



Bloomfield Township Public
Library

**Bloomfield Township Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 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, May 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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1	Agenda	05/16/2025
6a	Cash Disbursements	05/16/2025
6b	Revenues/Expenditures Budget Report	05/16/2025
8	Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025	05/16/2025
9a	President's Report – no report	
9b	Director's Report	05/16/2025
9c	Utility Report	05/16/2025
9d	Advocacy & Development Committee – no report	
9d	Ambassadors Group – 04/29/2025	05/16/2025
9d	Art Committee – no report	
9d	Building and Grounds Committee – no report	05/16/2025
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 – 04/30/2025	05/16/2025
9d	Personnel and Director's Evaluation Policy Committee – no report	
9d	Policy Committee – no report	
12a	Summer Reading Showcase	05/16/2025
12b	Consider Expenditure for Staff Computers	05/16/2025
12c	Agreements with Neighboring Libraries	05/16/2025

<u>UNNUMBERED ITEMS</u>	<u>DATE DELIVERED</u>
Strategic Plan Update	05/16/2025
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AGENDA
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, May 20, 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 April 22, 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. Summer Reading Showcase
 - b. Consider Expenditure for Staff Computers
 - c. Agreements with Partner Libraries
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, June 17, 2025
17. Adjournment

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

- Check #24803 made payable to Consumers Energy in the amount of \$6,503.42 was for natural gas service for the period 3/5-4/7.
- Check #24804 made payable to DTE Energy in the amount of \$22,059.82 was for electricity service for the period 3/10-4/7.
- Check #24806 made payable to FNBO in the amount of \$5,313.60 was the for the library's credit card use.
- Check #24807 made payable to Jayah Johnson in the amount of \$98.00 was reimbursement for mileage.
- Check #24808 made payable to Elizabeth May in the amount of \$101.92 was reimbursement for mileage.
- Check #24810 made payable to Killian Weston in the amount of \$98.00 was reimbursement for mileage.
- Check #24811 made payable to Goldner Walsh Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$14,790.00 was payment for a gardening stimulus certificate (pre-payment for discounted gardening services).
- Check #24812 made payable to Martha McGee in the amount of \$26.99 was reimbursement for supplies for the volunteer reception.
- Check #24813 made payable to Laurie Tennent Studio in the amount of \$431.93 was payment for framing of the winning photo contest image.
- Check #24820 made payable to Katherine Bryant in the amount of \$138.74 was reimbursement for mileage.
- Check #24822 made payable to Katherine Bryant in the amount of \$50.75 was reimbursement for mileage.

General Fund – Regular Checks:

- Check #24832 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$210,352.37 was for the library's share of the pension distribution.
- Check #24833 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$499,999.70 was for three payrolls including FICA, health care premiums, etc.
- Check #24832 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$1,177.32 was payment for water and sewer service for the period 3/19-4/17.
- Check #24836 made payable to C2AE in the amount of \$28,250.00 was payment for work on the Library Design Project.
- Check #24837 made payable to CDW Government, Inc. in the amount of \$11,857.50 was payment for replacement UPSs (back-up power supply for servers).

- Check #24842 made payable to CIDL (Clarkston Independence District Library) in the amount of \$32.00 was payment for a lost MeLCat item.
- Check #24844 made payable to Farmington Community Library in the amount of \$450.00 was payment for the Gale eBook platform fee.
- Check #24849 made payable to Midwest Collaborative for Library Services in the amount of \$25,610.70 was payment for an annual subscription to SkyRiver, a bibliographic database service.
- Check #24851 made payable to Midwest Tape in the amount of \$50,910.36 was payment for DVDs and a biannual deposit payment for hoopla.
- Check #24852 made payable to Michigan Library Association in the amount of \$3,395.00 was payment for an organizational membership plus individual memberships for staff.
- Check #24855 made payable to Plante & Moran, PLLC in the amount of \$4,967.50 was payment for contract accounting services.
- Check #24857 made payable to Presidio Network Solutions Group, LLC in the amount of \$7,691.05 was payment for an annual service agreement on Cisco products.
- Check #24859 made payable to Rolls Mechanical in the amount of \$7,080.21 was payment for repairs and maintenance on the HVAC.
- Check #24861 made payable to The Library Network in the amount of \$3,426.16 was payment for two invoices: \$1,870.00 for a database subscription; \$1,556.16 for the Employee Assistance Program.
- Check #24864 made payable to United States Postal Service in the amount of \$10,000.00 was deposit payment for the library's quarterly newsletter.
- Check #24865 made payable to WT Cox Information Services in the amount of \$26,947.18 was an annual payment for the library's periodicals subscription service.

Gift Fund - Advance Checks:

- Check #5681 made payable to Laurie Tennent Studio in the amount of \$350.00 was payment for printing photo contest winners.
- Check #5682 made payable to Laura Kraly in the amount of \$417.53 was reimbursement for conference expenses.
- Check #5683 made payable to Goldner Walsh Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$681.77 was payment for the front entrance arrangements.
- Check #5684 made payable to Judy Muhn in the amount of \$187.80 was payment for a program presenter.

Gift Fund - Regular Checks:

- Check #5687 made payable to Signarama in the amount of \$1,257.78 was payment for the Love My Library signs for summer library program promotion.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHECK REGISTERS

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
General Fund				
ADVANCE CHECKS:				
24802	4/17/25	AT&T	016.01	817.51
24803	4/17/25	CONSUMERS ENERGY	016.01	6,503.42
24804	4/17/25	DTE ENERGY	016.01	22,059.82
24806	4/23/25	FNBO	016.01	5,313.60
24807	4/23/25	Jayah Johnson	016.01	98.00
24808	4/23/25	Elizabeth May	016.01	101.92
24809	4/23/25	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	016.01	3,278.85
24810	4/23/25	Killian Weston	016.01	98.00
24811	4/28/25	GOLDNER WALSH NURSERY, INC.	016.01	14,790.00
24812	4/28/25	Martha McGee	016.01	26.99
24813	4/28/25	LAURIE TENNENT STUDIO	016.01	431.93
24814	4/28/25	FlyLock Security Solutions	016.01	276.13
24815	4/30/25	AT&T	016.01	188.08
24816	4/30/25	PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	016.01	924.41
24817	4/30/25	SUMMIT ELECTRIC, INC.	016.01	680.00
24818	4/30/25	VIGILANTE SECURITY	016.01	1,950.00
24819	5/6/25	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	016.01	5,139.98
24820	5/6/25	Katherine Bryant	016.01	138.74
24821	5/12/25	APPLIED INNOVATION	016.01	1,319.29
24822	5/12/25	Katherine Bryant	016.01	50.75
24823	5/12/25	PTS Communications	016.01	78.00
24824	5/12/25	T MOBILE	016.01	60.20
24825	5/12/25	TERMINIX PROCESSING CTR.	016.01	183.00
Total				64,508.62
REGULAR CHECKS:				
24826	5/12/25	AERO FILTER, INC	016.01	337.68
24827	5/12/25	AMERICAN PEST CONTROL	016.01	1,633.00
24828	5/12/25	ASSA ABLOY ENTRANCES SYSTEMS	016.01	1,165.18
24829	5/12/25	AUGIES BUILDING SERVICES	016.01	12,744.95
24830	5/12/25	AUNALYTICS, INC.	016.01	2,631.58
24831	5/12/25	BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	016.01	11,998.32
24832	5/12/25	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	016.01	210,352.37
24833	5/12/25	BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	016.01	499,999.70
24837	5/12/25	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	016.01	11,857.50
24838	5/12/25	CENGAGE LEARNING/GALE	016.01	206.93
24839	5/12/25	CENTER POINT PUBLISHING	016.01	47.25
24840	5/12/25	CENTRAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.	016.01	185.90
24841	5/12/25	CINTAS CORPORATION	016.01	139.62
24842	5/12/25	CIDL	016.01	32.00
24843	5/12/25	DEMCO, INC.	016.01	128.18
24844	5/12/25	FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY	016.01	450.00
24845	5/12/25	H. V. BURTON CO.	016.01	550.00
24846	5/12/25	JPs PIANO MOVING	016.01	812.33
24847	5/12/25	LAKELAND BOATING	016.01	64.95
24848	5/12/25	LibraryPass	016.01	1,130.22
24849	5/12/25	MIDWEST COLLABORATIVE for LIB. SVCS	016.01	25,610.70
24850	5/12/25	MICROMARKETING LLC	016.01	752.38
24851	5/12/25	MIDWEST TAPE	016.01	50,910.36
24852	5/12/25	MICHIGAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	016.01	3,395.00
24853	5/12/25	OVERDRIVE	016.01	9,098.93
24854	5/12/25	OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS USA	016.01	2,791.55
24855	5/12/25	PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC	016.01	4,967.50
24856	5/12/25	PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	016.01	113.98
24857	5/12/25	PRESIDIO NETWORK SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC	016.01	7,691.05
24858	5/12/25	PRIORITY WASTE, LLC	016.01	399.60
24859	5/12/25	Rolls Mechanical	016.01	7,080.21
24860	5/12/25	SHOWCASES	016.01	173.88
24861	5/12/25	THE LIBRARY NETWORK	016.01	3,426.16
24862	5/12/25	THOMSON REUTERS- WEST	016.01	169.76
24863	5/12/25	TOTAL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC.	016.01	687.00
24864	5/12/25	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	016.01	10,000.00
24865	5/12/25	WT. COX INFORMATION SERVICES	016.01	26,947.18

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

Check #	Date	Payee	Cash Account	Amount
24866	5/12/25	ZOOBEAN, INC.	016.01	1,660.55
Total				941,907.27

Gift Fund

ADVANCE CHECKS:

5681	4/28/25	LAURIE TENNENT STUDIO	012.03	350.00
5682	5/1/25	Laura Kraly	012.03	417.53
5683	5/8/25	GOLDNER WALSH NURSERY, INC.	012.03	681.77
5684	5/8/25	Judy Muhn	012.03	187.80

Total				1,637.10
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REGULAR CHECKS:

5685	5/12/25	BAKER & TAYLOR	012.03	2,325.40
5686	5/12/25	JP's PIANO MOVING	012.03	382.67
5687	5/12/25	SIGNARAMA	012.03	1,257.78

Total				3,965.85
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Bloomfield Township Public Library
FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget

PRESENTED: MAY 20, 2025 FOR THE MONTH OF: APRIL 2025

	2025-2026	2025-2026			One Month 8.3%		
ACCOUNT	ADOPTED BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	REVENUE/EXPENSE	REVENUE/	% OF		
	AS OF	AS OF	CURRENT	EXPENSE	BUDGET		
NAME	MARCH 18, 2025	MARCH 18, 2025	MONTH	YTD	YTD	VARIANCE	
Revenues							
Taxes	\$9,889,601	\$9,889,601	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$9,889,601)	*taxes collected Dec-Mar
Penal Fines	\$60,280	\$60,280	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$60,280)	*will come later in year
State Aid	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$23,732	\$23,732	51.59%	(\$22,268)	
Circulation Fines & Fees	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$427	\$427	5.02%	(\$8,073)	
Charges for Services	\$10,651	\$10,651	\$970	\$970	9.11%	(\$9,681)	
Photocopy Fees	\$651	\$651	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$651)	
Room Rental Fees	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$970	\$970	9.70%	(\$9,030)	
Investment earnings	\$881,488	\$881,488	\$118,827	\$118,827	13.48%	(\$762,661)	
Interest/Dividends	\$881,488	\$881,488	\$70,740	\$70,740	8.03%	(\$810,748)	
Change in Asset Value	\$0	\$0	\$48,087	\$48,087	0.00%	\$48,087	
Miscellaneous	\$13,451	\$13,451	\$316	\$316	2.35%	(\$13,135)	*refunds will come later
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$3,370	\$3,370	\$33	\$33	0.98%	(\$3,337)	
Library Shop	\$4,081	\$4,081	\$283	\$283	6.93%	(\$3,798)	
Café	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$6,000)	
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	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$20,000)	
Total Revenues	\$10,909,971	10,929,971	\$144,272	\$144,272	1.32%	(\$10,785,699)	*some sources come later
Expenditures							
Personnel	\$5,350,596	\$5,350,596	\$431,134	\$431,134	8.06%	(\$4,919,462)	
Salaries & Wages	\$3,465,842	\$3,465,842	\$372,710	\$372,710	10.75%	(\$3,093,132)	
Social Security	\$264,674	\$264,674	\$18,302	\$18,302	6.92%	(\$246,372)	
Employee Insurances	\$1,014,458	\$1,014,458	\$31,479	\$31,479	3.10%	(\$982,979)	
Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0	
Retirement	\$605,622	\$605,622	\$8,642	\$8,642	1.43%	(\$596,980)	
Retiree Health Care - OPEB	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0	
Library Services	\$854,132	\$854,132	\$90,758	\$90,758	10.63%	(\$763,374)	*large annual payment for periodicals service
Electronic Serv.-Databases	\$232,408	\$232,408	\$22,637	\$22,637	9.74%	(\$209,771)	
Electronic Services-Skyriver	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$27,000)	
Books	\$323,908	\$323,908	\$24,352	\$24,352	7.52%	(\$299,556)	
Processing & Supplies	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$556	\$556	2.32%	(\$23,444)	
Periodicals/Docs/Ref. Serv.	\$69,650	\$69,650	\$30,644	\$30,644	44.00%	(\$39,006)	
Music	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$609	\$609	7.17%	(\$7,891)	
Audiobooks	\$77,623	\$77,623	\$6,099	\$6,099	7.86%	(\$71,524)	
DVD's	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$2,463	\$2,463	6.01%	(\$38,537)	
Accessibility Support Collection	\$10,043	\$10,043	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$10,043)	
Programming	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$3,397	\$3,397	8.49%	(\$36,603)	
Facilities & Equipment	\$1,219,519	\$1,219,519	\$155,841	\$155,841	12.78%	(\$1,063,678)	*annual insurance payment
Repairs/Maint. Supplies	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$4,279	\$4,279	6.58%	(\$60,721)	
Telephone	\$17,450	\$17,450	\$1,282	\$1,282	7.35%	(\$16,168)	
Building Insurance	\$65,842	\$65,842	\$66,866	\$66,866	101.56%	\$1,024	
Public Utilities	\$384,000	\$384,000	\$28,563	\$28,563	7.44%	(\$355,437)	
Building Maintenance	\$293,984	\$293,984	\$27,620	\$27,620	9.40%	(\$266,364)	
Equipment Maintenance	\$24,210	\$24,210	\$1,591	\$1,591	6.57%	(\$22,619)	
Grounds Maintenance	\$98,525	\$98,525	\$16,423	\$16,423	16.67%	(\$82,102)	
Computer System Maint.	\$254,508	\$254,508	\$9,181	\$9,181	3.61%	(\$245,327)	
Equipment	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$35	\$35	0.22%	(\$15,965)	
Other Operating Expenditures	\$2,983,695	\$2,983,695	\$73,251	\$73,251	2.46%	(\$2,910,444)	
Office/Computer Supplies	\$32,480	\$32,480	\$1,133	\$1,133	3.49%	(\$31,347)	
Postage	\$26,090	\$26,090	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$26,090)	
Professional Services	\$128,156	\$128,156	\$23,806	\$23,806	18.58%	(\$104,350)	
Projects	\$2,707,965	\$2,707,965	\$42,629	\$42,629	1.57%	(\$2,665,336)	
Staff Development/Travel	\$37,650	\$37,650	\$1,152	\$1,152	3.06%	(\$36,498)	
Printing & Publishing	\$30,050	\$30,050	\$489	\$489	1.63%	(\$29,561)	
Dues & Membership	\$14,224	\$14,224	\$3,645	\$3,645	25.63%	(\$10,579)	
Bank Expenses	\$4,720	\$4,720	\$396	\$396	8.40%	(\$4,324)	
Library Shop Expenses	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$2,000)	
Café Expenses	\$360	\$360	\$0	\$0	0.00%	(\$360)	
Total Expenditures	\$10,407,942	\$10,407,942	\$750,984	\$750,984	7.22%	(\$9,656,958)	
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$13,833,927	\$13,833,927		\$13,833,927			
Net revenue (expenditure)	\$502,029	\$522,029		(\$606,711)			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$14,335,956	\$14,355,956		\$13,227,216			

Fund Balance Designations

Nonspendable-Prepaid Expense	\$11,573	\$11,573
Committed Fund Balance (is 9-months of operational expenditures amount)	\$5,774,983	\$5,774,983
Assigned Fund Balance (is \$486,244 the 3/31/24 compensated absences accrual, plus \$2,439,348 the OPEB obligation plus \$3,724,408 for capital improvements)	\$8,449,400	\$8,469,400
Unassigned Fund Balance (is the unplanned emergency amount)	\$100,000	\$100,000

Bloomfield Township Public Library
FY 2025-2026 Gift Fund Budget

PRESENTED: MAY 20, 2025 FOR THE MONTH OF: APRIL 2025

One Month 8.3%

ACCOUNT NAME	2025-2026 ADOPTED BUDGET AS OF MAR 18, 2025	2025-2026 AMENDED BUDGET AS OF MAY 20, 2025	REVENUE/ EXPENSE CURRENT MONTH	REVENUE/ EXPENSE YTD	% OF BUDGET YTD	VARIANCE
<u>Revenues</u>						
Gift Income	\$500	\$3,618	\$3,118	\$3,118	86.18%	(\$500)
Gift Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0
Friends of the Library	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0
Atkinson Trust	\$0	\$1,539	\$1,539	\$1,539	1.00	\$0
BTPL Endowment Fund/Amber Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Myers Scholarship	\$500	\$1,224	\$724	\$724	59.15%	(\$500)
Smith Challenge Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Fair Radom Garden's Endowment	\$0	\$855	\$855	\$855	100.00%	\$0
Library Director's Legacy Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%	\$0
Investment Earnings	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$17	8.66%	(\$183)
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0
Total Revenues	\$700	\$3,818	\$3,118	\$3,135	82.12%	(\$683)
<u>Expenditures</u>						
Library Services	\$75,589	\$75,589	\$6,775	\$6,775	8.96%	(\$68,814)
Facilities & Equipment	\$34,382	\$34,382	\$2,772	\$2,772	8.06%	(\$31,610)
Other Operating Expenditures	\$52,224	\$55,342	\$10,255	\$10,255	18.53%	(\$45,087)
Total Expenditures	\$162,195	\$165,313	\$19,802	\$19,802	11.98%	(\$145,511)
Fund Balance - Beginning	\$161,695	\$161,695		\$161,695		
Net revenue (expenditures)	(\$161,495)	(\$161,495)		(\$16,667)		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$200	\$200		\$145,028		

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Asset Allocation Summary
April 2025

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Fund	Type	Annual Yield	Date	Amount on Hand
General Fund				
	5th 3rd Checking (Ecommerce)	0.00%	4/30/2025	\$164,142.91
	Flagstar Public Funds Savings	3.40%	4/30/2025	\$221,726.29
	Flagstar Premier Public Entities Checking	0.45%	4/30/2025	\$662,162.82
	RBC Capital Cash/Money Market	0.85%	4/30/2025	\$12,193.62
	RBC Capital - Investments	4.73%	4/30/2025	\$18,681,135.84
Total General Fund				\$19,741,361.48
Please see General Fund budget for notes on how this amount is earmarked				
Gift Fund				
	Huntington Public Fund Business Interest Checking	0.25%	4/30/2025	\$68,171.63
	Huntington CD (Charnov gift) - matures 11/04/2025	4.30%	4/30/2025	\$50,000.00
	Fifth Third Bank Business Standard Checking	0.00%	4/30/2025	\$17,867.43
Total Gift Fund				\$136,039.06

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

Bloomfield Township Public Library

I move to approve monthly cash disbursements in the form of checks #24802-24866, #5678-5688 for a Grand Total of \$1,012,018.84.

General Fund Advance Checks	\$64,508.62
General Fund Expense Checks	\$941,907.27
Gift Fund Advance Checks	\$1,637.10
Gift Fund Expense Checks	\$3,965.85
For a Grand Total of	<u>\$1,012,018.84</u>

Voided Checks are:

General Fund - 24805

Gift Fund - 5677

Gift fund proceeds for April 2025 were \$3618

President

Vice President/Secretary

**PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Oakland County, Michigan
Tuesday, April 22, 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: Dani Gillman, Judy Lindstrom, Joan Luksik, Joy Murray, and Shane Spradlin

Trustees Absent: Keith Carduner

Administration: Library Director Tera Moon; Assistant Director Katherine Bryant; Finance Coordinator Kathy Wolosiewicz; Administrative Assistant Linden Godlove

Guests: Catarina Yankey, Election Specialist; Jane Bersche, Administration Library Assistant II and SOC Representative

Shane Spradlin requested **Item 9d** be removed from the consent agenda for regular discussion.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom 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: 9D**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S VERBAL REPORT:

President Shane Spradlin remarked on the public comments. One was regarding "lots of 'woke' children's books." He said that the Library is not the arbiter of wokeness but to be mindful of the constituency and address people's concerns. The person made this comment without providing contact information. He remarked on a patron's enthusiasm for supporting the Library through their tax dollars. He introduced a new agenda, with the budget being outside of the consent agenda, for ease of comment. He also remarked on the budget and expressed the management team did a phenomenal job of expense control.

DIRECTOR'S VERBAL REPORT:

Director Moon introduced Kathy Wolosiewicz, the new Finance Coordinator, who began on

March 31. Ms. Wolsiewicz shared some of her work history. Erin Brzezinski of Plante Moran is providing additional training a couple of days a week.

The Library scheduled its audit a couple of months later this year because of this change in personnel. The audit fieldwork will take place in mid-June, and the draft audit and financial statements will be presented in September. Ms. Brezinski will assist with the audit fieldwork.

The new surveillance cameras are all installed and running. The plan is to give view-only access to the Persons-in-Charge group. Footage will only be downloaded and shared with the Director's permission. Footage will be provided to the police upon approval of the Director and will not be given to patrons.

Director Moon was a guest on the Distracted Librarians podcast for a conversation about MeLCat and how the potential canceling of IMLS funds may impact it. She has heard that there are ideas on how to keep MeLCat funded through other means.

The Library Network has made available red cards, which are cards in various languages that provide information about immigrants' rights—each library could select two languages. This Library selected Chinese and Arabic to better serve its patrons for whom English is a second language. The cards are to be used to answer reference questions about this topic – they will not be put out on display.

6. BUDGET:

Director Moon clarified information about some vendors.

- Martha McGee is the Volunteer Coordinator, who purchases items for the Library Shop and the Volunteer Reception and is reimbursed by the Library.
- C2AE is the architecture and design firm that is doing the redesign project. A certain percentage of the overall fee will be charged to the Library each month.
- Rolls Mechanical maintains the HVAC as well as plumbing and electrical, though most recent bills were for HVAC because two boilers were out-of-order.
- Applied Innovation services the printers, and the charge was part of the routine maintenance costs.
- Augies is the janitorial company.
- TechLogic manages the Automated Materials Handling (AMH) machine, and this is the annual service maintenance.
- Trustee Joy Murray inquired about Recollect. This is a subscription fee and a portion of the implementation fee. It is for a content management service that creates a website that the Library can manage and upload information to on an ongoing basis. It takes what the staff digitizes and makes it more interactive. This makes the historical archives of the Library more accessible to the public.

President Spradlin commented on the budget. The revenues were 2% over, driven by insurance rebates. Expenditures, including facilities, personnel, library services, travel, and other operating costs, were all below budget. He thought the team did a wonderful job of keeping within budget. There was also a 4.7% yield on investments.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Dani Gillman, seconded by Joy Murray to **APPROVE THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA:

10. Call to the public.

Catarina Yankey from Bloomfield Township was in attendance.

Jane Bersche, representing the SOC, provided an update on their activities.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

12a. 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. During that election, more than 9,000 voters cast their ballots over nine days of early voting.

While the Library served effectively as a polling place, observations were made regarding parking limitations and the significant demands placed on library staff. These topics were discussed at two post-election debrief meetings. Ideas for mitigating those drawbacks and for improving the experience for all were discussed.

Recently, Mr. Brook approached Library Administration to ask 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. Election Specialist Catarina Yankey provided more details about the request.

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

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Shane Spradlin, seconded by Judy Lindstrom **THAT BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY BE AN ELECTION DAY REGULAR PRECINCT POLLING LOCATION.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

12b. Bank Signatories

A change in library personnel necessitates a change in bank signers. 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.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Joan Luksik, seconded by Judy Lindstrom **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 vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

13. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

President Shane Spradlin removed 9d and inquired about the Building and Grounds Committee minutes. He proposed changes to the minutes to acknowledge what occurred in clearer detail. The changes were supported by the board and the minutes will be updated to reflect the changes.

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: Gillman, Lindstrom, Luksik, Murray, and Spradlin

Nays: None

OTHER:

Joy Murray praised the increase in circulation statistics.

She inquired about how the public might be informed about what might be affected with IMLS funding cuts. Director Moon said that much is unknown at this point. There are conversations at The Library Network, the Library of Michigan, and elsewhere to continue to fund MeLCat, the databases, and the training. The Library is waiting to see what happens and then decisions will be made. The funding is good through September of this year.

The Michigan Library Association is coordinating the annual library advocacy day on April 30 in Lansing with Assistant Director Katherine Bryant joining the effort. The day involves meetings with various representatives to discuss the importance of Michigan's public libraries and maintaining funding levels, with more funding at a state level. Dani Gillman said that local representatives are keeping office hours at Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Joan Luksik inquired if the Spaces project included plans for a makerspace or a library of things. There has been discussion about having equipment for these things, but not a dedicated area for just one of them.

Dani Gillman inquired about the vending company. There is nothing to report.

The Friends Annual Meeting is tomorrow, April 23. The Friends raised \$5,800 at their most

recent sale.

Joan Luksik and Dani Gillman remarked that the Volunteer Reception on April 17 was lovely.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7:00p.m.

President Spradlin moved, seconded by Judy Lindstrom **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:43 PM.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan Luksik", written in a cursive style.

Joan Luksik, Board Secretary

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

May 2025

For the fourth year, the Library will be a venue for the **Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival** in June. We are hosting three Artistic Encounters, which are public coaching sessions that give the audience a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to be a professional musician. In addition, the Community Room will serve as a rehearsal venue for other festival artists as needed, and these rehearsals may be open to the public as well. We are pleased to host these world-class musicians at events that our patrons love.

This is the first year in many years that Staff Development Day (SDD) has not been held on the first Friday in May. The traditional date conflicts with early voting that can occur at the Library at that time. Because the Library is an early voting location, a May election would make the Community Room unavailable for Staff Development Day. Last August, you approved the 2025-2026 holidays and closings calendar which included the change to the SDD date. SDD will be held on November 11, 2025. One of the ceremonies held during SDD is the presentation of **employee service awards**. These awards are given when a milestone anniversary (5, 10, 15 years, etc.) is reached during the fiscal year. With the move of SDD to November, an adjustment was needed to ensure these important milestone anniversaries were acknowledged. Staff who reached a milestone anniversary in the 2024-2025 fiscal year will be receiving their service award now. Beginning this fiscal year, those that reach anniversary milestones will receive their service award near the time of their actual anniversary. Awardees from the calendar year will then be recognized at SDD in November. Staff who reached a milestone anniversary in 2024-2025 are:

- 5 Years of Service – Amanda Carroll, Victoria Bonet
- 10 Years of Service – Tom Corliss
- 15 Years of Service – Mary Miner
- 25 Years of Service – Heather Coffee-Borden, Sally Klemm
- 30 Years of Service – Marty McGee

I am pleased that the **Bloomfield Hills Schools student art exhibition, Art from the Hills**, will be held at the Library from May 12 through May 24. I encourage you to enjoy the art throughout the Library. It is always a joyous moment to share with the whole community.

The Library is still accepting applications for the **Jeanette P. Myers Scholarship**. Applications for this annual scholarship are available at the Library's Welcome Desk as well as on the Library's website at www.btpl.org. The due date for all applications is Sunday, June 1. Award(s) will be presented prior to the August 19, 2025 board meeting. Please share this information with anyone who may have an interest and be eligible.

The **Friends annual meeting**, held on Wednesday, April 23, was well-attended and all enjoyed hearing Adam Oster, Community Engagement Librarian with the Library of Michigan. He spoke about Michigan Notable Books. The Library of Michigan annually curates a list of up to twenty significant books, either by Michigan writers or centered on Michigan or the Great Lakes. Celebrated in the year after their publication, these selections illuminate the state's deep cultural, historical, and literary roots, firmly establishing the Great Lakes State as a source of exceptional storytelling. Friends board member elections were held at this meeting and officers were elected for 2025-2026.

- President – Nancy Lambert
- Vice President – Russ Conner
- Treasurer – Kim Hoke
- Secretary – Kim Harrison
- Assistant Treasurer – Ann Pohl
- Glenda Bard
- Kathryn Conner
- Richard Lambert
- Cathy Ranke
- Sikander Rashid
- Sharon Sheremet
- Bob Tera

This year, the **annual audit** fieldwork and presentation will be a bit later than usual. The annual audit fieldwork will take place the week of June 16 with the presentation of the financial statements to you at the September 16, 2025 regular monthly board meeting.

This is a reminder that the Library will be closed on Sunday, May 25 and Monday, May 26, for **Memorial Day Weekend**. The Library will reopen as scheduled on Tuesday, May 27 at 9:30am.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Tera Moon
Library Director*

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
APRIL 2025

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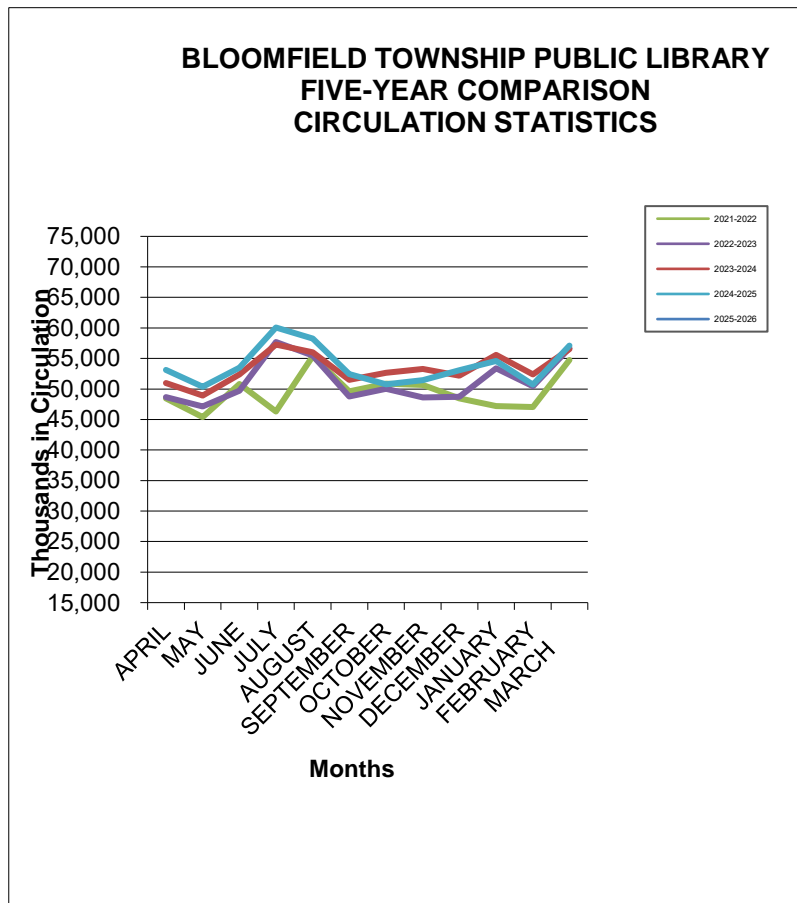
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
APRIL 2025

	2024		2025	
OUTREACH & PROGRAMS				
<i>New Patrons and Accounts</i>				
Township:	201		154	
Cranbrook:	2		1	
Total new patrons:	264		199	
<i>Adult Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	12 events	92 attended	14 events	98 attended
Speaker-led:	4 events	239 attended	6 events	196 attended
Book clubs:	7 events	62 attended	6 events	63 attended
Tours/visits on-site:	0 events	0 attended	0 events	0 attended
Tours/visits off-site:	5 events	155 attended	5 events	298 attended
Chamber Music Concert:	1 event	110 attended	2 events	230 attended
Bloomfield Historical Society:	1 event	60 attended	1 event	39 attended
BTPL Photo Contest Reception	1 event	85 attended	1 event	50 attended
<i>IT Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	6 events	43 attended	4 events	7 attended
<i>Teen Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	1 event	2 attended	1 event	8 attended
<i>Youth Program Attendance</i>				
Staff-led:	34 events	831 attended	30 events	769 attended
Speaker-led:	4 events	86 attended	2 events	39 attended
Tours/visits on-site:	1 event	9 attended	1 event	22 attended
Tours/visits off-site:	11 events	360 attended	13 events	442 attended
TOTAL:	88 events	2,134 attended	86 events	2261 attended
<i>Volunteers (total for the month)</i>	14 people	111.75 hours	11 people	90.25 hours
Shop volunteers	10 people	84.25 hours	10 people	79.75 hours
Court appointed volunteers	1 person	21.00 hours	0 people	0 hours
Student volunteers	2 people	4.00 hours	0 people	0 hours
Department volunteers	1 person	4.50 hours	1 person	10.5 hours
<i>Patron Remarks</i>				
Patron comments:	5		5	
Ask BTPL:	12		4	
DISPLAYS				
Lobby	<i>Annual Photo Contest Winners</i>			
Local History	<i>N/A</i>			

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY FIVE YEAR CIRCULATION

5/13/2025

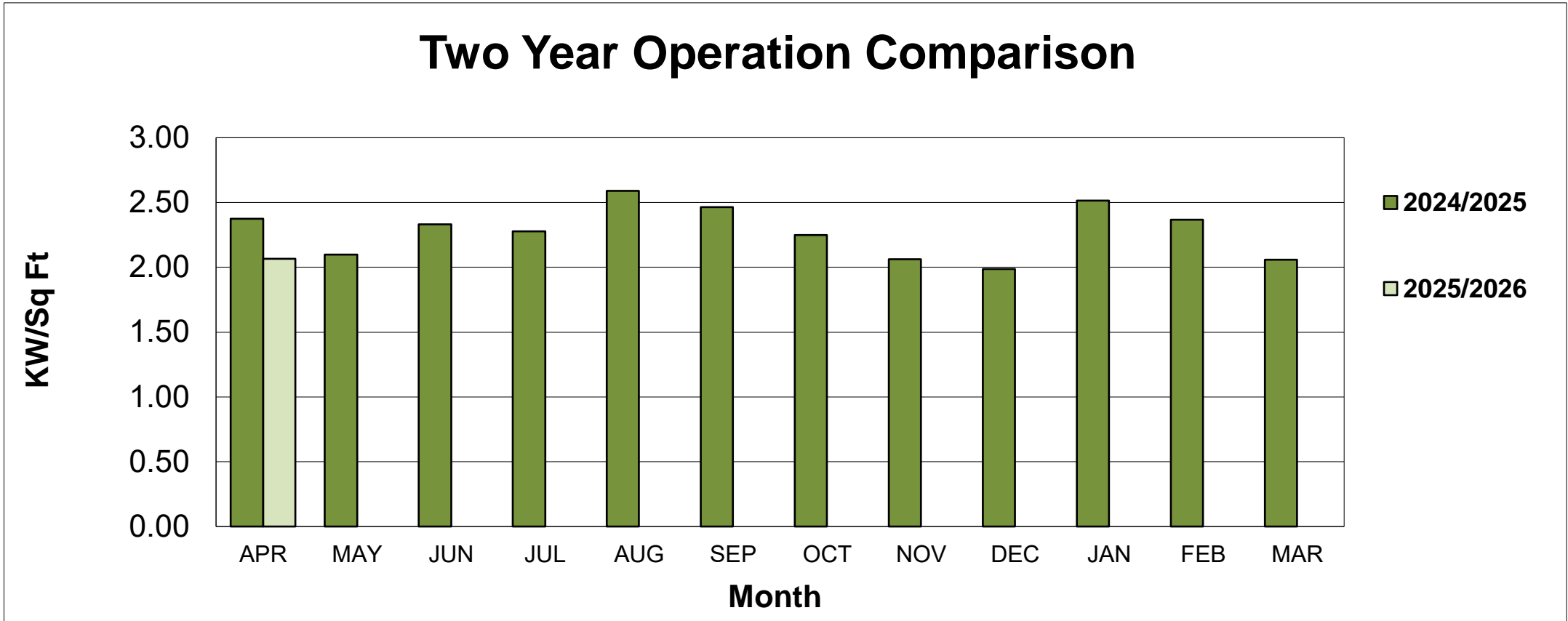
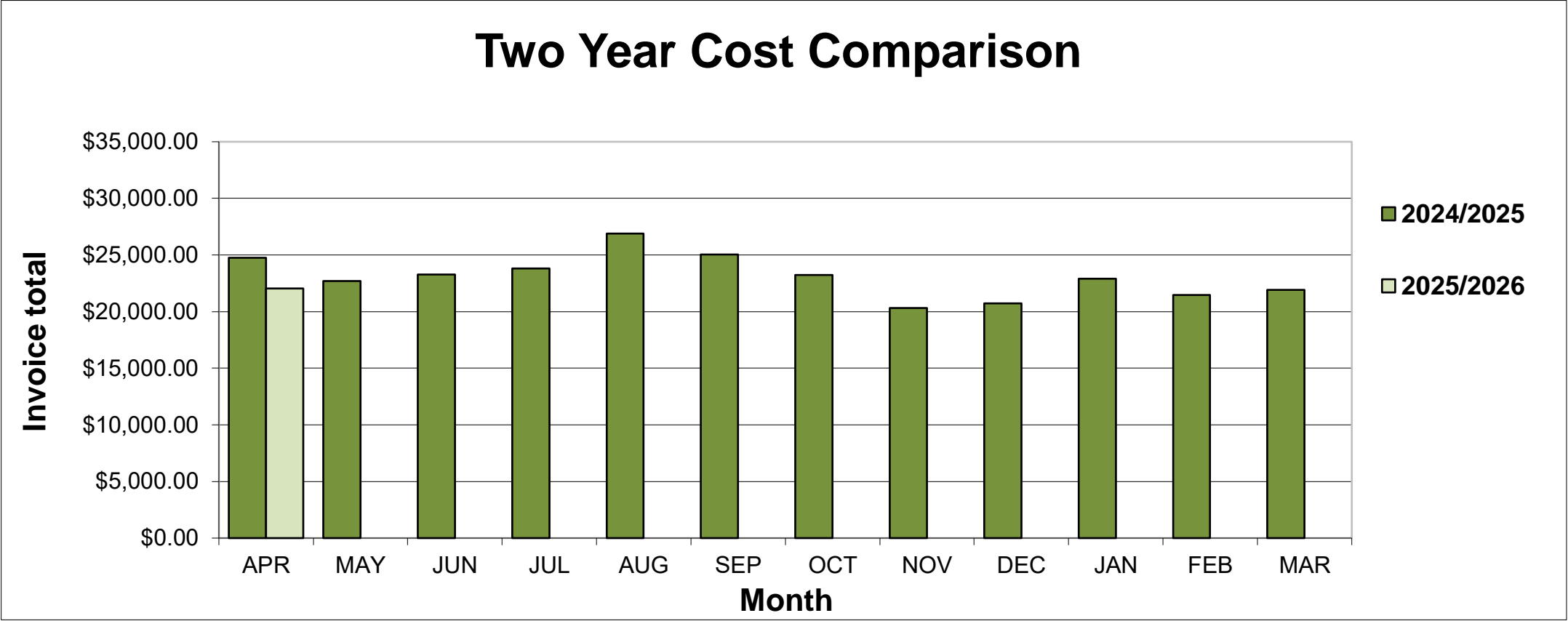
	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
APRIL	48,463	48,665	50,983	53,132	53,186
MAY	45,393	47,140	48,921	50,366	
JUNE	50,843	49,706	52,369	53,502	
JULY	46,304	57,694	57,272	60,069	
AUGUST	55,372	55,485	55,983	58,270	
SEPTEMBER	49,604	48,792	51,492	52,429	
OCTOBER	50,855	50,032	52,652	50,768	
NOVEMBER	50,656	48,595	53,264	51,426	
DECEMBER	48,439	48,737	52,182	53,072	
JANUARY	47,195	53,373	55,573	54,590	
FEBRUARY	47,023	50,469	52,401	50,701	
MARCH	54,732	56,705	56,512	57,086	
TOTAL	594,879	615,393	639,604	645,411	



Bloomfield Township Public Library
Electricity Analysis

Building Area = 101,023 Sq ft.

TWO YEAR COST COMPARISON				CURRENT YEAR OPERATION					
	2024/2025	2025/2026	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
Month									
APR	\$24,773.37	\$22,059.82	(\$2,713.55)	208,782	\$0.11	289.98	2.07	\$30.64	\$0.22
MAY	\$22,717.34		(\$22,717.34)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JUN	\$23,261.35		(\$23,261.35)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JUL	\$23,823.38		(\$23,823.38)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AUG	\$26,904.57		(\$26,904.57)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SEP	\$25,039.95		(\$25,039.95)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OCT	\$23,245.65		(\$23,245.65)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV	\$20,336.42		(\$20,336.42)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEC	\$20,719.64		(\$20,719.64)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JAN	\$22,893.63		(\$22,893.63)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
FEB	\$21,484.06		(\$21,484.06)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MAR	\$21,923.92		(\$21,923.92)		#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	YTD Difference								
TOTAL	<u>\$277,123.28</u>	<u>\$22,059.82</u>	<u>(\$255,063.46)</u>						

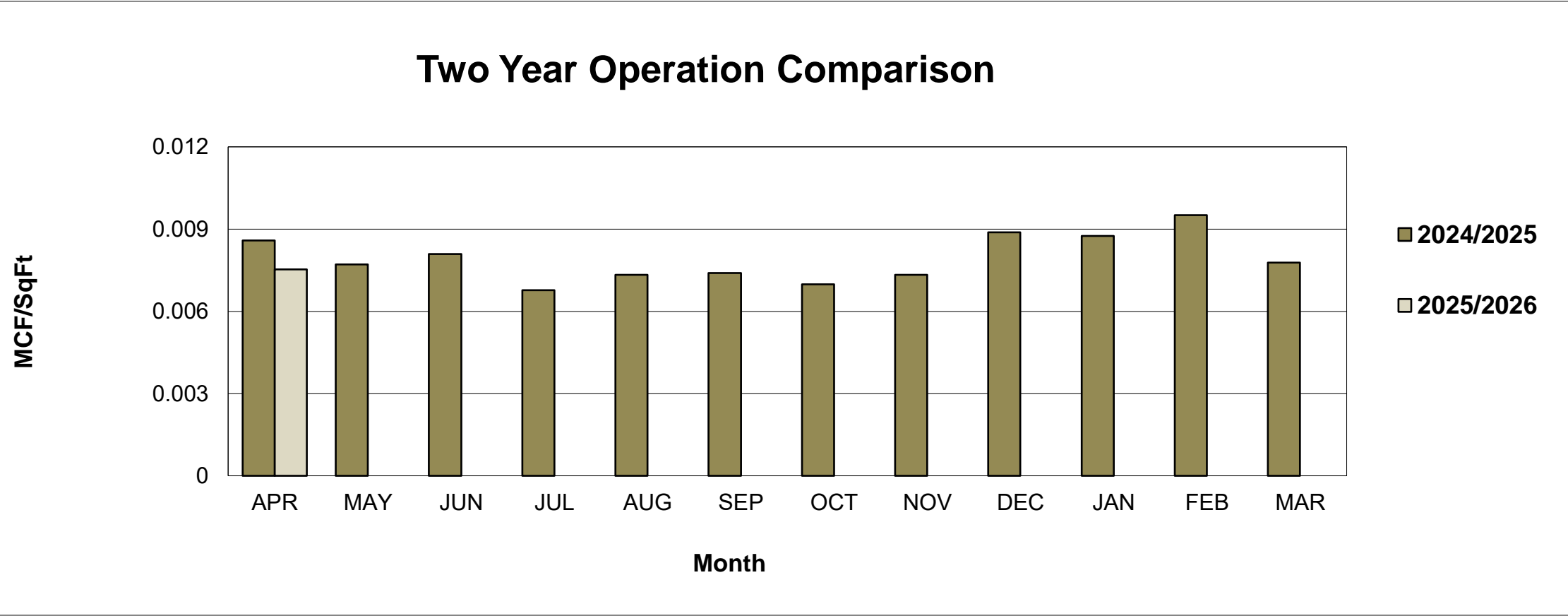
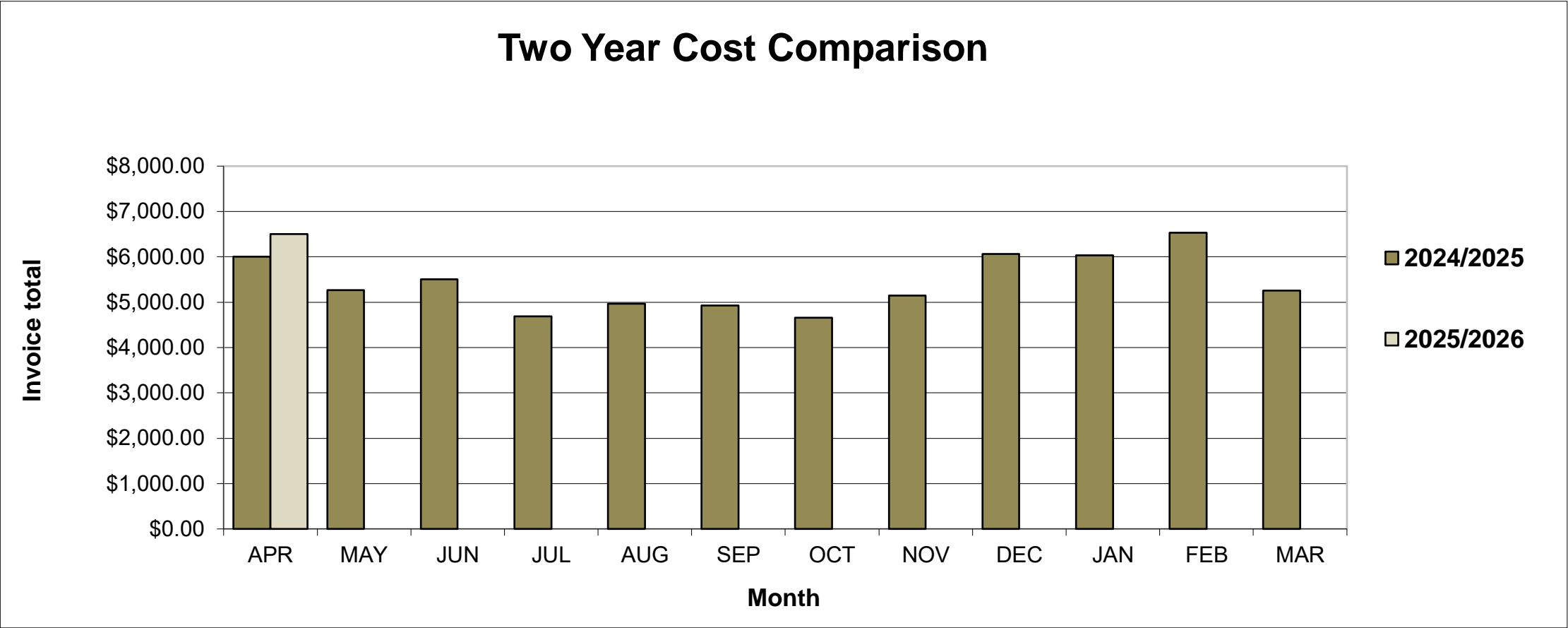


Bloomfield Township Public Library
Natural Gas Analysis

Building Area = 101,023

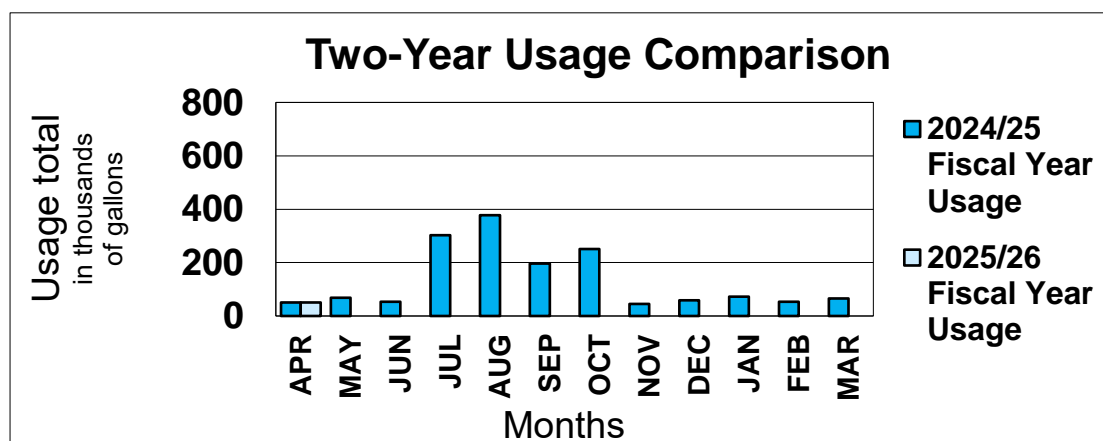
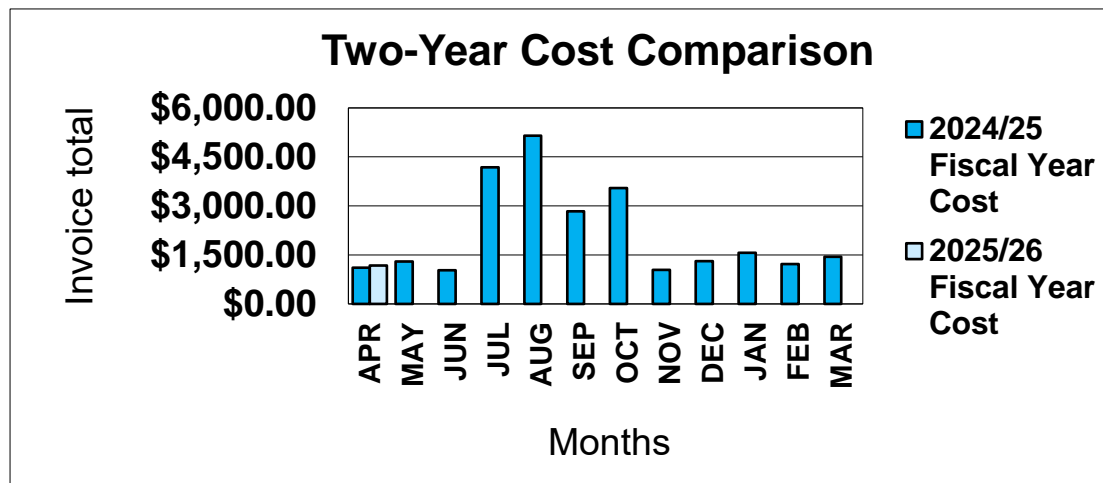
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TWO YEAR COST COMPARISON				OPERATION						
Month	2024/2025	2025/2026	Difference	MCF	COST/MCF	HOURS (24 x no.days per month)	MCF/HR	MCF/SqFt	\$/HR	\$/SqFt
APR	\$6,000.24	\$6,503.42	\$503.18	760.9	\$8.55	720	1.06	0.008	9.03	0.063
MAY	\$5,265.28		(\$5,265.28)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
JUN	\$5,506.04		(\$5,506.04)		#DIV/0!	720	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
JUL	\$4,687.08		(\$4,687.08)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
AUG	\$4,963.10		(\$4,963.10)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
SEP	\$4,924.61		(\$4,924.61)		#DIV/0!	720	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
OCT	\$4,656.53		(\$4,656.53)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
NOV	\$5,149.64		(\$5,149.64)		#DIV/0!	720	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
DEC	\$6,065.31		(\$6,065.31)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
JAN	\$6,035.00		(\$6,035.00)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
FEB	\$6,533.51		(\$6,533.51)		#DIV/0!	696	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
MAR	\$5,259.74		(\$5,259.74)		#DIV/0!	744	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.000
			YTD Difference							
TOTAL	\$65,046.08	\$6,503.42	(\$58,542.66)							



Bloomfield Township Public Library Water Analysis

Month	2024/25 Fiscal Year Cost	2025/26 Fiscal Year Cost	Difference	2024/25 Fiscal Year Usage	2025/26 Fiscal Year Usage	Difference
APR	\$1,104.73	\$1,177.32	\$72.59	50	50	0
MAY	\$1,298.78		(\$1,298.78)	68		(68)
JUN	\$1,029.34		(\$1,029.34)	53		(53)
JUL	\$4,178.74		(\$4,178.74)	302		(302)
AUG	\$5,145.46		(\$5,145.46)	378		(378)
SEP	\$2,830.42		(\$2,830.42)	196		(196)
OCT	\$3,547.90		(\$3,547.90)	251		(251)
NOV	\$1,046.78		(\$1,046.78)	45		(45)
DEC	\$1,308.30		(\$1,308.30)	59		(59)
JAN	\$1,569.82		(\$1,569.82)	73		(73)
FEB	\$1,214.90		(\$1,214.90)	54		(54)
MAR	\$1,439.06		(\$1,439.06)	66		(66)
			YTD Difference			YTD Difference
TOTAL	<u>\$25,714.23</u>	<u>\$1,177.32</u>	<u>(\$24,536.91)</u>	<u>1,595</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>(1,545)</u>



**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
PARTNER LIBRARY AGREEMENTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting of the Partner Library Agreements Committee was held in the Library on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Present: Trustees: Keith Carduner

Administration: Library Director, Tera Moon; Administrative Assistant Linden Godlove

Information regarding the three special agreements between Cranbrook Educational Community, Detroit Public Library and Troy Public Library and Bloomfield Township Public Library was reviewed. Use statistics and our previous signed agreements were shared along with updated agreements for review.

Trustee Keith Carduner inquired about the history of Detroit Public Library and the state funding, which then had provided access for everyone to Detroit Public Library. He expressed the many benefits of continuing these agreements, which are also straightforward to continue. He praised Cranbrook's many assets that Township residents can enjoy through this agreement.

Trustee Joy Murray communicated her support as well in communications with Director Moon via email and telephone. She raised the possibility of exploring agreements with other neighboring institutions. Director Moon indicated that the Michigan Activity Program largely fulfills these needs, and no further complex agreements are currently deemed necessary.

Bloomfield Township residents borrowed 1,923 Cranbrook Passes between April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025. These passes provide access to the Institute of Science, Art Library, Art Museum, and House and Gardens at no charge. Our residents enjoy use of these excellent facilities. During this same period, 2,072 library items were borrowed by 295 Cranbrook students and faculty. Cranbrook students and faculty registered at Bloomfield Township Public Library are permitted to borrow up to 99 items and use library study rooms.

While a small number of Bloomfield Township residents use the DPL collections and services such as the Burton Historical collection, there are no other sources for this information. Without this agreement, our residents would be charged a \$100 non-resident fee for access. From April 2024 through March 2025, 87 DPL cardholders borrowed 396 items.

For some Bloomfield Township residents, Troy Public Library is closer to their homes. Also, Troy Public Library offers some interesting collections and services not offered at our Library, such as Experience Kits and a children's technology farm. 439 Troy Public Library patrons borrowed 2,200 items from our library last year.

This committee recommends renewing all three agreements and supports bringing the agreements to the entire Library Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

No future meeting has been scheduled at this time.

**MINUTES OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY AMBASSADORS GROUP**

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Oakland County, Michigan
Tuesday, April 29, 2025
Community Room
7:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Dani Gillman and Joan Luksik

Trustees Absent: Keith Carduner, Judy Lindstrom, Shane Spradlin, and Joy Murray

Administration: Director Tera Moon; Administrative Assistant Linden Godlove

Guests: Bloomfield Township Residents: Suzanne Anderson, Laura Berg, Russ Conner, Lawrence Irwin, Jane Kahan, Jim Labes, Andy Saxe, and Connie Silver

Updates from Library Director Tera Moon

Director Moon welcomed the Ambassadors Group. She has many updates to share and will take questions.

IMLS Funding and MeLCat

On March 14, 2025, President Trump issued an executive order proposing to cut funding to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This is the only federal agency supporting America's libraries. Bloomfield Township Public Library does not directly receive IMLS funds; they are channeled through the Library of Michigan (approximately \$5 million to MeLCat and for statewide library training). Loss of IMLS funding will indirectly impact Bloomfield Township Public Library. The extent is currently unknown. IMLS staff are reportedly on administrative leave. Current funding continues through September 2025. The Michigan Library Association (MLA) is seeking alternative funding sources for MeLCat and MeL, as is the Library of Michigan. Library Advocacy Day is tomorrow, April 30, with coordinated efforts to discuss this funding with state legislators. Katherine Bryant will participate in this effort in Lansing.

FY 25/26 Budget

The FY 25/26 budget was approved at the March board meeting. The Library is in a healthy financial position due to the voter-approved millage renewal. Budget approval is a primary duty of the Library Board of Trustees, along with evaluating the library director and approving policies.

Library Design Project Update

C2AE has been hired as the interior design and architecture firm to help redesign spaces around the Library. Currently this project is in the conceptual phase, using prior reports. The Library is working with Jenna Walker's pre-design and research report, which included data from trustees, patrons, and staff surveys. An initial block floor plan review identified underutilized spaces with plans to reimagine them, similar to relocating the media collection to allocate space to become the Commons. Proposed changes include moving stacks, increasing seating, relocating holds pickup near the Welcome Desk, moving the vending café to the magazine area, moving the Teen section to near the terrace door, and creating dedicated programming spaces for Adult and Teen Services. Reference desks will be moved for better sightlines, and some public services will be consolidated. Space definition will rely more on furniture than new construction. The goal is to create bustling front areas and quieter back areas. Director Moon hopes to have more to share with the Ambassadors at the July meeting.

Finance Coordinator

New Finance Coordinator Kathy Wolosiewicz is in place.

AI and hoopla

The Eagle featured a cover article about AI-generated content on hoopla. The Library offers digital content through Libby (curated) and hoopla (paid per borrow). The content is primarily summaries of books. Libraries have previously engaged with hoopla, owned by Midwest Tape. Hoopla states it is addressing the challenge of AI-generated content. Andy Saxe suggested an article about this for the newsletter. Laura Berg offered to reach out to a friend who works for Midwest Tape to start a conversation.

Library as a Precinct Location

9,000 people voted early during the presidential election at the Library. The Township has asked the Library to be a regular election day location for one precinct, in addition to serving as an early voting location. Trustees approved this. It is expected to involve a smaller number of voters. The Library requested extra lobby assistance.

Questions and Open Discussion

- Tera Moon reported on the Friends of the Library annual meeting, where State Librarian Adam Oster discussed Michigan Notable Books.
- Ambassadors shared about books recently read.
- An ambassador commented on the additional chamber music concert that followed the Friday performance, which was a request by the University of Michigan.
- Art from the Hills will be at the Library in a couple of weeks.
- WRCJ's remote broadcasts might offer a connection for chamber music.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Tera Moon, Library Director

DATE: May 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Summer Reading Showcase

One of a public library's most basic functions is to support literacy throughout the community. A highly tangible way that happens is through summer reading programs. Reading throughout the summer helps mitigate that infamous "summer slide." Summer slide refers to the loss of knowledge in reading and math during the summer break. To encourage kids to keep reading while they are not in school, library staff plan creative programs, games, and other incentives. They also help readers choose new books to read through book talks, reading lists by grade, and personalized recommendations.

At the May 20 Board meeting, librarians from Adult & Teen and Youth Services will be present to share what they and their colleagues have planned to engage readers of all ages through the summer months using the theme "Color Our World."

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Tera Moon, Library Director

DATE: May 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Consider Expenditure for New Staff Computers

I am asking for approval of the purchase of new desktop and laptop computers for staff without using the Request for Proposal process. This purchase exceeds the \$25,000 threshold which requires trustee approval to bypass the Request for Proposal process.

Most staff computers are between six to eight years old and show increased signs of hardware failure, slower performance, and incompatibility with newer software. Additionally, these machines are running Windows 10, which will no longer be supported after October 14, 2025, and many of the current PCs do not meet the requirements for upgrading to Windows 11. The goal is to replace all staff computers by October 14, 2025, which is the end-of-support date of Windows 10.

The IT team has worked with The Library Network (TLN) to get a quote for the purchase of this new equipment. The models were chosen based on the standard configuration recommended by Dell and TLN for member institutions. A few key upgrades were made to better align with existing set-up and staff needs:

- Added an additional display port to support dual-monitor workstations
- Upgraded from 8GB to 16GB of RAM, matching our current performance standard
- Added 1TB of additional storage to shared-use machines for improved capacity and flexibility

This equipment chosen allows for a 1-to-1 swap of all current desktops and laptops. In addition to the hardware replacements, a couple of extra monitors, docks, and some spare laptops and desktops will be purchased. Equipment needs were determined based on the recommendations of department supervisors, who assessed the needs of their staff. The equipment being purchased is as follows:

78 Dell desktop computers
10 monitors
10 docks
48 Dell laptops

Total price: \$96,263.81

To reduce the amount of equipment going into a landfill, the old equipment will be handled in the following ways:

- All old desktops will either be kept as backups/spares for catalog computers or public computers or sold at the next Used Equipment sale.
- Laptops in good condition will be kept as additional spares/backups.
- Laptops older than five years will be sold at the next Used Equipment sale.

This equipment will be purchased through TLN, which provides cooperative purchasing options for member libraries and institutions. TLN does this by conducting a competitive procurement process for its members and by negotiating pricing with vendors on behalf of its members, ensuring competitive rates and streamlined service. Additionally, TLN utilizes discount pricing through the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), which further reduces costs for members. You may recall that we purchased last year's upgraded server through the MHEC contract. That experience was efficient, cost-effective, and well-aligned with our needs.

By purchasing through TLN, the Library will get the best price on equipment that best suits the Library's needs, will make an easy transition for users, and will save significant time and administrative effort. This purchase reflects ongoing efforts to maintain a secure, reliable, and modern technology environment for staff.

If you support this proposal, a motion is needed.

ACTION: I move to approve the purchase of computer equipment from The Library Network for the total price of \$96,263.81.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Library Board

FROM: Tera Moon

DATE: May 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Partner Library Agreements: Cranbrook Educational Community, Detroit Public Library, and Troy Public Library

For several years, Bloomfield Township Public Library has had special agreements with Cranbrook Educational Community (CEC), Detroit Public Library (DPL), and Troy Public Library (TPL), which have benefited our patrons and the patrons of these organizations. These libraries are outside of our cooperative, The Library Network (TLN), therefore our patrons would not have access to them. The agreements are on a three-year cycle, and now is the time to consider renewing them for another three years. Communications have been taking place with each of the organizations. I am pleased to report that our agreement with the Cranbrook Educational Community and Troy Public Library will continue for another three years. Detroit Public Library opted to not renew the agreement.

A representative for DPL said that library has been part of the MLibraryCard program since 2014 and wants to standardize their reciprocal borrowing procedures using this program. Additionally, DPL's Special Collections (such as the Burton Historical Archives) are now freely accessible to all visitors, without requiring a library card. The representative said that DPL will continue to honor our patrons' existing library cards until their expiration (two years from renewal), and we will reciprocate for DPL cardholders. Library Administration will work with Circulation staff to inform our patrons of this change. A small number of Bloomfield Township residents use the DPL collections. From April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025, 87 DPL cardholders borrowed 396 items. Notably, DPL graciously offered a special presentation about these collections and a tour of their facilities.

Bloomfield Township residents borrowed 1,923 Cranbrook Passes between April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025. These passes provide access to Cranbrook's Institute of Science, Art Library, Art Museum, and House and Gardens at no charge. Our residents are very pleased to have access to these wonderful facilities. During this same time, 2,072 library items were borrowed by 295 Cranbrook students and faculty. Cranbrook students and faculty registered at Bloomfield Township Public Library are permitted to borrow up to 99 items and use library study rooms. For this contract, representatives from Cranbrook offered to increase the number of items that can be borrowed by our patrons at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Library from two items to ten. They reported

having “some BTPL ‘regulars’ and have allowed up to ten items and are happy to continue to accommodate that request.”

Our agreement with the Troy Public Library includes an automatic three-year renewal unless either party provides a written notice of termination. Through discussions with Troy Public Library Director Emily Dumas, both our organizations recognize the mutual benefits of this agreement for our communities and recommend its continuation. Specifically, the Troy Public Library offers closer access for some Bloomfield Township residents and provides unique resources like Experience Kits and a children's technology farm, which are not currently available at our Library. Usage statistics from the past year demonstrate this reciprocal benefit: 439 Troy Public Library patrons borrowed 2,200 items from our library, while 132 Bloomfield Township residents borrowed 4,713 items from the Troy Public Library.

Updated agreements between Cranbrook Educational Community and Troy Public Library and Bloomfield Township Public Library follow this memo. New dates for each agreement are the only proposed changes from the previous agreements approved in 2022. The Partner Library Agreements Committee supports my recommendation to approve these special agreements.

Thank you for your review and consideration. If you agree, the following motion is needed.

ACTION: I move that Bloomfield Township Public Library renew the agreements with the Cranbrook Educational Community and Troy Public Library for a three-year term as stated in the agreements.

RECIPROCAL BORROWING AGREEMENT
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

This Agreement is entered into on this 20th day of May, 2025 by and between parties Bloomfield Township Public Library (BTPL) and the Troy Public Library (TPL).

This renewed Agreement, for three years, shall commence on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 and shall be automatically renewed for subsequent three-year terms unless BTPL or TPL provides written notice of termination to the other party at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the term.

BTPL: All residents of the City of Troy Michigan and employees of TPL possessing valid Troy Public Library cards will have borrowing privileges of up to ten cumulative items from the BTPL. Additionally, except as set forth above, all residents of the City of Troy, Michigan and employees of TPL possessing valid Troy Public Library cards shall have access to all BTPL collections, per BTPL's existing policy of circulation to non-residents.

TPL: All residents of the Charter Township of Bloomfield, Michigan and employees of BTPL possessing valid Bloomfield Township Public Library cards will have borrowing privileges of up to ten cumulative items from the TPL. Additionally, all residents of Bloomfield Township, Michigan and employees of BTPL possessing valid Bloomfield Township Public Library cards shall have access to all TPL collections.

BTPL and TPL agree that residents of the Charter Township of Bloomfield, Michigan or residents of the City of Troy and all library employees who use the reciprocal library under this Agreement must comply with the ordinances, regulations, rules and procedures concerning the library. BTPL and TPL will notify the other party if a reciprocal user is in violations of its ordinances, regulations, rules and procedures and specify the nature of the violation for the purposes of determining the effectiveness of the continuation of this Agreement by the parties.

Neither the Charter Township of Bloomfield Michigan nor the City of Troy assumes responsibility, financial or otherwise, for accidents or injuries sustained by reciprocal users while on its property.

The parties may terminate this Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by providing a minimum 60 days written notification to the other party.

Executed by the parties, by their duly authorized officers:

Bloomfield Township Public Library

By: _____
Shane Spradlin, President
Library Board of Trustees

Troy Public Library

By: Emily Dumas
Emily Dumas
Director and CEO

**Bloomfield Township Public Library
and Cranbrook Educational Community
Cooperative Relationship**

This Agreement is entered into this 20th day of May, 2025 by and between the Bloomfield Township Public Library ("BTPL") and Cranbrook Educational Community ("CEC"). This renewed Agreement, which shall be for a period of three (3) years, commencing on June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2028, shall provide that:

1. BTPL Facilities: All Cranbrook and Art Academy students, staff and faculty will have borrowing privileges and access to study rooms at the BTPL. All residents of Cranbrook, including family members, also will have borrowing privileges and access to study rooms at the BTPL.

2. CEC Facilities: Residents and employees of Bloomfield Township will receive the following privileges at specific CEC facilities, including:

a. Cranbrook Academy of Art Library: On-site access to the Cranbrook Academy of Art Library for reading, research and photocopying.

Circulation privileges at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Library, with a limit of ten items per borrower. This excludes reference materials, rare and special collection books, periodicals, as these are all non-circulating.

b. Cranbrook Archives: By-appointment access to the Cranbrook Archives;

c. Cranbrook Centennial Pass: Cranbrook has issued 250 Cranbrook Passes ("Passes") to the BTPL on May 1, 2010 to be used throughout the term of this Agreement. Cranbrook will, in addition to the foregoing, provide such additional Passes as may be necessary to meet the demand for Passes during the period of the Agreement. Said Passes will be made available at BTPL as a "circulation" item to Bloomfield Township residents, property owners and employees with a valid BTPL borrower's card. BTPL shall circulate said Passes in accordance with policy as established by the BTPL Library Board of Trustees. The Pass will allow free general admission access for a Pass holder and one guest to Cranbrook Institute of Science, Cranbrook Art Museum, and Cranbrook House and Gardens during normal public hours. The BTPL will be identified as the holder of the Pass on the reverse side.

3. Exhibits: BTPL and CEC will cooperate to provide for CEC's collections or programmatic areas to be highlighted in a series of rotating exhibits at BTPL, each to last one month. Each exhibit should include images of pertinent CEC spaces, text panels; object labels, and of course objects as well. It should be

noted that security, lighting, environmental conditions, cabinet space, and other factors may preclude CEC from displaying some of its more valuable materials. CEC and BTPL will cooperate in developing a speaker series, wherein CEC staff and faculty could present on various themes. Additionally, BTPL will provide space of its choosing to display acceptable Cranbrook marketing literature for public consumption while the exhibits are on display. At least six weeks lead-time would be required before each exhibit could be mounted.

4. Special Programs: CEC will work with the BTPL in providing special tours and visitation programs at CEC facilities for Bloomfield Township residents, property owners and employees with a valid BTPL borrower's card.

5. Indemnification: CEC agrees to defend and indemnify BTPL, its agents, employees, representatives, officers and director's against and hold BTPL harmless from any and all liability, loss, damage, cost, expense (including attorney's fees), claim, demand, judgment or other action, whether pending or threatened, which arises out of or is in any way related to the use and/or occupation of the BTPL facilities by CEC students, staff, faculty and families of CEC boarders. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require CEC to indemnify BTPL, its agents, officers, trustees or employees, from any loss or damage which is caused solely by the negligence or willful misconduct of BTPL, its agents, employees, representatives, officers or directors. The provisions of this Section shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

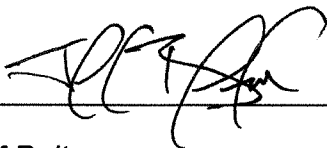
This Agreement shall be for a period of three (3) years, with an annual evaluation for any adverse effects on either party, in which event, good faith consideration will be given to modification or termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either party, without cause, upon six month's written notice given to the other.

Executed by the parties, by their duly authorized officers:

Bloomfield Township Public Library

Cranbrook Educational Community

Shane Spradlin, President
Library Board of Trustees
Authorizing Official



Jeff Bolton
Chief Financial Officer
Authorizing Official

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Katherine Bryant, Assistant Library Director

DATE: May 15, 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 and 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, met twice in May. At a meeting on May 1, the group reviewed the conceptual design and program, then moved into the schematic design phase, with a discussion about themes, a design statement, and imagery. The group also reviewed the process and timeline. At a meeting on May 15, the group reviewed the furniture procurement process and everyone's role in that, including a furniture field trip on May 29 and a furniture fair to share options with the staff and public.

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

The HR Committee shared a memo and revised forms (the Application Rating Worksheet and the Interview Rating Form) with Tera and Katherine for review. Committee Co-chairs Jen Taggart and Laura J. Kraly will meet with Tera and Katherine to discuss further in early June.

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

The Collaborative Culture Committee is preparing to send out an employee satisfaction survey by the end of the month, which is an optional, anonymous survey to assess the current state of our workplace culture. Results will only be shared with the Library Director. In addition, the committee has worked with Tera to create an anonymous feedback form, which Tera will share with staff in the June Monthly Staff Training.

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.

- Changed two Intern positions to Library Assistant positions based on response to previous Intern postings. The Library Assistant position is open to more potential candidates due to changes in educational requirements.
- 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

APRIL 2025

INSTAGRAM



FOLLOWERS:
1909 (↑12 from Mar.)

TOTAL REACH:
661
(↓38.9% from Mar.)



PRESS RELEASES



- Chamber Music Concerts
- Gardening Lectures:
Demystifying Compost and
Working With, Not Against,
Your Garden
- Myers Scholarship
- May Second Saturday Sale

FACEBOOK

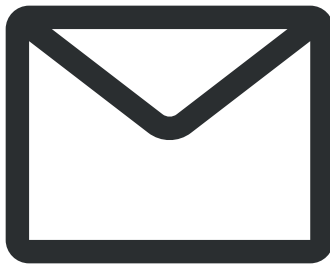


FOLLOWERS:
3224 (↑6 from Mar.)

TOTAL REACH:
5574
(↑59.1% from Mar.)



NEWSLETTERS



- **Movies and More:** 209 messages, 66% open rate
 - new DVDs, Lecture: Gone with the Wind with Kathleen Marcaccio
- **Discover:** 21,719 messages, 41% open rate
 - Chamber Music Concerts; Teen Craft Day: Diamond Art; Silence between the Shelves: A Six-Week Meditation Series; Lecture: Demystifying Compost; Lecture: Working With, Not Against, Your Garden; Star Reader; Unicorn Party; Stuffed Animal Sleepover; Brick Builders; Baby Parade; Sensory Story Time; MeLCat; Myers Scholarship
- **Chamber Music Concert:** 367 messages, 45% open rate
 - April 11 and 12 concert programs
- **Nonfiction Books:** 12,895 messages, 61 % open rate
 - new non-fiction titles
- **Digital News:** 2,478 messages, 70% open rate
 - new Libby and hoopla titles



Spring

2025 METRO DETROIT GUIDE TO FREE COMIC BOOK DAY!

By: Carrie Budzinski on April 25, 2025

We ❤️ FREE! Saturday, May 3rd is **Free Comic Book Day**. Stores and libraries across metro Detroit will be hosting special events and giving out comics – no purchase required!

Vault of Midnight

Ann Arbor

Detroit

Vault of Midnight locations will be partying the day away to celebrate the glory of comics with free books from all of your favorite publishers, massive tent sales, music, cosplay, vendors and a ton more!

Baldwin Public Library (Birmingham)

Swing by the library, pick up a comic and vote for the best comic book character. There will be comics for kids, teens, and adults on a first come, first served basis. One comic book per person, please.

Bloomfield Township Public Library

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

Canton Public Library

There will be free comic books available for you to take home, while supplies last.

Comic City (Canton/Chesterfield/Pontiac/West Bloomfield)

Just showing up gets you 3 special Free Comic Book Day books per adult and 3 per kid.

GOB Retail Games and Comics (Clawson)

2 free Comic Book Day books to anyone with a GOB rewards card and 1 free comic book for each child with you. Stick around for a day filled with comics, community and exclusive discounts.

TOP (FREE) LIBRARY EVENTS IN METRO DETROIT THIS MAY

By: Prea Ferrante on April 29, 2025

We love FREE! So we've rounded up some of the best events happening at your local libraries. From free comic books to outdoor adventures, there's something for every interest. Check out what's happening this month.

Bloomfield Township Library

1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Township, MI 48302

- **Comics Drawing Workshop** May 1 – 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- **Free Comic Book Day** May 3 – All Day
- **Preschool STEAMtime: Story Time and Discovery** May 6 – 10:30am to 11:00am
- **Book Worms** May 12 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- **Snack Lab** May 14 – 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- **Misinformation Mystery...? (Ages 10 – 13)** May 15 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- **Gamer Lounge** May 16 – 4:00pm to 6:00pm
- **Sensory Story Time** May 17 – 11:00am to 11:30am
- **Make a Paper Airplane for National Paper Airplane Day** May 24 – 11:00am to 4:00pm
- **Paperbacks & Snacks (Grades 4 – 6)** May 27 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- **Brick Builders Club** May 29 – 6:30pm to 7:30pm

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

Meet the New Fire Marshal and Learn About National Work Zone Awareness Week -
Bloomfield Township eNews 4/17/2025

BCTV Spotlight: The Distracted Librarians



Love 'em or hate 'em, it's hard not to have an opinion about Disney movies - and the Distracted Librarians are no exception! On this episode, Nicole, Drew, Killian, and Amanda discuss their favorites (and maybe some they aren't so fond of).

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Bloomfield Township Public Library Offering Two Gardening Lectures



Bloomfield Township Public Library is pleased to offer two gardening lectures this April:

Demystifying Composting: Best Practices to Create a Healthy Soil Amendment
Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Master Gardener Sara Covatta is passionate about making composting accessible to all. She serves on both the leadership and education committees for the Michigan Organics Council and is a member of the U.S. Composting Council. Covatta will cover the basics of at-home composting, introduce the Bokashi method of composting kitchen scraps, and help create a valuable, living soil amendment for the garden.

Working With, Not Against, Your Garden
Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Master Gardener Louise Sloan shares insights and information to make gardening a joy and not a chore. Attendees will learn how to avoid pesky situations that lead to frustration with the garden. Tips and resources to help gardens grow this season, and in years to come, will be provided.

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

Bloomfield Township Public Library Accepting Applications for Myers Scholarship

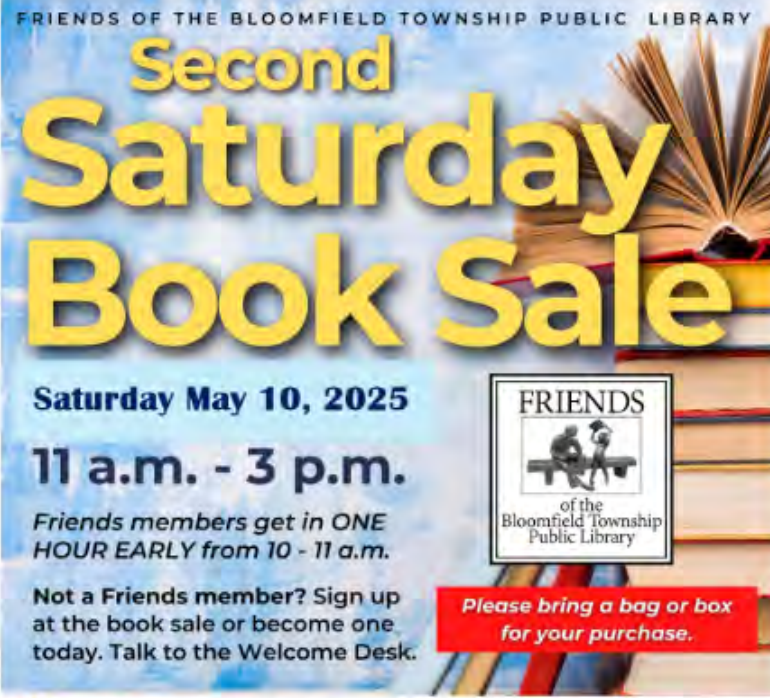


Bloomfield Township Public Library is now accepting applications for the Jeanette P. Myers Memorial Scholarship through June 1, 2025.

The Myers Memorial Scholarship provides funds to encourage and support the post-secondary education of past or present employees of Bloomfield Township Public Library, or persons who have some relationship with the Library. A total amount of at least \$500 will be awarded to one or more scholarship applicants to be used for books, tuition, or other relevant expenses to assist in working toward an associate's, bachelor's, or graduate degree, or for the pursuit of other higher education.

Scholarship guidelines and application forms are available at the Library's Welcome Desk and on the [Library Website](#). For more information, please call 248-642-5800.

Friends of Bloomfield Township Public Library Announces March Book Sale



FRIENDS OF THE BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY


Second Saturday Book Sale


Saturday May 10, 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.

FRIENDS

**of the
Bloomfield Township
Public Library**

 **Bloomfield Township Public Library**

1099 Lath Pine Road
Bloomfield Township, MI 48302
(248) 542-5800 | www.btpl.org

THE PLACE TO
DISCOVER

The Friends of Bloomfield Township Public Library will hold their Second Saturday Book Sale on May 10, 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.

The sale takes place on the lower level of the Library and includes thousands of books and audiovisual materials for all ages and interests, conveniently sorted into more than 50 categories. The main feature this month will be "Outdoor Living," which will include gardening, landscaping, outdoor design, grilling, etc. with a mini feature of "Don't Forget Mom!" as Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11. The sale will also have many Japanese-, Chinese- and Spanish-language books. In addition, adult fiction by Daniel Silva and John Sandford will be half-off.

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

Bloomfield Township Public Library to Host Genealogy Lecture "Finding Your Roots in the Digital Age"



Bloomfield Township Public Library is pleased to welcome genealogy expert Judy Nimer Muhn, president of the Michigan Genealogical Council and the Oakland County Genealogical Society, for "Finding Your Roots in the Digital Age" on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

With a wealth of experience in genealogy research and digital tools, Ms. Muhn will guide participants through the many resources available to uncover family histories—from your local library to platforms like FamilySearch and even social media. Attendees will learn how to harness the power of their computer, tablet, or smartphone to trace their roots and family history. Registration for this program is required.

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

ers Oakland Area to present the future of public education

League of Women Voters Oakland Area will present a discussion about the future of public education in Michigan and the United States at the Bloomfield Township Public Library. The discussion will be moderated by Oakland Schools Superintendent Ken Gutman and Lisa Hansknecht, the legislative director for Oakland Schools. Gutman has 33 years of experience, including 15 years as a superintendent, serving in leadership roles in three Oakland County school districts. Hansknecht has 10 years of experience in public administration and community services for Oakland Schools. The event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. To learn more about LWVOA, visit <https://my.lww.org/michigan/oakland-area>.

0 years with event series

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, the church is holding a series of events all year long. This series of events will take place in the church sanctuary. These events

at 11:30 a.m., the church will host a children's Easter service. At 7 p.m., there will be a cabaret show and silent auction.

The church will welcome Lou Kasischke, a member of the Wind: 1996 Everest Tragedy—One Survivor's Story. For more information about the events during the church's 100th year, call 248-



Bloomfield Township Public Library

to offer two gardening lectures

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The Bloomfield Township Public Library will offer two gardening lectures this April.

"Demystifying Composting: Best Practices to Create a Healthy Soil Amendment," will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22.

Organizers said Master Gardener Sara Covatta is passionate about making composting accessible to all. She serves on both the leadership and education committees for the Michigan Organics Council and is a member of the U.S. Composting Council. Covatta will cover the basics of at-home composting, introduce the Bokashi method of composting kitchen scraps, and help create a valuable, living soil amendment for the garden. Attendees will leave with the information and resources needed to start composting.

"Working With, Not Against, Your Garden," will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday April 29.

Master Gardener Louise Sloan will share insights and information to make gardening a joy and not a chore. Attendees will learn how to avoid pesky situations that lead to frustration with the garden. Tips and resources to help gardens grow this season, and in years to come, will be provided.

Registration is required for both programs. For more information, call the library at (248) 642-5800.

Spectrum Orchestra wraps up season with special performance

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Spectrum Orchestra will close the season at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 2, with a concert at Bloomfield Hills High School, located at 4200 Andover Road in Bloomfield Township. Jeremy Crosmer of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will perform Antonín Dvořák's famous Cello Concerto in B minor.

"We're absolutely thrilled to be welcoming Jeremy back as a soloist for the fourth time — that's how popular he's been," said Eszter Horváth, Spectrum Orchestra's music director, in a press release. "He's a fantastic cellist and performer. The Dvořák concerto is nothing short of a masterpiece, and this is a wonderful opportunity to hear it played so beautifully by Jeremy."

Tickets, available for purchase online or at the door, are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65-plus and free for those under the age of 18. For more information, visit spectrumorchestra.org.

MURDER MYSTERY FUN AT FRANKLIN CHURCH

FRANKLIN — On May 3, the community is invited to a "Murder Mystery Dinner" at Franklin Community Church from 6-9 p.m. The theme for the event is "Kentucky Derby," so guests are encouraged to come in costume, although it is not required. In addition to an interactive murder mystery experience, there will be themed food at the event. Those interested in attending are required to RSVP by April 25. For more information, send an email to s1diaczok@att.net or call (248) 891-1672 to make a reservation.

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APRIL 26

Jewish Community Resources for the Dementia

Journey: All welcome to hear experts, 6:30-8 p.m., Jewish Federation of Detroit, 6735 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills, free but registration preferred, (248) 592-2313, jlive.app/events/10962

APRIL 28

Loving Earth - Loving All: Earth Day event includes free pollinator-friendly perennials and seeds, tour of deer resistant garden, information on invasive species, planting and pollinators, kids activities, and more, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Road in Bloomfield Township, (248) 646-4100, vicar@nativityepiscopalchurch.org

Farmington Chorus fundraiser: Includes Italian meal, musical entertainment, silent auction, 50-50 and artist table, 7 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road in Birmingham, RSVP to Sally at (248) 613-2623 or sallylayer@comcast.net

APRIL 26-27

Operation Clean Sweep: Designated weekend for community members to pick up litter along roadways and subdivisions, get bags and trash supplies from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays at Bloomfield Township Department of Public Works, 4200 Telegraph Road, (248) 594-2800, road@bloomfieldtwp.org,

sign-up preferred but not required, get form at bloomfieldtwp.org

APRIL 27

Whimsical Woodlands: Find fairy houses and gnome homes along trails in woods, also themed crafts, storytelling, activities, face painting, animals, climbing tower, vendors and treats, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Road in Bloomfield Hills, johnsonnaturecenter.org/whimsicalwoodlands

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APRIL 30

Spring Fling Concert Series: Hear pianist and singer Matthew Ball (aka "Boogie Woogie Kid") perform music from "Great American Songbook," 1:30-2:30 p.m., Bloomfield Township Senior Center, 4315 Andover

Road, also hear singer Vanessa Carr May 29, register at bloomfieldseniors.org

MAY 1

Oakland Youth Orchestras spring concert: Final show of 50th anniversary season, includes world premiere of "Elemental Powers" featuring each of OYO's four orchestras (comprising nearly 350 students from 100-plus local schools and 30 districts), 6:30-9 p.m., Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road in Beverly Hills, oyomi.org/concerts


MAY 2

Spectrum Orchestra season finale: Birmingham-Bloomfield's community orchestra performs with Detroit Symphony Orchestra cellist Jeremy Crosmer, 7:30 p.m., Bloomfield Hills High School, 4200 Andover Road in Bloomfield Township, spectrumorchestra.org

MAY 3

Electronic Waste Day: Also medication disposal and paper shredding, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Bloomfield Township campus, enter south onto Andover Road from Long Lake Road or west onto Andover Road from south-bound Telegraph, for residents only (ID required), see list of acceptable items at bloomfieldtwp.org

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Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday – April 17th at 1pm & 7pm
Good Friday – April 18th at 1pm & 7pm
Easter Eve – April 19th at 5pm
Easter Sunday – April 20th at 7:30am
 (with Holy Communion), 9am, & 10:30am

****Easter Egg Hunt to follow 10:30am service on Easter Sunday!**

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CHANGING

The Birmingham Metropolitan Women's Club: Meets 10:30 a.m. every second Tuesday of month for luncheon and guest speaker, The Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Township, RSVP to Chris at (248) 303-7339 two weeks before each event, tbmwc.com

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham: Meets 10:30 a.m. most Fridays for luncheons and guest speakers, virtual and in person at The Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Township, RSVPs for lunches required, seniormensclub@gmail.com, seniormensclub.birmingham.com

Art exhibits: See "Descriptive Intuition" by James Kaye, "Menagerie" by Jackson Wrede, "True Hues" by Lisa Grizaniuk and works by Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center students, on display 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays until May 1, also artist talk with Kaye, 5:30-6:30 p.m. April 24, BBAC, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham, bbartcenter.org, read story at candgnews.com

• "2025 Graduate Degree Exhibition of Cranbrook Academy of Art" on display 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays (until 8 p.m. Thursdays) until May 4, Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, cranbrookartmuseum.org

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'The Science of Archimedes': Traveling exhibit celebrating Greek scientist and mathematician, on display noon-4 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays until June 1, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, science.cranbrook.edu

Second Saturday Sales: Monthly shopping for books, DVDs, CDs and more, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (10 a.m. for Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library members), 1099 Lone Pine Road, (248) 642-5800, btpl.org

Birmingham-Ferndale Stamp Club: Meets 6 p.m. every first and third Tuesday of month (fellowship at 5:30 p.m.), Birmingham Next, 2121 Midvale St., birminghamstamp.club

'The Music Man': Based on Meredith Wilson's 1957 hit Broadway musical, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays May 2-4, 9-11 and 15-18, Birmingham Village Players, 34660 Woodward Ave., birminghamvillageplayers.com



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New leader announced for Kirk Gibson Center for Parkinson's Wellness

BIRMINGHAM/ FARMINGTON HILLS — Later this year, the Kirk Gibson Center for Parkinson's Wellness will open.

It was recently announced that Angee Ludwa has been hired to be the director of programming. In this leadership role, she will lead a team to establish movement-based programs following the InMotion Approach, according to a press release.



Angee Ludwa

"We are thrilled to have someone with Angee's expertise join the staff at the Center for Parkinson's Wellness," Steve Annear, chief executive officer of The Kirk Gibson Foundation for Parkinson's, stated via the release. "Under Angee's leadership, individuals with Parkinson's in the Detroit area will have access to the highest quality programming available."

The Kirk Gibson Center for Parkinson's Wellness will be located at 1440 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The facility is set to be the first of its kind in Michigan, with activity-based programs offered for free to those impacted by Parkinson's disease.

For more information, visit kirkgibsonfoundation.org.



Photo provided by Cranbrook Academy of Art and Cranbrook Art Museum

Cranbrook graduates showcase work

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Work from over 50 graduating Cranbrook Academy of Art students will be showcased at the 2025 Graduate Degree Exhibition of Cranbrook Academy of Art. The exhibition runs from April 6 until May 4 at the Cranbrook Art Museum. The Art Member Opening Reception is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. April 5. Memberships can be bought online or at the door. Tickets for non-members are \$20 at the door for the reception.

StoryTime Guild holds annual spring luncheon

BLOOMFIELD HILLS/TROY — The StoryTime Guild will honor the "real Rosies of World War II" during its annual spring FUNdraising luncheon from 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. April 10.

A four-course, family-style luncheon will take place at Maggiano's Little Italy, located at 2089 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy. The guest speaker will be Jeanette Gutierrez from the Willow Run chapter of the Michigan Rosies. To raise money to purchase books for local underserved institutions, there will be a silent auction and raffle tickets available. Tickets to the luncheon are \$50 per person. To learn more about registration, visit storytimeguild.weebly.com. Questions can be directed to storytimeguild22@gmail.com.

TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Bloomfield Township's parking lot replacement with storm water upgrades began April 1. The entrance has two-way traffic and parking is limited. Township officials ask visitors to consider the following: preserve spots nearest to the center for people with mobility challenges; carpooling is highly encouraged; limited overflow spaces will be available in the courthouse lot; drive-up and drop-off will be available under the portico; and transportation to the center is available for those with mobility challenges. The project will occur in three phases with signage and safety barriers and will increase parking availability as completed.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP TO HOST 'ELECTRONIC WASTE DAY MAY 3

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — With the weather starting to warm, now is the perfect opportunity to jump into spring cleaning and prep for the township's Electronic Waste Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 3. This event is open to electronics recycling, medication disposal and paper shredding. Eligible electronic items include laptops, cellphones, outdated TVs and more. On the day of the event, there will be two entrances to the event, south onto Andover Road from Long Lake Road or west onto Andover Road from southbound Telegraph. Stay in your vehicle. Volunteers will unload everything from your vehicle. If you cannot participate on May 3, there is also a list of businesses that provide these disposal services year-round. Call (248) 594-2800 with any questions.

APRIL BOOK SALE HELD

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The Friends of Bloomfield Township Public Library will hold its Second Saturday Book Sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Friends members may shop the sale early from 10-11 a.m., and memberships can be purchased at the door on the day of the sale.

The sale takes place on the lower level of the library, with thousands of books and audiovisual materials for all ages and interests. All adult James Pat-

erson books will be half-off.

The Friends are also continuing to accept donations of books and media in good condition. 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 gardens, programs and events for adults and children, and additions to library collections.

For more information, call the library at (248) 642-5800 or visit www.btpl.org.

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APRIL 3

Gone with the Wind' lecture: Learn about origins and legacy of novel and book from expert Kathleen Marcaccio, 7-8:30 p.m., arrive early to see vintage and contemporary memorabilia at 6:30 p.m., Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, free but registration required, (248) 642-5800, btpl.org

APRIL 4

Fish fry: 4:30-7:30 p.m., Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church & School, 32340 Pierce St. in Beverly Hills, dine in and carryout, olqm-parish.org, (248) 644-8620

APRIL 5

Hear New York Philharmonic clarinetist: Anthony McGill joins pianist Gloria Chien and cellist Sterling Elliott, presented by Chamber Music Detroit, 7:30-9 p.m., Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road in Beverly Hills, chambermusicdetroit.org

APRIL 6

'Here Comes the Sun' concert: Hear Birmingham Concert Band, 3-5 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road in Birmingham, birminghamconcertband.com

APRIL 10

'Music! Our Common Bond Through Every Age!' concert: Hear winners of The Birmingham Musicales 2025 Music Awards and The Birmingham Musicales String Ensemble, 1 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, thebirminghammusicale.org

StoryTime Guild luncheon fundraiser: Features guest speaker Jeannette Gutierrez of The Michigan Rosies and includes four-course meal, silent auction and raffle, money used to buy books for libraries and classrooms in underserved schools, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Maggiano's Little Italy, 2089 W. Big Beaver Road in Troy, register by April 3, storytimeguild22@gmail.com, storytimeguild.weebly.com

Art lecture: Fodayemi Wilson discusses mining history as material in her creative practice and manipulation of cloth, presented by Cranbrook Academy of Art, 6-7:30 p.m., deSalle Auditorium at Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, cranbrookart.edu/events, cranbrookartmuseum.org

APRIL 11

Grand Gala: Strolling hors d'oeuvres and silent auction from 6-7 p.m., and dinner, recognition of grand honoree (Oakland University President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz) and live auction from 7-9 p.m., The Community House, 380 S. Bates St. in Birmingham, communityhousehelps.org, read story at candgnews.com

APRIL 11-12

Chamber music concert: Hear students from University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre &

Dance, 7 p.m. April 11 and 3 p.m. April 12, Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, (248) 642-5800, btpl.org

APRIL 12

Community and Resource Engagement Fair: Free event to match volunteers with local organizations, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill St. in Birmingham, (248) 554-4682

APRIL 12-13

Oakland Spring Home Improvement Show: Meet hundreds of professionals specializing in kitchen and bath designs, room additions, roofing options, swimming pools, spas, siding, decks, landscaping, pavers, patio furniture, floor coverings, windows and doors, and more, free admission and parking, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 12 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 13, Oakland Expo Center, 2212 Mall Drive East in Waterford, www.yourhomeshows.com

APRIL 14

Silence Between the Shelves meditation series: Learn techniques to develop personal practice and reduce stress, meets 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays until May 19, Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, must enroll for all six weeks, (248) 642-5800, btpl.org

APRIL 20

Easter brunch: Buffet followed by egg hunt and Easter Bunny photos, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, RSVP to (248) 644-5832 for second seating, communityhouse.com/event/easter-brunch

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04	05	06 Preschool STEAMtime 10:30 a.m.	07 Baby Story Time 10:30 a.m.	08 Toddler Story Time 10:30 a.m. My First Book Group 5:30 p.m.	09 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon	10 Family Story Time 11 a.m. Friends of the Library Sale 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
11 Happy Mother's Day	12 Book Worms 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Snack Lab 5:30 p.m.	15 Misinformation Mystery 6:30 p.m.	16 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon Gamer Lounge 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	17 Sensory Story Time 11 a.m.
18	19	20 Reading with the Dogs 6 p.m.	21	22	23 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon	24 Make a Paper Airplane 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	27 Paperbacks & Snacks 6:30 p.m.	28	29 Brick Builders 6:30 p.m.	30 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon	31

VISIT WWW.BTPL.ORG/EVENTS FOR MORE INFO



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

Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m.

No registration is required.

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



Gamer Lounge

Friday, May 16, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

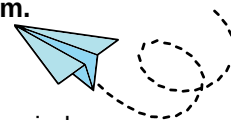
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For ages 8 - 13. Start the weekend with video game fun! Come solo or bring your friends and try out different games and consoles

Make a Paper Airplane Day

Saturday, May 24, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No registration is required.



Drop in the Youth Room to make a paper airplane for National Paper Airplane Day on May 26. We will supply the paper, example designs, and the "runway" - you supply the creativity. For young aviators of all ages.

Brick Builders: Dream Summer Vacation

Thursday, May 29, 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.



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, May 10, 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, May 17, 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

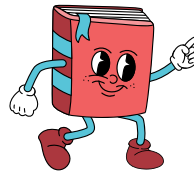
Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

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.



Please contact us if you require any additional accommodations.



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Thursday, May 8, 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

Book Worms: Grades 2 - 3

Monday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

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.

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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June YOUTH Events Calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
01 I Spy at the Library: Scavenger Hunts begin	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day Friends of the Library Sale 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	16	17 Summer Reading Kickoff 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Crayon to Crochet Kickoff	18	19 HAPPY JUNE TEENTH Outdoor Family Story Time 11 a.m.	20 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. – 12 noon Music at the Blissful 4:30 p.m.	21
22	23 Hanging Yard Art 7 p.m.	24 Pokémon Party 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	25 Outdoor Family Story Time 11 a.m. Silly Sketch Showdown 7 p.m.	26 Preschool Process Art 10 a.m.	27 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. – 12 noon	28
29	30 Tiny Art Kits Family Movie Marathon 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Crayon to Crochet Last Day					

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Summer Reading Kickoff with Food Trucks

Tuesday, June 17
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

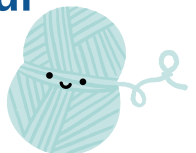
No registration is required.

Family and friends of all ages are invited to join us as we kick off a colorful summer of reading. Sign up during the event for the “Color Our World” Summer Reading Challenge, and discover crafts, games, and more at the Library. Food trucks will be set up in the parking lot from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. for you to purchase treats and enjoy dining outdoors on one of the Library Terraces. Overflow parking is available at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Road, with a shuttle service running throughout the event courtesy of Bloomfield Township Senior Services.

Crayon to Crochet: Colorful Creature Contest

June 17 - June 30

No registration is required.



Artists ages 3 to 13 are invited to draw a fantasy creature based on the theme “Color Our World,” and enter it into our contest. Six lucky winners will receive a handmade crochet version of their drawing crafted by one of our resident fiber artist librarians. Pick up an entry form with submission rules at the Youth Services Desk. Winners will be notified on July 15, with finished projects to be received by August 31.

Music at the Blissful Family Concert

Friday, June 20, 4:30 p.m.

No registration is required.



National Touring Musician, Music at the Blissful (Evan Haller) will present a fun filled, interactive, movement packed music experience for the whole family. Come join the fun as we sing, jump, shake, laugh, and go slow and fast with Music at The Blissful. Playing songs off his recent album, “It’s Me, Evan!” and much more. This is sure to be an action-packed good time for all.

REGISTRATION PROGRAMS



Hanging Yarn Art

Monday, June 23, 7 p.m.

Registration is required.

Create a stunning wall hanging using a few basic materials and learning a simple lark's head knot. This exploration of color and texture will result in a unique work of art for each participant to keep. For ages 8 – 12.



Pokémon Party

Tuesday, June 24, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Registration is required.

Young Pokémon fans ages 7 and up are invited to drop in to swap Pokémon cards, play Pokémon against others, and try their hand at Pokémon trivia.



Silly Sketch Showdown

Wednesday, June 25, 7 p.m.

Registration is required.

Calling all young artists (or doodlers), ages 10 – 13.

Join us for a colorful, wacky evening of drawing games. Contestants will receive a challenge and create simple drawings, prompting other contestants to guess what they are. Heads up: this is a fun, silly, and interactive program...did we mention silly? The goal is to have fun and use your colorful imagination!

ANYTIME FUN



I Spy at the Library: Scavenger Hunts

Beginning Sunday, June 1

No registration is required.

Youth Services will hold a different themed scavenger hunt each month during the summer. Stop by the Youth Services Desk for more information. Fun for all ages.



Tiny Art Kits

**Beginning Monday, June 30
while supplies last**

No registration is required.

Ages 5 and up are invited to create a tiny work of art on a small canvas. Beginning June 30, kits can be picked up (while supplies last). Drop off your artwork by July 31 to be displayed in the September Tiny Art Show.



Please contact us if you require any additional accommodations.

DROP-IN EVENTS



Outdoor Family Story Time

Thursday, June 19, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, June 25, 11 a.m.

No registration is required.

Join us outside for story time this summer on the Youth Services Terrace! Families can cozy up together for stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more fun for all ages. Story Time will be held in the Story Room in the case of inclement weather.



Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays, June 20 - August 29

(no playtime July 4, August 8, and August 15)

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.



Preschool Process Art

Thursday, June 26, 10 a.m. - 12:00 noon

No registration is required.

Little artists ages 3 - 6, along with their grownup, can explore a variety of open-ended art materials in this drop-in program. From paint, to collage, to simple sculptures, the choice is yours!



Family Movie Marathon

Monday, June 30, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

No registration is required.

11 a.m. - Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG)

12:45 p.m. - Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG)

2:30 p.m. - Turning Red (PG)

Bring a blanket to cozy up at the library for themed movie marathons! Popcorn and water are provided, but nut-free snacks are welcome. No registration required.








Take a walk outside and discover the Youth Terrace sensory garden. See, smell, and touch this garden of flowers and herbs for the senses.



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May 2025 Adult and Teen Programs

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>*To register, email AskTeen@btpl.org, or call Adult and Teen Services, (248) 642-5800.</i></p> <p><i>**To register, email AskAdult@btpl.org, or call Adult and Teen Services, (248) 642-5800.</i></p> <p><i>***To register, email AskTech@btpl.org or call the Computer Help Desk, (248) 642-5800.</i></p> <p>OR register online at www.btpl.org/events</p>		<p>Computer Programs @ the Library</p> <p>ChatGPT and AI, Monday, May 5, 5:30 p.m. Scanning and Photo Editing, Wednesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m. Microsoft Excel I, Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m. Google Apps, Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 p.m. Microsoft Excel II, Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m. Computer and Internet Basics, Wednesday, May 28, 5:30 p.m.</p>		1	2	3
					<p><i>*Teen Trivia After Hours Game Night</i> 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>Free Comic Book Day <i>Free comics while supplies last</i></p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<p>Spice Club Kit Release <i>Twp. cardholders while supplies last</i></p> <p><i>***ChatGPT and AI, 5:30 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>**Silence Between the Shelves: A Six-Week Meditation Series</i> 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon</p> <p><i>**Movie Discussion Club</i> <i>Bicycle Thieves (1948)</i> 7 p.m.</p>	<p><i>***Scanning and Photo Editing</i> 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>**Pages Across Nations: An International Book Club</i> <i>Mater 2-10 by Hwang Sok-yong</i> 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>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<p>Adult & Teen Craft Kit Release: Saltshaker Button Bouquets <i>Bloomfield Twp. residents only while supplies last</i></p> <p><i>**Silence Between the Shelves: A Six-Week Meditation Series</i> 7 p.m.</p>	<p><i>**What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group, 1 p.m.</i></p> 	<p><i>**Writers' Rendezvous</i> 6:30 p.m.</p> 	<p><i>**Lecture: Finding Your Roots in the Digital Age</i> 7 p.m.</p>	<p>English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon</p>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p><i>**Lunchtime Book Club, 1 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>**Monday Night Book Club</i> 7 p.m.</p> <p><i>**Silence Between the Shelves: A Six-Week Meditation Series</i> 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon</p> <p><i>**Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m.</i></p> <p><i>***Microsoft Excel I, 5:30 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>**Classics Book Club, 7 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>**Mystery Book Club</i> 1 p.m.</p> <p><i>***Google Apps</i> 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>**Thursday Book Club</i> 10 a.m.</p> 	<p>English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon</p> <p><i>**Romance/Romantasy Book Club: "Fade to Black"</i> <i>Heir by Sabaa Tahir</i> 4 p.m.</p>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<p>LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAY FOR MEMORIAL WEEKEND</p>	<p>LIBRARY CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY</p> 	<p><i>**What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group</i> 1 p.m.</p> <p><i>***Microsoft Excel II</i> 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>***Computer and Internet Basics</i> 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>**Writers' Rendezvous</i> 6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon</p>	

June 2025 Adult and Teen Programs

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Spice Club Kit Release <i>Twp. cardholders while supplies last</i> ***Don't Get Scammed! 5:30 p.m.	3 Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon **Movie Discussion Club <i>All About My Mother</i> (1999), directed by Pedro Almodóvar 7 p.m.	4 **Pages Across Nations: An International Book Club <i>The Bleeding Stone</i> by Ibbrahim Al-Koni 7 p.m.	5	6 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon	7
8	9  Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounters: Philip Setzer, 11 a.m. <i>Register for Great Lakes Chamber Musical Festival Events at greatlakeschambermusic.org</i>	10 **What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group 1 p.m.	11 Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounters: Jennifer Frautschi and Third Coast Percussion, 11 a.m. ***Scanning/Photo Editing, 5:30 p.m. **Writers' Rendezvous, 6:30 p.m. **DIA Behind the Seen: In the Garden, 7 p.m.	12	13 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon	14  Friends of the Library Second Saturday Book Sale 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (First hour Friends members only)
15	16 Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounters: Gilles Vonsattel, 11 a.m. <i>Register for Great Lakes Chamber Musical Festival Events at greatlakeschambermusic.org</i> **Lunchtime Book Club, 1 p.m.	17 Fiber Arts Club, 10 a.m. – Noon **Tuesday Book Club, 10 a.m. "Color Our World" Summer Reading Kickoff and Food Truck Rally 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	18 NEW Visual Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon **Mystery Book Club 1 p.m. 	19 NEW Visual Arts Club 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	20 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon	21
22	23 **Monday Night Book Club 7 p.m. ***ChatGPT and AI 5:30 p.m.	24 **What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group 1 p.m. **Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club, <i>The Jinn-bot of Shantiport</i> by Samit Basu 7 p.m.	25 *Teen Riddle Duck Hunt and Duck Dash, 3 p.m. **Writers' Rendezvous 6:30 p.m. **Pewabic: Detroit's Pottery 7 p.m.	26 **Thursday Book Club 10 a.m. **Color Our World with Music: <i>Gemily in Concert</i> 6:30 p.m.	27 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon **Romance/Romantasy Book Club: "Fade to Black" <i>Lavash at First Sight</i> by Taleen Voskuni, 4 p.m.	28 **Houseplant and Seed Swap 2 p.m.
29	30 **Sitcom Showdown: Family TV Trivia! 6 p.m.	Adult and Teen Summer Reading Events @ the Library Teen Summer Read: <i>The Inheritance Games Series</i> by Jennifer Lynn Barnes, June 1 – July 31 "Color Our World" Summer Reading Kickoff and Food Truck Rally, Tuesday, June 17, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Teen Craft Kit: <i>Graffiti Fence</i> , Available Tuesday, June 17, 5:30 p.m. for Bloomfield Township Residents only. Teen Riddle Duck Hunt and Duck Dash, Wednesday, June 25, 3 p.m., Registration begins May 24. Color Our World with Music: <i>Gemily in Concert</i> , Thursday, June 26, 6:30 p.m., Registration begins May 24. Adult and Teen Tiny Art Craft Kit, Available Monday, June 30 for Bloomfield Township Residents only. All Ages Puzzle Tournament, Saturday, July 12, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Registration begins June 12.				*To register, email AskTeen@btpl.org , or call Adult and Teen Services, (248) 642-5800. **To register, email AskAdult@btpl.org , or call Adult and Teen Services, (248) 642-5800. ***To register, email AskTech@btpl.org or call the Computer Help Desk, (248) 642-5800. OR register online at www.btpl.org/events

DATES FOR THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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)

Saturday, June 14, 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, June 17, 7:00 p.m. – Library Board Meeting (all Trustees)

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Library Board Meeting (all Trustees)

Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m. – Ambassadors Group (all Trustees)