	103.51%	\$472	
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$3,370	\$3,370	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$3,370)	
Library Shop	\$4,081	\$4,081	\$441	\$2,532	62.04%	(\$1,549)	
Café	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$1,582	26.36%	(\$4,418)	
Sale of Used Equip.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0	
Transfers In	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0	
Federal Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0	
Refunds/Rebates-Self Ins.Rx	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$9,809	0.00%	(\$10,191)	
Total Revenues	\$9,677,191	10,136,741	\$28,742	\$583,553	5.76%	(\$9,553,188)	*taxes collected Dec-Mar
Expenditures							
Personnel	\$5,205,396	\$5,205,396	\$386,749	\$2,865,011	55.04%	(\$2,340,385)	
Salaries & Wages	\$3,359,218	\$3,359,218	\$252,581	\$2,206,059	65.67%	(\$1,153,159)	
Social Security	\$256,598	\$256,598	\$18,522	\$99,512	38.78%	(\$157,086)	
Employee Insurances	\$985,955	\$985,955	\$88,449	\$274,832	27.87%	(\$711,123)	
Retirement	\$603,625	\$603,625	\$27,197	\$276,008	45.73%	(\$327,617)	
Retiree Health Care - OPEB	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,600	0.00%	\$8,600	
Library Services	\$842,132	\$842,132	\$62,306	\$471,359	55.97%	(\$370,773)	
Electronic Serv.-Databases	\$220,408	\$220,408	\$8,009	\$134,304	60.93%	(\$86,104)	
Electronic Services-Skriver	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$0	\$24,615	91.17%	(\$2,385)	
Books	\$323,908	\$323,908	\$31,005	\$175,069	54.05%	(\$148,839)	
Processing & Supplies	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$2,489	\$9,380	39.09%	(\$14,620)	
Periodicals/Docs/Ref. Serv.	\$69,650	\$69,650	\$4,341	\$41,227	59.19%	(\$28,423)	
Music	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$426	\$2,818	33.15%	(\$5,682)	
Audiobooks	\$77,623	\$77,623	\$9,249	\$46,687	60.15%	(\$30,936)	
DVD's	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$2,432	\$17,259	42.10%	(\$23,741)	
Accessibility Support Collection	\$10,043	\$10,043	\$322	\$1,471	14.64%	(\$8,572)	
Programming	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$4,032	\$18,531	46.33%	(\$21,469)	
Facilities & Equipment	\$1,206,967	\$1,214,792	\$170,665	\$762,644	62.78%	(\$452,148)	*large annual payment for computer maintenance
Repairs/Maint. Supplies	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$16,038	\$44,991	69.22%	(\$20,009)	
Telephone	\$17,450	\$17,450	\$1,052	\$6,774	38.82%	(\$10,677)	
Building Insurance	\$58,017	\$65,842	\$0	\$65,842	100.00%	\$0	
Public Utilities	\$384,000	\$384,000	\$31,450	\$216,913	56.49%	(\$167,087)	
Building Maintenance	\$291,106	\$291,106	\$15,910	\$185,838	63.84%	(\$105,268)	
Equipment Maintenance	\$24,210	\$24,210	\$520	\$8,588	35.47%	(\$15,622)	
Grounds Maintenance	\$96,675	\$96,675	\$0	\$38,084	39.39%	(\$58,591)	
Computer System Maint.	\$254,508	\$254,508	\$104,960	\$187,175	73.54%	(\$67,333)	
Equipment	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$735	\$8,439	52.74%	(\$7,561)	
Other Operating Expenditures	\$2,383,895	\$2,352,395	\$73,171	\$562,810	23.92%	(\$1,789,585)	Revenue within 2% of percentage of year between 2-5% under percentage of year more than 5% under percentage of year
Offices/Computer Supplies	\$32,480	\$32,480	\$1,433	\$10,695	32.93%	(\$21,785)	
Postage	\$25,090	\$25,090	\$9	\$19,795	78.90%	(\$5,295)	
Professional Services	\$128,156	\$128,156	\$14,662	\$95,432	74.47%	(\$32,724)	
Projects	\$2,114,165	\$2,082,665	\$55,002	\$395,951	19.01%	(\$1,686,714)	
Staff Development/Travel	\$37,650	\$37,650	\$1,511	\$13,828	36.73%	(\$23,822)	Expenditures within 1.5%
Printing & Publishing	\$25,050	\$25,050	\$0	\$13,034	52.03%	(\$12,016)	
Dues & Membership	\$14,224	\$14,224	\$180	\$10,293	72.36%	(\$3,931)	
Bank Expenses	\$4,720	\$4,720	\$177	\$2,868	60.77%	(\$1,852)	
Library Shop Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$197	\$915	45.75%	(\$1,085)	
Café Expenses	\$360	\$360	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$360)	
Total Expenditures	\$9,638,390	\$9,614,715	\$692,890	\$4,661,824	48.49%	(\$4,952,891)	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$13,833,927	\$13,833,927		\$13,833,927			
Net revenue (expenditure)	\$38,801	\$522,026		(\$4,078,272)			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$13,872,728	\$14,355,953		\$9,755,655			
Fund Balance Designations							
Nonspendable-Prepaid Expense	\$18,791	\$18,791					
Committed Fund Balance (is 8-months of operational expenditures amount)	\$5,016,150	\$5,021,367					
Assigned Fund Balance (is \$482,971 the 3/31/23 compensated absences accrual, plus \$1,726,920 the OPEB obligation plus \$3,517,916 for capital improvements)	\$8,737,787	\$9,215,795					
Unassigned Fund Balance (is the unplanned emergency amount)	\$100,000	\$100,000					

**Bloomfield Township Public Library
FY 2024-2025 Gift Fund Budget**

PRESENTED: NOVEMBER 19, 2024 FOR THE MONTH OF: OCTOBER, 2024

Seven Months 58.33%

ACCOUNT NAME	2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET AS OF MAR 19, 2024	2024-2025 AMENDED BUDGET AS OF NOV 19, 2024	REVENUE/ EXPENSE CURRENT MONTH	REVENUE/ EXPENSE YTD	% OF BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE
<u>Revenues</u>						
Gift Income	\$500	\$64,819	\$1,328	\$64,319	99.23%	(\$500)
Gift Revenue	\$0	\$6,080	\$1,328	\$6,080	100.00%	\$0
Friends of the Library	\$0	\$54,673	\$0	\$54,673	100.00%	\$0
Atkinson Trust	\$0	\$1,510	\$0	\$1,510	100.00%	\$0
BTPL Endowment Fund/Amber Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Myers Scholarship	\$500	\$1,730	\$0	\$1,230	71.10%	(\$500)
Smith Challenge Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0
Fair Radom Garden Endowment	\$0	\$826	\$0	\$826	100.00%	\$0
Library Director's Legacy Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Investment Earnings	\$200	\$200	\$23	\$190	94.86%	(\$10)
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0	\$134	\$0	\$134	0.00%	\$0
Total Revenues	\$700	\$65,152	\$1,351	\$64,642	99.22%	(\$510)
<u>Expenditures</u>						
Library Services	\$75,589	\$124,605	\$13,306	\$54,718	43.91%	(\$69,888)
Facilities & Equipment	\$34,382	\$35,181	\$3,208	\$14,147	40.21%	(\$21,034)
Other Operating Expenditures	\$52,224	\$66,861	\$8,442	\$24,138	36.10%	(\$42,723)
Total Expenditures	\$162,195	\$226,647	\$24,956	\$93,002	41.03%	(\$133,645)
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$161,695	\$161,695		\$161,695		
Net revenue (expenditures)	(\$161,495)	(\$161,495)		(\$28,361)		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$200	\$200		\$133,334		

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Asset Allocation Summary
OCTOBER 2024

Fund	Type	Annual Yield	Date	Amount on Hand
General Fund				
	5th 3rd Checking (Ecommerce)	0.00%	10/31/2024	\$155,009.86
	Flagstar Public Funds Savings	3.75%	10/31/2024	\$218,016.31
	Flagstar Premier Public Entities Checking	0.55%	10/31/2024	\$470,067.41
	RBC Capital Cash/Money Market	0.85%	10/31/2024	\$27,033.94
	RBC Capital - Investments	4.73%	10/31/2024	\$12,407,393.45
	Total General Fund			<u>\$13,277,520.97</u>
	Please see General Fund budget for notes on how this amount is earmarked			
Gift Fund				
	Huntington Public Fund Business Interest Checking	0.29%	10/31/2024	\$73,873.74
	Huntington CD (Charnov gift) - matures 02/04/2025	4.30%	10/31/2024	\$50,000.00
	Fifth Third Bank Business Standard Checking	0.00%	10/31/2024	\$17,529.51
	Total Gift Fund			<u>\$141,403.25</u>

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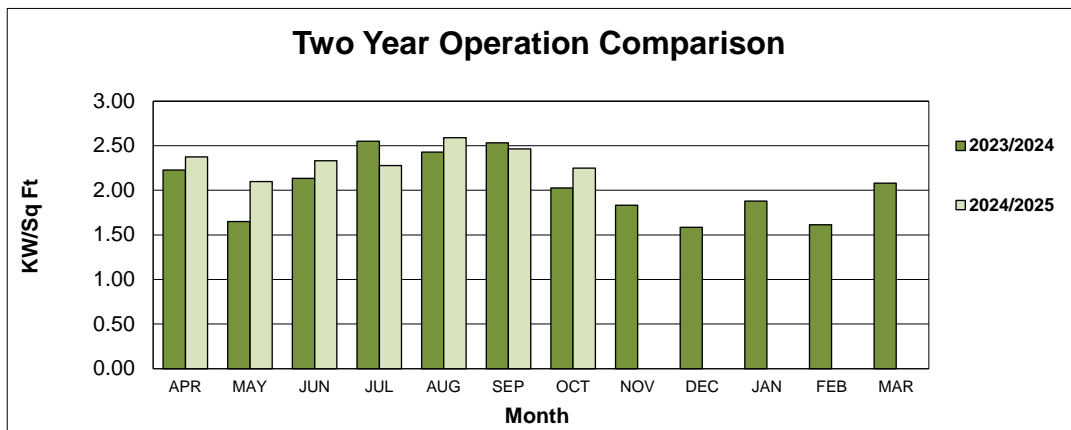
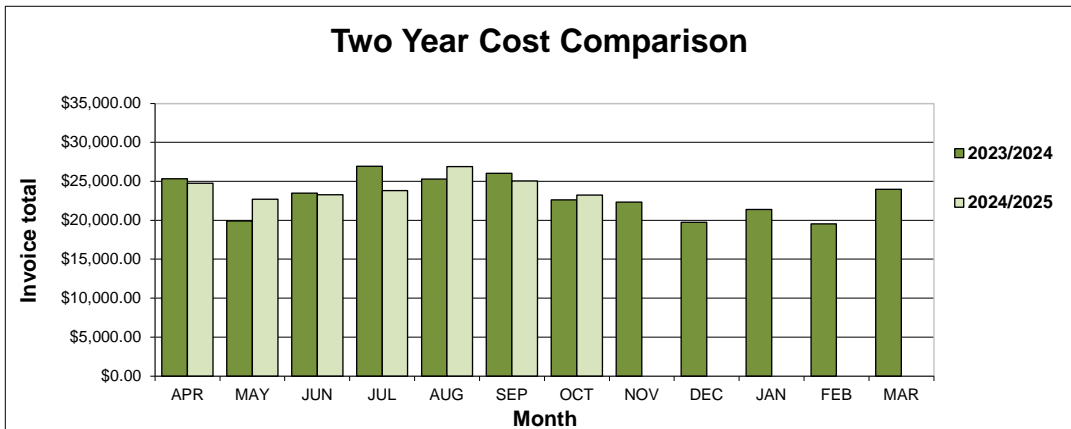
The following endowment funds are administered by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSEM). CFSEM maintains unilateral variance power and legal ownership of the endowment funds, and therefore, principal is not available to BTPL. Earnings are available for distribution to the Library for its operations at the discretion of CFSEM.

	<i>Updated 6/2024</i>	
Jeanette P. Myers Memorial Scholarship Fund	12/31/2023	\$16,270.00
Yvonne T. Atkinson Fund	12/31/2023	\$35,126.00
Lawrence Smith and Isabel Francis Smith Challenge Grant Fund	12/31/2023	\$38,208.83
BTPL Endowment Fund	12/31/2023	\$49,911.17
Fair Radom Garden Endowment Fund	12/31/2023	\$19,997.00
BTPL Director's Legacy Fund	12/31/2023	\$23,032.00
Total CFSEM holdings		<u>\$182,545.00</u>

Bloomfield Township Public Library Electricity Analysis

Building Area = 101,023 Sq ft.

TWO YEAR COST COMPARISON				CURRENT YEAR OPERATION					
Month	2023/2024	2024/2025	Difference	TOTAL					
				KWH	COST/KWH	KWH/HR (24 x no.days per month)	KWH/SQ FT 101,023	COST/HR (24 x no. days per month)	COST/SQ FT. 101,023
APR	\$25,322.27	\$24,773.37	(\$548.90)	240,065	\$0.10	333.42	2.38	\$34.41	\$0.25
MAY	\$19,897.76	\$22,717.34	\$2,819.58	212,072	\$0.11	285.04	2.10	\$30.53	\$0.22
JUN	\$23,496.49	\$23,261.35	(\$235.14)	235,732	\$0.10	327.41	2.33	\$32.31	\$0.23
JUL	\$26,914.27	\$23,823.38	(\$3,090.89)	230,062	\$0.10	309.22	2.28	\$32.02	\$0.24
AUG	\$25,285.64	\$26,904.57	\$1,618.93	261,800	\$0.10	351.88	2.59	\$36.16	\$0.27
SEP	\$26,013.82	\$25,039.95	(\$973.87)	249,137	\$0.10	346.02	2.47	\$34.78	\$0.25
OCT	\$22,634.92	\$23,245.65	\$610.73	227,045	\$0.10	305.17	2.25	\$31.24	\$0.23
NOV	\$22,324.34		(\$22,324.34)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEC	\$19,726.20		(\$19,726.20)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JAN	\$21,386.01		(\$21,386.01)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FEB	\$19,525.15		(\$19,525.15)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MAR	\$23,972.14		(\$23,972.14)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
YTD Difference									
TOTAL	\$276,499.01	\$169,765.61	(\$106,733.40)						

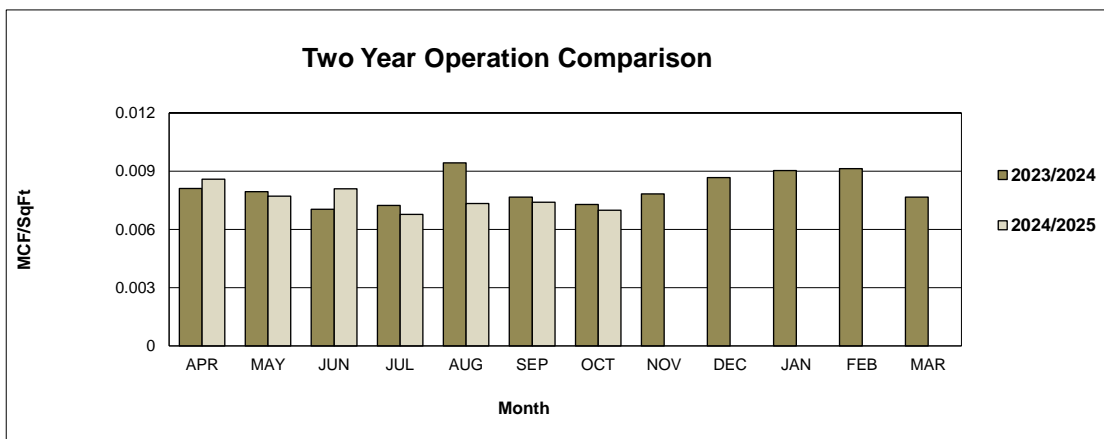
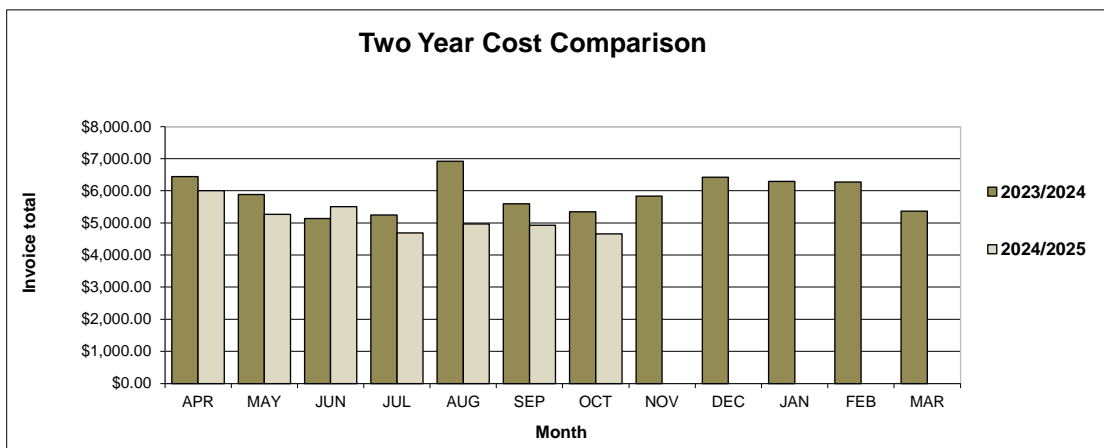


Bloomfield Township Public Library Natural Gas Analysis

Building Area = 101,023

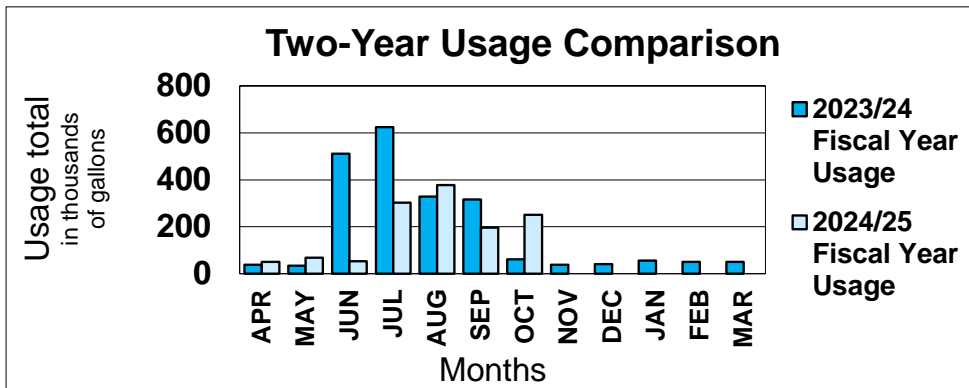
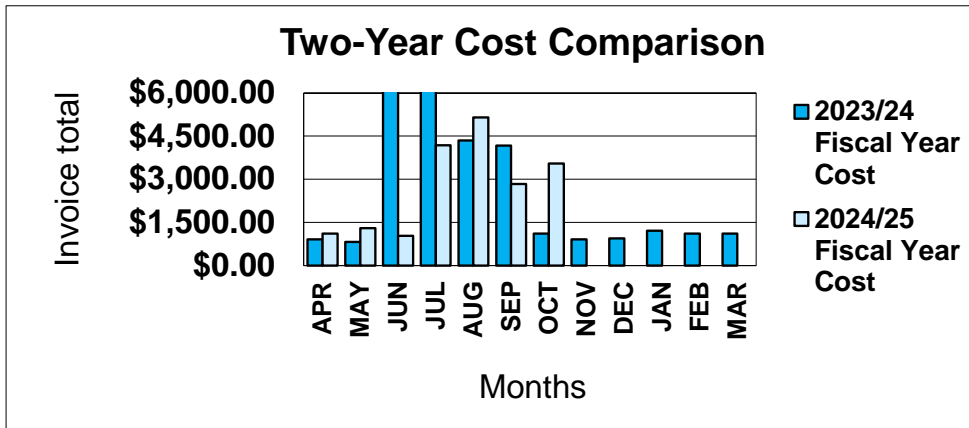
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TWO YEAR COST COMPARISON				OPERATION						
Month	2023/2024	2024/2025	Difference	MCF	COST/MCF	HOURS (24 x no.days per month)	MCF/HR	MCF/SqFt	\$/HR	\$/SqFt
APR	\$6,437.40	\$6,000.24	(\$437.16)	867.5	\$6.92	720	1.20	0.009	8.33	0.059
MAY	\$5,880.24	\$5,265.28	(\$614.96)	779.0	\$6.76	744	1.05	0.008	7.08	0.051
JUN	\$5,137.69	\$5,506.04	\$368.35	817.2	\$6.74	720	1.14	0.008	7.65	0.054
JUL	\$5,249.15	\$4,687.08	(\$562.07)	683.2	\$6.86	744	0.92	0.007	6.30	0.046
AUG	\$6,918.84	\$4,963.10	(\$1,955.74)	740.3	\$6.70	744	1.00	0.007	6.67	0.048
SEP	\$5,594.26	\$4,924.61	(\$669.65)	748.1	\$6.58	720	1.04	0.007	6.84	0.048
OCT	\$5,344.46	\$4,656.53	(\$687.93)	705.8	\$6.60	744	0.95	0.007	6.26	0.045
NOV	\$5,835.59		(\$5,835.59)		#DIV/0!	720	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
DEC	\$6,426.13		(\$6,426.13)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
JAN	\$6,294.19		(\$6,294.19)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
FEB	\$6,269.54		(\$6,269.54)		#DIV/0!	696	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
MAR	\$5,362.08		(\$5,362.08)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
TOTAL	\$70,749.57	\$36,002.88	YTD Difference (\$34,746.69)							



Bloomfield Township Public Library Water Analysis

Month	2023/24 Fiscal Year Cost	2024/25 Fiscal Year Cost	Difference	2023/24 Fiscal Year Usage	2024/25 Fiscal Year Usage	Difference
APR	\$905.74	\$1,104.73	\$198.99	39	50	11
MAY	\$815.29	\$1,298.78	\$483.49	34	68	34
JUN	\$6,613.60	\$1,029.34	(\$5,584.26)	511	53	(458)
JUL	\$7,947.25	\$4,178.74	(\$3,768.51)	624	302	(322)
AUG	\$4,352.62	\$5,145.46	\$792.84	329	378	49
SEP	\$4,174.75	\$2,830.42	(\$1,344.33)	316	196	(120)
OCT	\$1,108.90	\$3,547.90	\$2,439.00	61	251	190
NOV	\$905.74		(\$905.74)	39		(39)
DEC	\$941.62		(\$941.62)	41		(41)
JAN	\$1,213.27		(\$1,213.27)	56		(56)
FEB	\$1,104.73		(\$1,104.73)	50		(50)
MAR	\$1,104.73		(\$1,104.73)	50		(50)
			YTD Difference			YTD Difference
TOTAL	\$31,188.24	\$19,135.37	(\$12,052.87)	2,150	1,298	(852)



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONTHLY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 2024

- The Library has **three RFP processes** going on at the moment. One is for an upgraded video surveillance system. The deadline to receive proposals has passed and a team of staff are reviewing the proposals with the goal of bringing a recommended vendor to you at the regular monthly meeting in December. The second is the space needs and design services RFP, which is out with a deadline of December 5. We plan to bring a recommendation to you at the regular monthly meeting in January. Third, we just released an RFP for grounds maintenance and snow removal services. That is something we bid out every three years. In the absence of a Facility Services Department Head, Katherine and I will work with Tom Corliss, Maintenance Assistant, and lean on his knowledge of the Library's needs in this area. That recommendation will come before you at the regular monthly meeting in February.
- Last week, Joe Christopher sent the RFP documents for the **drainage improvement project** for my review and said that as soon as the Township gave final approval they would be released. I still don't know if that work will occur this winter or in the spring.
- The **roof work** is nearly complete. There are a couple of scuppers that need a bit more work and one section that needs the tape applied.
- Duross Painting completed repairs to the **cedar fascia**. They pressure washed the boards around the entire building and filled in or replaced any damaged cedar boards.
- For the **Thanksgiving holiday**, the Library will close at 5:30pm on Wednesday, November 27 and remain closed Thursday, November 28. The Library will reopen on Friday, November 29 at 9:30am. Wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tera Moon
Library Director*

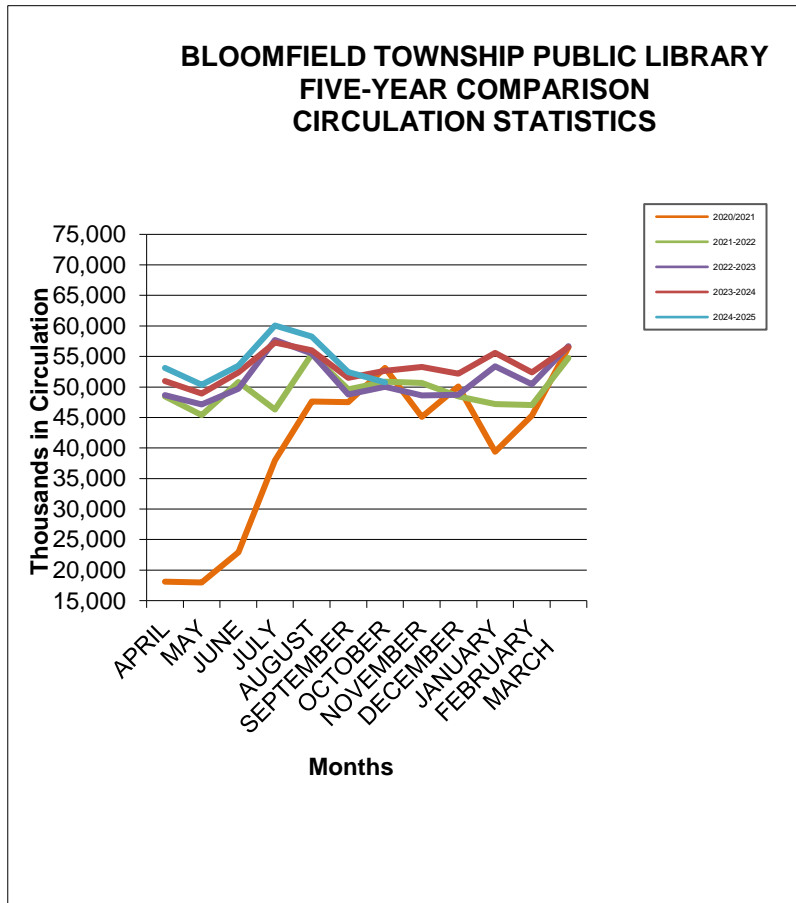
**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
OCTOBER 2024**

	2023		2024	
OUTREACH & PROGRAMS				
<i>New Patrons and Accounts</i>				
Township:	189		222	
Cranbrook:	5		10	
Total new patrons:	260		277	
<i>Adult Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	14 events	538 attended	15 events	452 attended
Speaker-led:	6 events	225 attended	2 events	82 attended
Book clubs:	7 events	61 attended	6 events	63 attended
Tours/visits on-site:	0 events	0 attended	0 events	0 attended
Tours/visits off-site:	7 events	425 attended	6 events	411 attended
Chamber Music Concert:	0 events	0 attended	0 events	0 attended
Bloomfield Historical Society:	0 events	0 attended	0 events	0 attended
Library's 60th Anniversary Celebration			1 event	524 attended
<i>IT Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	4 events	22 attended	6 events	37 attended
<i>Teen Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	1 event	16 attended	1 event	9 attended
<i>Youth Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	35 events	1,143 attended	34 events	1261 attended
Speaker-led:	0 events	0 attended	5 events	509 attended
Tours/visits on-site:	1 event	8 attended	0 events	0 attended
Tours/visits off-site:	7 events	792 attended	14 events	470 attended
TOTAL:	82 events	3,230 attended	89 events	3294 attended
<i>Volunteers (total for the month)</i>				
Shop volunteers	7 people	66.25 hours	7 people	57.25 hours
Court appointed volunteers	0 people	0 hours	1 person	21 hours
Student volunteers	0 people	0 hours	0 people	0 hours
Department volunteers	1 person	6 hours	1 person	6 hours
<i>Patron Remarks</i>				
Patron comments:	10		7	
Ask BTPL:	7		13	
DISPLAYS				
Lobby	<i>Articipate Collective Exhibition</i>			
Local History	<i>Hallow-month</i>			

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
FIVE YEAR CIRCULATION**

11/10/2024

	<u>2020/2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
APRIL	18,087	48,463	48,665	50,983	53,132
MAY	17,974	45,393	47,140	48,921	50,366
JUNE	22,933	50,843	49,706	52,369	53,502
JULY	37,962	46,304	57,694	57,272	60,069
AUGUST	47,629	55,372	55,485	55,983	58,270
SEPTEMBER	47,507	49,604	48,792	51,492	52,429
OCTOBER	53,114	50,855	50,032	52,652	51,578
NOVEMBER	45,117	50,656	48,595	53,264	
DECEMBER	50,080	48,439	48,737	52,182	
JANUARY	39,378	47,195	53,373	55,573	
FEBRUARY	45,329	47,023	50,469	52,401	
MARCH	56,504	54,732	56,705	56,512	
TOTAL	481,614	594,879	615,393	639,604	378,536



Decrease due to Library being closed April 1-30, 2020 (Covid 19 Pandemic)

Decrease due to Library being closed May 1-31, 2020 (Covid 19 Pandemic)

**MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees Personnel Committee was held in the Library on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Trustees Judy Lindstrom and Joan Luksik

Administration: Library Director Tera Moon and Assistant Director Katherine Bryant

Guests: Katy Yee, MGT/GovHR, via phone

**Compensation & Classification Study Review with MGT/GovHR representative
Katy Yee**

Library Director Tera Moon and MGT/GovHR consultant Katy Yee reviewed the process, findings, and recommendations of the compensation and classification study. The classification portion of the study determines the internal structure and equity among positions, while the compensation portion considers external factors and local market data to ensure competitive wage ranges.

The classification process resulted in a plan encompassing eight grades for the 17 positions at the Library. Trustee Judy Lindstrom inquired if eight grades is typical, and Katy said that the number of grades varies depending on the size of the organization and that it seemed right for one of our size. The market data gathered for the compensation process was used to calculate compensation rates at the 75th percentile, which was the Library's target in the 2017 survey.

The final report from MGT is a set of recommendations. It is up to the Library how to implement these recommendations – all at once, over time, or not at all. Tables 1 and 2 of the report, outlining the recommendations for the classification and compensation plans, were shared and discussed. The Board of Trustees will consider these recommendations at their November 19 meeting. The Library will further consider various implementation plans during the budgeting process for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Trustee Judy Lindstrom inquired about an organizational chart. Tera will include it in the board packet along with the full report.

No future meeting date is scheduled at this time.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Trustees

FROM: Tera Moon, Library Director

DATE: November 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Compensation and Classification Study 2024

I'm pleased to present the compensation and classification study as conducted by MGT (known as GovHR when we selected them in May 2024). Katy Yee has been the lead consultant on our study. She oversaw the collection of the internal and external data, performed the analysis, had many discussions with Assistant Director Katherine Bryant and me, and presented the study to the Personnel Committee. Katy had a last-minute conflict with our meeting so her colleague Rachel Skaggs will present the study via video conference. Rachel will go through the study and answer any questions you have.

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MOTION TO APPROVE ANY ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

I move to approve the items previously removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Katherine Bryant, Assistant Library Director

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Strategic Plan

The Library continues to move forward with work in each of the selected three main goals, although the committees have stopped meeting regularly and are on standby to reconvene as needed.

1. Reimagine use of library spaces for increased inclusion and flexibility. (Enhance Our Core)

The RFP for Library Space Planning and Design Services was released in October and a mandatory onsite walk-through was held on Thursday, November 7. Seventeen representatives from 14 different firms attended the walk-through. The Inclusive Spaces Committee co-chairs, Brooke Hoskins and Lauren Catoni-Ellis, also attended the walk-through to take note of questions and respond to inquiries. Proposals will be due on Thursday, December 5, and we hope to make a recommendation to the Library Board of Trustees at the January 21, 2025 meeting.

2. Update recruiting, hiring, on-boarding, and retention practices using a diversity, equity, and inclusion lens. (Build Organizational Capacity)

MGT/GovHR has provided a final draft report of the compensation and classification study. Consultant Katy Yee met with the Personnel Committee on Tuesday, November 12 to review the study and report, as well as the recommendations for moving forward. This information will be presented to the Library Board of Trustees at the November 19 meeting.

3. Cultivate a collaborative culture by focusing on how we work together. (Build Organizational Capacity)

In October, the Collaborative Culture Committee met to touch base. Director Tera Moon shared the results of the TLN Workplace Perceptions Survey. The group then revisited its own Employee Satisfaction Survey and discussed a webinar Bala Cramer (and other librarians) attended, where a library's Culture and Policy Handbook was shared. The committee will meet again in January to finalize the survey for spring distribution.

Completed Activities:

ENHANCE OUR CORE...to create responsive collections, functional and comfortable spaces, and seamless digital experience.

Goal 1: Anticipate collections to develop in response to community needs that inform, entertain, and expand world view.

- Created a location code for Teen items.
- Added PressReader, ComicsPlus, and myfilmfriend to the Library's digital offerings.
- Updated the 200s to the alternate arrangement, which organizes religious subjects more equitably by chronology and geography, rather than centering on Christianity.
- Call numbers in Youth Services were updated to better reflect how patrons interact with the collections. 'Beginning to Read' is now 'Early Reader,' and 'Easy' has been renamed 'Picture.'

Goal 2: Reimagine use of library spaces for increased inclusion and flexibility.

- Engaged Jenna Walker of Parini to create and present a Pre-design and Research Report for Library Renovation.
- Implemented new study room reservation system.
- Updated the early childhood area with new seating and interactive toys.
- Released an RFP for Library Space Planning and Design Services in October 2024.

Goal 3: Proactively provide access to innovative technology resources, support, and education to support robust digital experiences at all stages of life.

- Launched BTPL Mobile App in fall 2023.
- Launched Vega, an updated public online catalog, in March 2024.

CONNECT THE COMMUNITY...with each other, with opportunities to be creative, and with new experiences.

Goal 1: Bring people together around diverse interests and thought-provoking topics.

- Launched The Distracted Librarians podcast.
- Celebrated the Library's 60th anniversary with over 500 patrons at the Applause, Applause event on October 5, 2024.

Goal 2: Expand opportunities for people and groups to create and explore.

- Hosted events including scavenger hunts, Photo Contest, Teen Book Cover Design Contest, AI computer classes, a variety of gardening classes, a climate change lecture, and more.
- Visited kindergarten classes for March is Reading Month.
- Eliminated overdue fines to allow more community members to access the Library.
- Distributed 2,000 pairs of eclipse glasses in April 2024.

Goal 3: Deepen engagement with all community members by proactively listening to and learning about needs.

- Created Early Childhood Specialist position to provide additional services to this age group.
- Expanded school media specialist liaison program in 2023-2024 school year.
- Participated in multiple outreach events, including the Bloomfield Township Open House.
- Connected with households without a library card by implementing a direct mail campaign to encourage library card registration.

BUILD ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY...for strong operations, satisfying employment, and a collaborative culture.

Goal 1: Practice learning organization principles.

Goal 2: Update recruiting, hiring, on-boarding, and retention practices using a diversity, equity, and inclusion lens.

- Changed two Intern positions to Library Assistant positions based on response to previous Intern postings. The Library Assistant position is open to more potential candidates due to changes in educational requirements.
- Conducting a compensation and classification study.
- Implemented BambooHR, an online human resources management tool.

Goal 3: Cultivate a collaborative culture by focusing on how we work together.

- Implemented monthly departmental tours.
- Participated in TLN Workplace Perceptions Survey.
- Created a culture card.

MARKETING REPORT

OCTOBER 2024

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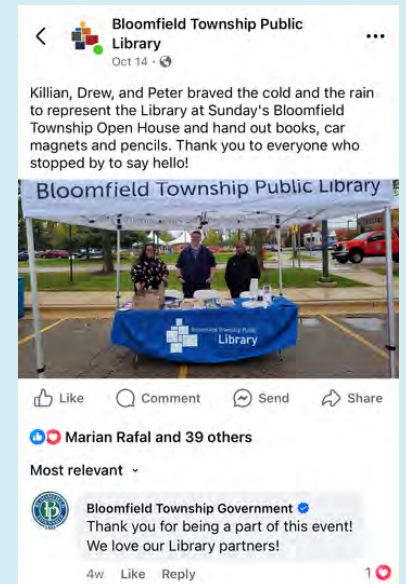
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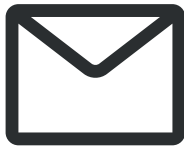


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TOTAL REACH:
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(↑9% from Sept.)



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- **Movies and More** (new DVDs, Spooky Movie Night: *Beetlejuice*) - 178 messages
- **Books and More** (new books) - 11,948 messages
- **Discover** (Trick or Treat, Spooky Movie Night, MI Mysteries with Ross Richardson, Teen After Hours Event: *The Traitors* @ the Library, Story Times, Brick Builders, Gamer Lounge) - 20,519 messages
- **Digital News** (new Libby and hoopla titles) - 2310 messages

PRESS RELEASES



- History Harvest with Bloomfield Historical Society
- Chamber Music Concerts
- November Second Saturday Book Sale
- Lecture: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

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Michigan Mysteries next author visit at library

Get ready for a spooky and spine-tingling event at the Bloomfield Township Public Library on Tuesday, October 15, at 7 p.m. when they host a Halloween edition of Michigan Mysteries featuring renowned author and presenter Ross Richardson.

Richardson will delve into the eerie side of Michigan's history as he shares chilling tales of documented hauntings and explores some of the state's most mysterious disappearances. This presentation will also shed light on the techniques used to solve baffling cold cases, revealing how some long-forgotten mysteries have been unraveled.

Everyone is welcome and no registration is required. The library notes that this program contains images and stories about true crime, missing persons and human remains.



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ISAIC Presentation Shares Cost of “Fast Fashion,” Tips for Reducing Clothing Waste

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ISAIC Presentation Shares Cost of "Fast Fashion," Tips for Reducing Clothing Waste

(Crystal A. Proxmire, Oct. 14, 2024)

Bloomfield Township, MI- Olivia Marshall is on a mission. She's bringing darning back.

Marshall is a Training Developer at Industrial Sewing and Innovation Center in Detroit (ISAIC), which is located in the Carhart building in Detroit. Their goal is to "Change clothes. Change lives," by "revolutionizing the textile and apparel industry through a human-centered approach to innovative manufacturing and training."

One of the group's passions is educating people on the dark side of fashion, and how their choices can make a difference. Marshall was the featured speaker at a Bloomfield Township Library on Sept. 24, sharing a presentation compiled by Cassie Franklin on behalf of ISAIC. The presentation is shared at libraries, schools, and other places throughout the Metro Detroit area to help raise awareness and fuel change.

THE DARK SIDE OF FAST FASHION

"It's a pretty bleak outlook we have for sustainability," Marshall said. "We all know about global warming and industrialization, but in fashion it goes deeper. There is 'fast fashion,' which I call 'trash fashion.'"

She shared that over 80 billion pieces of new clothing are produced each year. And 72% of that ends up in landfills. Even when people donate to thrift shops, they don't realize that much of that material ends up being sent to landfills both in the US and overseas, where mountains of unwanted shirts, shoes, dresses, pants and other fabric items surround the residents of third world nations.

Many items are made from synthetic fibers such as polyester. "Polyester is basically the same kind of plastic water bottles are made out of," she said. "It takes 200 years for that discarded shirt to decompose."

Yet the rate of production continues to rise, and the quality of clothing items continues to decline. "If you make clothes more likely to fall apart, people will throw them out and buy new ones," Marshall said. There's also a lot of pressure on consumers to always be updating their looks. Every year new colors and trends drive people to purchase new items they otherwise may not need.

Some tricks of the trade include poor stitching and thinner fabrics that are prone to getting holes. One attendee recalled that back in her youth "the quality of clothes was better, and more people sewed. So much today is thrown away."

In addition to the challenges of trash, clothing manufacturing takes up enormous amounts of water and can add to water pollution depending on production practices.

There are human costs as well. In the 1980s, the majority of clothing manufacturing was moved to outside of the United States. Workers are paid pennies on the dollar for their labor, and much of it is done by women and children. Accusations of trafficking and sexual harassment are not uncommon and the working conditions can be terrible.

WHAT CAN MANUFACTURERS AND RESEARCHERS DO?

ISAIC looks at the clothing industry from multiple perspectives, including creating a work environment that is healthiest for workers. Ergonomic seating helps protect the long-term health of the humans tasked with sewing for extended periods of time. Production workflows are studied to minimize excess work, like walking or stretching unnecessarily, and to make sure that items move from one step to the next most efficiently.

They also study new technologies, like robotics and AI. "This isn't to take away jobs from humans, but to see how we can make humans jobs easier, to have a better quality of life," Marshall said.

She explained that many people don't realize how clothes are made, that human touch is needed. "You can't just program a robot to sew a shirt," she said. Even with a simple design, humans navigate the process much faster, and more instinctually, than robots are capable.

However, they can help in some ways. For example, as part of their training programs ISAIC students learn to sew the Carhart logo onto beanies. The logo is a simple square, but quality is a must, so AI technology is used to check the work, catching imperfections that need to be corrected.

ISAIC also looks at sustainability issues, including fabric recycling. Marshall explained that having blended fabrics, which many items do, creates a challenge. Cotton fibers can be separated, but polyester fibers are plastic that must be melted down. When the two are combined though, there is not yet a good method for separating them out.

It's also hard to get the material looking good. ISAIC tested out doing recycled T-shirts, but all too often an imperfection would create unwanted color specks, and in the end there was lots of waste. The process is just too expensive and too imperfect at this time to really make a dent in reducing the amount of fashion trash.

Communicating with the industry about best practices and innovation is one of the ways ISAIC is working to make a difference. The other is educating the public about what they, as individuals, can do.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Marshall's presentation shared ways to shop more contentiously, as well as how to take care of the clothing so that it doesn't wear out as quickly.

One tip was to chose garments made in countries with stricter environmental regulations and protections for employees, such as the United State, Canada, and countries in Europe. These garments may cost more, but that cost is helping to pay the workers a living wage, and with some conditions to help protect the environment.

She said to look for quality stitching. A standard good stitch has 12 stitches per inch, whereas some stores now have clothes with just five. Another recommendation was to stick with organic fibers like cotton, linen, hemp, alpaca, and bamboo.

Marshall also urged people to consider clothing companies that work in smaller batches as opposed to larger scale. Companies with large runs tend to make extra items that are just disposed of.

Taking care of the clothes you have can also make a difference in the world, and in one's bank account.

Suggestions included learning proper stain removal techniques, such as that stains should always be blotted and not rubbed, and never to dry an item with a stain on it because that helps bake the stain in.

She also noted that every time an item is washed and/or dried it is working to break down the fabric. The lint that ends up in the drawer is mainly fabric strands pulled out of clothing. "Every time you wash it, fibers are going down the drain," Marshall said.

There are also a number of ways to repair damaged garments, including:

- darning
- patchwork
- decorative applique
- sashiko stitching
- iron on mending
- using dye to cover up stains or refresh looks

And if clothes are too far gone, rather than throwing them out, consider cutting them up to use for cleaning rags, or using the scraps of fabric to adorn other fashion creations.

There are many YouTube videos that explain these techniques. So even a person does not know how to sew a button, they can learn. "Don't be afraid to try new things. Don't be afraid to fail. Seam rippers exist for a reason," she said.

Repairing clothes can be done discretely, or it can turn into a hobby of creating one's own fashion. "In the fashion industry, people want what no one else has," Marshall said.

Being unique can also help bring more conversations, so that more people are mindful of the choices they make. As one person in the audience said, "The more attention you can bring to it, the more we can create change."

More info:

[ISAIC](#)

Fast Fashion = Toxic Fashion



The fashion industry is one of the biggest violators of human rights, and the second largest environment polluter in the world.

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Early Voting Starts This Saturday, October 26



Early in-person voting starts this Saturday, October 26 at the Bloomfield Township Public Library at 1099 Lone Pine Road. Take this opportunity to avoid potential long lines on Election Day and vote at your convenience.

Early voting is available at the Library every day, from October 26 to November 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the only exception is on Halloween when the hours will be from Noon to 8 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at 248-433-7702 or [Email The Clerk's Office](#). You can also visit the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#) for additional resources.

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Bloomfield Township Trustee Office Hours – This Week

A graphic with a blue and green background. On the left, the words "TRUSTEE OFFICE HOURS" are written in large, light green, sans-serif capital letters. A small clock icon is positioned between "OFFICE" and "HOURS". On the right, there is a white box with blue text: "Opportunity to meet with a Trustee in person." Below this, a blue box contains the text "NEW TIME & LOCATION" in white, followed by "5:00-6:30 PM @Bloomfield Township Public Library" in white. At the bottom right, another white box contains the text "Final Board Meeting Dates of Each Month (typically the 4th Monday)" in blue.

Before this week's scheduled Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, October 28, take the opportunity to meet and talk with a trustee. Trustee Office Hours take place from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Public Library. This will be followed by the Board of Trustees Meeting at Township Hall at 7 p.m.

Check the full schedule of [Board of Trustees Meetings](#) and list of all [Public Meetings](#).

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Early voting locations in Southeast Michigan: Where to vote in Oakland County

By Jay Dillon | Published October 23, 2024 4:40pm EDT | 2024 Election | FOX 2 Detroit | [↗](#)



DETROIT, MICHIGAN - OCTOBER 19: Residents vote in early voting at a park building in Detroit on October 19, 2024 in Detroit, Michigan. Detroit is the first Michigan community to have early voting. Both Vice President Kamala Harris and former President

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The Brief

- Early voting starts in Michigan on Saturday, Oct. 26 and ends on Sunday, Nov. 3
- Oakland County is providing early voting at a central location but also at locations throughout the entire county
- Early voting works exactly the same as voting in person on Election Day. The only difference is you are voting early.

DETROIT (FOX 2) - Early voting is underway already in Detroit and it starts this weekend for nearly every other county and city in the state.

Michigan added early voting after the 2022 proposal was overwhelmingly approved and it's already been used during the primary but the general election is expected to bring significantly more voters to the polls early.

Early voting in Michigan can begin no later than Oct. 26 and must be available for nine consecutive days and be over by Sunday before Election Day - Nov. 3.

Communities can elect to do more election days, up to 29 days. In fact, Detroit opened early voting this past weekend.

Michigan law requires that at least one early voting site be available to all voters in every city and township. Local clerks select the number and locations that work best for each community. This is based on population density, site accessibility, and voter turnout.

Where to vote early in Oakland County

In Oakland County, cities are working together to provide locations for early voting with a total of 18 regional sites and one central voting site.

Oakland County's Central Site is at Waterford Oaks Activity Center in Waterford. This site is for any Oakland County voter to cast their ballots early. But not everyone can get there - so there are regional sites throughout the county as well:

Berkley, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge: Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, MI 48237

Royal Oak Township, Ferndale, Hazel Park: Hazel Park Community Center, 620 W. Woodward Heights Blvd., Hazel Park, MI 48030

Madison Heights, Royal Oak: Leo Mahany/Harold Meininger Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marais Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073

Lathrup Village, Southfield: Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, MI 48076

Farmington, Farmington Hills: Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Northville, Novi, Novi Township: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375

Lyon Township, Milford Township: Lyon Township Hall, 58000 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, MI 48165

Commerce Township, Walled Lake, Wixom: Commerce Township Community Library, 180 E. Commerce St., Commerce, MI 48382

West Bloomfield Township, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake, Sylvan Lake:
West Bloomfield Township Public Library, 4600 Walnut Lk. Rd., West
Bloomfield, MI 48323

Bloomfield Township, Southfield Township: Birmingham Bloomfield
Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Clawson, Troy: Troy Community Center, East Entrance, 3179 Livernois Rd.,
Troy, MI 48083

Highland Township, White Lake Township: Highland Township Hall
Auditorium, 205 N. John St., Highland, MI 48357

Waterford Township, Lake Angelus: Waterford Township Public Library,
5168 Civic Center Dr., Waterford, MI 48329

Pontiac: Pontiac Public Library, 60 E. Pike St., Pontiac, MI 48342

Oakland Township, Rochester Hills: Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde
Towne Rd. Rochester, MI 48307

Holly Township, Rose Township, Springfield Township: Springfield Oaks
Activity Center, 12451 Andersonville Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350

Independence Township, Clarkston: Brady Lodge at Bay Court Park, 6970 Andersonville Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346

Addison Township, Orion Township, Oxford Township: Orion Township Municipal Building, 2323 Joslyn Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48360

Who is allowed to vote early in Michigan?

Any registered voter in the state has the right to vote early in person at an early voting site.

Early voting sites don't offer voter registration in person unless they are at a clerk's office or a clerk's satellite office.

The Michigan Secretary of State recommends you register to vote prior to visiting an early voting site.

[Learn more about what you need to register to vote here.](#)

How does early voting work?

Early voting gives voters a chance to cast a ballot in advance of Election Day in a way that is similar to voting on Nov. 5.

Voters will get a ballot, fill it out, and submit it into a tabulator at an early voting site.

It's exactly like voting on Election Day – only you're doing it early and it's at a location that could be different from your precinct.

Early voting is different from absentee voting. Absentee allows you to fill out your ballot in the comfort of your home or office and then mail it back. However, if you opt for an absentee ballot, you can take it to an early voting site and insert it directly into the tabulator, just as you would with a ballot on Election Day.

The Source

FOX 2 consulted the Oakland County website oakgov.com which provided the early voting locations

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Preserve history with historical society at library

Bloomfield Township Public Library, along with Bloomfield Historical Society, will host a "History Harvest" on Sunday, November 10, from 1-4 p.m. to help collect preserve local history.

Members of the public are invited to participate in this unique opportunity to donate items that will assist in the preservation of Bloomfield community history while also receiving expert insight from the township's librarians.

Items of particular interest include local yearbooks, photographs, postcards, telephone directories, restaurant menus, and local publications including biographies and memoirs.

Members of the Bloomfield Historical Society will also be onsite to assist with research questions.

"Twenty years ago, when the Bloomfield Historical Society was formed, we found that we shared a common mission with the library's local history collection to conserve our heritage. The library encouraged our partnership and we continue to volunteer time and knowledge of the history of the Bloomfield area to help build this important collection," said Pam Carmichael, director and past president of Bloomfield Historical Society.

The public is welcome, and there is no prior registration necessary.





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Big Turn Out for Early Voting in Bloomfield Township



Early voting for the 2024 November election got off to a huge start, both here in the Township and around the country.

Township Clerk Martin Brook shared, "It is wonderful to see our citizens utilizing Early Voting. The Early Voting sites are a collaboration between the Oakland County Clerk and nearly all the various municipal Clerks in the county. The Bloomfield Township Library hosts Bloomfield Township, Birmingham, and Southfield Township. As of October 27, 2024, 1,786 have voted early at this site and 1,170 of those are Bloomfield Township voters."

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at 248-433-7702 or [Email The Clerk's Office](#). You can also visit the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#) for additional resources.



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Bloomfield Township Public Library and Bloomfield Historical Society To Host "History Harvest"



with the Bloomfield Historical Society

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No registration required. For more information, please call the Library at (248) 642-5800 or visit the [Library Website](#).



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Bloomfield Township Public Library Announces Chamber Music Concert Series

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
**CHAMBER MUSIC
CONCERTS**
AT BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Talented student musicians from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance will thrill audiences with stirring performances of chamber music pieces.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8
AT 7 P.M.

Concert is free and open to all.
No registration required.

Bloomfield Township Public Library and the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance are pleased to announce the dates for the next Chamber Music Concert series:

- Friday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.

Information on the music performed will be available closer to each concert date. The concerts are free and open to everyone. No registration is required. We invite you to join us for a beautiful evening of music in the Library.

The concert series is sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library. For more information, please call the Library at (248) 642-5800 or visit the [Library Website](#).

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Lecture on JFK assassination at library

Jay Hernandez, a lecturer and Michigan public safety veteran, will provide a fact-based perspective to the events surrounding the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy at the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

The lecture will take place on Tuesday, November 12, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome and no prior registration is required.

The program will explore how recently released classified documents shed new light on the historic day of November 22, 1963. Hernandez aims to bridge the gap between historical facts and real-work applications, providing a unique perspective on the JFK assassination.



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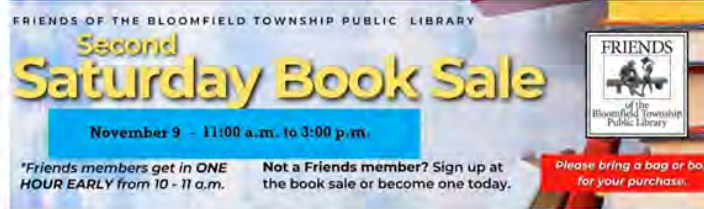


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Friends Of Bloomfield Township Public Library November Book Sale



The Friends of Bloomfield Township Public Library will hold their Second Saturday Book Sale Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friends members may shop the sale early from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and memberships can be purchased at the door on the day of the sale.

The sale takes place on the lower level of the Library and includes thousands of books and audiovisual materials for all ages and interests, conveniently sorted into more than 50 categories. Highlights of this sale will include fall/holiday baking and cooking, as well as Halloween/science fiction books. In addition, The Media Room will feature The Teaching Company/The Great Courses and other learning films. The sale always includes a wide array of subjects and a room dedicated to music and film.

For more information, please call the Library at (248) 642-5800 or visit the [Library Website](#).

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Bloomfield Township Public Library To Host JFK Assassination Lecture



Bloomfield Township Public Library will host lecturer and Michigan public safety veteran Jay Hernandez on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. to bring a fact-based perspective to the events surrounding the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963.

The program will explore how recently released classified documents shed new light on this momentous day. Hernandez aims to bridge the gap between historical facts and real-world applications for a unique perspective on the JFK assassination.

All are welcome; no registration required. For more information, please call the Library at (248) 642-5800 or visit the [Library Website](#).



LOCAL LAWYER RECEIVES AWARD

BEVERLY HILLS – Beverly Hills resident Marguerite Donahue received the 18th annual Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award by the State Bar of Michigan's Business Law Section.



Donahue

Donahue is a corporate transactional attorney with Taft Detroit and practices mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, private equity, and more. She is a member of Taft's Venture Capital and Emerging Companies practice group.

Recipients of the Stephen H. Schulman Outstanding Business Lawyer Award uphold the characteristics that the Business Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan values.

Township Open House planned for Oct. 13

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP – The 2024 Bloomfield Township Open House will be held 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, giving attendees a chance to learn about the services available at the township and to meet a few employees – plus enjoy doughnuts, popcorn and more.

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week 2024, township officials said, every department will be represented to offer engagement, information and giveaways. The fire and police departments will have information and demonstrations – including a "Smoke House" to educate about fire prevention and a dunk tank to benefit Special Olympics.

This year will also see the return of the "Passport to Fun." Coordinated by the Clerk's Office, this activity provides kids with their own passport that they are encouraged to have stamped at each township department. Once passports are complete with 10 stamps, residents can enter into a raffle for prizes that include dinner with the fire department and lunch with the police department.

Other attractions include: building a doghouse, a truck display, a Lego building table, a rock climbing tower and more.

New to the Open House experience this year will be the BCTV Performance Stage. Local artists will perform throughout the event.

There will also be a designated lot for food trucks, with menus and pricing available the day of the event.

The open house will take place at the Bloomfield Township campus, 4200 Telegraph Road, just south of Long Lake Road. Open House parking will be available throughout the township campus.

Township library to host 'Michigan Mysteries' presentation

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP – The Bloomfield Township Public Library is hosting a Halloween edition of "Michigan Mysteries," featuring author and presenter Ross Richardson, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Delve into the eerie side of Michigan's history as Richardson shares chilling tales of documented hauntings and explores some of the state's most mysterious disappearances. The presentation will also shed light on the techniques used to solve baffling cold cases, revealing how some long-forgotten mysteries have been unraveled.

All are welcome; no registration is required. The program contains images and stories about true crime, missing persons and human remains. Visit the events calendar at btpl.org for more October fun or call the library at (248) 642-5800.

GOLF COURSES OPEN TO ALL FOR FALL

BIRMINGHAM – The city of Birmingham's golf rates have been reduced for the rest of the year. Additionally, municipal courses are open to all. Members can get tee-time reservations seven days in advance, while non-members can make them five days in advance. The season at Springdale Golf Course, 316 Strathmore Road, will end Sunday, Oct. 13, and Lincoln Hills Golf Course, 2666 W. 14 Mile Road, will remain open while the weather allows. For more information on Birmingham's fall golf rates, visit bhamgov.org/golf.



ES THIS SPEAKERS

Academy of Art announced the speakers and dates for this year's free public lecture series in Cranbrook Art Museum's deSalle Auditorium. People can view recordings on the Cranbrook channel. The first speaker of the series was Charisse Weston on Oct. 3. The next event in the series will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 24: "The Knoll Lecture in Design: Brian Graham." There are nine more events through April 10. More information can be found at cranbrookart.edu/events/category/lectures.

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OCT. 11

Spooky Movie Night: Watch "Beetlejuice" (1988), 6:30 p.m., Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, (248) 642-5800, btpl.org/as_post/get-in-on-hallo-month-fun

OCT. 12

Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival: Pumpkin carving, pumpkin bowling, live entertainment, crafts, food, cider and doughnuts, professional pumpkin carving display and more, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., also see pumpkins lit 7-9 p.m., Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Eventbrite

OCT. 13

BeWitched & BeDazzled: Hosted by Meadow Brook Theatre Guild with mistress of ceremonies Karen Carter (meteorologist at CBS News Detroit and Detroit 50), includes luncheon, vendors, caricaturist, psychic readers, photo booth, costume contest, raffles, silent auction and door prizes, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Petruzzello's Banquet and Conference Center, 6950 Rochester Road in Troy, www.meadowbrooktheatreguild.com/bewitched-bedazzled

OCT. 15

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OCT. 18

Historical Haunts Strolling Dinner: Also live music and silent auction at former century-old home of auto baron, 6:30-10 p.m., Chalmers Estate, 5263 Franklin Road in Bloomfield Township, event hosted by Preservation Bloomfield in support of Barton Farmhouse and Craig Log Cabin at Bowers School Farm, RSVP at preservationbloomfield.org/events

OCT. 19

Masquerade at the Museum: Strolling fundraiser featuring seasonal snack stations, costume contest, scavenger hunt and drink ticket, make mask on site or bring own, 7-11 p.m., Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, www.rochesterhills.org/news_detail_T9_R366.php

Boo Bash: Crafts, games, trick-or-treating for ages 2-12 and live DJ, 1-4 p.m., also hayrides until 3:30 p.m., costumes encouraged, Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road, bit.ly/SfidBooBash24

OCT. 24

Spooky Spaghetti Dinner: Hosted by Royal Oak

Woman's Club with proceeds supporting scholarships for local students, Halloween-themed event includes all-you-can-eat pasta, plus salad, garlic bread, drinks and dessert, 4:30-7 p.m., 404 S. Pleasant St. in Royal Oak, rowc.org/events

OCT. 25

Trunk or treat: 6-8 p.m., Corewell Health William Beaumont University Hospital Research Institute, 3811 W. 13 Mile Road in Royal Oak, (248) 898-5000

Spooky Fun at Suburban Ford of Ferndale: Indoor trick-or-treating, snacks, balloons and glitter tattoos with Tootsee The Clown, 4-6 p.m., 21600 Woodward Ave., (313) 644-4532

ONGOING

The Village Pumpkin Patch: \$5 per pumpkin through Oct. 30, scan QR code on site and pick up at Festival Park, 104 N. Adams Road in Rochester Hills, 100% of funds go to The Rainbow Connection

Fall Fest at Detroit Zoo: Includes Zoo Boo (treat stations, 5-9 p.m. Fridays and 2-9 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays Oct. 11-13 and 18-20) and Jack O'Lantern Journey (illuminated pumpkin displays, live entertainment and more, 5-10 p.m. Oct. 25-27), 8450 W. 10 Mile Road in Royal Oak, detroitzoo.org

See horror films in Gothic-inspired ballroom: Watch "Dracula" (1931) Oct. 31 and "The Birds" (1963) Nov. 7, also three-course dinner and cash bar, 6:30-9 p.m., Meadow Brook Hall on campus of Oakland University, 350 Estate Drive in Rochester, registration required, meadowbrookhall.org/events/dinner-and-a-movie

Downtown BOO!key: Fall-themed events include Witches Night Out (Oct. 10), Ghost Chase (Oct. 18), Trick-or-Treat Stroll & Monster Mash (Oct. 26) and Vampire Blood Drive (Oct. 29), various locations in Berkley, facebook.com/DowntownBerkley

Enchanted: Immersive and illuminated forest walks, 1-mile tours take approximately one hour to complete and start around dusk with final entries around 10:15 p.m., held Thursdays-Sundays until Nov. 3 (except Halloween) with special event programming on select nights, Glenlore Trails, 3860 Newtown Road in Commerce Township, www.glenloretrails.com

'Ghostly Affair': Halloween-themed exhibition featuring 52 Michigan artists, on display Oct. 24, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St. in Rochester, pccart.org/pccas-2024-halloween-exhibition

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCT. 17
Book signings: Meet and hear passages from Ferrisburgh author Donald Levin and Bloomfield Hills-based author Rick Bailey during release of new novels, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Color | Ink Studio & Gallery, 20919 John R Road in Hazel Park, donaldlevin.com, rick-bailey.com

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Celebration of Hope Gala: Fundraiser honoring suicide awareness and prevention advocates hosted by Common Ground, includes plated dinner, beer and wine service, silent auction, live entertainment, agency update and award presentations, 6:30-9:30 p.m., The Community House, 380 S. Bates St. in Birmingham, RSVP at commongroundhelps.org/events

OCT. 19
Trick-or-treating: Visit nearly 50 businesses, 3:30-5 p.m., start at corner of East Second and Main streets or corner of West University and Main streets in Rochester, also Halloween Fest featuring goodies, photo opportunities, doughnuts for sale and free pumpkins for first 100 kids, 5-6:30 p.m., Farmers Market lot at East Third and Water streets, downtownrochestermi.com

OCT. 20
Spooktacular: Trick-or-treating, face painting, costume contest and parade, food truck, magic show and more, 1-5 p.m., downtown Royal Oak and Centennial Commons (204 S. Troy St.), see schedule at royalokchamber.com/events/calendar

OCT. 22
Medicare changes webinar: Hosted by Michigan Medicare Assistance

Program and AgeWays, live on facebook.com/agewaysmi from 10-11:30 a.m., call (800) 803-7147 for free year round

OCT. 25
After-Hours Spooky Tales on the Terrace: Also hot cocoa and snacks under heaters, for ages 8-12, 6:30 p.m., Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, registration required, (248) 642-5800, btpli.org

OCT. 26
Chamber Music Detroit: Concert featuring piano windtet Ensemble 4.1, 7:30 p.m., Bloomfield Hills High School, 4200 Andover Road in Bloomfield Township, chambermusicdetroit.org

OCT. 26-27
Halloween Science: Haunted roller coaster at Acheson Planetarium, scavenger hunt, make-and-take arts and crafts, create bat ears and spider web, "Wicked weather" stage shows, launch pumpkins with 2-ton trebuchet, themed experiments and table-top activities, and more, costumes encouraged, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5 p.m. Oct. 26, and 12:30-4 p.m. Oct. 27, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, registration encouraged, science.cranbrook.edu/explore/programs/events

OCT. 29
Trick-or-treating: Decorate bag and follow map for peanut-free goodies, mini craft kits and stickers inside, food trucks outside, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, (248) 642-5800, btpli.org

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Township library announces Chamber Music Concert Series

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The Bloomfield Township Public Library and the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance announced the dates for their next chamber music concert series: 7 p.m. Nov. 8, Feb. 28, March 28 and April 11. Information on the music performed will be available closer to each concert date. The concerts are free and open to everyone. No registration is required. The concert series is sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

For more information, call the library at (248) 642-5800 or visit www.btpl.org.

Township offers tips for October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — In October, National Cybersecurity Awareness serves as a reminder to make sure that people act prudently and responsibly every time they access the internet.

Studies estimate there are just under 1 million victims every day around the country. In 2023, the FBI estimated \$12.5 billion in losses due to cybercrimes. Michigan ranks ninth in cybercrimes reported.

The most prevalent form of cybercrime is known as “phishing,” when someone receives unsolicited contact via email, text messages and/or telephone calls that appears to be from a legitimate company but proceeds to request personal, financial and/or login credentials. It’s responsible for almost 300,000 complaints per year nationwide.

In Bloomfield Township, police said computer-based identity theft is among the

most prevalent.

“If it doesn’t feel right, there is probably something wrong. Please call the police WHEN you are first contacted so we can help prevent you from being taken advantage of. Even if you are just asking a simple question, we would rather you call us than fall victim to a scam. As a first line of defense, I recommend freezing your credit at all three credit bureaus (Experian, TransUnion, Equifax), BEFORE something bad happens. It is easy to unfreeze them when you need to apply for credit to make a large purchase,” Community Relations Officer Heather Glowacz said in a press release.

If you believe you are the victim of cybercrime, contact the Bloomfield Township Police Department at (248) 433-7755.

Township library, historical society to host ‘History Harvest’

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The Bloomfield Township Public Library and the Bloomfield Historical Society will host a “History Harvest” 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, to help collect and preserve local history.

People can donate items to the preservation of Bloomfield community history while receiving expert insights from librarians. Items of particular interest include local yearbooks, photographs, postcards, telephone directories, restaurant menus and local publications, including biographies and memoirs. Members of the Bloomfield Historical Society will also be onsite to assist with research questions.

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NOV. 2

Green Bucket Run: Hosted by Accent Pontiac (brings youth development and music education programming to Pontiac schools), untimed kids race at 9 a.m. and 5K at 9:30 a.m., Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills, runsignup.com/Race/MI/BloomfieldHills/KirkGreenBucketRun

NOV. 8

Chamber music concert: Hear students from University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre, and Dance, 7 p.m., Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, (248) 642-5800, btpl.org

NOV. 13

The Birmingham Musicales: Hear "Salute to America" with Windscape Trio and Terra Voce Ensemble, 1 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road in Birmingham, thebirminghammusicales.org

NOV. 16

Chamber Music Detroit: Hear Grammy award-winning

mezzo soprano Kelley O'Connor and Washington National Opera director and composer Robert Spano, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road in Beverly Hills, cmdetroit.org/2024-25/oconnor-spano

NOV. 21

Caregiver support group: Learn about dementia and how to help, 10-11 a.m., Bloomfield Township Senior Services, 4315 Andover Road, RSVP to (248) 723-3500

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'The Grown-Ups': 8 p.m. Nov. 1-2, 3 p.m. Nov. 3 and 8 p.m. Nov. 4, Ringwald Theatre at Affirmations LGBTQIA+ Community Center, 290 W. Nine Mile Road in Ferndale, theringwald.com

'Disney's Beauty and the Beast': Performance by Stagecrafters Main Stage, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays Nov. 22-24 and 29-30 and Dec. 1, 5-8 and 12-15, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in Royal Oak, stagecrafters.org

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'Next to Normal': 8-10:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2-4:30 p.m. Sundays Nov. 1-3 and 7-10, Birmingham Village Players, 34660 Woodward Ave., birminghamvillageplayers.com

'Fun Home': 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 8-10, Ridgedale Players, 205 W. Long Lake Road in Troy, ridgedaleplayers.com

'The Grown-Ups': 8 p.m. Nov. 1-2, 3 p.m. Nov. 3 and 8 p.m. Nov. 4, Ringwald Theatre at Affirmations LGBTQIA+ Community Center, 290 W. Nine Mile Road in Ferndale, theringwald.com

'Disney's Beauty and the Beast': Performance by Stagecrafters Main Stage, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays Nov. 22-24 and 29-30 and Dec. 1, 5-8 and 12-15, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in Royal Oak, stagecrafters.org

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham: Speakers and luncheons at 10:30 a.m. every Friday (except Nov. 29 and Dec. 20 and 27), next guest is Michael S. Dzialo (president and CIO of Managed Asset Portfolios) Nov. 1, The Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Township, also on Zoom, lunch RSVP by previous Mondays, seniormensclub@gmail.com, seniormensclubbirmingham.com

Birmingham Metropolitan Women's Club: Speakers and luncheons at 10 a.m. every second Tuesday of month, upcoming guests include retired WDIV-TV meteorologist Paul Gross Nov. 12 and Heritage Handbells Dec. 10, The Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Ave. in

Bloomfield Township, RSVP to Chris at (248) 303-7339 two weeks prior to each event, thebirmingham-metropolitanwomensclub.weebly.com

Free days at Cranbrook Institute of Science: Every first Friday and every third Thursday of month, 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, see hours at www.science.cranbrook.edu

Open barns: Wagon rides, pumpkin picking, animal visits and more, 5-8 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Bowers School Farm, 1219 E. Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills, (248) 341-6475, bowersfarm@bloomfield.org, schoolfarm.org

Second Saturday Sales: Monthly shopping for books, DVDs, CDs and more, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (10 a.m. for Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library members), 1099 Lone Pine Road, (248) 642-5800, btpl.org

Monthly meetups: Find clubs for books, movies and fiber arts (meets bimonthly), Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, (248) 642-5800, btpl.org

Birmingham & Ferndale Stamp Club: Meets 6-8 p.m. every first and third Tuesday of month, fellowship at 5:30 p.m., NEXT Senior Center, 2121 Midvale St. in Birmingham, birminghamstamp.club

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November YOUTH Events Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					01 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon Gamer Lounge 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	02
03  Daylight Saving Time Ends	04 My First Book Group 5:30 p.m.	05 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m. ELECTION DAY	06 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m.	07 Toddler Story Time 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.	08 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon	09 Toddler Dance Party 10:30 a.m. Friends of the Library Sale 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
10	11 VETERANS DAY	12 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m. Reading with Dogs 6:30 p.m.	13 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m. Book Worms 6:30 p.m.	14 Toddler Story Time 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.	15 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon Gamer Lounge 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	16
17	18 Mickey Mouse's Birthday Story Time 6:30 p.m.	19 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m. Paperbacks & Snacks 6:30 p.m.	20 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m.	21 Toddler Story Time 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m. Leftover Craft Day 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	22 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon	23 Sensory Story Time 11:00 a.m.
24	25	26 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m. Brick Builders 6:30 p.m.	27 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m. Close at 5:30 p.m.	28  CLOSED	29 Despicable Me Marathon 11:00 a.m. DM 12:45 p.m. DM 2 2:30 p.m. DM 3	30 Puzzle Fun Day

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Gamer Lounge

Fridays, November 1 and 15, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
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.



Mickey Mouse's Birthday Story Time

Monday, November 18, 6:30 p.m.
No registration is required.

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

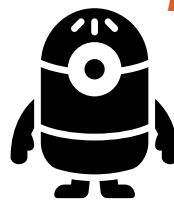
Thursday, November 21
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
No registration is required.



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.
No registration is required.



11 a.m. - Despicable Me (PG)
12:45 p.m. - Despicable Me 2 (PG)
2:30 p.m. - Despicable Me 3 (PG)

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.



STORY TIMES

Preschool STEAMtime: Story Time and Discovery

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

November 5 – December 10

6-week session, registration is required.

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.

November 6 – December 11

6-week session, registration is required

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.

November 7 – December 12

(no story time November 28)

6-week session, registration is required

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.

Sensory Story Time

Saturday, November 23, 11 a.m.

Registration is required.

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 TIME



Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

(No playtime November 29)

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.

BOOK GROUPS



All registered participants get a free copy of the book to keep!

My First Book Group: Grades K – 1

Kindergarten and Grade 1 with an adult.

Monday, November 4, 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

Book Worms: Grades 2 – 3

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

Paperbacks & Snacks: Grades 4 – 6

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Toddler Dance Party

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

Registration is required.

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.

Reading with the Dogs

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required.



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!

Brick Builders

Theme: Dinosaurs vs. Gnomes

Tuesday, November 26

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 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 or do a theme building challenge with your friends.




Please contact us if you require any additional accommodations.



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December YOUTH Events Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
01 Start of Snowperson Guess Who?	02	03 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m.	04 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m. Cookie Decorating Party 6:30 p.m.	05 Toddler Story Time 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.	06 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon Gamer Lounge 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	07
08	09	10 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m.	11 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m.	12 Toddler Story Time 10 a.m. OR 11 a.m.	13 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon	14 Family Story Time 11 a.m. Friends of the Library Sale 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
15	16	17 Reading with Dogs 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21 Winter Reading Challenge starts
22	23 NYE Fun Kits available	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26 Family Board Game Day 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.	27 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon Vintage Video Game Night 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	28 Sensory Adventure 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
29	30 Dog Man Party! 3 p.m.	31 Brick Builders 11:00 a.m. Close at 5:30 p.m.	HAPPY NEW YEAR			

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Winter Reading Challenge

December 21 - January 31



Cozy Up With A Good Book

All ages are encouraged to join the Library's annual Winter Reading Challenge. Warm up with a good book, challenge yourself, and win prizes. To sign up, or for more information, visit btpl.org/winter.



Sensory Adventure

Saturday, December 28
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.

Family Board Game Day

Thursday, December 26, 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
No registration is required.

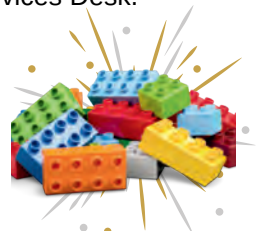


Play a classic game with friends and family or learn a brand new one. Drop in to the Youth Room and choose a board game from our selection at the Youth Services Desk.

Brick Builders Theme: New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31
11 a.m. - Noon

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.

Snowperson Guess Who?

December 1 - 31

No registration is required.



Can you guess who the snow people are on our bulletin boards in the Youth Room? See how many you can identify, fill out an entry form with your guesses, and enter our drawing for an Amazon gift card.



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Family Story Time

Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.

No registration required.

Families of all ages are invited to join us for stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more fun.

PLAY TIME



Tots and Friends Playtime

(No Playtime December 20)

Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Cookie Decorating Party

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required.



Celebrate National Cookie Day by decorating a cookie inspired by books! Ages 5 and up.



Gamer Lounge

Friday, December 6, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

No registration is required.

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Reading with the Dogs

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required.



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After-Hours Vintage Video Game Night

Friday, December 27, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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.



Dog Man Party!

Monday, December 30, 3 p.m.

Registration is required.

Please only register each child who will be attending

Can't get enough of the Dog Man books by Dav Pilkey? This event is for you! Celebrate everyone's favorite half-dog, half-human with games, crafts, and more. This event is geared for Dog Man fans ages 6 and up.

New Year's Eve Fun Kits

December 23 - 31

No registration is required.



Celebrate the New Year at home with a bag of take-home crafts for all ages! Limit one bag per child while supplies last.






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November 2024 Adult and Teen Programs

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		November Performances @ the Library University of Michigan After Hours Chamber Music Concert, Friday, November 8, 7 p.m. We welcome you back for the 2024-2025 Chamber Music Concert series, featuring stirring musical performances by students from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance. Bon Odori Dance with Sakura Japanese Instrumental Group, Saturday, November 16, 2 p.m. All ages are welcome for a mini concert of festival and folk music followed by a <i>bon</i> dance. We will learn a simple series of moves and all are invited to participate either with the group or sitting down.			English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon	English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon
3	4	Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon **Movie Discussion Club, 7 p.m. Adult and Teen Craft Kit Release: Sashiko Sewing <i>Bloomfield Twp. residents only while supplies last</i>	***ChatGPT and AI 5:30 p.m. **Pages Across Nations: An International Book Club 7 p.m.	English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon After Hours Concert: University of Michigan Chamber Music Concert 7 p.m.	English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon Friends of the Library Second Saturday Book Sale 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. <i>(First hour Friends members only)</i>	
History Harvest with Bloomfield Historical Society 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	11	12 **What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group 1 p.m. Lecture: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy 7 p.m.	13 *Teen Club Craft Day: Design Your Own Book Bag! 4 p.m. **Writers' Rendezvous 6:30 p.m.	14 ***Google Apps 5:30 p.m. 	15 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon	16  Bon Odori Dance and Concert with Sakura Japanese Instrumental Group, 2 p.m.
17	18 **Lunchtime Book Club 1 p.m. **Monday Night Book Club 7 p.m.	19 Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon **Tuesday Book Club 10 a.m. **Classics Book Club 7 p.m.	20 **Mystery Book Club 1 p.m. 	21 **Thursday Book Club, 10 a.m. ***Don't Get Scammed! 5:30 p.m. **Cutting the Cable Cord: Alternatives to Cable TV 7 p.m.	22 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon	23
24	25	26 **What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group, 1 p.m. ***Computer and Internet Basics, 5:30 p.m. **Writers' Rendezvous 6:30 p.m.	27 LIBRARY CLOSING AT 5:30 P.M. FOR THANKSGIVING EVE	28 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY	29 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon	30

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8	9 Adult and Teen Craft Kit Release: Green Cleaning <i>Bloomfield Twp. residents only while supplies last</i>	10 **What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group 1 p.m. ***Microsoft Excel II 5:30 p.m.	11 *Teen Advisory Board, 4 p.m. **Writers' Rendezvous 6:30 p.m. **Lecture: Eliel Saarinen, Cranbrook and the American Bauhaus, 7 p.m.	12	13 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon **Adult and Teen Craft Kit Registration Begins: Winter Reading Snow Globe <i>Bloomfield Twp. residents only</i>	14  Friends of the Library Second Saturday Book Sale 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. <i>(First hour Friends members only)</i>
15	16	17 Fiber Arts Club, 10 a.m. – Noon **Science Fiction / Fantasy Book Club, 7 p.m. Adult and Teen Craft Kit Release: Kumihimo Braid Friendship Bracelets <i>Twp. residents only while supplies last.</i>	18 **Mystery Book Club 1 p.m. **Paint Your Partner Challenge for Teens and Adults 6 p.m.	19 ***Google Apps 5:30 p.m. 	20 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon	21 Winter Reading Challenge COZY UP WITH A GOOD BOOK  December 21 – January 31 All ages are encouraged to join. Visit www.btpl.org/winter to register.
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DATES FOR THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m. – Library Board Meeting (all Trustees)

Thursday, December 12, 9:00 a.m. – Building and Grounds Committee Meeting (all Trustees)

Saturday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Friends Second Saturday Sale (with the first hour, 10-11 a.m., open to Friends members only)

Tuesday, December 17 – Library Board Meeting (all Trustees)

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Friends Second Saturday Sale (with the first hour, 10-11 a.m., open to Friends members only)

Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – OPEB Trust Meeting followed by Library Board Meeting (all Trustees)

Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Ambassadors Group (all Trustees)