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2025 SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY



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Summer Reading Challenge June 17 – August 8

Calling readers, artists, and creators of all ages: **it's time to "Color Our World!" with the Library's Annual Summer Reading Challenge.** Explore a vibrant summer reading adventure filled with brilliant books, hands-on creativity, and a palette of exciting prizes. The summer reading challenge is open to readers of all ages and abilities. To register, visit www.btpl.org/summer or stop by the Adult and Teen or Youth Services Desks. The Library is your canvas – let your imagination color the summer!

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, entries accepted June 17 – June 30

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.

All Ages Puzzle Tournament, Saturday, July 12, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Team registration is required and begins June 14. It's back, so gather your puzzle-loving family and friends! Puzzle players of all ages and levels may compete in teams of 2 – 4 players for a chance to win fun prizes. Visit www.btpl.org/events for more information.

Summer Reading Wrap Up: A Color Party for All Ages

Friday, August 8, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

No registration is required. Put on your most colorful outfit and join us for an afternoon of live music, outdoor art, and an indoor glow party! Musician Randy Kaplan will be singing colorful tunes from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., and the Library will dim the lights and amp up the fun with a glow-tastic celebration. Kona Ice food truck will be in the parking lot, with cool and colorful treats to purchase and enjoy on one of the Library Terraces.



Youth

Registration and information for youth programs can be found by visiting www.btpl.org/events or by calling the Youth Services Desk at (248) 642-5800. Please contact the Library if your child requires accommodations. Youth programs are developed to engage children of all abilities with activities that are appropriate for a specific age or grade level. Please register for events based on this recommendation.

REGISTERED PROGRAMS

Hanging Yarn Art

Monday, June 23, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins May 27. 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 and begins May 27. 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 and begins May 28. 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!

Mythcrackers: Common Animal Myths*

Tuesday, July 1, 6 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 3. Please register all family members attending (including adults). Are owls truly wise? Do turtles come out of their shells? You'll find the answers to these questions and more. The Howell Nature Center will be here to talk about common wildlife myths and – together with the audience's help and some live animal friends visiting with them – we'll find out if they are "correct" or "cracked," while learning about wildlife. For ages 7 and up.

Fantasy Drawing Workshop*

Tuesday, July 8, 11 a.m.

Registration is required and begins June 10. Learn to draw imaginative characters, creatures, and scenery using basic shapes and shading. No previous drawing experience is needed. This class will be taught by Corinne Roberts, an illustrator of children's books, comics, and more. For ages 8 and up.

Adopt-A-Pet Money Workshop

Wednesday, July 9, 2 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 11. Have you been begging for a pet of your own? Join us for the opportunity to practice pet ownership and learn about the different expenses that come with having a pet. For ages 7 and up.

The Reptarium*

Thursday, July 10, 4 p.m. OR 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 12. Please register all family members attending (including adults) for one show only. Snakes, turtles, alligators, lizards...oh my! The Reptarium will be visiting with some of their live animal friends. Fun for all ages.

Art Lab: Pewabic Tile Workshop*

Thursday, July 17, 6 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 19. This special Art Lab tile making workshop will be taught by a Pewabic instructor, and participants will be able to create their own unique tile using wet clay and slips. Tiles will be taken back to Pewabic to be glazed and fired, with about a month turnaround before the completed tiles will be available for pick up at the Library. For ages 10 – 13.

Snack Lab

Monday, July 21, 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 23. Little chefs, along with a favorite adult, will create (and eat) simple no-cook snacks together. Enjoy perfect recipes for summer picnics and parties. All snacks will be peanut and tree nut free. For ages 4 – 7.

Reading with the Dogs

Tuesday, July 22, 6 p.m., *Registration begins June 24*

Tuesday, August 26, 6 p.m., *Registration begins July 22*

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.

Beginner Stuff Sewing

Thursday, July 31, 6 p.m.

Registration is required and begins July 3. Life skill alert! Learn how to sew a simple shape with a basic blanket stitch, and then decorate and take it home at the end of the session. No previous sewing experience is needed to participate; materials will be provided. For ages 6 and up.

Slime-Along

Tuesday, August 5, 2 p.m.

Registration is required and begins July 9. Slime enthusiasts, ages 7 and up, are invited to create two different kinds of slime to take home in our slime-making lab.

Project Runway Challenge

Thursday, August 21, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins July 21. Calling all future designers, ages 11 – 18! Test your skills and creativity by making an outfit out of alternative "mystery" supplies in a *Project Runway*-inspired fashion challenge.

DROP-IN EVENTS

Outdoor Summer Family Story Times

Days and Times Vary

Thursday, June 19, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, June 25, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 2, 11 a.m.

Monday, July 7, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 15, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 23, 7 p.m.

Monday, July 28, 11 a.m.

Thursday, August 7, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Join us outside for an all-ages family story time on the Youth Terrace with stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more. In the case of inclement weather, Story Time will be held inside.



Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

June 20 – August 29 (No Playtime July 4, August 8, and August 15)

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.

Music at the Blissful Family Concert*

Friday, June 20, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 pm

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. This is sure to be an action-packed good time for all.

Preschool Process Art

Thursday, June 26, 10 a.m. – 12 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!

Summer Family Movie Marathons

Days and Times Vary

Monday, June 30, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., *Clifford the Big Red Dog, Harold and the Purple Crayon, Turning Red*

Tuesday, July 29, 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.,

Luca, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days, The Parent Trap

August 20, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., *Cars, Cars 2, Cars 3*

No registration is required. Bring a blanket and cozy up at the Library for themed movie marathons. Popcorn and water provided, but nut-free snacks are welcome. Visit www.btpl.org/events for specific movie times.

Brick Builders...and Construction Club

Days and Times Vary

Monday, July 14, 2 p.m.

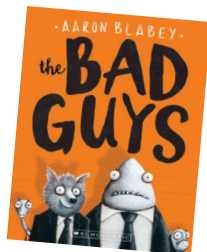
Wednesday, August 27, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Junior architects, ages 5 and up, are invited to join us for building fun with LEGO bricks, giant blocks, MAGNA-TILES, Lincoln Logs, and more.

Bad Guys Party

Wednesday, July 16, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Celebrate the upcoming *Bad Guys 2* movie with crafts, games, and activities inspired by the book series. For ages 6 and up.



After-Hours Vintage Video Game Night*

Friday, July 18, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required. We're bringing out our favorite old-school consoles and games for a fun after-hours event! For ages 8 and up.

Splash Bash

Thursday, July 24, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

No registration is required. Drop-in water play fun for little ones, ages 1 – 3 years, on the Youth Terrace. There will be a variety of splashy activities, so be prepared to get wet. Towels and swimsuits welcome. If the weather is bad, we will try to reschedule for another date.



COLOR OUR WORLD WITH MUSIC: GEMILY IN CONCERT*

Thursday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins May 24. Young and old alike are invited to celebrate the warmth of family life through music, stories, and song with Gemily, featuring Gemini (twin brothers San and Laz) and San's daughter Emily. This vibrant concert blends award-winning originals and folk songs from around the globe, brought to life with more than a dozen instruments – from guitar and fiddle to pan pipes, spoons, and more!

Drop-In Tiny Art Space

Wednesday, July 30, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

No registration is required. Thursday, July 31 is the last day to turn in your tiny art masterpiece for the September Tiny Art Show. Ages 5 and up can visit the Story Room to paint a canvas, then leave it at the Library to be included in the September Tiny Art display. Artwork will be available for pick up in October.



Collage Art

Monday, August 4, 7 p.m.

No registration is required. Explore a variety of papers and magazines, then arrange and glue your favorite pieces together into an original artwork. Participants may bring their own paper materials or photographs from home for additional options. For ages 7 and up.

Back-to-School Story Time

Thursday, August 28, 11 a.m.

No registration is required. Join us for a special family story time geared to ages 3 and up with stories, songs, rhymes, and movement to get everyone ready for back-to-school time.

ANY TIME FUN!

Tiny Art Kits

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.

I Spy at the Library: Scavenger Hunts

Beginning June 1, 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.

Sensory Garden on the Youth Terrace

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

Adults

For programs requiring registration, visit the Calendar of Events at www.btpl.org/events or call the Library at (248) 642-5800. Registration opens one month before the program date. Bloomfield Township residents have one week of priority registration before registration opens to all. Please contact the Library if you or someone else in your group requires any accommodations.



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

DIA Behind the Seen: In the Garden

Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins May 11. Explore the hidden meanings behind a selection of the masterful images of flowers, plants, and gardens featured in works from the Detroit Institute of Arts collection.

Pewabic: Detroit's Pottery

Wednesday, June 25, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins May 24. Working out of their National Historic Landmark studio on Detroit's east side, Pewabic preserves a tradition of hand craftsmanship that has enriched lives for generations. Explore images from their archives during this presentation on over a century of handcrafting pottery and tiles in Detroit.

Houseplant and Seed Swap

Saturday, June 28, 2 p.m.

Registration is required and begins May 28. Join us for a houseplant and seed swap. Bring your saved seeds, healthy plants rooted in dirt, or loose cuttings, and be ready to trade with others.

Sitcom Showdown: Family TV Trivia*

Monday, June 30, 6 p.m.

Registration is required and begins May 30. Let laughter and nostalgia "Color Our World" for TV trivia night. Do you know the Conners from the Tanners? *Family Matters* from *Family Ties*? Gather your friends and test your knowledge in two hours of family sitcom trivia with My Trivia Live! For ages 18 and up.

Transformation Station: Saving Michigan Central Station

Tuesday, July 22, 7 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 22. With the last Amtrak train departing Michigan Central Station in 1988, the historic structure stood abandoned for 30 years before Ford Motor Company purchased the building in 2018. Learn about its extraordinary transformation process, and how adaptive reuse of the historic station connects Detroit's past to its promising future. Presented by Angela Wyrembelski, Senior Associate and Architect with Quinn Evans.

Speed Dating with a Book

Friday, August 1, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required and begins July 1. Looking for some great books to help you complete the "Color Our World" Summer Reading Challenge? Join us for an evening of librarians and staff members giving 20+ new pitches of great books in the span of an hour to help you find your next excellent read.

Library Garden Tour with Jim Slezinski from Goldner Walsh Garden and Home

Tuesday, August 19, 11 a.m. OR Thursday, August 21, 11 a.m.

Registration is required and begins July 19. Please register for only one tour. Join landscape designer and horticulturalist Jim Slezinski for a guided tour of the library gardens and terraces. He'll explain the flowers, plants, trees, and shrubs found on library grounds along with their history. Tour content is the same for both dates.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

In addition to a movie discussion club, writing groups, an English language conversation group, and fiber and visual arts clubs, Adult and Teen Services has nine book clubs that meet throughout the year.

Registration for the September 2025 to August 2026 book club sessions begins Friday, August 1 for both new members and those planning to continue their participation in each club.

Librarian-Led Book Clubs*

Classics Book Club – third Tuesday every other month, 7 p.m.

Cookbook Club – third Saturday every other month, 12 noon

"Fade to Black" Romance/Romantasy Book Club for

Teens and Adults ages 16+ – fourth Friday each month, 4 p.m.

Lunchtime Book Club – third Monday each month, 1 p.m.

Monday Night Book Club – fourth Monday each month, 7 p.m.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Club – first Thursday each month, 7 p.m.

Thursday Book Club – fourth Thursday each month, 10 a.m.

Volunteer-Led Book Clubs*

Mystery Book Club – third Wednesday each month, 1 p.m.

Tuesday Book Club – third Tuesday each month, 10 a.m.

NEW Visual Arts Club – Starting in June

Third Wednesday each month, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Third Thursday each month, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration is required. Anyone who paints, draws, or creates any type of visual art is welcome to bring their current project and enjoy meeting with other visual artists of all skill levels.



NEW Cookbook Club – Starting in September

Third Saturday every other month, 12 noon

Registration is required and begins August 1. Taste an array of cuisines and cooking styles as we discuss influences, words, and recipes of a selected cookbook. Prepare a dish to share if you like!

Craft and Spice Club Kits for Adults and Teens

For Bloomfield Township residents only. One kit per library card.

- Spice Club Kits, *Available the first Monday of each month.*
- Diamond Painting for Adults and Teens, *Available June 9.*
- Tiny Art Craft Kit for Adults and Teens, *Available June 30.*
- Indigo Dyed Pillow for Adults and Teens, *Available July 15.*

GREAT LAKES CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL ARTISTIC ENCOUNTERS

Monday, June 9, 11 a.m. – Philip Setzer

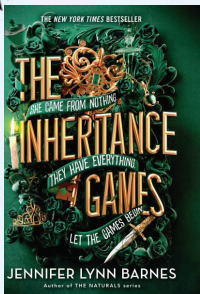
Wednesday, June 11, 11 a.m. – Jennifer Frautschi and Third Coast Percussion

Monday, June 16, 11 a.m. – Gilles Vonsattel

Visit greatlakeschambermusic.org/tickets/upcoming-concerts/ to register. The Catherine Filene Shouse Chamber Music Institute, led by Philip Setzer, provides a platform for emerging professional ensembles. Artistic Encounters are public coachings for Shouse Institute fellows, and all are invited to attend for a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to be a professional musician. Artistic Encounters are intended for an adult audience. Sponsored by Barbara Solms.



TEEN SUMMER EVENTS



Teen Summer Read: *The Inheritance Games* series by Jennifer Lynn Barnes*

June 1 – July 31

Read any of the books in *The Inheritance Games* series for double the tickets in your Beanstack summer reading log! Track your summer reading progress in the Beanstack app, and complete all 10 activities in the

challenge by July 31 to receive your own copy of Jennifer Lynn Barnes' newest book, *The Grandest Game*, to keep. For ages 12 – 18.

Riddle Duck Hunt and Duck Dash

Wednesday, June 25, 3 p.m.

Registration is required and begins May 24. Dash through the Library searching for ducks and clues to solve the riddle. Keep up to five ducks and enter a raffle to win a prize. For ages 12 – 18.

"Fade to Black" Romance/Romantasy Book Club

Fridays, 4 p.m., June 27 and July 25

Registration is required and is now open. This new book club for teens and adults (ages 16 and up) meets the fourth Friday of each month. In June, we're discussing *Lavash at First Sight* by Taleen Voskuni, and in July, *I Hope This Doesn't Find You* by Ann Liang.

Teen Painting with a Twist

Tuesday, July 8, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

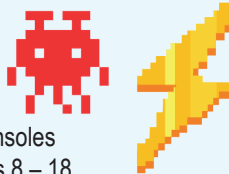
Registration is required and begins June 8. Bring a canvas template to life and enjoy a refreshing drink. For ages 13 – 18.

After-Hours Vintage Video Game Night

Friday, July 18, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 18.

We're bringing out our favorite old-school consoles and games for an after-hours event. For ages 8 – 18.



Teen Program and Craft Kit: Darts and Arts

Tuesday, July 29, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration is required and begins June 29. Join us to make splatter art! Fill balloons with paint and air, then attach them to a canvas. Throw safety darts to pop the balloons and watch the paint splatter to create a one-of-a-kind work. A take-home craft kit with supplies will be available after the program, while supplies last. For ages 13 – 18.

Teen Brick Builders

Monday, August 4, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Registration is required and begins July 3. You're never too old to create with LEGO. Come on your own or bring your friends, and build your masterpiece or complete a themed challenge. For ages 12 – 18.

Project Runway Challenge

Thursday, August 21, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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Computers & Technology

Join IT Department staff members for one-and-a-half hour, expert-led, subject-specific tech classes. Basic computer skills are all that is required to participate. Registration begins one month before the program date at www.btpl.org/events, by emailing AskTech@btpl.org, or by calling (248) 642-5800, ext. 405. Bloomfield Township residents have one week of priority registration before registration opens to all. Classes are held in the Computer Lab and are limited to seven participants.

Don't Get Scammed!

Monday, June 2, 5:30 p.m.

Recognizing the common signs of a scam could help you avoid becoming a victim of one. IT staff will help you learn what to look for.

Scanning and Photo Editing

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, August 4, 5:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of scanning and photo editing online or with your own smartphone (Android or Apple) using free photo editing apps.

ChatGPT and AI

Monday, June 23, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, August 18, 5:30 p.m.

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

Computer and Internet Basics

Monday, July 7, 5:30 p.m.

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

Google Apps

Wednesday, July 16, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 13, 5:30 p.m.

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

Microsoft Excel I

Monday, July 21, 5:30 p.m.

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

Microsoft Excel II

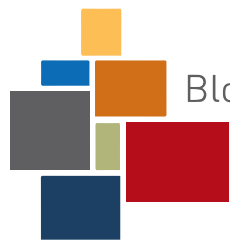
Monday, July 28, 5:30 p.m.

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

Personal Tech Help Available by Appointment

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

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12 noon - 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Friday, July 4 for the July 4th Holiday
Sunday, August 31 and Monday, September 1
for the Labor Day Holiday

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Meetings are at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday
of each month except April, which is the
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For the most current information or to view
meeting packets visit www.btpl.org.

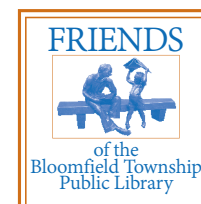
Friends of the Library

Second Saturday Sale Dates
June 14, July 12, and August 9
Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.*
*10 a.m. – 11 a.m. for Friends members only.

Memberships available at www.btpl.org/friends,
or at the door on Second Saturday Sale dates.



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Summer Fun for All Ages!

“Color Our World” Reading Program
Summer reading fun for children, teens, and adults.

Details about the Library’s annual reading challenge
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