

DISCOVER

2025 WINTER AT THE LIBRARY



Bloomfield Township Public Library

PHOTO CONTEST

For all ages!

January 6 - March 9, 2025

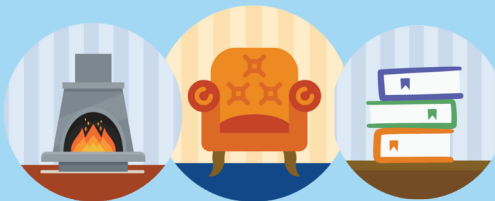
Bloomfield Township residents of all ages are invited to participate in the Library's **ninth annual Photo Contest*** centered on the theme "Nature in the Modern World." Participants are encouraged to reflect on humanity's relationship with the natural world – whether positive or negative – and photo entries should explore how we coexist with nature in today's world.

Submissions can be in either color or black and white, and digital or print format. Photos must be taken between April 1, 2024, and March 9, 2025, and the deadline for submissions is midnight, March 9. Winners will be announced during a Photo Contest Reception, Saturday, April 5, 2025. For more information, scan the QR code or visit the Library.



Winter Reading Challenge

COZY UP WITH A GOOD BOOK



December 21 – January 31

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 www.btpl.org/winter.

Supporting Accessibility @ the Library

Bloomfield Township Public Library is committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment. We understand that accessibility is essential in ensuring that all individuals regardless of their abilities can fully engage with the Library's services and resources. Youth Services' **Accessibility Support Collection** (ASC) is designed to meet the diverse needs of both children and families, providing tools and materials that enhance access to information, learning, and leisure. Whether you're seeking resources for vision or hearing support, learning differences, or mobility assistance, the ASC is here to support and empower all members of our community. Some features are:

- Discovery Skills Kits for hands-on learning, which contain books, toys, games, and manipulatives focused on a specific concept or life skill.



Just a few of the many Accessibility Support Collection resources available at the Library: (from left to right) Discovery Skills Kits, Story Boxes, Signed Story Kits, and adaptive toys.

- Adaptive toys with built-in capability switches, allowing easy manipulation with just a light touch for children with fine motor challenges.
- Photo and illustrated cards that are designed to improve oral motor skills, fluency, and social skills, supporting speech and language development.
- Story Boxes for children with visual or language disabilities that include a picture book and manipulatives representing characters and items from the story.
- Fiction stories that feature characters with disabilities, fostering self-identification and awareness, and non-fiction books that cover topics such as autism, Down syndrome, and learning disabilities, providing valuable resources for families and educators.
- A Hi-Lo (high-interest, low-readability) collection that includes both fiction and non-fiction written at a lower reading level with topics that appeal to older readers.
- Signed Story Kits, which combine picture books and DVDs featuring a story told in American Sign Language (ASL).
- A collection of Braille books, Low Vision Books with high-contrast, simple illustrations, and a Large Print collection with popular chapter books for grades 2 – 8.
- Music and activity CDs and DVDs designed specifically for children with disabilities.
- A Library Social Narrative, developed in partnership with the Autism Alliance of Michigan, that uses photographs and simple language to explain a visit to the Library.
- An Accessibility Support Technology Station, with a desktop PC that has adaptive software, large print keyboard, and a capability switch-optional trackball mouse.

These are just a few of the many items in the Library's Accessibility Support Collection. For more information, please visit www.btpl.org/youth/asc/ or speak to a Youth Librarian.



Youth

Registration and information for youth programs can be found by visiting www.btpl.org/events or by calling the Youth Services Desk at (248) 642-5800. Please contact the Library if your child requires accommodations. Youth programs are developed to engage children of all abilities with activities that are appropriate for a specific age or grade level. Please register for events based on this recommendation.

STORY TIMES

Preschool STEAMtime: Story Time and Discovery

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

January 14 – February 18, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins December 10. 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.

January 15 – February 19, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins December 10. 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.

January 16 – February 20, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins December 10. Interactive early literacy fun with stories, songs, movement activities, rhymes, and play geared to toddlers and walkers, ages 18 – 35 months, and their grown-up.

Family Story Time

Saturdays, 11 a.m.

December 14, January 11, and February 8

No registration is required. Families of all ages are invited to join us for stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more fun.

Sensory Story Time

Saturday, January 25, 11 a.m., Registration begins December 28.

Saturday, February 22, 11 a.m., Registration begins January 25.

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

PLAY & BUILD PROGRAMS

Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

December 6 – February 21 (No Playtime December 20)

No registration is required. Drop in for unstructured play, building, and discovery in the Story Room. Caregivers and little ones of all ages can interact with toys and books that support each child's learning and development. Adaptive toys for children with low vision, motor difficulties, or other accessibility needs will be included.

Brick Builders

Tuesday, December 31, 11 a.m. – Noon: New Year's Eve

Wednesday, January 29, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: Favorite Hobby

Monday, February 17, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Mid-Winter Break Build or Bust (with LEGO, Lincoln Logs, blocks, and more)!

No registration is required. Junior architects, ages 6 and up, are invited to join us for building fun with LEGO bricks. Create your own masterpiece or do a theme building challenge with your friends.

Gamer Lounge*

Fridays, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

December 6, January 17, and February 14

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.

MONTHLY READING PROGRAMS

Reading with the Dogs

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins November 12.

Monday, January 13, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins December 17.

Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins January 13.

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

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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

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

Wednesday, January 8, 5:30 p.m., Registration begins December 11.

Thursday, February 6, 5:30 p.m., Registration begins January 8.

Book Worms, Grades 2 – 3*

Monday, January 6, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins December 9.

Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins January 6.

Paperbacks & Snacks, Grades 4 – 6*

Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins December 20.

Thursday, February 20, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins January 21.



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

SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS

Cookie Decorating Party

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

Registration is required and begins November 6. Celebrate National Cookie Day by decorating a cookie inspired by books! Ages 5 and up.

Art Lab Special*

Thursday, January 16, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 19. Join us for an exciting Art Lab special edition for kids ages 10 – 13. In this hands-on workshop, young artists will dive into the vibrant world of Dale Chihuly and create their very own stunning chandeliers inspired by his breathtaking glass sculptures.

Pokémon Party

Friday, January 24, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 27. Pokémon fans, ages 7 and up, are invited to swap Pokémon cards, play Pokémon against others, and try your hand at Pokémon trivia.

How to Library

Thursday, January 30, 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins January 2. Have you ever wondered how librarians know where the books are? Do you want to learn how to find things in the Library on your own? Join us for a fun and interactive informational session on using the Library and its many services. For ages 6 and up. Under age 8 must attend with an adult.

After-Hours Family Fort Night

Friday, February 7, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required. Bring your blankets and sheets to transform tables, chairs, nooks, and crannies into your family's personal fort inside the Library. Read stories, eat snacks, and have fun at this after-hours family event. For families of all ages.

DIY Birdfeeders

Monday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins January 13. Kids, ages 6 – 10, are welcome to make their own bird feeder to help our local birds survive through the winter. All materials will be provided.

Baby Prom

Saturday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.

Registration is required and begins January 18. Celebrate with your little valentine! Dress up your little one and enjoy music, refreshments, and activities. For birth through age 3 with an adult.

ANY TIME FUN!

Stories and Stuff Subscription Book Boxes*

A subscription book service for grades 3 – 8. When you sign up, you will receive a book based on your favorite topics or genres, and some neat book-related gifts, each month for three consecutive months starting in February. Keep the box and gifts, but return the book when you are finished. The next sign up begins January 2 at www.btpl.org/events.

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

Winter Break @ the Library

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.

New Year's Eve Fun Kits

December 23 – December 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, beginning December 23.

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.

After-Hours Vintage Video Game Night*

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

No registration is required. We're bringing out our favorite old-school consoles and games for a fun after-hours event! For ages 8 and up.

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.

Dog Man Party!

Monday, December 30, 3 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 2. 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.

Trolls Movie Marathon

Thursday, January 2, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

11 a.m. – Trolls (PG)

12:45 p.m. – Trolls World Tour (PG)

2:25 p.m. – Trolls Band Together (PG)

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

Magic Show*

Friday, January 3, 2 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 6. Join us for a magical afternoon with Baffling Bill the Magician. Amazing magic, audience participation, and Gus the Bunny. Magic fun for the whole family!

Adults

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



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Lecture: Eliel Saarinen, Cranbrook and the American Bauhaus*



Wednesday, December 11, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins November 11. Former Detroit News reporter and author Michael Hodges will speak about his forthcoming biography of Cranbrook architect Eliel Saarinen and the rich stories he has discovered in the Cranbrook archives and beyond as he has researched over the past two years.

Paint your Partner Challenge for Teens and Adults

Wednesday, December 18, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required and begins November 18. Maybe you've seen the viral videos; now we challenge you and a partner to have fun painting each other and then surprise them at the end with your completed painting. It's sure to be a good time!



Lecture: Plants – The Facts of Light

Monday, January 6, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 6. There is a plant for every spot in your home. Join Lisa Eldred Steinkopf, The Houseplant Guru, to learn about plants for different light levels and trouble spots in your home.

Speed Dating with a Book

Friday, January 10, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 10. Looking for some great reads to complete the winter reading challenge? Join us for an evening of librarians and staff members giving 20+ new pitches of great books in the span of an hour to help you find your next excellent read.

Lecture: The Detroit Lions and the Early NFL*

Tuesday, January 14, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 14. Before the Portsmouth Spartans relocated to Detroit and donned the Honolulu Blue in 1934, several pro football teams tried and failed to gain a foothold in the city. What made the Lions different? This presentation examines the instability of the infant NFL and how the Lions (and professional football) won the hearts of Detroiters to become the institution they are today. Presented by Jeremy Dimick, Manager of Collections at the Detroit Historical Society.

Lecture and Demo: The Art of the French Macaron*

Monday, February 10, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required and begins January 10.



Join pastry chef Keegan Rodgers for an engaging lecture and demonstration focused on the beloved French macaron, a confection that straddles the line between cookie and pastry. He will delve into the fascinating history of the macaron, revealing its origins and evolution over time, and guide participants through the essential ingredients and intricate processes involved in crafting these delightful treats.

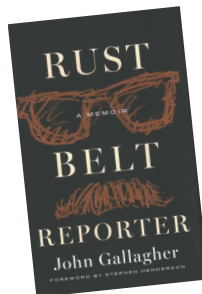
Oscars Preview: The Year in Film*

Tuesday, February 18, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins January 18. Greg Black, a local film enthusiast and video producer, will present his annual Oscars Preview. The year in film is discussed through the lens of the year's Best Picture nominees, offering insights for cinephiles and casual viewers alike. Trailers for all Best Picture nominees will be screened and presented, followed by a Q&A.

Author Talk: John Gallagher, *Rust Belt Reporter: A Memoir**

Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m.



Registration is required and begins January 25. Journalist John Gallagher will discuss his new book, *Rust Belt Reporter: A Memoir*, in which he reflects on his 32 years reporting for the *Detroit Free Press*. His stories describe the ups and downs of Detroit's unique history, as well as an inside look at a local newsroom. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES

Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit Presents *Songs for the People**

Saturday, January 25, 2 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 26. *Songs for the People* is a concert celebrating the power of Black music with heart-calling melodies, infectious rhythms, and soulful voices. Inspired by Frances Ellen Watkins' poem, this fully-developed concert complete with costumes and sound honors the resilience, triumph, and cultural impact of Black artistry, past and present, and is suitable for all ages.

University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance Chamber Music Concerts*

Fridays at 7 p.m., February 28, March 28, and April 11

No registration is required. Talented student musicians from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance will thrill audiences with stirring performances of chamber music pieces.

TAX ASSISTANCE


AARP Tax-Aide – Free Tax Assistance

Thursdays, March 13 and April 3

IRS-certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free tax assistance for low- and moderate-income taxpayers, with special attention given to those 60 and older. Federal, state, and local returns will be prepared. Please be sure to bring picture ID, Social Security cards, last year's tax returns, and all relevant financial forms. Registration is required by calling West Bloomfield Parks and Rec at (248) 451-1900 beginning December 16.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

The Library offers eight book discussion clubs, a movie discussion club, a fiber arts club, two writing groups, and an English language conversation group. For a full listing of these programs, please visit www.btpl.org/events.



Teens

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Wednesday, December 11, 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins November 11. Join us in December for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Library. All teens are welcome to attend our TAB meetings. We talk books, make arts and crafts, play games, and more. Snacks will be provided.

Teen Club Craft Day: Crochet Amigurumi

Wednesday, January 15, 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins December 15. If you like to knit, crochet, or craft with fiber in any way, this event is for you! Join us as we learn amigurumi. Teens can bring their own project to work on or try the craft using our supplies. Snacks will be provided.

KITS FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Pick up a kit at the Adult and Teen Services Desk while supplies last. For Bloomfield Township residents only. One kit per library card. Video instructions for most projects are available through CreativeBug.

- **Green Cleaning**, Available December 9.
Maintain your home with homemade, non-toxic alternative cleaning products. Each take-home kit provides instructions for cleaning products that you can make yourself. Kits include green clean recipes along with borax, essential oil, and castile soap to help you get started on these green projects.
- **Kumihimo Braid Friendship Bracelets**, Available December 17.
Learn the basics of Japanese kumihimo braiding by making a simple friendship bracelet on a braiding loom.
- **Spice Club Kits**, Available the first Monday of each month, beginning in January. Looking to spice up your cooking and expand your culinary horizons? Pick up a Spice Club Kit on the first Monday of each month. Each kit contains a sample of a spice or spice blend, information about the spice, and suggested recipes.
- **Winter Reading Snow Globe**, Available January 13.
NOTE: Registration is required for this kit and begins December 13. Registered patrons will submit a list of book titles (e.g. books read in 2024, favorite books, favorite series, author, or genre). Beginning January 13, patrons can pick up their individualized kits, which will include their selected book covers printed on a full sheet label, a mini plastic snow globe, artificial snow, and foam board, to assemble their personalized Winter Reading snow globe at home.
- **Make a Soap Box Book**, Available February 18.
Engage in the creative and imaginative practice of upcycling. Transform a discarded soap box into a lively, kinetic book with accordion-folded pages and a button closure.

Computers & Technology

Join IT Department staff members for one-and-a-half hour, expert-led, subject-specific tech classes. Basic computer skills are all that is required to participate. Registration begins one month before the program date at www.btpl.org/events, by emailing AskTech@btpl.org, or by calling (248) 642-5800, ext. 405. Bloomfield Township residents have one week of priority registration before registration opens to all. Classes are held in the Computer Lab and are limited to seven participants.

Microsoft Excel I

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., December 3 or February 18

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

Microsoft Excel II

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., December 10 or February 25

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

Google Apps

Thursday, December 19, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 5:30 p.m.

Google Apps seamlessly and securely brings together your documents, photos, sheets, and calendar. This class has tips, resources, inspiration, and help links for each app. A Google account is required.

Scanning and Photo Editing

Thursday, January 9, 5:30 p.m.

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

ChatGPT and AI

Tuesday, January 14, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 13, 5:30 p.m.

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

Don't Get Scammed!

Thursday, January 23, 5:30 p.m.

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

Computer and Internet Basics

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

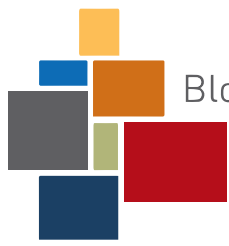
Learn the ins and outs of your PC computer and internet browsers, from file organization to recovering passwords.



Save the Date ~ Wednesday, March 5, 2025!

Bloomfield Township Public Library and West Bloomfield Township Public Library will co-present a special author event at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts, Wednesday, March 5, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Shelby Van Pelt – author of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* – will give an author talk, followed by a Q & A session and book signing. Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Schuler Books in West Bloomfield.





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Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday
12 noon - 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25
for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day
Closing at 5:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve,
Tuesday, December 31

Board of Trustees

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Meetings are at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday
of each month except April, which is the
fourth Tuesday.

For the most current information or to view
meeting packets visit www.btpl.org.

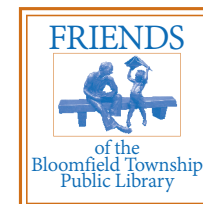
Friends of the Library

Second Saturday Sale Dates
December 14, January 11, and February 8
Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.*
*10 a.m. - 11 a.m. for Friends members only.

Memberships available at www.btpl.org/friends,
or at the door on Second Saturday Sale dates.



Please visit the Friends Facebook page
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for the most up-to-date information.



Make it your
quest to join
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today!

This Winter @ the Library...

The ninth annual Photo Contest,
concerts, performances, lectures,
and the Winter Reading Challenge.
Details available at www.btpl.org.