

JANUARY 2025



Bloomfield Township Public Library Ninth Annual

PHOTO CONTEST



January 6 - March 9, 2025

Nature in the Modern World



Bloomfield Township Public Library is excited to announce its **ninth annual Photo Contest!** This year's theme, "Nature in the Modern World," invites participants to reflect on humanity's relationship with the natural world. Whether positive or negative, entries should explore how we coexist with nature in today's world.

Photographs can be in color or black and white, and submissions are welcome in either digital or print format. The contest is open to all ages, with participants divided into three categories: up to age 13, ages 13 – 18, and ages 18 and up. To be eligible, photos must be taken by Bloomfield Township residents between April 1, 2024, and March 9, 2025. The deadline for submissions is March 9, 2025, at midnight. Winners will be announced and honored during a reception at the Library on Saturday, April 5, 2025. Visit btpl.org/photo-contest for more information.

Adult and Teen Services Programs

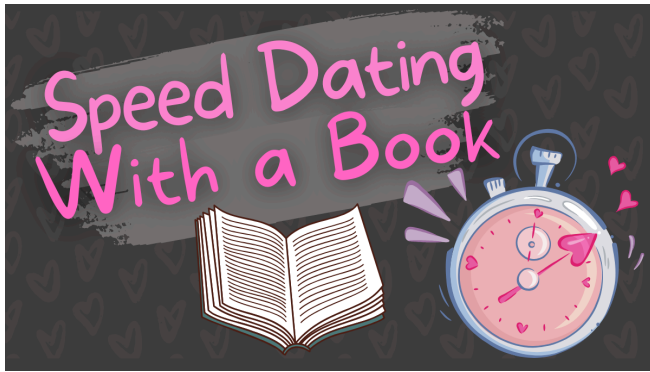


[Lecture: Plants – The Facts of Light](#)

Monday, January 6, 7 p.m.

Registration is required.

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. 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. 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, from the Detroit Historical Society.



[DIA Behind the Seen: Vogue](#)

Wednesday, January 15, 7 p.m.

Registration is required. The clothing you wear can say a lot about who you are! Learn how we communicate our personal, political, and cultural identities through clothing and body art. Detroit Institute of Arts docent Eileen Nowikowski presents this Behind the Seen talk exploring costuming and adornment throughout time, as represented in artwork in the DIA collection.



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

Saturday, January 25, 2 p.m.

Registration is required. 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.

AUTHOR EVENT | **Shelby Van Pelt**
at Berman Center for the Performing Arts
6600 W Maple Rd, West Bloomfield Township

**Wednesday, March 5
6:30 p.m.**

Bloomfield Township Public Library and West Bloomfield Township Public Library will co-present a **special event with bestselling author Shelby Van Pelt** at the Berman Center for the Performing Arts, **Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.** The event features Van Pelt (*Remarkably Bright Creatures*) in conversation with WBTPPL Executive Director Cathy Russ, followed by a book signing.

[Registration is required for this ticketed event and seating is limited.](#) For more information, please call the Adult and Teen Services Desk at (248) 642-5800, ext. 171.

Winter Fun in Youth Services



Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

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 accessibility needs will be included.

Family Story Time

Saturdays,

January 11 and February 8, 11 a.m.

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



Pokémon Party

Friday, January 24, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

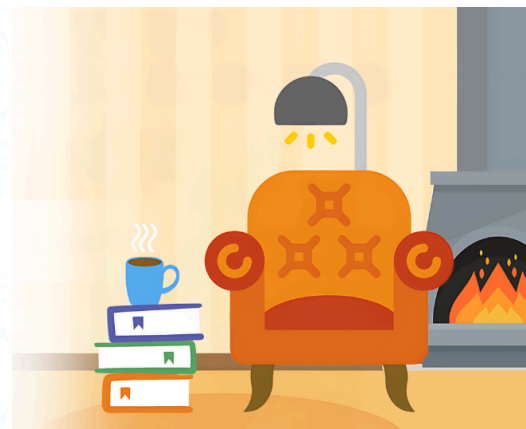


How to Library, Thursday, January 30, 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required. 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.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



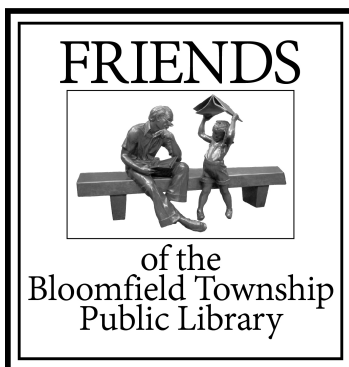
Visit our [Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming programs at the Library including:

- [Fiber Arts Club](#), every month on the first and third Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
- [English Language Conversation Group](#), Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
- [Teen Club Craft Day: Crochet Amigurumi](#), Wednesday, January 15, 4 p.m.
- [Gamer Lounge](#) for Ages 8 – 13, Friday, January 17, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- [Classics Book Club](#), Tuesday, January 21, 7 p.m.
- [Don't Get Scammed](#), Thursday, January 23, 5:30 p.m.



NEW FICTION IN JANUARY

NEW MOVIES in January



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their next **Second Saturday Sale**, Saturday, January 11, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., with a members-only sale period from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. ([memberships available](#) at the door). Bring a bag or box for your purchase. Donations are also being accepted in the Book Donation Room on the west end of the building during the Library's open hours. For the most up-to-date Friends information, please visit the [library's website](#), or the Friend's [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages.

Library Hours

Mon. - Thurs.: 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: Noon - 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Closings

There are no scheduled closings for the remainder of January and February.

Library Board

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