

Bloomfield Township Public

Library

**Bloomfield Township Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Board Room

Trustees:

libraryboard@btpl.org

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

Director:

Tera Moon

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

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Items included in pre-board delivery for the REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED
Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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1	Agenda	04/18/2025
6a	Cash Disbursements	04/18/2025
6b	Revenues/Expenditures Budget Report	04/18/2025
8	Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2025	04/18/2025
9a	President's Report – no report	
9b	Director's Report	04/18/2025
9c	Utility Report	04/18/2025
9d	Advocacy & Development Committee – no report	
9d	Art Committee – no report	
9d	Building and Grounds Committee – 4/10/2025	04/18/2025
9d	Finance and Investment Committee – no report	
9d	Friends of the Library Liaison Committee – no report	
9d	Jeanette P. Myers Scholarship Selection Committee – no report	
9d	Partner Library Agreements Committee – no report	
9d	Personnel and Director's Evaluation Policy Committee – no report	
9d	Policy Committee – no report	
12a	Consider Request to be an Election Day Polling Location	04/18/2025
12b	Bank Signatories	04/18/2025

<u>UNNUMBERED ITEMS</u>	<u>DATE DELIVERED</u>
Strategic Plan Update	04/18/2025
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AGENDA
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Regular Board Meeting
7:00 P.M.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to order of regular meeting
2. Request to remove items from the Consent Agenda for Discussion
3. MOTION to approve the order of items for the Regular and Consent Agendas
4. President's Verbal Report
5. Director's Verbal Report
6. Budget
 - a. Cash Disbursements
 - b. Monthly Revenues & Expenditures
7. MOTION to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items 8-9

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

8. Regular Board meeting minutes of March 18, 2025
9. Written Reports:
 - a. President Shane Spradlin
 - b. Director Tera Moon
 - c. Utility Reports
 - d. Committees:
 - i. Advocacy & Development
 - ii. Art
 - iii. Building & Grounds
 - iv. Finance & Investment
 - v. Friends of the Library Liaison
 - vi. Jeanette P. Myers Scholarship Selection
 - vii. Partner Library Agreements
 - viii. Personnel & Director's Evaluation
 - ix. Policy

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

10. Call to the public, communications
11. Unfinished Business
12. New Business
 - a. Consider Bloomfield Township's Request for the Library to be an Election Day Polling Location
 - b. Bank Signatories
13. Discussion of items removed from the Consent Agenda
14. MOTION to approve any items removed from the Consent Agenda
15. Other
16. Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2025
17. Adjournment

Bloomfield Township Public Library**Cash Disbursements Comments
March 2025****General Fund – Advance Checks:**

- Check #24728 made payable to Martha McGee in the amount of \$92.06 was reimbursement for purchase of Library Shop inventory.
- Check #24733 made payable to Consumers Energy in the amount of \$5,259.74 was payment for natural gas service for the period 2/5-3/4.
- Check #24734 made payable to DTE Energy in the amount of \$21,923.92 was payment for electricity service for the period 2/10-3/9.
- Check #24735 made payable to FNBO in the amount of \$7,625.48 was payment for the Library's credit card.
- Check #24736 made payable to Martha McGee in the amount of \$60.91 was reimbursement for purchase of Library Shop inventory.
- Check #24741 made payable to Andrea Cascarelli in the amount of \$26.35 was reimbursement for program supplies.
- Check #24748 made payable to Martha McGee in the amount of \$116.01 was reimbursement for purchase of Library Shop inventory.
- Check #24751 made payable to Recollect USA, Inc in the amount of \$6,250.00 was 50% of an annual subscription fee for a new-to-the-library resource that provides a digital collection management and community engagement platforms for local history collections.

General Fund – Regular Checks:

- Check #24763 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$167,534.56 was for one payroll including FICA, health care premiums, etc.
- Check #24764 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$1,439.06 was payment for water and sewer service for the period 2/13-3/19.
- Check #24767 made payable to C2AE in the amount of \$15,000.00 was monthly payment for library design services.
- Check #24773 made payable to Farmington Community Library in the amount of \$9,001.31 was payment for renewal of three databases purchased through Metro Net.

- Check #24778 made payable to Flylock Security Solutions in the amount of \$36,989.00 was payment for services related to the security camera project.
- Check #24786 made payable to Newsbank, Inc. in the amount of \$8,485.00 was payment for an annual subscription to a new online resource for digital news, specifically the Detroit News and the Oakland Press.
- Check #24789 made payable to State of Michigan in the amount of \$450.00 was payment for the annual elevator inspection.
- Check #24790 made payable to Plante & Moran, PLLC in the amount of \$5,078.75 was payment for contract accounting services.
- Check #24792 made payable to Rolls Mechanical in the amount of \$20,377.30 was payment for major repairs to the Library's boilers.
- Check #24794 made payable to Tech Logic Corp. in the amount of \$22,742.94 was payment to renew an annual service agreement for the automatic materials handler.
- Check #24796 made payable to The Library Network in the amount of \$3,151.00 was payment for internet service.

Gift Fund - Advance Checks:

- Check #5669 made payable to BTPL - Petty Cash in the amount of \$35.81 was to reimburse petty cash.
- Check #5671 made payable to B Syde, LLC in the amount of \$1,000.00 was payment for program presenter.
- Check #5672 made payable to Recollect USA Inc in the amount of \$10,250.00 was half the implementation fee a new-to-the-library resource that provides a digital collection management and community engagement platforms for local history collections.
- Check #5673 made payable to Kamron Reynolds in the amount of \$175.00 was payment for a program presenter.

Gift Fund - Regular Checks:

- Check #5676 made payable to Worthington Direct in the amount of \$2,090.53 was for purchase of book carts.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

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CHECK REGISTERS
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
General Fund				
ADVANCE CHECKS:				
24725	3/12/25	APPLIED INNOVATION	016.01	1,182.73
24726	3/12/25	XFINITY	016.01	96.43
24727	3/12/25	LOWE'S	016.01	16.57
24728	3/12/25	Martha McGee	016.01	92.06
24729	3/12/25	Mobility City of Southfield	016.01	485.00
24730	3/12/25	T MOBILE	016.01	60.20
24731	3/12/25	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	016.01	147.75
24732	3/19/25	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	016.01	3,721.16
24733	3/19/25	CONSUMERS ENERGY	016.01	5,259.74
24734	3/19/25	DTE ENERGY	016.01	21,923.92
24735	3/19/25	FNBO	016.01	7,625.48
24736	3/19/25	Martha McGee	016.01	60.91
24737	3/19/25	VIGILANTE SECURITY	016.01	1,950.00
24738	3/26/25	APPLIED INNOVATION	016.01	1,130.38
24739	3/26/25	AT&T	016.01	171.45
24740	3/26/25	AT&T	016.01	816.81
24741	3/26/25	Andrea Cascarelli	016.01	26.35
24742	3/26/25	XFINITY	016.01	96.43
24743	3/26/25	PTS Communications	016.01	78.00
24744	3/26/25	VIGILANTE SECURITY	016.01	150.00
24745	3/26/25	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	016.01	924.41
24747	4/2/25	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	016.01	2,129.73
24748	4/2/25	Martha McGee	016.01	116.01
24749	4/9/25	LOWE'S	016.01	16.59
24750	4/9/25	PTS Communications	016.01	78.00
24751	4/9/25	Recollect USA, INC	016.01	6,250.00
24752	4/11/25	APPLIED INNOVATION	016.01	1,405.58
24753	4/11/25	Mobility City of Southfield	016.01	450.00
24754	4/11/25	T MOBILE	016.01	60.20
24755	4/11/25	VIGILANTE SECURITY	016.01	150.00
24756	4/11/25	XFINITY	016.01	109.41
Total				56,781.30
REGULAR CHECKS:				
24757	4/14/25	APPLE BOOKS	016.01	26.95
24758	4/14/25	ASCAP	016.01	448.21
24759	4/14/25	AUGIES BUILDING SERVICES	016.01	12,744.95
24760	4/14/25	AUNALYTICS, INC.	016.01	2,669.58
24761	4/14/25	BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	016.01	13,033.43
24762	4/14/25	The Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber	016.01	250.00
24763	4/14/25	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	016.01	167,534.56
24764	4/14/25	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	016.01	1,439.06
24765	4/14/25	BUTZEL LONG	016.01	136.50
24766	4/14/25	CENGAGE LEARNING/GALE	016.01	1,348.10
24767	4/14/25	C2AE	016.01	15,000.00
24768	4/14/25	CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	016.01	147.59
24769	4/14/25	CINTAS CORPORATION	016.01	158.35
24770	4/14/25	DEAF COMMUNITY ADVOCACY NETWORK	016.01	319.90
24771	4/14/25	DEMCO, INC.	016.01	551.75
24772	4/14/25	DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY	016.01	199.49
24773	4/14/25	FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY	016.01	9,001.31
24774	4/14/25	FOSTER SWIFT	016.01	178.50
24775	4/14/25	GREAT OAKS MAINTENANCE	016.01	3,600.00
24776	4/14/25	INFORMATION TODAY, INC.	016.01	493.03
24777	4/14/25	INNOVATIVE INTERFACE, INC	016.01	3,802.00
24778	4/14/25	FlyLock Security Solutions	016.01	36,989.00
24779	4/14/25	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	016.01	1,122.17
24780	4/14/25	THE MAGNOLIA JOURNAL	016.01	30.00
24781	4/14/25	MERGENT, INC.	016.01	764.00
24782	4/14/25	MICROMARKETING LLC	016.01	410.52
24783	4/14/25	MANUFACTURER'S NEWS. INC.	016.01	278.50

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHECK REGISTERS
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
24784	4/14/25	MIDWEST TAPE	016.01	2,688.71
24785	4/14/25	NETWORK SERVICES COMPANY	016.01	1,262.57
24786	4/14/25	Newsbank, Inc.	016.01	8,485.00
24787	4/14/25	OTC BRANDS, INC.	016.01	435.69
24788	4/14/25	OVERDRIVE	016.01	36,825.09
24789	4/14/25	State of Michigan	016.01	450.00
24790	4/14/25	PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC	016.01	5,078.75
24791	4/14/25	PRIORITY WASTE, LLC	016.01	401.06
24792	4/14/25	Rolls Mechanical	016.01	20,377.30
24793	4/14/25	SHOWCASES	016.01	1,198.80
24794	4/14/25	TECH LOGIC CORP.	016.01	22,742.94
24795	4/14/25	TERMINIX PROCESSING CTR.	016.01	183.00
24796	4/14/25	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	016.01	3,151.00
24797	4/14/25	THE LIBRARY STORE, INC.	016.01	389.20
24798	4/14/25	THOMSON REUTERS- WEST	016.01	169.76
24799	4/14/25	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	016.01	1,168.32
24800	4/14/25	UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	016.01	315.20
24801	4/14/25	WT COX INFORMATION SERVICES	016.01	3,444.08
Total				378,688.00

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FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
Gift Fund				
ADVANCE CHECKS:				
5667	3/19/25	AMAZON.COM	012.03	348.74
5668	3/19/25	FNBO	012.03	704.74
5669	3/26/25	BTPL - Petty Cash	012.03	35.81
5670	3/31/25	AMAZON.COM	012.03	897.97
5671	4/9/25	B SYDE, LLC	012.03	1,000.00
5672	4/9/25	RECOLLECT USA INC	012.03	10,250.00
5673	4/9/25	KAMRON REYNOLDS	012.03	175.00
Total				13,376.45
REGULAR CHECKS:				
5674	4/14/25	BAKER & TAYLOR	012.03	1,294.56
5675	4/14/25	MIDWEST TAPE	012.03	117.84
5676	4/14/25	Worthington Direct	012.03	2,090.53
Total				3,502.93

Bloomfield Township Public Library
FY 2024-2025 General Fund Budget

PRESENTED: APRIL 22, 2025 FOR THE MONTH OF: MARCH 2025

ACCOUNT NAME	2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET AS OF	2024-2025 AMENDED BUDGET AS OF	REVENUE/EXPENSE		Twelve Months 100%	
	MARCH 19, 2024	AUGUST 20, 2024	CURRENT MONTH	REVENUE/ EXPENSE YTD	% OF BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE
Revenues						
Taxes	\$8,922,094	\$9,381,644	\$568,326	\$9,517,388	101.45%	\$135,744 over percentage of year
Penal Fines	\$71,695	\$71,695	\$0	\$60,788	84.79%	(\$10,907) more than 5% under percentage of year
State Aid	\$40,800	\$40,800	\$0	\$45,163	110.69%	\$4,363
Circulation Fines & Fees	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$1,442	\$14,361	168.96%	\$5,861
Charges for Services	\$10,651	\$10,651	\$878	\$12,725	119.48%	\$2,074
Photocopy Fees	\$651	\$651	(\$12)	\$543	83.41%	(\$108)
Room Rental Fees	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$890	\$12,182	121.82%	\$2,182
Investment earnings	\$610,000	\$610,000	\$81,934	\$678,563	111.24%	\$68,563
Interest/Dividends	\$610,000	\$610,000	\$65,758	\$539,356	88.42%	(\$70,644)
Change in Asset Value	\$0	\$0	\$16,176	\$139,207	0.00%	\$139,207
Miscellaneous	\$13,451	\$13,451	\$10,907	\$47,878	355.94%	\$34,427
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$3,370	\$3,370	\$116	\$2,828	83.90%	(\$543)
Library Shop	\$4,081	\$4,081	\$442	\$4,735	116.03%	\$654
Café	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$3,224	53.73%	(\$2,776)
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	\$10,349	\$37,091	185.46%	\$17,091
Total Revenues	\$9,677,191	10,156,741	\$663,487	\$10,376,867	102.17%	\$220,126
Expenditures						
Personnel	\$5,205,396	\$5,205,396	\$177,883	\$4,845,563	93.09%	(\$359,833) 1 pay period to be recorded in March - approximately \$140,000
Salaries & Wages	\$3,359,218	\$3,359,218	\$121,408	\$3,183,095	94.76%	(\$176,123)
Social Security	\$256,598	\$256,598	\$17,425	\$237,844	92.69%	(\$18,754)
Employee Insurances	\$985,955	\$985,955	\$33,127	\$887,144	89.98%	(\$98,811)
Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,144	0.00%	\$1,144
Retirement	\$603,625	\$603,625	\$5,924	\$527,735	87.43%	(\$75,890)
Retiree Health Care - OPEB	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,600	0.00%	\$8,600
Library Services	\$842,132	\$842,132	\$70,082	\$789,041	93.70%	(\$53,091)
Electronic Serv.-Databases	\$220,408	\$220,408	\$4,271	\$232,643	105.55%	\$12,235
Electronic Services-Skyriver	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$0	\$24,615	91.17%	(\$2,385)
Books	\$323,908	\$323,908	\$39,359	\$310,101	95.74%	(\$13,807)
Processing & Supplies	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$1,927	\$12,667	52.78%	(\$11,333)
Periodicals/Docs/Ref. Serv.	\$69,650	\$69,650	\$5,537	\$58,352	83.78%	(\$11,298)
Music	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$379	\$4,832	56.85%	(\$3,668)
Audiobooks	\$77,623	\$77,623	\$9,379	\$79,409	102.30%	\$1,786
DVD's	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$2,471	\$28,431	69.34%	(\$12,569)
Accessibility Support Collection	\$10,043	\$10,043	\$500	\$3,723	37.07%	(\$6,320)
Programming	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$6,261	\$34,269	85.67%	(\$5,731)
Facilities & Equipment	\$1,206,967	\$1,214,792	\$81,891	\$1,189,740	97.94%	(\$25,052)
Repairs/Maint. Supplies	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$1,279	\$61,075	93.96%	(\$3,925)
Telephone	\$17,450	\$17,450	\$988	\$12,355	70.80%	(\$5,096)
Building Insurance	\$58,017	\$65,842	\$0	\$65,842	100.00%	\$0
Public Utilities	\$384,000	\$384,000	\$28,623	\$367,869	95.80%	(\$16,131)
Building Maintenance	\$291,106	\$291,106	\$14,838	\$315,293	108.31%	\$24,187
Equipment Maintenance	\$24,210	\$24,210	\$1,130	\$19,638	81.12%	(\$4,572)
Grounds Maintenance	\$96,675	\$96,675	\$7,200	\$83,394	86.26%	(\$13,281)
Computer System Maint.	\$254,508	\$254,508	\$27,826	\$251,776	98.93%	(\$2,732)
Equipment	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$7	\$12,498	78.11%	(\$3,502)
Other Operating Expenditures	\$2,383,895	\$2,352,395	\$79,170	\$896,459	38.11%	(\$1,455,936)
Office/Computer Supplies	\$32,480	\$32,480	\$2,534	\$18,295	56.33%	(\$14,185)
Postage	\$25,090	\$25,090	\$340	\$27,199	108.41%	\$2,109
Professional Services	\$128,156	\$128,156	\$3,315	\$140,152	109.36%	\$11,996
Projects	\$2,114,165	\$2,082,665	\$71,851	\$652,281	31.32%	(\$1,430,384)
Staff Development/Travel	\$37,650	\$37,650	\$561	\$18,636	49.50%	(\$19,014)
Printing & Publishing	\$25,050	\$25,050	\$12	\$22,854	91.23%	(\$2,196)
Dues & Membership	\$14,224	\$14,224	\$71	\$11,369	79.93%	(\$2,855)
Bank Expenses	\$4,720	\$4,720	\$192	\$4,038	85.54%	(\$683)
Library Shop Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$294	\$1,635	81.75%	(\$365)
Café Expenses	\$360	\$360	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$360)
Total Expenditures	\$9,638,390	\$9,614,715	\$409,027	\$7,720,802	80.30%	(\$1,893,913)
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$13,833,927	\$13,833,927		\$13,833,927		
Net revenue (expenditure)	\$38,801	\$542,026		\$2,656,065		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$13,872,728	\$14,375,953		\$16,489,992		

Fund Balance Designations

Nonspendable-Prepaid Expense	\$18,791	\$18,791
Committed Fund Balance (is 9-months of operational expenditures amount)	\$5,643,169	\$5,649,038
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)	\$8,110,768	\$8,608,125
Unassigned Fund Balance (is the unplanned emergency amount)	\$100,000	\$100,000

Bloomfield Township Public Library
FY 2024-2025 Gift Fund Budget

PRESENTED: APRIL 22, 2025 FOR THE MONTH OF: MARCH 2025

Twelve Months 100%

ACCOUNT NAME	2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET AS OF MAR 19, 2024	2024-2025 AMENDED BUDGET AS OF MARCH 18, 2025	REVENUE/ EXPENSE CURRENT MONTH	REVENUE/ EXPENSE YTD	% OF BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE
<u>Revenues</u>						
Gift Income	\$500	\$118,654	\$50	\$118,395	99.78%	(\$259)
Gift Revenue	\$0	\$6,577	\$50	\$6,818	103.67%	\$241
Friends of the Library	\$0	\$108,011	\$0	\$108,011	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	0.00%	\$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	\$0	\$2,464	1231.78%	\$2,264
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0	\$134	\$0	\$134	100.00%	\$0
Total Revenues	\$700	\$118,988	\$50	\$120,993	101.68%	\$2,005
<u>Expenditures</u>						
Library Services	\$75,589	\$164,144	\$3,905	\$93,073	56.70%	(\$71,071)
Facilities & Equipment	\$34,382	\$38,331	\$20	\$15,236	39.75%	(\$23,095)
Other Operating Expenditures	\$52,224	\$78,007	\$5	\$25,619	32.84%	(\$52,388)
Total Expenditures	\$162,195	\$280,483	\$3,930	\$133,929	47.75%	(\$146,554)
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$161,695	\$161,695		\$161,695		
Net revenue (expenditures)	(\$161,495)	(\$161,495)		(\$12,936)		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$200	\$200		\$148,759		

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Asset Allocation Summary
March 2025

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Fund	Type	Annual Yield	Date	Amount on Hand
General Fund				
	5th 3rd Checking (Ecommerce)	0.00%	3/31/2025	\$163,358.80
	Flagstar Public Funds Savings	3.40%	3/31/2025	\$221,117.46
	Flagstar Premier Public Entities Checking	0.45%	3/31/2025	\$321,139.93
	RBC Capital Cash/Money Market	0.85%	3/31/2025	\$17,447.75
	RBC Capital - Investments	4.73%	3/31/2025	\$18,969,289.41
Total General Fund				\$19,692,353.35
Please see General Fund budget for notes on how this amount is earmarked				
Gift Fund				
	Huntington Public Fund Business Interest Checking	0.25%	3/31/2025	\$84,178.91
	Huntington CD (Charnov gift) - matures 11/04/2025	4.30%	3/31/2025	\$50,000.00
	Fifth Third Bank Business Standard Checking	0.00%	3/31/2025	\$17,867.43
Total Gift Fund				\$152,046.34

CFSEM

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			\$182,545.00

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Oakland County, Michigan
Tuesday, March 18, 2025
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 Shane Spradlin.

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

Trustees Absent: None

Administration: Library Director Tera Moon; Administrative Assistant Linden Godlove

Guests: Carson Janczyk and companion, Bloomfield Township Residents; Tom Corliss, Facility Services Department Head and SOC Representative

Shane Spradlin requested **Items 7a and 7b** be removed from the consent agenda for regular discussion.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Keith Carduner and seconded by Joan Luksik **TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS AS LISTED ON THE AGENDAS WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: 7A and 7B**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S VERBAL REPORT:

President Shane Spradlin declared a spectacular job was done at expense control in the budget. Kudos to the library team. Starting in April, he proposes removing 7A and 7B from the consent agenda and placing these on the regular agenda for greater efficiency. In press mentions, this Library was included in a roundup of best library play spaces in metro Detroit, and he concurred.

DIRECTOR'S VERBAL REPORT:

Director Moon declared that March is Reading Month. The Youth Services staff celebrated with Kindergarten Readers Roundups and conducted nine events that reached 445 kindergarteners. They partnered with Bloomfield Hills Schools on the One District One Book program and coordinated kickoff events for four elementary schools

to read *Odder* by Katherine Applegate with 447 attendees. 1,000 community members received the message of what amazing things the public library offers.

The photo contest deadline was March 9 with 64 photographers submitting 97 photographs in total. The awards ceremony is Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The Library Design Project recently began with a meeting between the Library Design Team (Tera Moon, Katherine Bryant, Library Trustee Joy Murray, library staff representatives Lauren Catoni-Ellis and Brooke Hoskins), and the C2AE team (Jenna Walker, Chloe Aalsburg, Dennis Jensen, and Jared Secor). They committed to using the data and ideas from the 2023 pre-design and research report towards a rough draft floor plan. This will be reviewed by the core team, the department heads, and the Building and Grounds Committee.

In the board packet's monthly activity report, the total number of eBooks jumped from 19,000 to 46,000, due to uploading the records from Comics Plus into the library catalog. The webpage hits were down because reporting of webpage use changed to exclude staff usage, which will provide a clearer idea of how patrons access the page.

The SMS notices are text message notices that patrons can sign up to receive. This is testing the service for library vendor Innovative. The types of notices are limited to just an alert that a patron has items coming due and that a hold is ready.

An executive order issued by the Trump administration on March 14, calls for the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This may impact LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grants, the Michigan Activity Pass program, Michigan eLibrary, and other programs funded in Michigan through this federal agency. Individuals are encouraged to contact their legislators to express their support for public libraries. 97% of Bloomfield Township Public Library's revenues are from local property taxes so Bloomfield Township Public Library is not directly impacted.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom, seconded by Keith Carduner to **APPROVE THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA:

Call to the public.

Tom Corliss, representing the SOC, provided an update on their activities. He announced the incoming SOC will be Youth Services Librarian Nicole Gillies, Circulation Department Head Anna Pelepchuk, and Administration Clerk Jane Bersche.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. NEW BUSINESS:

11a. FY 2024/2025 Amended Budget and FY 2025/2026 Proposed Budget

Director Moon presented the proposed balanced budget that includes the FY 2024-2025 amended budget and the FY 2025-2026 proposed budget for the Board's review.

There was an adjustment of the revenue for the budget after the board packet was posted.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom, seconded by Joan Luksik **TO APPROVE ON A FUNCTIONAL AND TOTAL FUND BASIS THE PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET, AS ATTACHED, FOR FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2025 - MARCH 31, 2026, IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

\$10,929,971 REVENUES

\$10,407,943 EXPENDITURES

- **FUND BALANCE RESERVES SHALL BE INCREASED BY: \$522,028 NET REVENUE/(EXPENDITURES).**

THERE IS A PLANNED USE OF FUND BALANCE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE LIBRARY DESIGN PROJECT.

TO APPROVE ON A FUNCTIONAL AND TOTAL FUND BASIS THE AMENDED GENERAL FUND BUDGET, AS ATTACHED, FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2024 - MARCH 31, 2025, IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY.

\$10,156,741 REVENUES

\$9,624,715 EXPENDITURES

- **FUND BALANCE RESERVES SHALL BE INCREASED BY: \$532,026 NET REVENUE/(EXPENDITURES).**

THERE IS A PLANNED USE OF FUND BALANCE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE UPGRADE.

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom, seconded by Joy Murray **TO APPROVE ON A TOTAL FUND BASIS THE PROPOSED GIFT FUND BUDGET, AS ATTACHED, FOR FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2025 - MARCH 31, 2026, IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

\$700 REVENUES

\$162,195 EXPENDITURES

TO APPROVE ON A TOTAL FUND BASIS THE AMENDED GIFT FUND BUDGET, AS ATTACHED, FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2024 - MARCH 31, 2025, IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY.

\$121,183 REVENUES
\$280,433 EXPENDITURES

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

12. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- President Shane Spradlin removed 7a and inquired about Plante Moran, whose services will continue until approximately mid-May to support the new Finance Coordinator and the Library audit.
- President Shane Spradlin removed 7a and inquired about SafeSpace concepts. Director Moon will follow up.
- President Shane Spradlin removed 7a and inquired about Velocity EHS, which is a subscription service that provides information on hazardous materials for staff.
- President Shane Spradlin removed 7a and inquired about Apple Books. Director Moon will follow up.
- President Shane Spradlin removed 7a and inquired about Mango Language, which is an online resource for language learning.
- President Shane Spradlin removed 7b and commented that the year was 92% completed and observed the other operating expenses were much below the budget.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom and seconded by Joy Murray **TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDAS.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

OTHER:

Shane commented on the general fund balance in the board packet (page 78). He said this will be a summer discussion point of whether the full mills are levied.

The Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library are celebrating their 60th anniversary. A resolution was read by Joy Murray:

Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Resolution

WHEREAS, since 1965, the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library have been a brilliant facet of Bloomfield Township Public Library's success
WHEREAS, for sixty years, they have championed Library enrichment with their

funding--raised through their legendary Second Saturday Sales, the enduring membership dues, and generous special contributions—and support this Library's abundance

WHEREAS, They enhance services beyond tax-funded basics, procure cutting-edge equipment, vital materials, and captivating special programs

WHEREAS, This milestone marks six decades of generous volunteerism, fundraising, and advocacy that have significantly enriched the Library's programs, resources, collections, and facilities

WHEREAS, Their dedication and hard work have culminated in over \$1.95 million in support since 1995, including \$108,000 in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Now therefore, let it be

RESOLVED, The Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees celebrates and deeply appreciates our sparkling Friends on this true diamond anniversary! The Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library are a priceless gem.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom and seconded by Dani Gillman **TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FRIENDS 60 YEAR ANNIVERSARY.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

Building and Grounds will meet on April 10 at 9:00 a.m.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 7:00p.m.

At the request of President Spradlin, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom seconded by Keith Carduner **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:43.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

Submitted by:



Joan Luksik, Board Secretary

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTHLY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

April 2025

The Library's new fiscal year started April 1, 2025. With that, some changes went into effect, including wage increases for many staff and job title changes for some staff.

The Myers Scholarship application period is now open. The deadline to receive applications is June 1. This scholarship was established in memory of former librarian Jeanette P. Myers. Library staff, family members of staff, or others associated with the Library are eligible to apply for scholarships of up to \$500 to be used in the pursuit of higher education. The scholarship(s) will be awarded at a ceremony prior to the August 19, 2025 board meeting.

In honor of National Library week, the Library once again ran the Star Readers program. Star Readers is a long-standing program that invites young patrons to stop by the Youth Services' Desk with their favorite book, have their photo taken, and then be entered for a chance to be featured on a future Star Reader poster. The posters resemble the READ posters that the American Library Association produces. The posters are on display all year long in Youth Services and the lucky readers get to keep them after they are taken down.

The Library's elevator was inspected by the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. The elevator passed inspection and is deemed safe for another year.

Another flurry of hiring is underway. In addition to a new Finance Coordinator, five new Pages started in the last two weeks, two new Library Assistants I have been hired in IT, interviews for a full-time Maintenance Assistant are underway, and Circulation is in the process of hiring two new Library Assistants II. These vacancies occurred for a wide variety of reasons from getting full-time jobs to health challenges.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tera Moon
Library Director*

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
MARCH 2025

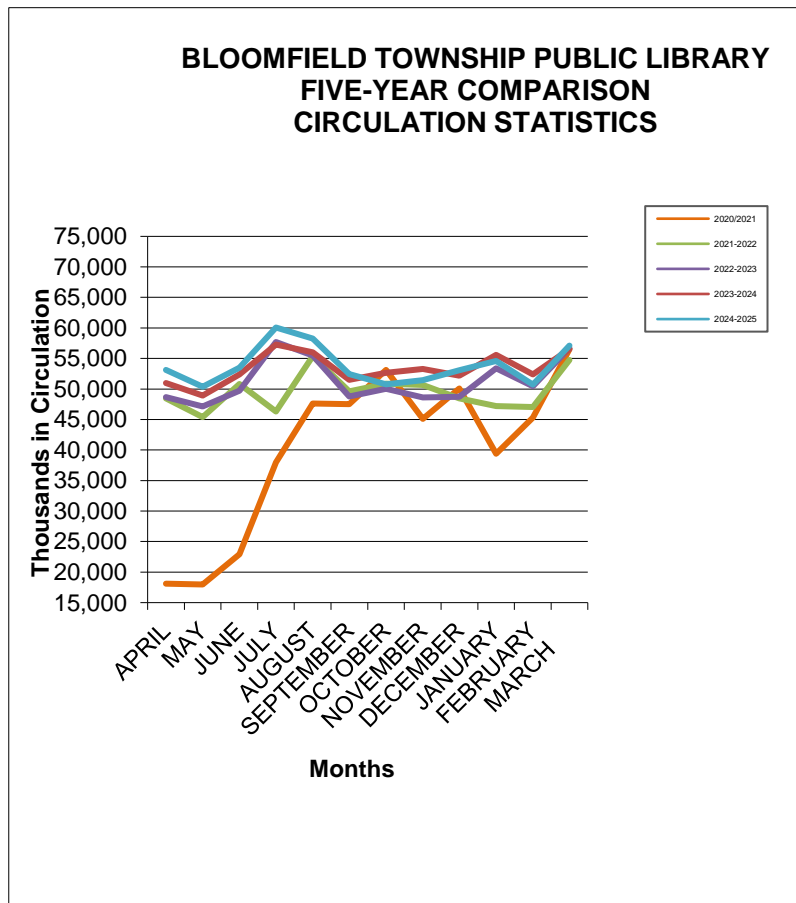
	2024		2025	
OUTREACH & PROGRAMS				
<i>New Patrons and Accounts</i>				
Township:	200		178	
Cranbrook:	2		1	
Total new patrons:	258		244	
<i>Adult Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	12 events	89 attended	11 events	74 attended
Speaker-led:	4 events	172 attended	4 events	323 attended
Book clubs:	7 events	58 attended	7 events	74 attended
Tours/visits on-site:	0 events	0 attended	0 events	0 attended
Tours/visits off-site:	4 events	158 attended	5 events	202 attended
Chamber Music Concert:	1 event	130 attended	1 event	150 attended
Bloomfield Historical Society:	1 event	110 attended	0 events	0 attended
<i>IT Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	5 events	34 attended	4 events	22 attended
<i>Teen Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	0 events	0 attended	1 event	2 attended
<i>Youth Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	19 events	671 attended	15 events	348 attended
Speaker-led:	1 event	28 attended	2 events	146 attended
Tours/visits on-site:	7 events	427 attended	12 events	828 attended
Tours/visits off-site:	12 events	327 attended	16 events	365 attended
TOTAL:	73 events	2204attended	78 events	2534 attended
<i>Volunteers (total for the month)</i>	8 people	57.0 hours	9 people	98 hours
Shop volunteers	4 people	24.5 hours	7 people	76 hours
Court appointed volunteers	1 person	18.0 hours	1 person	17 hours
Student volunteers	2 people	3.0 hours	0 people	0 hours
Department volunteers	1 person	11.5 hours	1 person	5 hours
<i>Patron Remarks</i>				
Patron comments:	10		4	
Ask BTPL:	13		17	
DISPLAYS				
Lobby	<i>Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library's 60th anniversary</i>			
Local History	<i>March is Reading Month</i>			

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY FIVE YEAR CIRCULATION

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	<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	50,768
NOVEMBER	45,117	50,656	48,595	53,264	51,426
DECEMBER	50,080	48,439	48,737	52,182	53,072
JANUARY	39,378	47,195	53,373	55,573	54,590
FEBRUARY	45,329	47,023	50,469	52,401	50,701
MARCH	56,504	54,732	56,705	56,512	57,086
TOTAL	481,614	594,879	615,393	639,604	645,411



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)

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Quarterly Database Statistical Report
Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Year-End Totals
Audiobook	2,063	2,058	2,089	2,147	2,174	2,140	2,219	2,288	2,106	2,414	2,147	2,482	26,327
BingePass	21	27	25	30	28	36	35	41	42	48	40	39	412
Comics	136	126	114	166	150	201	172	140	130	141	139	196	1,811
Ebook	1,065	1,001	1,150	1,175	1,106	1,018	992	1,128	1,156	1,224	1,077	1,185	13,277
Movie	180	202	200	196	246	183	244	246	215	242	259	182	2,595
Music	158	135	131	113	133	95	100	156	155	98	90	108	1,472
Television	203	241	210	204	247	169	122	153	60	242	243	272	2,366
Total	3,826	3,790	3,919	4,031	4,084	3,842	3,884	4,152	3,864	4,409	3,995	4,464	48,260

Kanopy
Top Five Circulating Titles

First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter	
Apr-24	TitleType & Studio	Jul-24	TitleType & Studio	Oct-24	TitleType & Studio	Jan-25	TitleType & Studio
	GreyzoneTV - MHz		Death in ParadiseTV - BBC Studios		Father BrownTV - BBC Studios		The KillingTV - MHz Networks
	The Great GameMovie - Distrib Films		Father BrownTV - BBC Studios		The Night ManagerTV - Fifth Season		The BridgeTV - MHz Networks
	Kat & Alfie: RedwaterTV - BBC Studios		Beyond ParadiseTV - BBC Studios		SmotherTV - BBC Studios		BlackshoreTV - BBC Studios
	Bleeding LoveMovie - Vertical Entertainment		Anatomy of a FallMovie - Neon		The DiplomatTV - BBC Studios		Sorry for Your LossTV - Fifth Season
	Who Do You Think I AmMovie - Cohen Film Collection		The MoonstoneMovie - BBC Studios		Leverage: RedemptionTV - Electric Entertainment		Pride and PrejudiceTV - BBC Studios
May-24		Aug-24		Nov-24		Feb-25	
	Room in RomeMovie - IFC Films		Father BrownTV - BBC Studios		A French VillageTV - MHz		Life Below ZeroTV - BBC Studios
	Father BrownTV - BBC Studios		Wide-Ruling AgamemnonThe Great Courses		BlackshoreTV - BBC Studios		Agatha Christie's HjersonTV - MHz Networks
	The ParadiseTV - BBC Studios		The Greek Polls - AthensThe Great Courses		MinibodsTV - Moonbug Entertainment		SmotherTV - BBC Studios
	BlackBerryMovie - IFC Films		Dark Age and Archaic GreeceThe Great Courses		Nowhere SpecialMovie - Cohen Film Collection		MinibodsTV - Moonbug Entertainment
	Cults and Extreme BeliefTV - A&E		Gospels and ActsThe Great Courses		Joseph Campbell and the Power of Myth		Hey DuggeeTV - BBC Studios
Jun-24		Sep-24		Dec-24		Mar-25	
	Father BrownTV - BBC Studios		Father BrownTV - BBC Studios		The BridgeTV - MHz		Best of Westinghouse Studio OneTV - Cat Bros Entertainment
	GreyzoneTV - MHz		Shakespeare and Hathaway: PlsTV - BBC Studios		BlackshoreTV - BBC Studios		Chicka Chicka Boom BoomTV - Weston Woods
	Six FourTV - BBC Studios		Dog Loves BooksMovie - BBC Studios		Abraham LincolnTV - The History Channel		The Night ManagerTV - Fifth Season
	UnforgottenTV - BBC Studios		Doctor FosterTV - BBC Studios		SmotherTV - BBC Studios		BlackshoreTV - BBC Studios
	A Man and a WomanMovie - Studio Canal		Secret StateMovie - All3Media International		The Night ManagerTV - Fifth Season		The Inner CircleTV - All3Media International

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Quarter One

Quarter Two

Apr-24

May-24

Jun-24

Jul-24

Aug-24

Sep-24

Titles

Copies

Titles

Copies

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Ebook	34,624	66,054		34,606	65,969		34,414	65,573		34,315	65,359		34,347	65,740		34,280	65,578
Audiobook	18,439	37,399		18,529	37,633		18,577	37,660		18,685	38,002		18,835	38,522		18,947	38,763
Magazine	5,230	5,230		5,218	5,218		5,432	5,432		5,346	5,346		5,491	5,491		5,556	5,556
Total	58,293	108,683		58,353	108,820		58,423	108,665		58,346	108,707		58,673	109,753		58,783	109,897

Top Holds at End of Quarter

- 1) The Women by Kristin Hannah
- 2) Funny Story by Emily Henry
- 3) Just for the Summer by Abby Jimenez
- 4) Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
- 5) Funny Story by Emily Henry

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Top Holds at End of Quarter

- 1) Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
- 2) Part of Your World by Abby Jimenez
- 3) The God of the Woods by Liz Moore
- 4) The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt
- 5) All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker

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Quarter Three

Quarter Four

Oct-24

Nov-24

Dec-24

Jan-25

Feb-25

Mar-25

Titles

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Titles

Copies

Titles

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Ebook	34,373	67,683		34,461	67,675		34,624	69,275		34,866	70,046		34,798	76,709		35,196	97,598
Audiobook	19,088	39,400		19,255	39,872		19,450	40,804		19,581	40,878		19,750	41,067		19,931	41,969
Magazine	5,704	5,704		5,728	5,728		5,731	5,731		5,697	5,697		5,723	5,723		5,762	5,762
Total	59,165	112,787		59,444	113,275		59,805	115,810		60,144	116,621		60,271	123,499		60,889	145,329

Top Holds at End of Quarter

- 1) James by Percival Everett
- 2) The Wedding People by Alison Espach
- 3) The God of the Woods by Liz Moore
- 4) All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker
- 5) The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

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Top Holds at End of Quarter

- 1) The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
- 2) The Wedding People by Alison Espach
- 3) The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
- 4) James by Percival Everett
- 5) Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins

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Press Reader Top Circulating Periodicals

Apr-24
The Economist
The New York Times
USA Today
Jul-24
The New York Times
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The Economist
USA Today
Jan-25
The Economist
The New York Times
El País

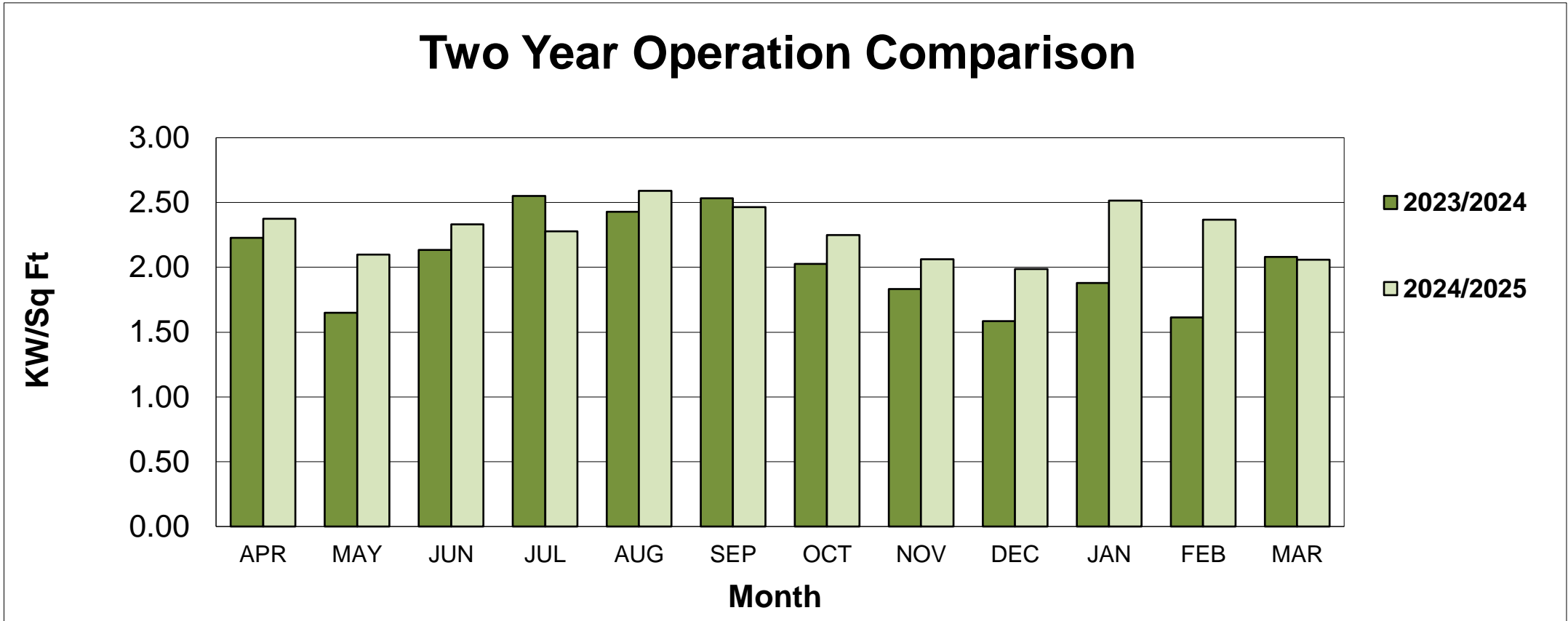
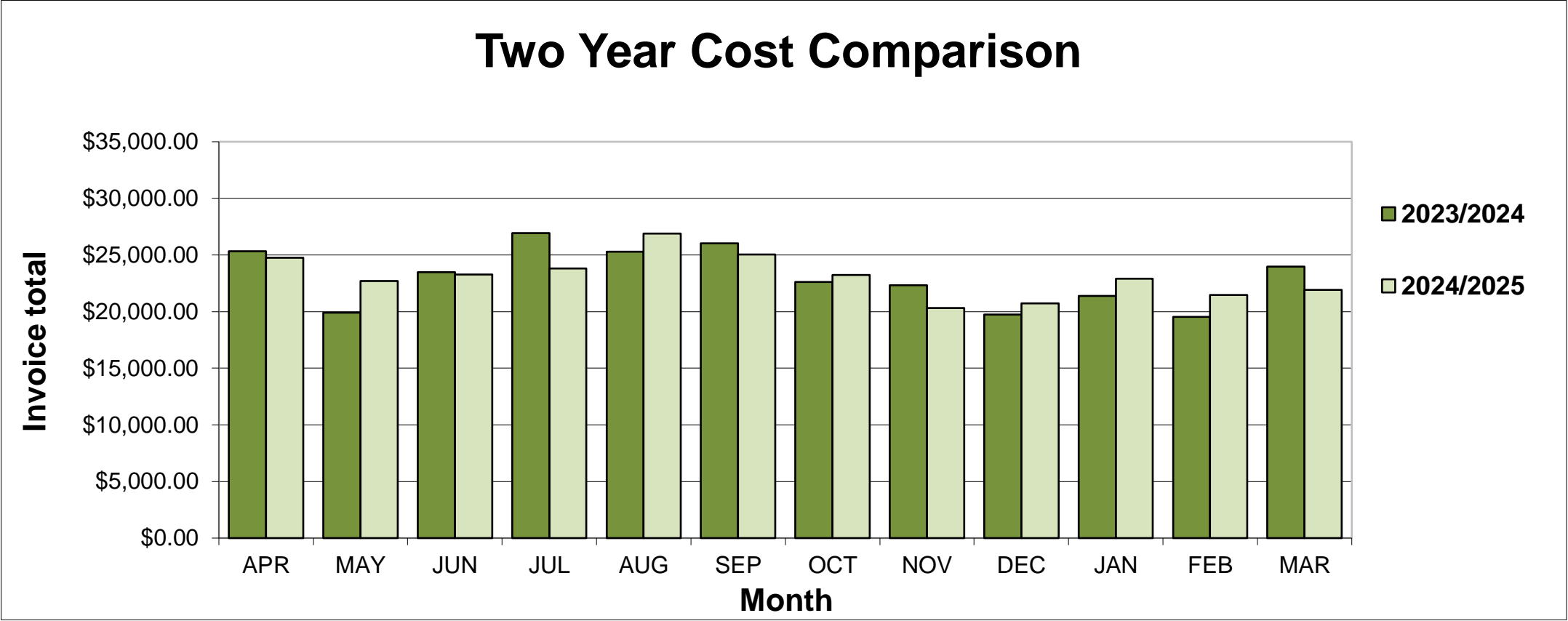
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The Economist
USA Today
Dec-24
The Economist
The New York Times
El Espectador
Mar-25
The New York Times
The Economist
USA Today

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	\$20,336.42	(\$1,987.92)	208,432	\$0.10	289.49	2.06	\$28.25	\$0.20
DEC	\$19,726.20	\$20,719.64	\$993.44	200,809	\$0.10	269.90	1.99	\$27.85	\$0.21
JAN	\$21,386.01	\$22,893.63	\$1,507.62	254,170	\$0.09	341.63	2.52	\$30.77	\$0.23
FEB	\$19,525.15	\$21,484.06	\$1,958.91	239,239	\$0.09	356.01	2.37	\$31.97	\$0.21
MAR	\$23,972.14	\$21,923.92	(\$2,048.22)	208,026	\$0.11	309.56	2.06	\$32.62	\$0.22
	YTD Difference								
TOTAL	\$276,499.01	\$277,123.28	\$624.27						

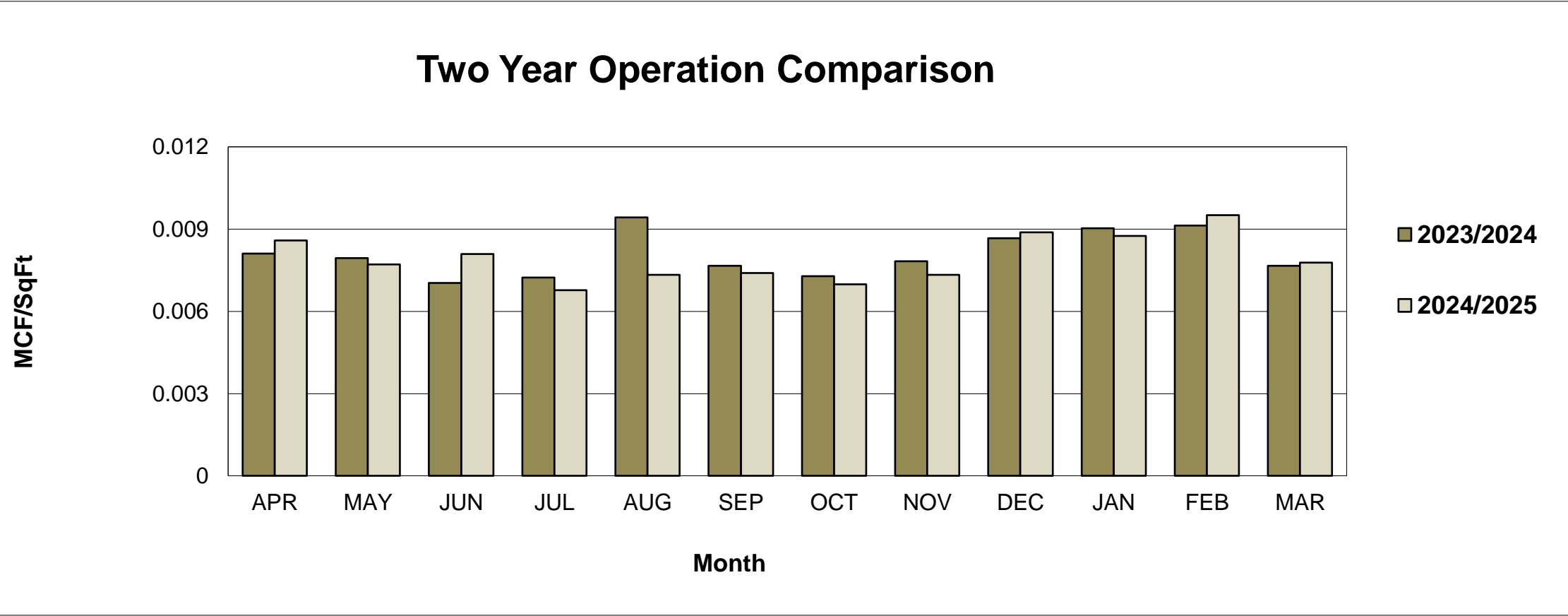
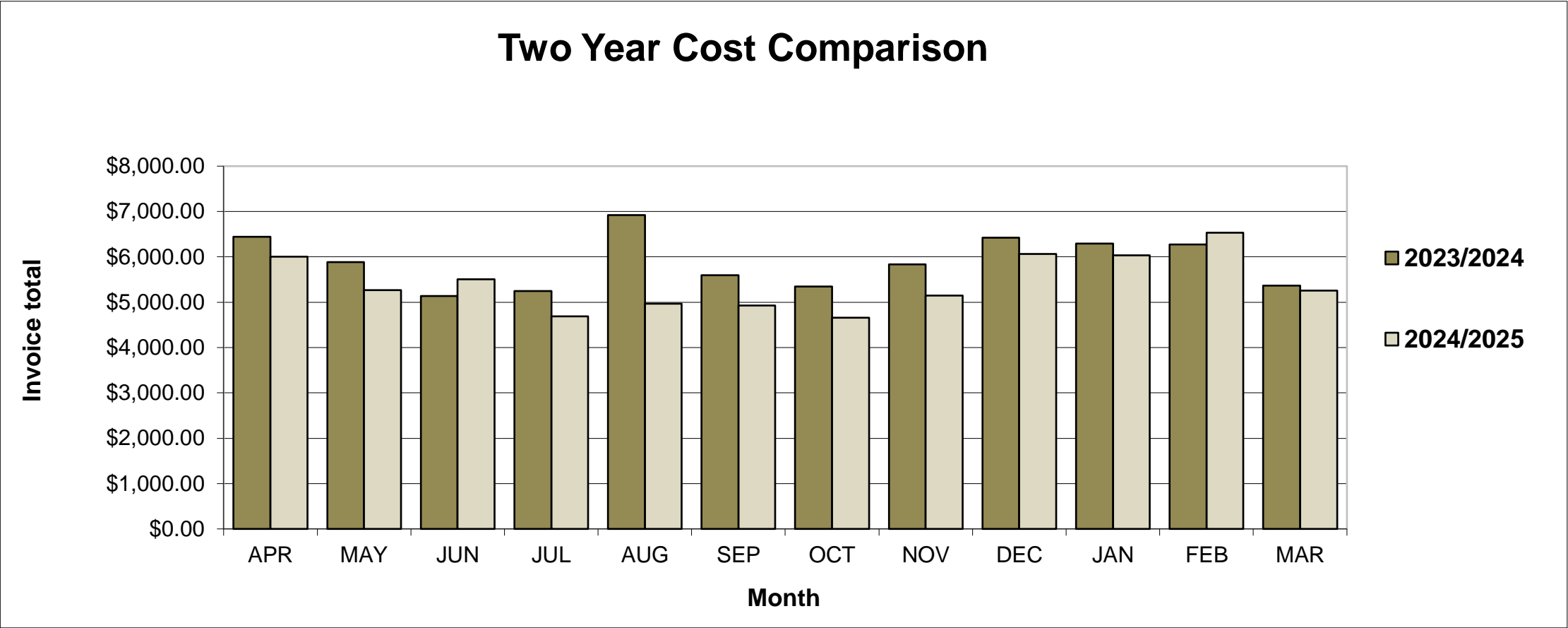


Bloomfield Township Public Library
Natural Gas Analysis

Building Area = 101,023

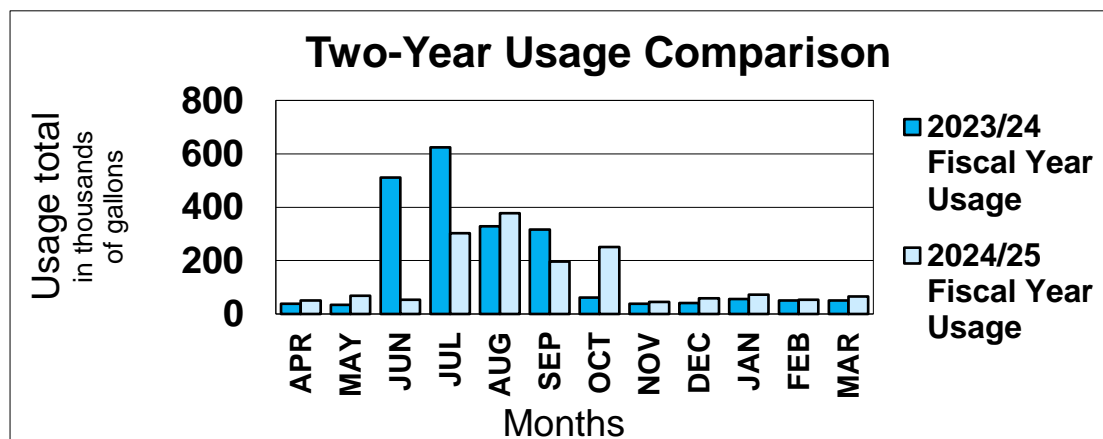
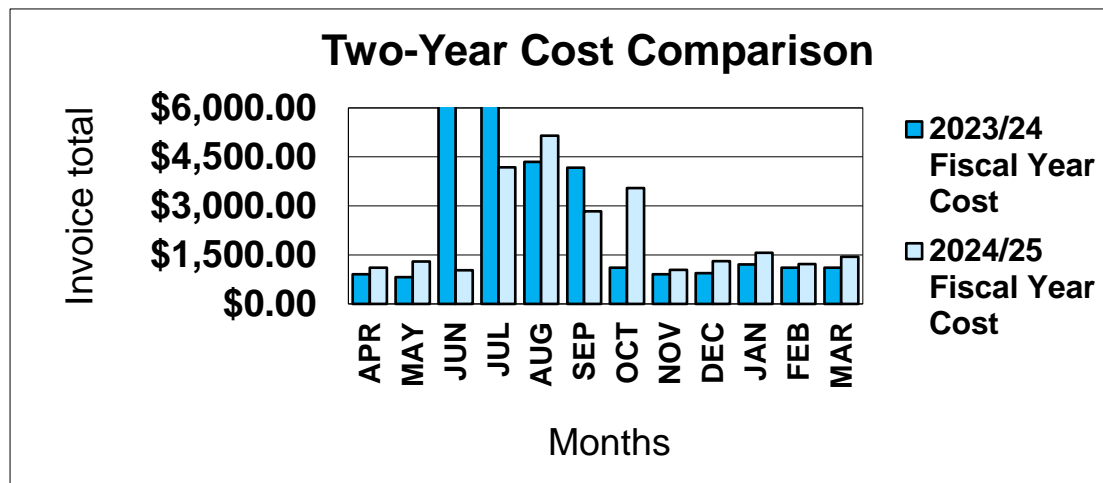
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TWO YEAR COST COMPARISON				OPERATION						
Month	2023/2024	2024/2025	Difference	MCF	COST/MCF	HOURS (24 x no.days per month)	MCF/HR	MCF/SqFt	\$/HR	\$/SqFt
APR	\$6,437.40	\$6,000.24	(\$437.16)	867.5	\$6.92	720	1.20	0.009	8.33	0.059
MAY	\$5,880.24	\$5,265.28	(\$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	\$5,149.64	(\$685.95)	740.0	\$6.96	720	1.03	0.007	7.15	0.050
DEC	\$6,426.13	\$6,065.31	(\$360.82)	897.1	\$6.76	744	1.21	0.009	8.15	0.059
JAN	\$6,294.19	\$6,035.00	(\$259.19)	884.0	\$6.83	744	1.19	0.009	8.11	0.059
FEB	\$6,269.54	\$6,533.51	\$263.97	960.7	\$6.80	696	1.38	0.010	9.39	0.064
MAR	\$5,362.08	\$5,259.74	(\$102.34)	784.9	\$6.70	744	1.05	0.008	7.07	0.051
YTD Difference										
TOTAL	\$70,749.57	\$65,046.08	(\$5,703.49)							



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	\$1,046.78	\$141.04	39	45	6
DEC	\$941.62	\$1,308.30	\$366.68	41	59	18
JAN	\$1,213.27	\$1,569.82	\$356.55	56	73	17
FEB	\$1,104.73	\$1,214.90	\$110.17	50	54	4
MAR	\$1,104.73	\$1,439.06	\$334.33	50	66	16
			YTD Difference			YTD Difference
TOTAL	<u>\$31,188.24</u>	<u>\$25,714.23</u>	<u>(\$5,474.01)</u>	<u>2,150</u>	<u>1,595</u>	<u>(555)</u>



PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees Building and Grounds Committee was held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Trustees Present: Trustees: Keith Carduner (via Zoom), Dani Gillman (via Zoom), Judy Lindstrom, Joan Luksik, Joy Murray

Administration: Tera Moon, Library Director; Katherine Bryant, Assistant Director; Tom Corliss, Facility Services Department Head

Guests: Dennis Jensen (C2AE Architect), Chloe Aalsburg (C2AE Interior Designer), Jenna Walker (Reed Walker Design Collective)

Library Design Project

Jenna Walker explained the background of this project, beginning with the pre-design and research report and on to receiving staff feedback on that report and looking to design the Library holistically, not in smaller pieces.

Jenna walked the group through the block plan, which was developed with the library design team, then refined by the MAC group of department heads and assistant department heads on April 9. She discussed areas including the entrance and lobby, Youth Services, the magazine room and display space, computers, service desks, Adult and Teen Services, Local History and Archives, and Study Rooms.

The Trustees asked questions:

- Trustee Joy Murray asked for clarification about the circulation and holds area.
- Trustee Judy Lindstrom inquired about how the visual impact of the Library would be impacted by the Welcome Desk moving out to connect to the Circulation Desk.
- Trustee Judy Lindstrom suggested the group visit the Library on a sunny day around sunset to see how breathtaking the light is.
- Trustee Judy Lindstrom inquired about the sensory space and how that would be used.
- Trustee Judy Lindstrom commented on how the window along the portico in Youth Services should be maximized for patrons to enjoy the view.
- Trustee Judy Lindstrom commented on the smells of the food from the café and expressed concern that strong odors further along in the building would spread throughout.
- Trustee Judy Lindstrom inquired about the access door to the Library Terrace.
- Trustee Judy Lindstrom inquired about the current display cases in the lobby and the Local History.
- Trustee Judy Lindstrom inquired about the Study Rooms, including the view from those windows and noise control.
- Trustee Judy Lindstrom inquired about how the newly installed security cameras would work with the updated layout.
- Trustee Joan Luksik asked about seating types in the vending café/magazine area.
- Trustee Joan Luksik asked how we would keep the quiet areas quiet.
- Trustee Joan Luksik inquired about where the public printers would go.
- Trustee Joan Luksik inquired about when the holds area would be available to the public.
- Trustee Joy Murray inquired about adding a printer near the holds area.
- Trustee Dani Gillman complimented on the tremendous amount of thought that went into how to serve the entire broad community, including the wellness and sensory spaces.
- Trustee Keith Carduner commented on how a smaller area may be used by the stacks.
- Trustee Keith Carduner agreed that the food issue needs to be thought through carefully.
- Trustee Keith Carduner complimented the overall design.

- Trustee Judy Lindstrom inquired about wayfinding.
- Trustee Judy Lindstrom inquired about the feature wall.
- Trustee Joy Murray inquired about other areas for the coffee/vending machines.

Dennis Jensen shared the next steps. There is general agreement today that this is a good plan to move forward. This will wrap up the conceptual design phase. The next step is the schematic design phase, which will go into much more detail with shelving and furniture ideas. The group discussed whether there should be a presentation at the April 22 board meeting with a vote on the plan. It was agreed that a vote is not needed to move into the schematic design phase. At the end of that phase, we would also have a better cost analysis with options. That would be a good time to hold a vote for formal approval. The group also discussed timelines and construction administration. Tera thanked the group for their attention and thoughtfulness today.

Drainage Improvement Project

Tom and Tera met with Joe Christopher of Spalding DeDecker recently. The Township gave conditional approval for the detention basin on the northeast corner of the grounds, but the Library would have to say it was being installed for aesthetic or learning reasons. Instead, the Library would add an additional sump pump to the lower level. Additionally, in the next few years, the Library needs to redo its entire parking lot. At that time, we could add an additional detention basin below the parking lot. This project would likely close the Library for at least a few days, so we would wait until the design project is complete. For now, the Library would still relandscape the northeast corner of the property to reduce water retention.

Trustee Joy Murray inquired about the existing sump pumps, if they work, what the capacity would be of the new one, and where the water would go. Trustee Joan Luksik inquired about the landscaping. Trustee Judy Lindstrom agreed that removing the plantings in the north end, sodding the area, and seeing what happens over the next year is a good idea. Trustee Keith Carduner agreed that it's good to not move forward with the basin, if we can't name it in the way it was intended. He agreed that putting in the pump makes a lot of sense. He supports the decision and thinks it is well thought through. Trustee Dani Gillman agreed. Everyone agreed that Tera and Judy can work with Goldner Walsh on the new plantings without consulting the group.

Other

Tera updated the group on the Library's vending machine contract. The original contract was signed in 2023 with Perfection Vending, led by Jim Thomas. The Library received poor service for the first several months of the contract, and then service smoothed out. In November 2024, Jim sold the contract to Solo Mart, led by Tawfiq Alkeilani. Service improved. On March 31, 2025, a new vending contractor, Jeff and Holly Haller of JH2 Vending, introduced themselves and explained that Tawfiq sold the contract to them due to personal reasons. So far, JH2 Vending has been in excellent communication and working hard. They have stated that they are working to earn our business when the contract is put out for bid again in 2026.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Tera Moon, Library Director

DATE: April 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Library as Regular Precinct Polling Place for Bloomfield Township

In June 2023, the Library Board of Trustees approved a request from Bloomfield Township Clerk Martin Brook for the Library to be an early voting location for Bloomfield Township, the City of Birmingham, and Southfield Township.

Since then, the Library has hosted three elections, including the November 2024 Presidential Election, which saw higher than expected turnout. During that election, more than 9,000 voters cast their ballots over nine days of early voting.

The Library as polling place worked incredibly well with a few exceptions and pain points. Parking capacity was the most obvious disadvantage. Large crowds and a barrage of questions about voting stretched library staff's customer service skills. These topics were discussed at two post-election debrief meetings that I attended: one with Mr. Brook and the Clerks from the other two municipalities, and another with Oakland County Clerk Lisa Brown and Oakland County Elections Director Joe Rozell. Ideas for mitigating those drawbacks and for improving the experience for all were discussed. I am confident that these pain points can be overcome with some tweaks to library operations and some extra support from the County and the municipalities involved.

Mr. Brook was so pleased with the Library as a polling place that he recently asked if the Library would consider being a regular precinct polling location on Election Day. The Township is reconfiguring polling places for a multitude of reasons and identified the Library as an ideal site. The letter included from Election Specialist Catarina Yankey provides more details about the request.

Katherine and I have talked to the Department Heads and library staff about this request and all agree that, with the promised extra support and tweaks, this won't be a significant burden. I am proud that the Library is a polling place and can serve this important role in the community.

If this proposal is approved, the Library would sign a contract with Bloomfield Township's Clerk's office for a one-year period. I am comfortable with this as it gives both parties a chance to evaluate the arrangement each year.

If you support this proposal, a motion is needed.

ACTION: I move that Bloomfield Township Public Library be an Election Day regular precinct polling location.



Bloomfield Township

Michael D. McCreedy, Supervisor • Martin C. Brook, Clerk • Michael E. Schostak, Treasurer

Neal J. Barnett, Trustee • Valerie Murray, Trustee • Christopher M. Kolinski, Trustee • Mark Antakli, Trustee

17 April 2025

Bloomfield Township Public Library
1099 Lone Pine Road
Bloomfield Township, MI 48302

Re: Hosting an Election Day Polling Location at the Library

To the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board:

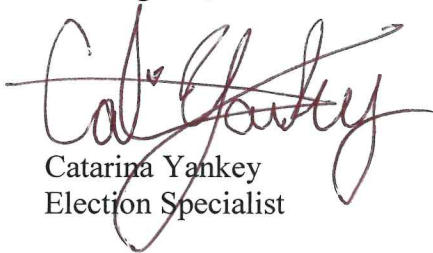
Bloomfield Township is studying whether it should consolidate precincts. In doing so, we are identifying the best places to host polling locations on Election Day. The library is in a central location within the township. It is spacious, ADA compliant, and offers ample parking. Based on these traits, paired with our residents' enthusiastic response to the library serving as an early voting site, we feel that it is an ideal spot to host an Election Day polling location.

On April 22nd, 2025, the Bloomfield Township Election Commission, composed of the clerk and two trustees, will meet to discuss permanently consolidating precincts. After the new precinct boundaries are established by the commission, a resolution designating the new polling locations will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. Once approved, the Bloomfield Township Public Library could serve as a polling location for residents on Election Day, for as long as the library is willing.

To alleviate residents inundating the library front desk staff with questions, informational hand-outs that can be distributed to answer routine questions will be provided. Also, to aid in this effort we will schedule an election worker to staff the lobby on Election Day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (248) 433-7702.

Best regards,



Catarina Yankey
Election Specialist

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Trustees

FROM: Tera Moon, Library Director

DATE: April 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Bank Signatories

A change in Library personnel necessitates a change in bank signers. A resolution to approve a change in bank signatories will be presented at the April 22, 2025 regular Board Meeting for your approval. As per the procedure required by financial institutions, a copy of a duly signed board resolution is required for bringing change to the bank account authorized signatories. The resolution attached authorizes the following persons to sign on behalf of the Library, issue orders for payment or withdrawal of money:

Shane Spradlin, President/Trustee
Joan Luksik, Secretary/Trustee
Tera Moon, Library Director
Kathy Wolosiewicz, Finance Coordinator
Katherine Bryant, Assistant Library Director
Michael Schostak, Bloomfield Township Treasurer
Michael McCready, Bloomfield Township Supervisor
Martin Brook, Bloomfield Township Clerk
Mary Jevahirian, Bloomfield Township Deputy Treasurer
Deana Mondock, Bloomfield Township Deputy Clerk

This resolution will need to be updated again when officers of the Library Board of Trustees change, when changes in the positions of Library Director, Assistant Library Director or Finance Coordinator occur, or when changes in the Bloomfield Township Public Officials occur.

If you agree, the following action is needed:

ACTION: I move to approve the resolution authorizing signatures, including facsimile signatures, for banking services on behalf of the Bloomfield Township Public Library as presented, effective April 22, 2025.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES, INCLUDING FACSIMILE
SIGNATURES, FOR BANKING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE BLOOMFIELD
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The following persons are authorized to sign on behalf of the library, orders for payment or withdrawal of money:

Shane Spradlin, President/Trustee
Joan Luksik, Secretary/Trustee
Tera Moon, Library Director
Kathy Wolowiesicz, Finance Coordinator
Katherine Bryant, Assistant Library Director
Michael Schostak, Bloomfield Township Treasurer
Michael McCready, Bloomfield Township Supervisor
Martin Brook, Bloomfield Township Clerk
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Such authority shall remain in force until revoked by written notice to the affected financial institution of the action taken by the Trustees of the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

All prior authorizations are suspended.

SECTION 2. The following depository institutions are approved institutions for the authorized signers on behalf of the Library:

Flagstar Bank
Fifth Third Bank
Huntington Bank
RBC Schwartz & Co.

SECTION 3. This resolution was duly PASSED and ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2025, and takes effect April 22, 2025, upon signing by the President and Secretary.

Shane Spradlin, President

Joan Luksik, Secretary

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Katherine Bryant, Assistant Library Director

DATE: April 16, 2025

SUBJECT: Strategic Plan

Work continues on the strategic plan, with committees meeting as needed to advance their goals.

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

C2AE worked with the library design team, Tera Moon, Katherine Bryant, Adult and Teen Services Assistant Department Head Brooke Hoskins, Youth Services Assistant Department Head Lauren Catoni-Ellis, and Trustee Joy Murray, to create a conceptual design. This design consists of a block floor plan for major areas of the library. The design was then presented to the MAC group (Department Heads and Assistant Department Heads) on April 9 for their review and feedback. C2AE brought the conceptual design to the Building & Grounds Committee meeting on April 10 for the Trustees' review and feedback. Everyone agreed that the project is moving in the right direction, so C2AE is moving into the schematic design phase, which will include much more detail.

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

The HR Committee met on April 14. They made final revisions to the Application Rating Worksheet (formerly known as the Resume Rating Worksheet) and the Interview Rating Form. The group decided that these two forms were ready for review and approval by Administration. Committee Co-chairs Jen Taggart and Laura J. Kraly will write a brief memo accompanying the revised forms and submit them to Administration for their decision in the near future. The committee plans on waiting to meet again until after the forms have been reviewed.

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

The Collaborative Culture Committee met on April 9. Tera joined the group to give an overview of the Library's new Whistleblower Policy. They also discussed adding an anonymous feedback feature to the intranet someday, and finalized the Employee Satisfaction Survey, which has been submitted to Administration for final review.

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.
- Updated call numbers in Youth Services better reflect how patrons interact with the collections. 'Beginning to Read' is now 'Early Reader,' and 'Easy' is now '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.
- Hired C2AE to provide library design and space planning services in early 2025.

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.
- Hosted kindergarten classes for March is Reading Month.
- Eliminated overdue fines to allow more community members to access the Library.
- Distributed 2000 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.
- 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.

- Made changes to Library Intern positions to increase recruitment.
- Conducted a compensation and classification study, which resulted in revised salary ranges and job titles for some employees.
- Implemented BambooHR, an online human resources management tool.
- Implemented paid sick leave for all employees.
- Implemented three weeks of paid parental leave for full-time employees.

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

MARCH 2025

INSTAGRAM



FOLLOWERS:
1897 (↑32 from Feb.)

TOTAL REACH:
1105
(↓11.2% from Feb.)



PRESS RELEASES



- Friends 60th Anniversary
- Genealogy Workshop
- DIA Behind the Seen
- March Chamber Music
- Gone with the Wind Lecture
- History Harvest
- Meditation Program
- April Second Saturday Sale

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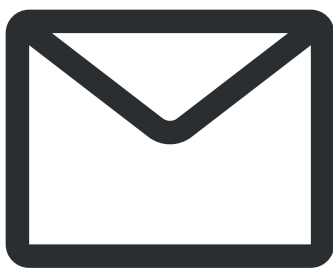


FOLLOWERS:
3218 (↑10 from Feb.)

TOTAL REACH:
3684
(↓35.4% from Feb.)



NEWSLETTERS



- **Teen News:** 294 messages, 66% open rate
 - new and featured YA titles, Teen Advisory Board, Teen Craft Day: Diamond Art, Teen Trivia Game Night, Fade to Black Romantasy Book Club
- **Movies and More:** 199 messages, 66% open rate
 - new DVDs, DIA Behind the Seen
- **Fiction Books:** 12,786 messages, 57% open rate
 - new fiction titles
- **Discover:** 21,245 messages, 38% open rate
 - March is Reading Month, Local History Program Series, Lecture: A Dangerous Experiment, Teen Advisory Board, Genealogy Workshop, DIA Behind the Seen, Family Story Time, Brick Builders, Spring Break Events, Chamber Music Concert
- **Youth Services News:** 1369 messages, 69% open rate
 - Gamer Lounge, Tots & Friends Play Time, Brick Builders, Family Story Time, Sensory Story Time, Spring Break Events, Star Reader, Unicorn Party, new children's titles
- **Nonfiction Books:** 12,841 messages, 61 % open rate
 - new non-fiction titles
- **Chamber Music Concert:** 363 messages, 60% open rate
- **Digital News:** 2455 messages, 70% open rate
 - new Libby and hoopla titles

Bloomfield Township Public Library Welcomes the Detroit Institute of Arts Event



Behind the Seen Through Her Eyes: Women Photographers of the 19th & 20th centuries

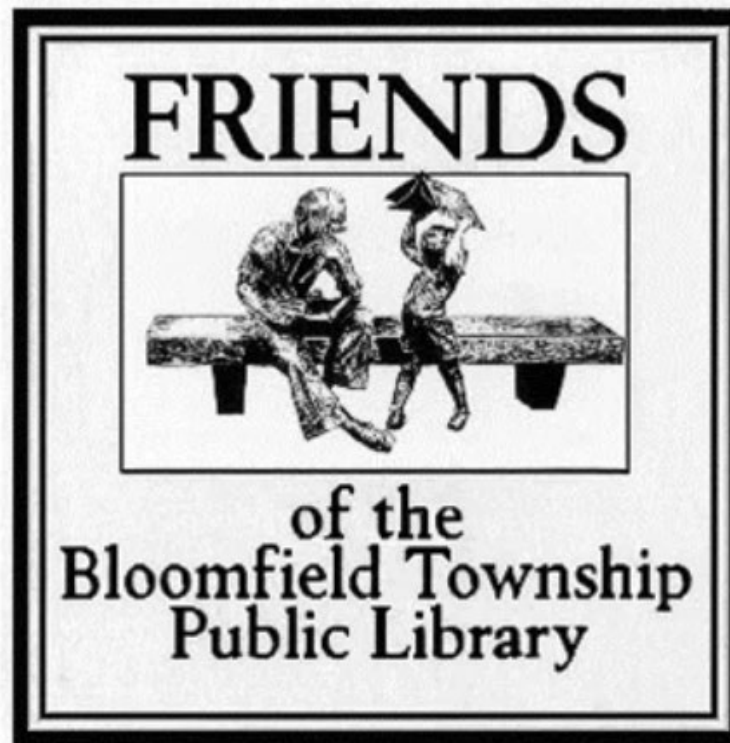


Bloomfield Township Public Library is pleased to welcome the Detroit Institute of Arts with award-winning teaching volunteer David Galli as he presents "Behind the Seen: Through Her Eyes, Women Photographers of the 19th and 20th Centuries" on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

This presentation explores the impact of art photography by leading women artists of the 19th and 20th centuries, highlighting a selection of treasured works in the Detroit Institute of Arts. The Behind the Seen series brings insight and engagement about the DIA's collection from the museum to community-accessible locations throughout metro Detroit.

Registration for this program is required. For more information please 248-642-5800 or visit the [Library Website](#).

The Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Celebrates Their 60th Anniversary



The Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library are pleased to announce their 60th anniversary as a non-profit organization supporting the Library's mission. This milestone marks six decades of generous volunteerism, fundraising, and advocacy that have significantly enriched the Library's programs, resources, collections, and facilities. For the month of March, the Library's lobby display case will showcase ephemera highlighting the history and contributions of the Friends over the years.

The first General Meeting of the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library was called to order on February 11, 1965 with articles of incorporation filed November 22, 1966. The Friends established the following purposes:

- Offer assistance to the Library Board and Library Staff in enlisting voluntary aid for the service projects; extend the cultural resources of the Library; provide additional financial support for special purposes.
- Serve as a vehicle of communication between the community and Library Board and assist in disseminating information about Library objectives and activities to the community.
- Enlist community support and/or encourage legislative action as necessary to further development of an effective system of area-wide library service.

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

Bloomfield Township Public Library Announces March Chamber Music Concert



SCHOOL OF
MUSIC, THEATRE & DANCE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

AT BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bloomfield Township Public Library and the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance are pleased to announce the next chamber music concert which will be held Friday, March 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Program details will be available from the Library closer to the concert date. Other dates in the series are:

- Friday, April 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. (new addition)

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 248-642-5800 or visit the [Library Website](#).

Bloomfield Township Trustee Office Hours – This Week



The graphic is divided into two main sections. The left section has a dark blue background with the words "TRUSTEE" in small white letters, "OFFICE" in large light blue letters, and "HOURS" in large light blue letters. A white clock face is positioned between the words "OFFICE" and "HOURS". The right section has a white background with a blue border. It contains three items: a clock icon with the text "5:00-6:30 PM", a location pin icon with the text "Bloomfield Township Public Library", and a calendar icon with the text "Final Board Meeting Dates of Each Month (typically the 4th Monday)".

TRUSTEE
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HOURS

5:00-6:30 PM

Bloomfield Township Public Library

Final Board Meeting Dates of Each Month
(typically the 4th Monday)

Before this week's scheduled Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025 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 7:00 p.m. at the Community Television Building at 4190 Dublin Road (just northwest of Township). This temporary site will be used to accommodate renovations to Township Hall, with an anticipated return by April 28, 2025.

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

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The changing role of local libraries



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By Stacy Gittleman

With the coming of the digital age, how we look up information and access media has changed. The library catalog of index cards stored in wooden pull-out cabinets is long gone and replaced by the Internet. Libraries are whittling their physical collections as all forms of media or information can be searched for or streamed online.

With newly configured spaces, libraries have made room for people to gather, study, learn a new skill or hobby or attend concerts and movie screenings. But fear not, bookworms. Libraries continue to keep their literary collections current. Library associations with thousands of ambassador members locally advocate against legislation that would have some materials banned from their shelves.

According to the Michigan Library Association (MLA), our state contains 397 library systems with 650 buildings. The organization said the library as an institution is becoming the last place where people of any political, socioeconomic or cultural affiliation can gather for free. In addition to their lending capabilities, libraries in the last decade serve as a place where one can get help with everything from navigating unemployment or veteran's assistance, picking up voter registration and tax filing information. In inclement weather, libraries serve as cooling or warming centers for marginalized populations, and during the height of COVID, librarians fielded questions about how to get telemedicine help or where to go to get vaccinated.

In a state with 10 million residents, half of us are library card carriers. In 2024, we made 26.5 million in-person and 38.1 million virtual visits. Over three million attended a multitude of library programs across the state, from baby and toddler bedtime story hour to adult book club and movie screenings, lectures, crafting and maker space events.



"Libraries are still highly valued as places to take out a book or other media," said MLA Executive Director Deborah Mikula. "But what I have seen over the last 10 years is that they have become the cultural institutions that are at the heart of every community in Michigan. They are the last public place one can gather and get resources for free. Our community centers have become destinations to understand our past. Many libraries are the keepers of the archives of a community's history. Libraries are becoming places where people want to meet and socialize. You will notice that many libraries are being reconfigured to contain not only meeting rooms but cozy reading areas complete with fireplaces where you can still sit and read a printed newspaper."

Sharing some statistics, Mikula said during the 2023-2024 fiscal library year, which runs from February to March, Michigan's libraries loaned out 54 million books, movies, music, and other physical items, along with 15.1 million digital materials.

But that's not all you can loan from a library, said Mikula. As no two libraries are alike, Mikula added that libraries operate independently to match the needs of their communities.

"In more rural parts of the state, the library may be the only free place in town with a Wi-Fi connection," Mikula said. "There are libraries where you can loan out a kayak or a canoe. Are you planning to bake a pie but don't feel like paying for a pie tin? Some libraries can loan that to you as well. Or a sewing machine with books that can teach you how to sew."

Mikula said the profession of a librarian has evolved from a focus on data and information to helping people pursue a life of learning. They are just as skilled at teaching digital literacy classes and pointing patrons to resources to brush up their resume as they are to recommending the next book to read.

"We trust that our libraries are going to listen to their communities to create a place that will foster all kinds of lifelong learning, because all of us need to keep learning," Mikula said. "That doesn't always look like the formal learning of getting a higher education degree. Libraries are places where you can learn a new skill in a maker space. You can try out a 3D printer to pick up a new hobby or skill. Whether our patrons visit the library once a month or just twice a year, we know that our institution is highly valued in their life."

Local libraries are good examples of the changing role of a modern library.

The original structure of the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham was completed in 1927 and had construction expansions in the 1960s and 1980s. The library's current budget is \$5.9 million. Most of the funds come from \$4.7 collected from a Birmingham library millage in Birmingham. The budget also includes \$45K in state and local funding and \$50K in penal fines. The library also receives money from service contracts with Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and Bloomfield Hills.

Baldwin staffs 95 employees and is open seven days a week. The library's hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Baldwin Library Director Rebekah Craft was a graphic designer when she decided to make a career switch. Tired of working in the corporate world with a desire to make the world a better place, she said she became a librarian at the suggestion of a friend. She started at the library as associate director in 2015 and became director in 2021.

"Being a librarian works with my strengths," said Craft. "Reference librarians must know a little bit about everything. We stay up to date on the news, we must have our fingers in a lot of different categories of information to field questions on a wide array of topics from our patrons. It helped to have a liberal arts undergraduate degree."

Craft came to the library at a time of modernization and expansion of its physical footprint, a three-phase renovation that began in 2017 and was completed in 2020.

The renovations included a 2000-square foot atrium entrance on Merrill Street where users can return items in the book return slot. Patrons can enter the library through automatic sliding doors. In the winter, the outdoor sidewalk will utilize a snowmelt system to keep sidewalks free of snow and ice. Accessibility additions also include ramps, an elevator and enlarged restrooms.

Each year, Baldwin welcomes about 220,000 visitors and this number has ticked up with the completion of the new entryway. For those visitors looking for a place to sit, plug in, read, study, write or surf the internet, Baldwin has tripled its seating and outlet availability compared to a decade ago.

All this is possible from consistent and long-held financial support of the library, Craft said.

"Our last millage election for Birmingham increase of 1.75 was in 1998 and it overwhelmingly passed," Craft said. "We have such great support from Birmingham and our contract communities. It is wonderful to work at a place where everyone wants to spend time and you get the sense that all are grateful that we are around."

With an expanding digital footprint where library patrons can stream and access everything from movies to online newspapers and periodicals, the library will unveil a newly designed website this June. The library dedicates 15 employees to keep its website fresh and current.

Modernization improvements also included the addition of lots of outlets to plug in one's devices and enhanced WIFI capabilities. The addition of study rooms means that students can meet with tutors for extra help from anything from early reading and math skills up to providing resources for those preparing for college and graduate school entrance exams. Lots of this space was created by culling its reference section by nearly 90 percent and moving these resources online. The library also whittled its fiction section. While it stays current stocking the latest novels on its shelves, Craft said that while there is no longer a need to keep multiple copies of every James Patterson thriller or Steig Larsen novel taking up shelf space, the library stocks resources for book clubs in recognizing that reading the same book creates community. With enough planning, book clubs can loan a tote bag with up to 10 copies of their next read. The tote bag also comes with reviews of the book, discussion questions and an author biography.

Craft said the library respects some of the oldest pieces in its collection. Irreplaceable out-of-print books, documents and deeds of historical value are stored in climate-controlled rooms at the Birmingham Museum where residents can access them upon request. In connecting residents with their past, the library also organizes lectures and events at the museum.

With spring approaching, Craft said one of the unique program offerings is the library's seed and seedling library. Residents can pick up flower and vegetable seeds purchased by the library through funds collected from room rental fees. Craft added that this summer, the library is launching a new afternoon concert series in the atrium to complement the concerts held at Shain Park.

"We have so much more to loan out beyond books and media," Craft said. "For families looking to refresh and switch out their toy collection, or empty nesters who will have children visiting, you can loan toys, games and even lawn and outdoor games."

Craft said events like the techno music party prove that even in our digital age, the library remains the place where residents of all ages still want to be.

"Libraries are still relevant places," Craft said. "We provide services, resources and programming that are needed and appreciated in the community. The library is still a place where people like to be and gather."

Unfortunately, cuts are coming to its budget. Craft said she expects them to hit the interlibrary loan system, from which patrons of the library borrow 8,000 items each year. The money covered transportation and shipping costs of those items. The library's budget for continuing education stipends for its staff will be eliminated. In the last three years, staff have benefitted from \$27,000 in continuing education funds.

The Bloomfield Township Public Library serves a population of over 44,000 residents with 22,000 of them holding a library card. It has an annual budget of \$9.7 million supported by three different mileage rates.

Two are levied in perpetuity and one of which expired at the end of 2023, was renewed by 72 percent of the community at the current rate of .5047 for the next 10 years. This funding accounts for approximately 27 percent of the library's revenues. It cost the average taxpayer approximately \$151 per year on a home with a taxable value of \$300,000.

Constructed in 1964, the building, which is over 100,000 square feet, underwent major renovations in 1969, 1986 and 2008. In fiscal year 2023-2024, it circulated 639,514 items.

The library is open seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Among special community events, each year, the library invites residents to participate in its annual photography contest and finalist entries are displayed throughout the building. Attendance at summer and winter library reading programs, especially those geared for families with young children, exceeded attendance expectations.

Behind the scenes, library staff launched a mobile app in 2023, which allows users to check their library accounts, place holds, search for materials, and check out items. In 2024, the library upgraded to a new online catalog system and cloud-based printing services and expanded online access to over 7,000 newspapers and magazines.

The library in 2024 also launched a podcast -- "The Distracted Librarians" -- which features chats with adult and teen librarians talking about the latest buzz in literature and pop culture.

Bloomfield Township Head Librarian Tera Moon's journey to becoming a librarian stemmed from her love of books and literature. She landed a job at the now-defunct bookstore chain Borders after college. An avid reader of all genres of fiction and non-fiction, her favorite part of her job was helping people find the books they were seeking or introducing them to another author.

Moon worked for 12 years at the Southfield Public Library before making the move to the Bloomfield Township Public Library over a decade ago. In her position for the last four years, she manages a staff of 100 employees.

In March, Moon and her staff were busy celebrating Reading Awareness Month by inviting all Bloomfield Hills Schools kindergarteners to the library's children's section. There, they were entertained with a skit written and performed by the youth librarians to instill the joys and importance of reading. Plans are underway for an entire summer's worth of programs around literacy and reading with plenty of giveaway prizes to incentivize young bookworms.

Moon began her career as a librarian in 2001. In those days, Google was just taking off, libraries were still using the old-fashioned card catalog system, and libraries were just at the beginning of meshing with the digital age.

"Back then, the Internet was well established, but how we use it now is completely different," Moon said. "It is interesting to see how libraries have evolved with the internet. It has reduced the size of our reference collection because it's just so easy to search for everything online."

The trick is for librarians to educate their patrons on how to become digitally literate.

"As librarians, we've had to become savvy in digital information literacy so we could evaluate the accuracy of all the websites out there to provide accurate information to our patrons," said Moon. "Ultimately, the internet replaced our reference book shelves as a source for information. As far as newspapers and periodicals go, most of those can also be found online, including issues that go back decades or publications no longer in print."

When Moon began her tenure at the library in 2013, there was lots of floor space for DVDs, books on CDs and other formats. Now with all media available on streaming, there is more room for seating.

"When exams were going on in our high schools, it was hard to find a place to sit, or a group of students to study together," Moon said. "We would quickly run out of seating. We'd bring in temporary folding chairs and tables. It looked like a crowded airport when a bunch of flights got canceled. In general, people crave a place to meet and collaborate on projects, and we are shrinking our physical collection into the digital realm to make space for that."

In response, the new media section added 70 seats, some at tables, others in comfortable armchairs, and lots of electric outlets for patrons to plug in their devices.

Another area in the library that Moon considers "prime real estate" is the computer lab. When the library was renovated in 2008, space was made for computer classes such as learning about the internet and software programs such as word processing and spreadsheets. Now, the space has been converted as a flexible area to be used for a multitude of programs from concerts, lectures, and movie screenings.

Once again, the library is embarking on evaluating the use of its footprint.

In March, the library began working with an interior designer to re-imagine its space, keeping in mind the ever-changing needs of its patrons.

Libraries in neighboring communities are also embracing their changing roles in the community.

West Bloomfield Executive Library Director Cathleen Russ never set out to become a librarian, but instead the profession chose her. A lifelong lover of books and reading, Russ earned her MLIS in 2003 after working in several area libraries and has been in her current position since 2020.

Russ spoke about the library's continued tradition of valuing and encouraging early literacy. The large children's section, complete with an ample sized play area with toys, puppets and other items to spark creativity, features programming for the smallest patrons who have yet to learn to walk.

"We have an excellent reputation as a place for early literacy," Russ said. "We have babies and young kids learning in a variety of ways, from singing, playing, putting (toys) together and eventually writing their own stories. Our library has always had an academic support focus. You can see that when you walk through the library, where students are working alone or in groups in reserved rooms, complete with white boards. But I wanted to expand the library's mission into more adult community engagement. Rather than expecting people to always come into the library, we have ramped up this community outreach along with enhanced digital services, and computer and tech classes."

The library has kept up with the changing habits of its patrons by converting a little-used computer lab into a community commons space where the library hosts meetings and lectures as well as craft and maker space programs. The library also features a quiet reflection room that overlooks a stand of trees.

Recognizing that over half of West Bloomfield's population is skewing into the 55 and over age range, the library now conducts literacy events in area senior residences and coordinates programs with West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Department. One initiative includes its "books on the trail program" where residents are encouraged to read a selected book and then discuss it while out on a hike in one of the township's parks. Russ said there are more programs geared for young families at the library's West Acres branch because this is where this demographic resides.

At press time, West Bloomfield's librarians were still at work finalizing their summer schedule of special events. Most recently, it pooled resources with other area libraries to host Shelby Van Pelt, bestselling author of the novel *Remarkably Bright Creatures*.

Each month, regularly scheduled programming includes creative writing groups for teens and adults, and conversational English groups as well as movie screenings, computer classes and book discussions. Special events in May include a 55 and over trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. The West Acres branch features a seed library for budding gardeners.

In the city of Troy, a testament to the love of being a librarian can be found at the library. There, behind the reference desk and among the stacks you will find Troy Library Director Emily Dumas. Dumas followed in her late mother Carla Watkins' footsteps, who was a part-time youth librarian at the same library decades ago. Other members of her extended family are also librarians.

Now leading the library and working alongside staff that also worked with her mother, Dumas said the job is a bit of a homecoming. She has been in her position for four years, and was first drawn to working in the children's sections of other libraries because it spoke to her creative, "artsy" side.

Dumas is spearheading an ambitious plan to transform the library's aging facility. Troy has a rapidly growing diverse population and has long outgrown the 48,000 square-foot building. There has not been a renovation to the library since 1984.

"We're currently undersized for our community," she explains. "National averages suggest we should be between 80,000 to 100,000 square feet." The library is exploring a bond proposal to build an entirely new facility that can better serve Troy's 87,000 residents.

Despite space constraints, Dumas said the library's programming has become a cornerstone of community engagement, particularly through its innovative Talk Time program.

"Troy has a high immigrant population," said Dumas. Over a third of households speak a language other than English. This program helps English learners not only practice the language together, but participants, who are all newcomers, form friendships through learning."

Even with challenges from technological changes and potential funding threats, Dumas remains optimistic. According to its 2023-2024 annual report, the library circulated over one million items, including over 2,300 items to homebound seniors. Attendance to programs was at 33,000 and people made over 44,000 visits. The library's patronage consists of 71,681 library card carriers with 11,877 new library cards issued in the last year. Reference librarians during this time fielded over 46,000 questions.

Last year, the library welcomed 344,000 visitors and circulated over one million items, demonstrating its continued relevance in the digital age.

"People still love physical books," Dumas said. "We're adapting by offering everything from board games to STEM kits, always looking to meet our community's evolving needs."

Dumas awaits the architectural plans for a new facility to be completed this spring, which will be presented to the Troy City Council and made available for public viewing.

Dumas said that judging by the amount of people who visit the library and the space constraints they are under until a bond proposal is approved to build a new library proves that libraries are here to stay.

"There was always this thought that when the internet, and then audio and eBooks came along, that would spell the end of libraries," Dumas said. "But libraries do keep surviving. And, in surveys, there was a one to three ratio of people who preferred physical books to their digital formats. Books are the most important part that people want to protect in our library collection. Especially in the children's section, books that we can touch and pick up and turn pages, those are here to stay."

All local libraries note that keeping up with the times and redesigning library spaces costs money.

In Michigan, there are three main sources for library funding. They include monies collected through local library mileages, and funding allocated by the Michigan Department of Education.

Another pool of funding practiced in Michigan and 13 other states is money attained through court-issued penal fines for minor traffic infringements and misdemeanors. Penal fines significantly fund Michigan's libraries, especially rural ones, up to 70 percent, according to the Michigan Library Association.

Cody James is the director of the Jameson Law Library and an assistant professor at the University of Montana. He also worked as a law librarian at the University of Colorado Law School and the University of Michigan Law School.

In an article he authored for the October 2024 issue of the Michigan State Bar Journal, he determined that while 13 states use this funding method, James discovered that Michigan is the only state with such a broad approach to library funding and is codified into the Michigan State Constitution.

The constitutional provision states: "All fines assessed and collected in the several counties, townships and cities for any breach of the penal laws shall be exclusively applied to the support of such public libraries, and county law libraries as provided by law."

James said the funding mechanism creates an intriguing paradox. While libraries serve low-income communities by providing free resources, the money often comes from fines collected from the people who can least afford them.

"Libraries are one of the few spaces where people can just kind of go and exist for free in our society," James said. "At the same time, they are being funded in part by economically challenged individuals. While other states collect fines and use them for libraries, the funding is not directed towards all libraries but rather very specific libraries like those that exist within county courthouses. Michigan is the only state where there's a constitutional provision mandating that these funds are broadly distributed across all public libraries."

James reported that some of this funding is drying up. While money is still coming in from speeding tickets, the legalization of marijuana in Michigan means that coffers built from possession of the drug dropped from \$32 million in 2008 to \$24 million in 2020.

James mentioned that broader criminal justice reforms are moving away from monetary penalties, which could further reduce library funding.

"There has been a school of thought within criminal law that fines can unfairly hurt lower economic people," James explained. "This can be a potential conflict of interest for some. I was once a prosecutor in Colorado. In that role, you think about this when you cite plea deals. Thinking about how your decision could help or hurt a local library is not something that should be taken into account for a judge or a prosecutor in a court setting."

Fortunately, librarians say our local libraries have the financial and community support from their boards, volunteers, and Friends of the Library non-profit organizations that all raise funds for their libraries through used book sales and gift shops.

As the role of libraries continues to evolve, so does the formal training and education for the librarians.

Like every librarian interviewed by Downtown, Bloomfield township's Tera Moon earned her Master's in Library and Information Science (MLIS) at Wayne State University.

Accredited as a library school since the 1960s, WSU's library school is one of the top programs in the nation. WSU educates new librarians across multiple sectors - from public and academic libraries to school media centers and industry positions.

Under the leadership of Dean Paul Bracke, the program is redefining what it means to be a librarian in the 21st century.

"Libraries are no longer just places to check out books," said Bracke. "They've become dynamic community platforms that support learning, creativity, and technological access for everyone."

Bracke said WSU's library students come from diverse backgrounds. Some pursuing their MLIS are recent graduates with a liberal arts background, while others are seeking career changes. Bracke said coursework teaches students not only how to harness technology and manage library collections but how to maintain a library culture that is dedicated to helping people find a passion for continued learning.

Bracke said with a heavy emphasis on building community through library programming, today's library students need to gain skills that help them create these programs based on the volumes of literature that sit on library shelves or reside online.

Bracke added that public libraries have become critical technology access points, providing essential digital resources for job applications, research, and personal development. "Access to technology is no longer optional in today's society," said Bracke. "Libraries are where everyone can find the resources they need to learn, grow, and connect. The future of libraries is not about replacing physical spaces, but about reimagining them as vibrant, inclusive community hubs that bridge digital divides and foster lifelong learning."

Bracke said as society speeds ahead into the digital age, there will always be a need for libraries and the printed book.

"Yes, there is a trend towards digitization, but not every item in a library's collection can or should be digitized," Bracke said. "There is still a role for print in people's lives and libraries will not abandon that. I remember being a small child and what it felt like to check out a book that I chose on my own. Libraries were a community hub back then and they remain as a community hub today."

At the University of Michigan the School of Library and Information Sciences has grown from one of the nation's smallest programs to one of its largest. An average of 150 graduate students annually enroll in its MLIS program as well as 100 Ph.D. students.

"Our students are technologically adventurous and deeply care about information and data and making sure people have access to that information," said Kristin Fontichiaro, clinical professor of the University of Michigan School of Information.

Fontichiaro said there is a shift in perceptions about the profession. What was once thought of as a job that dealt with data and information management is moving into a perception that this is a field for right-brained creative types.

"Generally, those pursuing the field of library sciences have a general interest in working with people, which is the hallmark of our profession," Fontichiaro explained. "Their backgrounds vary. Some come to us who have worked in the food service industry, or they are teachers or have a non-profit background. What we know is that there is a steady demand for library professionals, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The success of the profession lies in how technology makes it easier or harder for people to attain information. What excites us is the growing numbers who want to enter this profession, which has become much more people-centric and extroverted than it used to be."

Fontichiaro is overseeing a statewide study to be published in June. The survey of 60 communities across the state is revealing that people across political lines and demographics believe that maintaining a vibrant library is important to their communities.

"People are eager for a place in the community where it does not cost money to be together with other people, and the place to do this is at the library," Fontichiaro said. "Our research showed that in many areas, there are no longer any places to gather that are alcohol free or family friendly. For Michigan residents we surveyed, they told us that libraries matter. And while we may lose some federal funding which comes down to the state level, our librarians are adaptive and resourceful and will continue to serve our communities."



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Free Fun

TOP (FREE) LIBRARY EVENTS IN METRO DETROIT THIS APRIL

By: Prea Ferrante on March 30, 2025

If you didn't already love your library enough, did you know that they offer a ton of FREE activities and events for families? From Bluey dance parties to sensory-friendly storytimes and movies, there is something for everyone. Check out what our favorite libraries are offering this month.

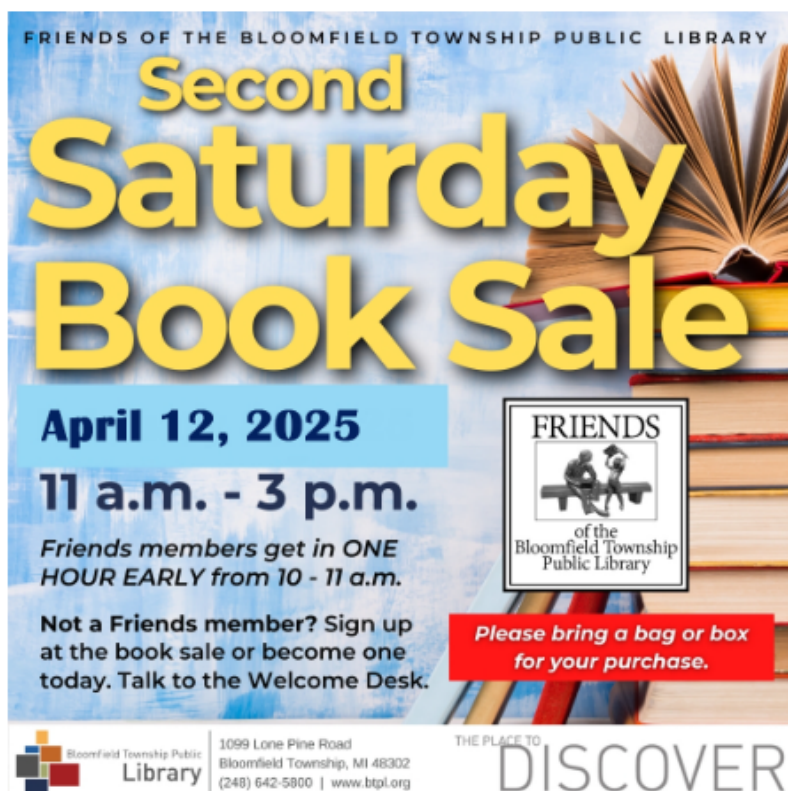
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- **Preschool STEAMtime: StoryTime and Discovery** April 1 10:30am – 11:00am *Recurring weekly event*
- **Art Lab** April 3 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- **Unicorn Party** April 9 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- **Brick Builders Club** April 15 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- **Gamer Lounge** April 18 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- **Baby Parade** April 19 10:30am – 11:30am
- **Sensory StoryTime** April 26 11:00am – 11:30am

For more events, check out the Bloomfield Township Library's event calendar [here](#).

Friends of Bloomfield Township Public Library Announces April Book Sale



FRIENDS OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Second Saturday Book Sale


April 12, 2025
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friends members get in ONE HOUR EARLY from 10 - 11 a.m.

Not a Friends member? Sign up at the book sale or become one today. Talk to the Welcome Desk.

Please bring a bag or box for your purchase.

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THE PLACE TO
DISCOVER

The Friends of Bloomfield Township Public Library will hold their Second Saturday Book Sale Saturday, April 12, 2025, 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.

Since 1995, purchases made at the Second Saturday Sales have allowed the Friends to donate over \$1.85 million dollars to support the Library beyond their operating budget, donating over \$105,000 last year alone. Donations have paid for artwork and sculptures around the Library, the beautiful gardens, programs and events for adults and children, and additions to Library collections.

For more information, please call the Library at 248-642-5800 or visit the [Library Website](http://www.btpl.org).

Bloomfield Township Public Library Presents Meditation Series

Silence

B e t w e e n t h e S h e l v e s :

A Six-Week Meditation Series



Bloomfield Township Public Library is pleased to announce Silence Between the Shelves: A Six-Week Meditation Series on Mondays, April 14, 2025 thru May 19, 2025, 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

This series, grounded in evidence-based practices, is designed for beginners and those looking to deepen their mindfulness skills. Each session will introduce practical techniques like breath focus, mindful movement, and loving-kindness meditation to help participants develop personal practice and 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.

Registration is required for the entire six-week course. For more information, please call 248-642-5800 or visit the [Library Website](#).

Learn How You Can Participate

Bloomfield Township Public Library April Chamber Music Concerts



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CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

AT BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Bloomfield Township Public Library and the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance are pleased to announce the final spring chamber music concerts which will be held Friday, April 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

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](#).



Library announces March chamber music concert

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Bloomfield Township Public Library and the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance will host the next chamber music concert at 7 p.m. March 28. Program details will be available from the library closer to the concert date. Other dates in the series are: 7 p.m. Friday, April 11 and 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12 (new addition). 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.

THREE SPEAKERS PRESENT AT LOCAL LUNCHEONS IN APRIL

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Almost every Friday in April, a guest speaker will present at the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham's luncheon meetings at the Iroquois Club, located at 43248 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Township. There will be no meeting on April 18 due to Good Friday.

On April 4, the first speaker will be Birmingham School District Superintendent Embekka Roberson, presenting, "Building Stronger Communities with Birmingham Public Schools."

Next, on April 11, Freelance journalist Bill Dow will present, "Detroit Sports Stories."

Closing out the month, Eugene H. Beech Jr. of the Highland Township Historical Society will present "Highways to the Sky: Dewey Bryan's Flying Car."

LOCAL STUDENT MAKES DEAFLYMPICS TEAM

BIRMINGHAM — Seaholm High School student Ava Pruden, 16, has been selected to swim with the United States deaf Olympic swim team in the 25th Deaflympics, which is set to take place this November in Tokyo, Japan. The team is made up of athletes from throughout the country. However, Pruden is the only athlete from Michigan who is set to participate.

Pruden was born with hearing loss. At the Deaflympics, Pruden will have the opportunity to meet and swim against other deaf and hard-of-hearing swimmers from all over the world.

Since this experience is self-funded, Pruden has started a GoFundMe to raise \$10,000.

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP CLOSES ON SALE OF \$4.27 MILLION IN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, KEEPS AAA RATING

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — On Feb. 26, Bloomfield Township closed on the sale of \$4,270,000 par value of Special Assessment Limited Tax General Obligation bonds, Series 2025A, maturing in April 2045.

The township received seven qualified bids for the bonds through a competitive sale process, and BOK Financial Securities, Inc., the low bidder at a true interest cost of 3.54% was awarded the sale.

As part of the bond sale process, S&P Global Ratings reaffirmed its AAA rating on the township's bonds. In its summary report, dated Jan. 16, S&P highlighted the township's "thorough, forward-looking financial management policies and practices" and its "consistently positive operating performance supporting its healthy reserve and liquidity positions, and robust management practices."

"S&P's reaffirmation of our AAA credit rating is testament to the prudent, conservative financial practices of the Township, including keeping operating costs down and paying down long-term liabilities. There is direct savings to the residents of the Township as a result of the AAA rating, in this case amounting to about \$130,000 in lower borrowing costs over the life of the bonds. We are gratified by achieving this rating," Township Treasurer Michael Schostak said in a press release.

The proceeds of the bond offering will fund the water main installation project currently underway in the South Bloomfield Highlands neighborhood. The residents of that neighborhood will pay a special assessment for 20 years to repay the bonds.

CRANBROOK HOSTS FIRST SPRING BREAK EXPLORE CAMP

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Cranbrook Institute of Science's first-ever school break Explore Camps will take place March 24-26, and/or March 27. Campers will have the opportunity to spend their spring break exploring science through immersive experiences at the museum.

Campers have the opportunity to participate for all of the days, or just one day, from 9am-3pm. Each day, there will be different activities. Among the many fun experiences offered during Explore Camp are planetarium shows and a critter encounter in the exploreLab. Visit science.cranbrook.edu for more information about the camp.



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April YOUTH Events Calendar



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		01 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m.	02 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m. My First Book Group 5:30 p.m.	03 Toddler Story Time 10:30 a.m. Art Lab 6:30 p.m.	04 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. – 12 noon	05
06	07 Sleep Training Workshop 7 p.m.	08 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m.	09 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m. Unicorn Party 5:30 p.m.	10 Toddler Story Time 10:30 a.m.	11 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. – 12 noon	12 Family Story Time 11 a.m. Friends of the Library Sale 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
*****NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: BE A STAR READER APRIL 6 - 12*****						
13	14	15 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m. Brick Builders 6:30 p.m.	16 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m. Book Worms 6:30 p.m.	17 Toddler Story Time 10:30 a.m. Stuffed Animal Sleepover drop off 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	18 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. – 12 noon Stuffed Animal Sleepover pick up Noon – 6:30 p.m. Gamer Lounge 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	19 Baby Parade 10:30 a.m.
20 CLOSED	21	22 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m.	23 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m.	24 Toddler Story Time 10:30 a.m. Reading with the Dogs 6 p.m.	25 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. – 12 noon	26 Sensory Story Time 11 a.m.
27	28	29 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m. Paperbacks & Snacks 6:30 p.m.	30 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m.			

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National Library Week Be a Star Reader

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.



Sleep Training Workshop

Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Registration is required.

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.



Unicorn Party

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

No registration is required.

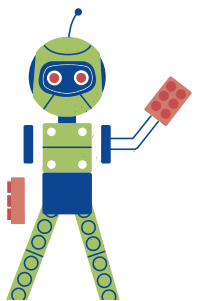
It's National Unicorn Day! Celebrate all things unicorn with crafts and activities for all ages.

Brick Builders: Robots

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 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.



Gamer Lounge

Friday, April 18, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

No registration is required.

For ages 8 - 13. Start the weekend with video game fun! Come solo or bring your friends and try out different games and consoles



Baby Parade

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

Registration is required.

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.





STORY TIMES

Preschool STEAMtime: Story Time and Discovery

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

April 1 - May 6

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.

April 2 - May 7

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, 10:30 a.m.

April 3 - May 8

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.

Family Story Time

Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m.

No registration required.

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

Sensory Story Time

Saturday, April 26, 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.

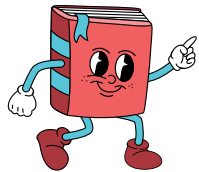
PLAY TIME

Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

No 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.

Wednesday, April 2, 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

Book Worms: Grades 2 – 3

Wednesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

Paperbacks & Snacks: Grades 4 – 6

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Art Lab

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

Registration is required.



Explore different art mediums, some traditional and some not, in this creative program for young people ages 10 – 13.



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.

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.

Reading with the Dogs

Thursday, April 24, 6 p.m.

Registration is required.



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.




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Free Comic Book Day

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

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. Comic books are available at the Youth Desk and Adult and Teen Services Desk.



Family Story Time

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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.

Brick Builders: Dream Summer Vacation

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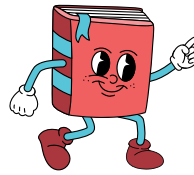
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Paperbacks & Snacks: Grades 4 – 6

Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Comics Drawing Workshop



Monday, May 1, 6 p.m.

Registration is required.

Comics artist Kamron Reynolds, aka Kam Komics, will lead young comics enthusiasts, ages 8-12, in the art of comics creation! In this 90-minute workshop, Kam will guide kids on character creation, action, and sequencing. Participants will make their own comic strip or mini comic book to take home.



Snack Lab

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

Registration is required.

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.

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.

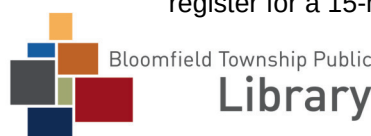


Reading with the Dogs

Tuesday, May 20, 6 p.m.

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April 2025 Adult and Teen Programs

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<p>History Harvest 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.</p> <p>Local History Program: Tracing the History of a House 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Adult and Teen Craft Kit Release: Spice Club Kits <i>Bloomfield Twp. residents only while supplies last</i></p> <p>**Youth Services Caregivers Workshop: Sleep Training, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>**What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group 1 p.m.</p>	<p>*Teen Craft Day: Diamond Art 4 p.m.</p> <p>***Google Apps 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>**Writers' Rendezvous 6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon</p> <p>After Hours Concert: U of M Chamber Music Concert 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Friends of the Library Second Saturday Book Sale 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. <i>(First hour Friends members only)</i></p> <p>SPECIAL DAY AND TIME: U of M Chamber Music Concert 3 p.m.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>***Microsoft Excel I 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>**Silence Between the Shelves: A Six-Week Meditation Series 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon</p> <p>**Tuesday Book Club 10 a.m.</p> <p>**Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Adult and Teen Craft Kit Release: Paper Lotus Flowers <i>Bloomfield Twp. residents only while supplies last</i></p> <p>**Mystery Book Club 1 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>LIBRARY CLOSED FOR EASTER</p> 	<p>**Lunchtime Book Club 1 p.m.</p> <p>***Microsoft Excel II, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>**Silence Between the Shelves: A Six-Week Meditation Series 7 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>**What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group, 1 p.m.</p> <p>**Lecture: Demystifying Composting – Best Practices to Create a Healthy Soil Amendment 7 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>***Don't Get Scammed! 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>**Writers' Rendezvous 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>**Thursday Book Club 10 a.m.</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon</p> <p>**Romance/Romantasy Book Club: "Fade to Black", 4 p.m. <i>Four Eids and a Funeral by Faridah Abike-Iyimide</i></p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>**Monday Night Book Club 7 p.m.</p> <p>**Silence Between the Shelves: A Six-Week Meditation Series 7 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>**Lecture: Working With, Not Against, Your Garden 7 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Featured Spring Programs @ the Library</p> <p>**Youth Services Caregivers Workshop: Sleep Training, Monday, April 7, 7 p.m. Learn about the ideal sleep environment, wake windows, and bedtime routines for your young child.</p> <p>**Lecture: Demystifying Composting – Best Practices, Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m. Learn the basics of at-home composting, including the Bokashi method, to enhance your garden soil.</p> <p>**Lecture: Working With, Not Against, Your Garden, Tuesday, April 29, 7 p.m. Learn from a Master Gardener how to avoid pesky situations that lead to frustration in your garden.</p>		

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					<p>*Teen Trivia After Hours Game Night 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>Free Comic Book Day Free comics while supplies last</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<p>Spice Club Kit Release <i>Twp. cardholders while supplies last</i></p> <p>***ChatGPT and AI, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>**Silence Between the Shelves: A Six-Week Meditation Series 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon</p> <p>**Movie Discussion Club <i>Bicycle Thieves (1948)</i> 7 p.m.</p>	<p>***Scanning and Photo Editing 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>**Pages Across Nations: An International Book Club <i>Mater 2-10</i> by Hwang Sok-yong 7 p.m.</p>		<p>English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon</p>	 <p>Friends of the Library Second Saturday Book Sale 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. <i>(First hour Friends members only)</i></p>
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DATES FOR THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. – Library Board Meeting (all Trustees)
(note: this is the 4th Tuesday of the month)

Wednesday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. – Friends Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Tuesday, April 29, 7:00 p.m. – Ambassadors Group (all Trustees)

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

Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. – Library Board Meeting (all Trustees)

Wednesday, May 21, 10:30 a.m. – Friends of the Library
Board Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – Building and Grounds Committee (all
Trustees)