

# DISCOVER

2025 SPRING AT THE LIBRARY



Bloomfield Township Public Library Ninth Annual

## PHOTO CONTEST

Nature in the Modern World

This year's **ninth annual Photo Contest\*** invites participants to use photography to help gain insight about our place on planet Earth. Images should explore the ways that human beings and nature exist together – either positive or negative.

Through March 9, Bloomfield Township residents may pick up an entry form at the Welcome Desk or submit photos online at [www.btpl.org/photo-contest](http://www.btpl.org/photo-contest). Photos can be in either color or black and white, and digital or print format. Prizes will be awarded in three age categories (children, teens, and adults), along with a People's Choice award and a grand prize award for Best in Show. Winners will be announced and honored at a special **Photo Contest Reception** at the Library on Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m.



Check out the many great programs offered this spring as we celebrate all things reading! Visit the Youth or Adult and Teen Services Desks to discover your next great read.

## Local History Collection @ the Library

The Library's **Local History** collection is a unique treasure trove of items dedicated to preserving the history of Bloomfield Township and the surrounding areas. Comprised of three different sections – Local History, Genealogy, and the Local History Archive – this collection provides invaluable resources for anyone interested in family research or exploring the history of our community.

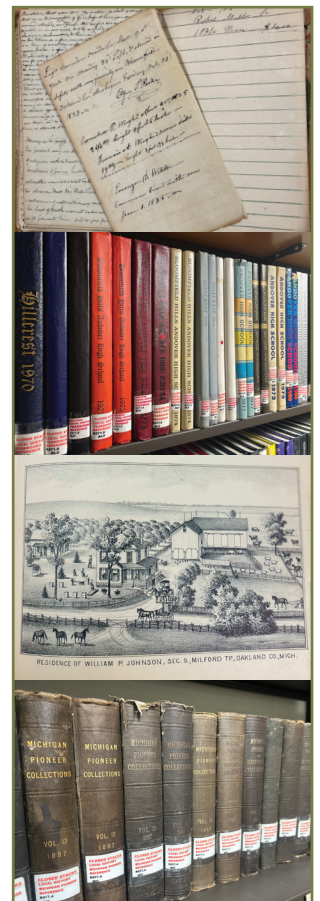
The collection focuses primarily on Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Hills, with additional materials that pertain to adjoining communities, Oakland County, and Michigan. Items in the collection have been acquired by both purchase and donation, often in partnership with the Bloomfield Historical Society, a local organization dedicated to preserving and promoting our community's heritage.

Recent donations shed new light on the founding of our area. For example, a significant donation from the family of Ezra Parke, one of the city's earliest settlers, includes a notebook with this important entry: "Left Camden, Oneida Co., State of New York on Monday 22 Sept. I arrived in safety with my family in Bloomfield, Oakland Co. Michigan Territory, Oct. 22, 1823." This unique artifact recounts the family's journey to, and early life in, their new location.

The most popular items in the collection are local school yearbooks, which the Library obtains each year from every school in our service area. Another sought-after resource is reference materials related to the history of homes in our community. The collection boasts several different avenues to aid you in your own personal research; just ask any one of our Adult and Teen Services staff, and they can help to guide you through both available in-Library materials and helpful online resources.

The Library is currently seeking to add to this collection by means of local donations of city directories, vintage photographs, and other items specific to our area such as menus, advertisements, and publications. If you currently have items that you might be interested in donating, please bring them to the Adult and Teen Services Desk during our open hours, or to the **History Harvest** event, Sunday, April 6, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Although we cannot guarantee the Library will accept your items, we will definitely take a look.

The Library's Local History collection is available for research anytime the Library is open. Items that are on the shelves are able to be checked out unless marked "Reference," while Archive items may only be used in the Library under supervision.





# Youth

Registration and information for youth programs can be found by visiting [www.btpl.org/events](http://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.

## SPECIAL YOUTH EVENTS

### Perler Bead Crafting

**Monday, March 24, 2 p.m.**

Registration is required and begins February 24. Kids ages 6 – 12 are invited to make fun Perler bead creations. Participants can create an original design or use one of our patterns. Once each design is complete, library staff will melt each creation for participants to keep.

### “The Fabulous Fairy Tale Show” Puppet Show\*

**Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.**

Registration is required and begins February 25. Please register all family members attending including adults. MellyPop! Productions presents this fun, interactive puppet show for families of all ages. Join Squint and Melly for a potpourri of fun, frolicking, and fabulous fairy tales to help us celebrate March is Reading Month.

### Pixar Movie Marathon

**Wednesday, March 26, 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**A Bug's Life (G) – 11 a.m.**

**Brave (PG) – 12:45 p.m.**

**Ratatouille (G) – 2:30 p.m.**

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

### Dungeons and Dragons for Tweens

**Thursday, March 27, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., OR 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

Registration is required and begins February 27. Please register for only one time slot. Searching for adventure? Tweens ages 10 – 13 can join in on a “rules light” Dungeons and Dragons one shot game. Brand new players as well as experienced adventurers are welcome. We will use pre-generated characters and materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own dice.

### Art Lab\*

**Thursday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.**

Registration is required and begins March 6. Explore different art mediums, some traditional and some not, in this creative program for young people ages 10 – 13.

### Unicorn Party

**Wednesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m.**

No registration is required. It's National Unicorn Day! Celebrate all things unicorn with crafts and activities for all ages.

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

**Thursday, April 17, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. drop off your stuffy**

**Friday, April 18, Noon – 6:30 p.m. pick up your stuffy**

Registration is required and begins March 20. Ever wonder what happens at the Library after it's closed? Guess what? Your stuffed friend can spend the night and find out for you! Bring your stuffed animal to the Youth Services Desk on Thursday afternoon, and pick them up, along with a special souvenir, the next day.

### Baby Parade

**Saturday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.**

Registration is required and begins March 22. Our youngest friends are invited to bring their stroller or wagon to the Library to make a float for our Baby Parade. Decorations will be provided, but you must bring your own stroller or wagon. For birth through age 3 with an adult.

### Free Comic Book Day

**Saturday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

No registration is required. Drop in for comic book fun all day, including crafts, comic drawing activities, and don't forget to take home some free comic books, too. Thank you to Comic City of Bloomfield Township for partnering with us on this event.

### Snack Lab

**Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m.**

Registration is required and begins April 16. For snack scientists ages 4 – 7. Looking to make after-school snack time more fun? Junior chefs will create several simple no-cook snacks easy enough for little hands to make all by themselves. Snacks will be peanut and tree nut free.

### Misinformation Mystery...?

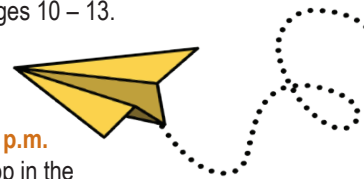
**Thursday, May 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Registration is required and begins April 17. Have you ever wanted to solve a mystery? This is your chance to browse through clues and evidence to see if you can discover what's true and what is not. Bring your thinking caps! For ages 10 – 13.

### Make a Paper Airplane for National Paper Airplane Day

**Saturday, May 24, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

No registration is required. Drop in the Youth Room to make a paper airplane for National Paper Airplane Day on May 26. We will supply the paper, example designs, and the “runway” – you supply the creativity. For young aviators of all ages.



## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

### BE A STAR READER APRIL 6 – 12

Sunday, April 6 – Saturday, April 12, bring your favorite book to the Youth Services Department and have your photo taken with it in celebration of **National Library Week**.

All participants will have their names entered into a special drawing. 20 lucky Star Readers will have their photo featured on READ posters that will be displayed monthly at the Library.



## MONTHLY READING PROGRAMS

### Reading with the Dogs

**Tuesday, March 18, 6 p.m.,** Registration begins February 25.

**Thursday, April 24, 6 p.m.,** Registration begins March 18.

**Tuesday, May 20, 6 p.m.,** Registration begins April 24.

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.



## STORY TIMES

### Preschool STEAMtime: Story Time and Discovery

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

April 1 – May 6, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins March 3. 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.

April 2 – May 7, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins March 3. 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, 10:30 a.m.

April 3 – May 8, 6-week session

Registration is required and begins March 3. 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.

March 8, April 12, and May 10

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, March 22, 11 a.m., Registration begins February 22.

Saturday, April 26, 11 a.m., Registration begins March 22.

Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m., Registration begins April 26.

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

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Visit the Calendar of Events at [www.btpl.org/events](http://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, March 5, 5:30 p.m., Registration begins February 6.

Wednesday, April 2, 5:30 p.m., Registration begins March 5.

Thursday, May 8, 5:30 p.m., Registration begins April 2.

### Book Worms, Grades 2 – 3\*

Monday, March 10, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins February 11.

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins March 10.

Monday, May 12, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins April 16.

### Paperbacks & Snacks, Grades 4 – 6\*

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

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins March 20.

Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins April 29.



# March is READING MONTH

### Adult and Teen 50 Book Challenge\*

Join this challenge for adults (ages 16+). The Library challenges you to read 50 books with no set deadline, so you can go at your own pace.

### Novel Knowledge: Trivia Challenge for Adults and Teens

Think you know your books and authors? Test your literary knowledge at the Adult and Teen Services Desk throughout the month of March.

### Kindergarten Readers' Roundups\*

During March, local kindergarten classes in the community are invited to the Youth Department's annual Kindergarten Readers' Roundups. Emerging readers tour the Youth Room, enjoy fun skits with favorite book characters, and much more! Details available through the schools.

## PLAY & BUILD PROGRAMS

### Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, March 28 – May 30

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 Club

Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. – Favorite Book

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. – Robots

Thursday, May 29, 6:30 p.m. – Dream Summer Vacation

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., March 14, April 18, and May 16

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

## CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP

### Sleep Training Workshop\*

Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins March 10. Trying to ensure your young child gets the vital sleep they (and you) need? In this workshop led by certified infant and toddler sleep consultant Jessica Glenn, PT, DPT, attendees will learn about the ideal sleep environment, wake windows, safe sleep, sleep props, bedtime routine, independent sleep, sleep cycles, and more. Q & A time and handouts included.

## ANY TIME FUN!

### Stories and Stuff Subscription Book Boxes\*

A subscription book service for grades 3 – 8. When you sign up, you will receive one highly recommended book based on your favorite topics or genres, and some neat book-related gifts. Registration is for three months, but you are welcome to sign up again and again based on availability. Keep the gifts, but return the book and box when you are finished. The next sign up begins April 1 at [www.btpl.org/events](http://www.btpl.org/events).

# Adults

For programs requiring registration, visit the Calendar of Events at [www.btpl.org/events](http://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



**Author Event: Shelby Van Pelt at The Berman Center for the Performing Arts, 6600 W. Maple Rd., West Bloomfield Township\* Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 p.m.**

*Registration is required and seating is limited.* Bloomfield Township Public Library and West Bloomfield Township Public Library (WBTPL) are co-presenting a special event with bestselling author Shelby Van Pelt at The Berman Center for the Performing Arts. The event will feature Van Pelt, author of *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, in conversation with WBTPL Executive Director Cathy Russ, followed by a book signing. Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Schuler Books West Bloomfield.

**Lecture: A Dangerous Experiment\* Monday, March 10, 7 p.m.**

*Registration is required and begins February 10.* The great issue of the 19th century was not suffrage, but education. Advocates of women's suffrage were mainly educated women. Washtenaw County boasted many co-ed high schools, and the University of Michigan became a pioneer by admitting women in 1870, the foremost university to do so. A university degree allowed women to enter the professional world and rise to prominent positions in both the state and nation. Presenter Susan L. Nenadic explores the challenges women faced in accessing education during this transformative period.

**Genealogy Workshop: The Daughters of the American Revolution, Piety Hill Chapter, and the Sons of the American Revolution Saturday, March 15, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

*Registration suggested but not required.* Volunteer genealogists from the DAR and SAR will provide a consultation of up to 30 minutes of guidance and assistance with your lineage questions. Whether you are beginning your genealogy research or are more advanced, all are welcome to attend. Register by emailing [pietyhillregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:pietyhillregistrar@gmail.com). Walk-ins will be placed as genealogists are available.

**DIA Behind the Seen: Through Her Eyes II, Women Photographers Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m.**

*Registration is required and begins February 18.* Longtime DIA docent David Galli explores the impact of art photography by some of the leading women artists in the 19th and 20th centuries. The Behind the Seen series brings insight and engagement about the Detroit Institute of Arts collection to the community.



**Lecture: Gone with the Wind\* Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m.**

*Registration is required and begins March 3.* Presenter Kathleen Marcaccio has given talks on *Gone with the Wind* for over 30 years. She covers author Margaret Mitchell and how she came to write the novel, its journey to publication and becoming a bestseller, how David O. Selznick acquired the film rights and produced a blockbuster, and the movie's reception in Michigan upon its initial release. Marcaccio will bring a selection of vintage and contemporary *Gone with the Wind* memorabilia.

### History Harvest

**Sunday, April 6, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

*No registration is required.* Help the Library and the Bloomfield Historical Society collect and preserve local history. Bring in items to donate, and have a librarian evaluate them for possible inclusion in the Library's Local History collection. Members of the Bloomfield Historical Society will also be available to assist you with research questions. Items of particular interest include yearbooks, photographs, postcards, telephone directories, and local publications.

**Silence Between the Shelves: A Six-Week Meditation Series\* Mondays, 7 p.m., April 14 – May 19, 6-week session**

*Registration is required and begins March 14.* This series – grounded in evidence-based practices – is designed for anyone looking to deepen their mindfulness skills. Each session will introduce practical techniques like breath focus, mindful movement, and meditation to help participants reduce stress. Open to all levels, this series fosters a sense of community as participants learn to slow down, connect with themselves, and support each other on the path to mindfulness.

**Lecture: Finding Your Roots in the Digital Age\* Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.**

*Registration is required and begins April 15.* From your local public library to the resources of FamilySearch and social media, you don't have to travel all over the world to research your family genealogy. There are many tools to aid you in your search that you can use on your computer, tablet, or smartphone from the comfort of home. Presented by Judy Nimer Muhn, President of the Michigan Genealogical Council and the Oakland County Genealogical Society.

## CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES



**University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance Chamber Music Concert Series\***

**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.

**New! ROMANCE/  
ROMANTASY BOOK CLUB  
"Fade to Black"**

**Fourth Friday of every month beginning March 28, 4 p.m.**

*Registration is required and is currently open to all.* Join us for a new book club for adults and teens ages 16+. Be prepared to respectfully talk about all kinds of love stories, including those featuring different cultures, sexual orientations, and romantic tropes.

# Teens

Teen Advisory Board  
**T.A.B.**

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**Wednesday, March 12, 4:30 p.m.**

*Registration is required and begins February 12.*

All teens are welcome to attend our TAB meetings. We discuss books, make arts and crafts, play games and more. Snacks will be provided.

## **Teen Craft Day: Diamond Art**

**Wednesday, April 9, 4 p.m.**

*Registration is required and begins March 9.* Diamond art is easy to learn, relaxing, and rewarding. You'll have your choice of art to create. Art and supplies can also be taken home to finish.

## **Teen Trivia After Hours Game Night**

**Friday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

*Registration is required and begins April 2.* Think you've got what it takes to be trivia champion? Gather your friends, form a team of up to four, and test your knowledge in books, movies, music, and current events. Compete for fun prizes at this after-hours showdown. Pizza, drinks, and snacks will be provided.

## KITS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Pick up kits at the Adult and Teen Services Desk while supplies last. For Bloomfield Township residents only. One kit per library card.

- **Spice Club Kits**, Available the first Monday of each month.

**March 3 – Grains of Paradise, April 7 – Berbere,  
May 5 – Shichimi Togarashi**

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.

- **Craft Kit: Upcycled Book Sewing Box**, Available March 12

Find new life in an old book when you transform it into a sewing box. After your assembly and decoration, the hardcover book will contain compartments for sewing supplies or any small treasures of your choosing.

- **Craft Kit: Paper Lotus Flowers**, Available April 16

Create beautiful lotus flowers out of folded paper with the help of a Creativebug tutorial. Use these as ornaments, gift wrap embellishments, or write wishes on the paper to set an intention with every fold.



- **Craft Kit: Saltshaker Button Bouquets**, Available May 12

Celebrate spring with a charming DIY project that combines vintage vibes and fresh blooms. Each kit includes everything you need to craft a colorful bouquet of buttons in a repurposed saltshaker "vase." Perfect for brightening up your space or as a thoughtful gift.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

The Library offers nine book discussion clubs, a movie discussion club, a fiber arts club, two writing groups, and an English language conversation group. For more information visit [www.btpl.org/events](http://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!**

# 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](http://www.btpl.org/events), by emailing [AskTech@btpl.org](mailto: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.

## **Don't Get Scammed!**

**Monday, March 3, 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 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.

## **Scanning and Photo Editing**

**Wednesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 7, 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.

## **Computer and Internet Basics**

**Monday, March 17, 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 28, 5:30 p.m.**

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

## **ChatGPT and AI**

**Monday, March 31, 5:30 p.m.**

**Monday, May 5, 5:30 p.m.**

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

## **Google Apps**

**Wednesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 p.m.**

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

## **Microsoft Excel I**

**Monday, April 14, 5:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m.**

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

## **Microsoft Excel II**

**Monday, April 21, 5:30 p.m.**

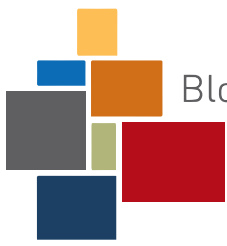
**Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m.**

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

## **Personal Tech Help Available by Appointment**

Whether you would like help with your smartphone or an answer to a specific tech topic, email IT staff at [AskTech@btpl.org](mailto:AskTech@btpl.org) to arrange for a personal help session. For assistance with Libby, hoopla, Kanopy, or PressReader, email Adult and Teen Services at [AskAdult@btpl.org](mailto:AskAdult@btpl.org).





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### Library Hours

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

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

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

**Sunday**  
12 noon - 5:30 p.m.

### Holiday Closings

Sunday, April 20 for Easter  
Sunday, May 25 and Monday, May 26  
for the Memorial Day Holiday

### Board of Trustees

Keith Carduner  
Danielle Gillman  
Judy Lindstrom  
Joan Luksik  
Joy Murray  
Shane Spradlin

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](http://www.btpl.org).

### Friends of the Library

#### Second Saturday Sale Dates

March 8, April 12, and May 10

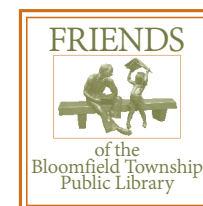
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\*10 a.m. - 11 a.m. for Friends members only.

Memberships available at [www.btpl.org/friends](http://www.btpl.org/friends),  
or at the door on Second Saturday Sale dates.



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for the most up-to-date information.



Make it your  
quest to join  
the Friends  
today!

# Coming this Summer...

## Color Our World Reading Program

Summer reading fun for children, teens, and adults.

Details and information on the Library's annual reading  
program will be available in May at [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org).