

FEBRUARY 2025



Bloomfield Township Public Library Ninth Annual

PHOTO CONTEST



January 6 - March 9, 2025

Nature in the Modern World



There is still time to enter Bloomfield Township Public Library's **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.

Author Talks and Upcoming Events @ the Library



[Oscars Preview: The Year in Film](#)

Tuesday, February 18, 7 p.m.

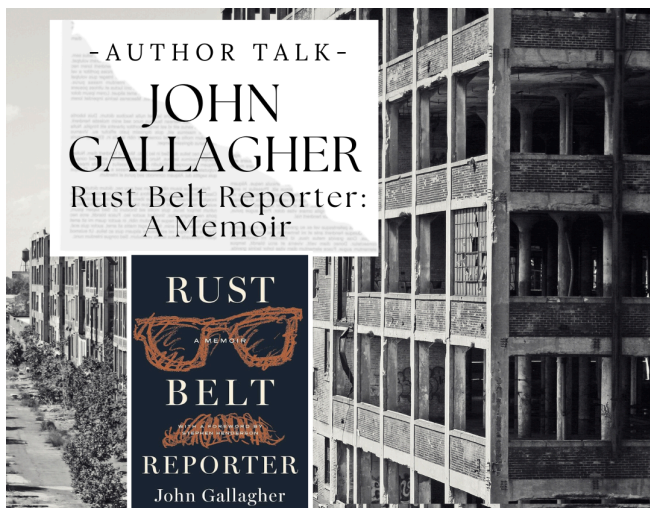
Registration is required. Greg Black, a local film enthusiast and video producer, will present his annual Oscars Preview. The year in film is discussed through the lens of the year's Best Picture nominees, offering insights for cinephiles and casual viewers alike. Trailers for all Best Picture nominees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



[Author Talk: Hon. Gerald E. Rosen, Author of Grand Bargain: The Inside Story of Detroit's Dramatic Journey from Bankruptcy to Rebirth](#)

Sunday, February 23, 2 p.m.

Registration is required. By the summer of 2013, Detroit was flat broke with one truly sizable asset: a collection of masterpieces held by the Detroit Institute of Arts. Hon. Gerald E. Rosen (Ret.), chief mediator in the largest municipal bankruptcy in American history and architect of the Grand Bargain that saved Detroit and the DIA's priceless collection, reveals the inside story of how Detroit was rescued from oblivion.



[Author Talk: John Gallagher, Rust Belt Reporter: A Memoir](#)

Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m.

Registration is required. 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.

Tuesday, February 25 | 7 p.m.



Author Event: Shelby Van Pelt at The Berman Center for the Performing Arts

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

Registration is required. Bloomfield Township Public Library and West Bloomfield Township Public Library (WBTPL) co-present a special event with bestselling author Shelby Van Pelt of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* fame, in conversation with WBTPL Executive Director Cathy Russ. A book signing will follow, with books available for purchase courtesy of Schuler Books West Bloomfield.

February Fun in Youth Services



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.

Family Story Time

Saturdays, February 8 and March 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.



Baby Prom

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

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



Brick Builders: Mid-Winter Break Build or Bust (with LEGO, Lincoln Logs, and more)!

Monday, February 17, 2 p.m. – 3 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.



Sensory Story Time

Saturday, February 22, 11 a.m.

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

**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
- [Tots and Friends Playtime](#), Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
- [Gamer Lounge](#) for Ages 8 – 13, Friday, February 14, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- [Microsoft Excel I](#), Tuesday, February 18, 5:30 p.m.
- [Microsoft Excel II](#), Tuesday, February 25, 5:30 p.m.
- [Google Apps](#), Thursday, February 27, 5:30 p.m.





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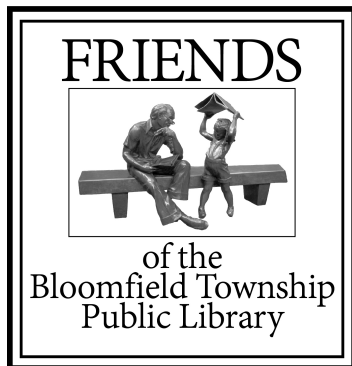
AT BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

AT 7 P.M.

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

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



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their next **Second Saturday Sale**, Saturday, February 8, 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 February or March.

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