



**Bloomfield Township Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 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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Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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|----------|--|------------------------------|
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| 9d | Finance and Investment Committee – no report | |
| 9d | Friends of the Library Liaison Committee – no report | |
| 9d | Jeanette P. Myers Scholarship Selection Committee – no report | |
| 9d | Partner Library Agreements Committee – no report | |
| 9d | Personnel and Director's Evaluation Policy Committee – no report | |
| 9d | Policy Committee – no report | |
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AGENDA
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, June 17, 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 May 20, 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. Open Discussion
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, July 15, 2025
17. Adjournment

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

- Check #24877 made payable to Consumers Energy in the amount of \$7,809.82 was payment for natural gas service for the period 4/3-5/6.
- Check #24878 made payable to DTE Energy in the amount of \$22,571.27 was payment for electric service for the period 4/8-5/7.
- Check #24880 made payable to MaintainX in the amount of \$2,352.00 was an annual payment for a subscription to software that tracks facilities expenses and help requests.
- Check #24881 made payable to Derrick Midgett in the amount of \$23.00 was a refund for a returned billed item.
- Check #24882 made payable to Amy Niezur in the amount of \$70.82 was reimbursement for purchase of program supplies.
- Check #24883 made payable to Richard Kwang in the amount of \$65.94 was reimbursement for mileage.
- Check #24884 made payable to Rolls Mechanical in the amount of \$4,445.63 was payment for work on the Library's HVAC.
- Check #24886 made payable to Yao Zhang in the amount of \$17.00 was a refund for a returned billed item.
- Check #24887 made payable to Paul Zink in the amount of \$65.94 was reimbursement for mileage.
- Check #24889 made payable to FNBO in the amount of \$6,506.89 was the monthly payment for the library credit card.
- Check #24895 made payable to Rosemary Gleeson in the amount of \$28.00 was a refund for a returned billed item.
- Check #24896 made payable to Martha McGee in the amount of \$53.00 was reimbursement for purchase of Library Shop inventory.
- Check #24897 made payable to Kathy Wolosiewicz in the amount of \$32.90 was reimbursement for mileage.
- Check #24898 made payable to Katherine Bryant in the amount of \$87.01 was reimbursement for mileage.

- Check #24901 made payable to State of Michigan in the amount of \$344.89 was a payment of sales tax on items sold in the Library Shop.

General Fund – Regular Checks:

- Check #24905 made payable to Arbor Oakland Group in the amount of \$5,112.50 was payment for the quarterly print newsletter.
- Check #24908 made payable to Avalon Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$13,745.96 was payment for replacing and configuring the backup server.
- Check #24910 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$336,715.63 was payment for two payrolls including FICA, health care premiums, etc.
- Check #24911 made payable to Bloomfield Township in the amount of \$849.22 was payment for water and sewer service for the period 4/17-5/19.
- Check #24916 made payable to CIDL (Clarkston Independence District Library) in the amount of \$32.00 was payment for a MeLCat item.
- Check #24921 made payable to Midwest Collaborative for Library Services in the amount of \$5,068.80 was payment for our share in RIDES, the delivery service for MeLCat.
- Check #24926 made payable to Novi Public Library in the amount of \$60.00 was payment for a damaged MeLCat item.
- Check #24927 made payable to Online Computer Library Center in the amount of \$391.11 was payment for a subscription to Web Dewey.
- Check #24928 made payable to Orangeboy, Inc. in the amount of \$6,500.00 was an annual payment for email marketing software.
- Check #24929 made payable to Overdrive in the amount of \$18,820.83 was
- Check #24930 made payable to Plante & Moran, PLLC in the amount of \$3,786.25 was payment for contractual accounting services.
- Check #24932 made payable to PressReader Inc. in the amount of \$7,164.87 was annual payment for an online product providing patron access to various news publications.
- Check #24937 made payable to Rolls Mechanical in the amount of \$3,413.75 was payment for repairs and maintenance of the Library's HVAC.
- Check #24942 made payable to Siemens Industry, Inc. in the amount of \$15,765.00 was an annual payment for building maintenance software, Desigo.
- Check #24943 made payable to Stanley Steamer International Inc. in the amount of \$8,199.00 was payment for carpet cleaning of the whole library building.

Gift Fund - Advance Checks:

- Check #5691 made payable to Staff Organization Committee in the amount of \$1,139.50 was reimbursement from a gift for SOC.

- Check #5693 made payable to BTPL - Soc in the amount of \$5,000.00 was a pass-through payment of a gift to the SOC from the Friends.

Gift Fund - Regular Checks:

- Check #5696 made payable to The Library Network in the amount of \$656.00 was payment for movie licensing USA public performance site license for the period 4/2025-3/2026.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHECK REGISTERS

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025

| Check # | Date | Payee | Cash Account | Amount |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | | | | |
| ADVANCE CHECKS: | | | | |
| 24875 | 5/21/25 | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 016.01 | 1,625.76 |
| 24876 | 5/21/25 | XFINITY | 016.01 | 86.43 |
| 24877 | 5/21/25 | CONSUMERS ENERGY | 016.01 | 7,809.82 |
| 24878 | 5/21/25 | DTE ENERGY | 016.01 | 22,571.27 |
| 24879 | 5/21/25 | LOWE'S | 016.01 | 686.12 |
| 24880 | 5/21/25 | MaintainX | 016.01 | 2,352.00 |
| 24881 | 5/21/25 | Derrick Midgett | 016.01 | 23.00 |
| 24882 | 5/21/25 | Amy Niezur | 016.01 | 70.82 |
| 24883 | 5/21/25 | Richard Kwang | 016.01 | 65.94 |
| 24884 | 5/21/25 | Rolls Mechanical | 016.01 | 4,445.63 |
| 24885 | 5/21/25 | VIGILANTE SECURITY | 016.01 | 1,950.00 |
| 24886 | 5/21/25 | Yao Zhang | 016.01 | 17.00 |
| 24887 | 5/21/25 | Paul Zink | 016.01 | 65.94 |
| 24888 | 5/27/25 | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 016.01 | 2,129.73 |
| 24889 | 5/27/25 | FNBO | 016.01 | 6,506.89 |
| 24890 | 5/27/25 | Mobility City of Southfield | 016.01 | 450.00 |
| 24891 | 5/28/25 | AT&T | 016.01 | 171.60 |
| 24892 | 5/28/25 | AT&T | 016.01 | 817.51 |
| 24893 | 5/28/25 | PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY | 016.01 | 924.41 |
| 24894 | 6/3/25 | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | 016.01 | 3,132.90 |
| 24895 | 6/3/25 | Rosemary Gleeson | 016.01 | 28.00 |
| 24896 | 6/3/25 | Martha McGee | 016.01 | 53.00 |
| 24897 | 6/3/25 | Kathy Wolosiewicz | 016.01 | 32.90 |
| 24898 | 6/9/25 | Katherine Bryant | 016.01 | 87.01 |
| 24899 | 6/9/25 | PETTY CASH - BTPL | 016.01 | 198.99 |
| 24900 | 6/9/25 | PTS Communications | 016.01 | 78.00 |
| 24901 | 6/9/25 | STATE OF MICHIGAN | 016.01 | 344.89 |
| 24902 | 6/9/25 | T MOBILE | 016.01 | 60.20 |
| 24903 | 6/9/25 | TERMINIX PROCESSING CTR. | 016.01 | 199.47 |
| Total | | | | 56,985.23 |
| REGULAR CHECKS: | | | | |
| 24904 | 6/9/25 | AMERICAN PEST CONTROL | 016.01 | 1,633.00 |
| 24905 | 6/9/25 | ARBOR OAKLAND GROUP | 016.01 | 5,112.50 |
| 24906 | 6/9/25 | AUGIES BUILDING SERVICES | 016.01 | 12,744.95 |
| 24907 | 6/9/25 | AUNALYTICS, INC. | 016.01 | 2,629.18 |
| 24908 | 6/9/25 | Avalon Technologies, Inc. | 016.01 | 13,745.96 |
| 24909 | 6/9/25 | BAKER & TAYLOR, INC. | 016.01 | 9,779.65 |
| 24910 | 6/9/25 | BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP | 016.01 | 336,715.63 |
| 24911 | 6/9/25 | BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP | 016.01 | 849.22 |
| 24912 | 6/9/25 | BUTZEL LONG | 016.01 | 58.50 |
| 24913 | 6/9/25 | CENGAGE Learning Inc | 016.01 | 1,005.44 |
| 24914 | 6/9/25 | CENTER POINT PUBLISHING | 016.01 | 269.04 |
| 24915 | 6/9/25 | CINTAS CORPORATION | 016.01 | 1,279.82 |
| 24916 | 6/9/25 | CIDL | 016.01 | 32.00 |
| 24917 | 6/9/25 | DEMCO, INC. | 016.01 | 365.34 |
| 24918 | 6/9/25 | ENVISIONWARE, INC. | 016.01 | 603.75 |
| 24919 | 6/9/25 | FINANCIAL TIMES LTD | 016.01 | 1,921.00 |
| 24920 | 6/9/25 | J & M WINDOW CLEANING | 016.01 | 3,900.00 |
| 24921 | 6/9/25 | MIDWEST COLLABORATIVE for LIB. SVCS | 016.01 | 5,068.80 |
| 24922 | 6/9/25 | MICROMARKETING LLC | 016.01 | 353.67 |
| 24923 | 6/9/25 | MIDWEST TAPE | 016.01 | 1,799.04 |
| 24924 | 6/9/25 | MANUFACTURER'S NEWS. INC. | 016.01 | 4.18 |
| 24925 | 6/9/25 | MORNINGSTAR, INC. | 016.01 | 299.00 |
| 24926 | 6/9/25 | NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY | 016.01 | 60.00 |
| 24927 | 6/9/25 | ONLINE COMPUTER LIBRARY CENTER | 016.01 | 391.11 |
| 24928 | 6/9/25 | ORANGEBOY, INC. | 016.01 | 6,500.00 |
| 24929 | 6/9/25 | OVERDRIVE | 016.01 | 18,820.83 |
| 24930 | 6/9/25 | PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC | 016.01 | 3,786.25 |
| 24931 | 6/9/25 | PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC | 016.01 | 1,153.83 |
| 24932 | 6/9/25 | PressReader Inc. | 016.01 | 7,164.87 |
| 24933 | 6/9/25 | PRIORITY WASTE, LLC | 016.01 | 438.78 |
| 24934 | 6/9/25 | PROFESSIONAL GROUNDS SERVICE | 016.01 | 4,130.14 |
| 24935 | 6/9/25 | PROQUEST LLC | 016.01 | 1,656.36 |

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHECK REGISTERS

FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025

| Check # | Date | Payee | Cash Account | Amount |
|----------------|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 24936 | 6/9/25 | ROCKET ENTERPRISE INC. | 016.01 | 880.00 |
| 24937 | 6/9/25 | Rolls Mechanical | 016.01 | 3,413.75 |
| 24938 | 6/9/25 | S & S WORLDWIDE, INC. | 016.01 | 410.67 |
| 24939 | 6/9/25 | SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY PUBLISHING | 016.01 | 151.14 |
| 24940 | 6/9/25 | SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC | 016.01 | 103.94 |
| 24941 | 6/9/25 | SENTINEL TECHNOLOGIES, INC. | 016.01 | 4,200.00 |
| 24942 | 6/9/25 | SIEMENS INDUSTRY, INC. | 016.01 | 15,765.00 |
| 24943 | 6/9/25 | STANLEY STEAMER INTERNATIONAL INC. | 016.01 | 8,199.00 |
| 24944 | 6/9/25 | THOMSON REUTERS- WEST | 016.01 | 169.76 |
| 24945 | 6/9/25 | UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. | 016.01 | 167.45 |
| 24946 | 6/9/25 | WT. COX INFORMATION SERVICES | 016.01 | 266.46 |
| Total | | | | 477,999.01 |

Gift Fund

ADVANCE CHECKS:

| | | | | |
|-------|---------|------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 5688 | 5/22/25 | AMAZON.COM | 012.03 | 152.55 |
| 5689 | 5/22/25 | JPs PIANO MOVING | 012.03 | 5.00 |
| 5690 | 5/30/25 | FNBO | 012.03 | 1,399.14 |
| 5691 | 5/30/25 | STAFF ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE | 012.03 | 1,139.50 |
| 5692 | 6/4/25 | AMAZON.COM | 012.03 | 129.47 |
| 5693 | 6/4/25 | BTPL - SOC | 012.03 | 5,000.00 |
| Total | | | | 7,825.66 |

REGULAR CHECKS:

| | | | | |
|-------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 5694 | 6/9/25 | BAKER & TAYLOR | 012.03 | 541.25 |
| 5695 | 6/9/25 | SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY PUBLISHING | 012.03 | 852.90 |
| 5696 | 6/9/25 | THE LIBRARY NETWORK | 012.03 | 656.00 |
| Total | | | | 2,050.15 |

Bloomfield Township Public Library
FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget

PRESENTED: JUNE 17, 2025 FOR THE MONTH OF: MAY 2025

| ACCOUNT NAME | 2025-2026 | 2025-2026 | REVENUE/EXPENSE CURRENT MONTH | REVENUE/ EXPENSE YTD | Two Months 16.6% | | VARIANCE | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | ADOPTED BUDGET | AMENDED BUDGET | | | % OF | % OF | | |
| | AS OF MARCH 18, 2025 | AS OF AUGUST 19, 2025 | | | BUDGET YTD | BUDGET YTD | | |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Taxes | \$9,889,601 | \$9,889,601 | \$9,298 | \$9,298 | 0.09% | | (\$9,880,303) | *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 | \$0 | \$23,732 | 51.59% | | (\$22,268) | |
| Circulation Fines & Fees | \$8,500 | \$8,500 | \$727 | \$1,062 | 12.49% | | (\$7,438) | *variable, will monitor |
| Charges for Services | \$10,651 | \$10,651 | \$1,935 | \$2,906 | 27.28% | | (\$7,745) | |
| Photocopy Fees | \$651 | \$651 | \$15 | \$15 | 2.35% | | (\$636) | |
| Room Rental Fees | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$1,920 | \$2,890 | 28.90% | | (\$7,110) | |
| Investment earnings | \$881,488 | \$881,488 | \$2,184 | \$121,010 | 13.73% | | (\$760,478) | *variable, will monitor |
| Interest/Dividends | \$881,488 | \$881,488 | \$53,192 | \$123,932 | 14.06% | | (\$757,556) | |
| Change in Asset Value | \$0 | \$0 | (\$51,009) | (\$2,922) | 0.00% | | (\$2,922) | |
| Miscellaneous | \$13,451 | \$13,451 | \$374 | \$690 | 5.13% | | (\$12,761) | *no vending revenues rec'd yet |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | \$3,370 | \$3,370 | \$0 | \$33 | 0.98% | | (\$3,337) | |
| Library Shop | \$4,081 | \$4,081 | \$374 | \$657 | 16.11% | | (\$3,424) | |
| 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 | \$10,929,971 | 10,929,971 | \$14,518 | \$158,698 | 1.45% | | (\$10,771,273) | *some sources come later |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Personnel | \$5,350,596 | \$5,350,596 | \$555,922 | \$987,055 | 18.45% | | (\$4,363,541) | *large payment towards retirement |
| Salaries & Wages | \$3,465,842 | \$3,465,842 | \$254,203 | \$626,912 | 18.09% | | (\$2,838,930) | |
| Social Security | \$264,674 | \$264,674 | \$18,330 | \$36,633 | 13.84% | | (\$228,042) | |
| Employee Insurances | \$1,014,458 | \$1,014,458 | \$63,991 | \$95,471 | 9.41% | | (\$918,987) | |
| Unemployment Compensation | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.00% | | \$0 | |
| Retirement | \$605,622 | \$605,622 | \$219,397 | \$228,040 | 37.65% | | (\$377,582) | |
| Retiree Health Care - OPEB | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.00% | | \$0 | |
| Library Services | \$854,132 | \$854,132 | \$118,108 | \$209,840 | 24.57% | | (\$644,292) | *large annual payments |
| Electronic Serv.-Databases | \$232,408 | \$232,408 | \$47,532 | \$70,169 | 30.19% | | (\$162,239) | |
| Electronic Services-Skyriver | \$27,000 | \$27,000 | \$25,353 | \$25,353 | 93.90% | | (\$1,647) | |
| Books | \$323,908 | \$323,908 | \$21,685 | \$46,445 | 14.34% | | (\$277,463) | |
| Processing & Supplies | \$24,000 | \$24,000 | \$399 | \$956 | 3.98% | | (\$23,044) | |
| Periodicals/Docs/Ref. Serv. | \$69,650 | \$69,650 | \$9,585 | \$40,795 | 58.57% | | (\$28,855) | |
| Music | \$8,500 | \$8,500 | \$408 | \$1,017 | 11.96% | | (\$7,483) | |
| Audiobooks | \$77,623 | \$77,623 | \$9,273 | \$15,371 | 19.80% | | (\$62,252) | |
| DVD's | \$41,000 | \$41,000 | \$1,964 | \$4,427 | 10.80% | | (\$36,573) | |
| Accessibility Support Collection | \$10,043 | \$10,043 | \$354 | \$354 | 3.52% | | (\$9,689) | |
| Programming | \$40,000 | \$40,000 | \$1,556 | \$4,953 | 12.38% | | (\$35,047) | |
| Facilities & Equipment | \$1,219,519 | \$1,219,519 | \$83,205 | \$241,470 | 19.80% | | (\$978,049) | *large annual payment & grounds work |
| Repairs/Maint. Supplies | \$65,000 | \$65,000 | \$3,386 | \$7,665 | 11.79% | | (\$57,335) | |
| Telephone | \$17,450 | \$17,450 | \$1,127 | \$2,409 | 13.81% | | (\$15,041) | |
| Building Insurance | \$65,842 | \$65,842 | \$0 | \$66,866 | 101.56% | | \$1,024 | |
| Public Utilities | \$384,000 | \$384,000 | \$31,558 | \$60,122 | 15.66% | | (\$323,878) | |
| Building Maintenance | \$293,984 | \$293,984 | \$24,866 | \$52,487 | 17.85% | | (\$241,497) | |
| Equipment Maintenance | \$24,210 | \$24,210 | \$1,319 | \$2,911 | 12.02% | | (\$21,299) | |
| Grounds Maintenance | \$98,525 | \$98,525 | \$4,130 | \$20,553 | 20.86% | | (\$77,972) | |
| Computer System Maint. | \$254,508 | \$254,508 | \$16,818 | \$28,422 | 11.17% | | (\$226,086) | |
| Equipment | \$16,000 | \$16,000 | \$0 | \$35 | 0.22% | | (\$15,965) | |
| Other Operating Expenditures | \$2,983,695 | \$2,983,695 | \$45,284 | \$118,535 | 3.97% | | (\$2,865,160) | |
| Office/Computer Supplies | \$32,480 | \$32,480 | \$1,353 | \$2,487 | 7.66% | | (\$29,993) | |
| Postage | \$26,090 | \$26,090 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | 38.33% | | (\$16,090) | |
| Professional Services | \$128,156 | \$128,156 | \$6,012 | \$29,819 | 23.27% | | (\$98,337) | |
| Projects | \$2,707,965 | \$2,707,965 | \$20,422 | \$63,051 | 2.33% | | (\$2,644,914) | |
| Staff Development/Travel | \$37,650 | \$37,650 | \$1,680 | \$2,831 | 7.52% | | (\$34,819) | |
| Printing & Publishing | \$30,050 | \$30,050 | \$5,113 | \$5,602 | 18.64% | | (\$24,448) | |
| Dues & Membership | \$14,224 | \$14,224 | \$125 | \$3,770 | 26.50% | | (\$10,454) | |
| Bank Expenses | \$4,720 | \$4,720 | \$181 | \$578 | 12.24% | | (\$4,143) | |
| Library Shop Expenses | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$398 | \$398 | 19.89% | | (\$1,602) | |
| Café Expenses | \$360 | \$360 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.00% | | (\$360) | |
| Total Expenditures | \$10,407,942 | \$10,407,942 | \$802,519 | \$1,556,900 | 14.96% | | (\$8,851,042) | |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | \$17,145,195 | \$17,145,195 | | \$17,145,195 | | | | |
| Net revenue (expenditure) | \$522,029 | \$522,029 | | (\$1,398,202) | | | | |
| Fund Balance - Ending | \$17,667,224 | \$17,667,224 | | \$15,746,993 | | | | |

Fund Balance Designations

| | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Nonspendable-Prepaid Expense | \$9,651 | \$9,651 |
| Committed Fund Balance (is 8-months of operational expenditures amount) | \$5,133,318 | \$5,133,318 |
| Assigned Fund Balance (\$482,971 is the compensated absences accrual, plus \$2,439,348 the OPEB obligation plus \$9,501,935 for capital improvements) | \$12,424,255 | \$12,424,255 |
| Unassigned Fund Balance (is the unplanned emergency amount) | \$100,000 | \$100,000 |

Bloomfield Township Public Library
FY 2025-2026 Gift Fund Budget

PRESENTED: JUNE 17, 2025 FOR THE MONTH OF: MAY 2025

Two Months 16.6%

| 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 | \$26,775 | \$29,893 | 826.23% | \$26,275 |
| Gift Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$25 | \$25 | #DIV/0! | \$25 |
| Friends of the Library | \$0 | \$0 | \$26,250 | \$26,250 | #DIV/0! | \$26,250 |
| Atkinson Trust | \$0 | \$1,539 | \$0 | \$1,539 | 1.00 | \$0 |
| BTPL Endowment Fund/Amber Trust | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 |
| Myers Scholarship | \$500 | \$1,224 | \$500 | \$1,224 | 100.00% | \$0 |
| Smith Challenge Grant | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 |
| Fair Radom Garden's Endowment | \$0 | \$855 | \$0 | \$855 | 100.00% | \$0 |
| Library Director's Legacy Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.00% | \$0 |
| Investment Earnings | \$200 | \$200 | \$0 | \$32 | 15.76% | (\$168) |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | #DIV/0! | \$0 |
| Total Revenues | \$700 | \$3,818 | \$26,775 | \$29,925 | 783.77% | \$26,107 |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | | | | | |
| Library Services | \$75,589 | \$75,589 | \$5,859 | \$12,639 | 16.72% | (\$62,950) |
| Facilities & Equipment | \$34,382 | \$34,382 | \$158 | \$2,930 | 8.52% | (\$31,452) |
| Other Operating Expenditures | \$52,224 | \$55,342 | \$1,263 | \$12,657 | 22.87% | (\$42,685) |
| Total Expenditures | \$162,195 | \$165,313 | \$7,280 | \$28,226 | 17.07% | (\$137,087) |
| Fund Balance - Beginning | \$161,695 | \$161,695 | | \$161,695 | | |
| Net revenue (expenditures) | (\$161,495) | (\$161,495) | | \$1,698 | | |
| Fund Balance - Ending | \$200 | \$200 | | \$163,393 | | |

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Asset Allocation Summary
May 2025

6b:

| Fund | Type | Annual Yield | Date | Amount on Hand |
|--|---|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|
| General Fund | | | | |
| | 5th 3rd Checking (Ecommerce) | 0.00% | 5/31/2025 | \$166,104.72 |
| | Flagstar Public Funds Savings | 3.40% | 5/31/2025 | \$222,357.15 |
| | Flagstar Premier Public Entities Checking | 0.45% | 5/31/2025 | \$428,383.67 |
| | RBC Capital Cash/Money Market | 0.85% | 5/31/2025 | \$444.47 |
| | RBC Capital - Investments | 4.73% | 5/31/2025 | \$17,794,336.27 |
| Total General Fund | | | | \$18,611,626.28 |
| Please see General Fund budget for notes on how this amount is earmarked | | | | |
| Gift Fund | | | | |
| | Huntington Public Fund Business Interest Checking | 0.25% | 5/31/2025 | \$87,312.88 |
| | Huntington CD (Charnov gift) - matures 11/04/2025 | 4.30% | 5/31/2025 | \$50,000.00 |
| | Fifth Third Bank Business Standard Checking | 0.00% | 5/31/2025 | \$17,867.43 |
| Total Gift Fund | | | | \$155,180.31 |

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 #24875-24946, #5688-5696 for a Grand Total of \$544,860.05.

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| General Fund Advance Checks | \$56,985.23 |
| General Fund Expense Checks | \$477,999.01 |
| Gift Fund Advance Checks | \$7,825.66 |
| Gift Fund Expense Checks | \$2,050.15 |
| For a Grand Total of | <u>\$544,860.05</u> |

Voided Checks are:

General Fund - 24711 & 24747

Gift Fund - n/a

Gift fund proceeds for May 2025 were \$21,775.

President

Vice President/Secretary

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

Bloomfield Township Public Library
Oakland County, Michigan
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Library Board Room

At 7:00 p.m. the Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Shane Spradlin.

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

Trustees Absent: None

Administration: Library Director Tera Moon; Administrative Assistant Linden Godlove

Guests: Laura Kraly, Adult and Teen Services Department Head; Paul Zink, IT Department Head; Killian Weston, Youth Services Librarian; Jane Bersche, Administration Library Assistant II and SOC Representative; University of Detroit Jesuit School Students Andy Bubb, Sean Kanar V, Carter Gogate, and Patrick Russell

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Keith Carduner and seconded by Judy Lindstrom **TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ITEMS FOR THE REGULAR AND CONSENT AGENDAS.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S VERBAL REPORT:

President Shane Spradlin said there will be review of the partner library agreements with Troy, Cranbrook, and Detroit during the meeting. He remarked on the fantastic number of passes borrowed by Bloomfield Township residents to visit Cranbrook Educational Community—1,923 in the most recent fiscal year. He expressed appreciation for the relationship with Cranbrook. He also asked to discuss subscription-based services.

DIRECTOR'S VERBAL REPORT:

The building redesign project is one of the most important upcoming projects. In early April, C2AE presented the block floor plan, which is a rough draft, and the project is now moving into the schematic design phase. The design team will visit furniture showrooms and meet dealers in the coming weeks.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers held two sessions at the Library in March and April, assisting 31

taxpayers with their 2024 returns. This saved taxpayers an estimated \$9,570 in fees. The median age of participants was 70, with 17 being Township residents. Total refunds received were \$17,110, and \$16,943 was owed in federal taxes. We value our partnership with AARP Tax-Aide and look forward to future collaborations.

Assistant Director Katherine Bryant attended MLA Advocacy Day on April 30, joining over 100 library workers in Lansing. She met with Representative Veronica Paiz and Senator Paul Wojno's chief of staff, both of whom represent the district where she lives and votes. The day's goal was to advocate for \$6.74 million in FY 2026 funding for MeLCat and other statewide initiatives, an increase of \$5 million to offset lost IMLS funding. Participants also heard from library leaders, saw bookmobiles, and toured the Capitol.

Following an ambassador's meeting, Laura Berg arranged for a Midwest Tape representative to discuss their efforts to stem the flow of AI-generated content into hoopla. Midwest Tape is the parent company of hoopla. Library staff can now send alerts about questionable content to a provided email address, and Midwest Tape is reportedly implementing better review processes with publishers.

Next week, IT will activate Checkpoint Harmony Email, a new internal security system. It monitors and analyzes incoming emails to prevent malicious viruses and phishing attempts from reaching staff.

Director Moon provided details on several databases:

- SkyRiver: An annual subscription through OCLC, used for catalog information to build the library catalog.
- Periodical Subscription Service: A single company provides access to available magazines and news, with an RFP every three years.
- hoopla: A digital content service with a \$90,000 budget from Adult and Teen Services and Youth Services. The Library deposits money with hoopla and is then charged per checkout. Any unspent deposit rolls over.
- Libby: An eBook vendor with access similar to print books. Bloomfield Township librarians select titles for the collection, and there's a finite number of titles available for borrowing.

President Spradlin inquired about other digital media borrowing services. Libby and hoopla are considered the best for libraries, though the Library collaborates with other Metronet consortium libraries to review additional options.

6. BUDGET:

President Spradlin questioned two seemingly high budget items: periodicals at 44% and building insurance at 52% just one month into the new fiscal year. It was clarified that most periodical payments are made early in the fiscal year, and building insurance is paid annually. Both expenditures are expected to remain steady for the remainder of the year.

President Spradlin observed the interest rate is holding strong on funds.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Shane Spradlin, seconded by Keith Carduner to **APPROVE MONTHLY CASH DISBURSEMENTS IN THE FORM OF CHECKS #24802-24866, #5678-5688 FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$1,012,018.84.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

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

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA:

10. Call to the public.

University of Detroit Jesuit students reported attending the meeting as a class assignment to better understand local government.

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

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

12. NEW BUSINESS:

12a. Summer Reading Showcase

Laura J. Kraly, Adult and Teen Services Department Head, and Killian Weston, Youth Services Librarian, shared what they and their colleagues have planned to engage readers of all ages through the summer months using the theme "Color Our World."

12b. Consider Expenditure for New Staff Computers

Director Moon sought approval to purchase new staff desktop and laptop computers, exceeding the \$25,000 RFP bypass threshold. This is critical as most existing 6–8-year-old machines show increased hardware failure, slow performance, and software incompatibility. Crucially, they run Windows 10, which loses support on October 14, 2025, and many cannot upgrade to Windows 11. The plan is to replace all staff computers by the Windows 10 end-of-support date. The IT team collaborated with The Library Network (TLN) for a competitive quote, leveraging their cooperative purchasing program. Old equipment will be managed responsibly, with viable desktops kept as backups/spares or sold, and good condition laptops retained as spares, while older ones will be sold. Equipment selected to sell will be made available to Bloomfield Township residents in the used equipment sale. This initiative ensures a secure, reliable, and modern technology environment.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Joy Murray, seconded by Joan Luksik **TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FROM THE LIBRARY NETWORK FOR THE TOTAL PRICE OF \$96,263.81.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

12c. Partner Library Agreements: Cranbrook Educational Community, Detroit Public Library, and Troy Public Library

Bloomfield Township Public Library (BTPL) has special three-year agreements with Cranbrook Educational Community (CEC), Detroit Public Library (DPL), and Troy Public Library (TPL), benefiting patrons of all organizations. These libraries are outside The Library Network (TLN) cooperative, making these agreements essential for patron access. The agreements are on a three-year cycle, and now is the time to consider renewing them for another three years.

DPL opted not to renew their agreement, aiming to standardize reciprocal borrowing through the MLibraryCard program, which they've been part of since 2014. Additionally, DPL's Special Collections (e.g., Burton Historical Archives) are now freely accessible without a library card. DPL will honor existing BTPL patron cards until each card's expiration, and we will reciprocate. From April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025, 87 DPL cardholders borrowed 396 items from BTPL. Library Administration will inform patrons of this change. DPL also offered a special presentation and tour of their facilities.

The agreement with CEC will continue for another three years. Bloomfield Township residents borrowed 1,923 Cranbrook Passes (providing free access to Cranbrook's Institute of Science, Art Library, Art Museum, and House and Gardens) between April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025. During the same period, 295 Cranbrook students and faculty borrowed 2,072 items from BTPL. Cranbrook students and faculty registered at BTPL can borrow up to 99 items and use study rooms. For this renewal, Cranbrook offered to increase the number of items BTPL patrons can borrow from the Cranbrook Academy of Art Library from two to ten, noting they already accommodate "some BTPL 'regulars'" with up to ten items.

The agreement with TPL includes an automatic three-year renewal unless terminated. Discussions with TPL Director Emily Dumas confirmed the mutual benefits for both communities, recommending its continuation. TPL offers closer access for some Bloomfield Township residents and provides unique resources like Experience Kits and a children's technology farm. From April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025, 439 TPL patrons borrowed 2,200 items from BTPL, while 132 Bloomfield Township residents borrowed 4,713 items from TPL.

Updated agreements for Cranbrook Educational Community and Troy Public Library are attached, with only new dates proposed as changes from the 2022 agreements. The Partner Library Agreements Committee supports Director Moon's recommendation to approve these special agreements.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Joy Murray, seconded by Judy Lindstrom **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.

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

13. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

None removed

15. OTHER:

Trustee Luksik appreciated the mention in the *Little Guide* of top free library events at Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Clarification was provided for Myers Scholarship requirements—which is a relationship with the Library—be it staff, relative of staff, patron, visitor, etc.

Trustee Carduner commented on the improved load time of the Bloomfield Township Public Library app. IT had contacted Innovative which seemed to improve things.

Trustee Luksik inquired about someone contacting the Library from Escanaba, Michigan, requesting to use the S&P database. Adult and Teen Services Department Head Laura J. Kraly told the patron to reach out to other institutions in their area, like colleges. This Library has a contract that does not permit non-residents to use the database.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7:00p.m.

At the request of President Spradlin, a motion was made by Judy Lindstrom seconded by Keith Carduner **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:54 PM.**

A vote was taken for approval of the motion.

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

Nays: None

Submitted by:



Joan Luksik, Board Secretary

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

June 2025

An Inspector from the Bloomfield Township Fire Department conducted the Library's **annual fire inspection** on Monday, June 9, 2025. The inspection was unannounced, as is typical. Facility Services Department Head Tom Corliss escorted the Inspector around the library building. We received four minor infractions and have 30 days to correct them before a re-inspection. Tom has already fixed most of the items and anticipates being in full compliance for the next inspection.

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.

I want to commend all library staff but especially Youth Services and Adult & Teen Services for their work on this year's **summer reading program**. The kickoff will take place on Tuesday, June 17 (at the same time as our board meeting). It's sure to be very busy night with food trucks and lots of patrons of all ages signing up for the summer reading challenge! Overflow parking will be available at Cross of Christ Church across the street with a free shuttle to the Library. You might want to come a little early for the board meeting to ensure a parking spot and sample the food truck offerings.

Youth Services visited schools and spoke to 2,600 students about reading over the summer.

For another year the **Prize Patrol** will deliver happiness and joy in the form of Library swag to lucky Bloomfield Township residents. Each week, library staff will select two homes that are displaying an "I Love My Library" sign in their yard to receive a bagful of prizes.

Applications have been received for consideration for the annual **Jeanette P. Myers Scholarship Award**. Publicity included: a press release sent to media contacts; prominent website banner displayed on the Library's website; a large poster in the lobby; the monthly e-newsletter; notice placed on the Bloomfield Hills Schools community news webpage. The applications and scholarship guideline information will be forwarded to the Myers Scholarship Committee for their review. We will inform the chosen applicant(s) by July 15 and present the scholarship just prior to the August 19, 2025 Library Board meeting. The Myers family has been invited to join us for this special award.

Thanks to the **Friends of the Library for approving all the items on the latest wish list!** The requests totaled \$26,500.00. I am so grateful to have such a hard-working and dedicated Friends group whose efforts turn the donated materials received from the community into successful sales. Their funding allows the Library to go above and beyond our budget and really amaze our residents.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Tera Moon
Library Director*

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
MAY 2025

| | 2024 | | 2025 | |
|---|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| COLLECTION | | | | |
| Book Collection: | 232,648 | | 227,727 | |
| Media Collection: | 49,376 | | 50,271 | |
| Total e-books: | 19,180 | | 46,837 | |
| Overdrive: | 15,999 | | 16,737 | |
| Total downloadable audiobooks: | 9,500 | | 10,060 | |
| Materials Total: | 310,704 | | 334,895 | |
| | | | | |
| CIRCULATION | | | | |
| Circulation Total: | 50,366 | | 51,514 | |
| Bloomfield Township Circulation: | 46,519 | | 47,691 | |
| Virtual Circulation Total: | 14,308 | | 15,587 | |
| Circulation of Youth Materials: | 15,280 | † | 16,799 | |
| Circulation of Media: | 6,279 | † | 5,886 | |
| Circulation of Cranbrook passes: | 108 | | 119 | |
| Self-Checkout machine use: | 11,123 | 22.1% | 12,123 | 23.5% |
| Library By Mail: | 48 | 51 patrons | 44 | 53 patrons |
| Mobile App | 85 | | 111 | |
| | | | | |
| Building & Equipment Usage | | | | |
| Door Count: | 18,821 | * | 21,498 | ** |
| Gate Count: | 20,386 | | 23,362 | |
| Meeting rooms by public: | 39 | | 36 | |
| Meeting rooms by staff: | 72 | | 83 | |
| | | | | |
| Virtual Use | | | | |
| Home page hits: | 25,023 | | 22,081 | |
| e-book access: | 4,557 | | 4,606 | |
| Audiobook access: (Overdrive) | 3,515 | | 3,646 | |
| Magazine download access: | 2,446 | | 3,021 | |
| Hoopla access: | 3,790 | | 4,314 | |
| BTPL Mobile New Devices | 78 | | 62 | |
| BTPL Mobile Launches | 2,185 | | 4,189 | |
| | | | | |
| Library Computer Use | | | | |
| Resident Use | 408 | | 381 | |
| Guest Use | 239 | | 339 | |
| | | | | |
| † Numbers were incorrect April-November. Numbers corrected January '25. | | | | |
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| * Library closed May 3 for Staff Development Day; May 26 & 27 for Memorial Day. | | | | |
| ** Library closed May 25 & 26 for Memorial Day. | | | | |
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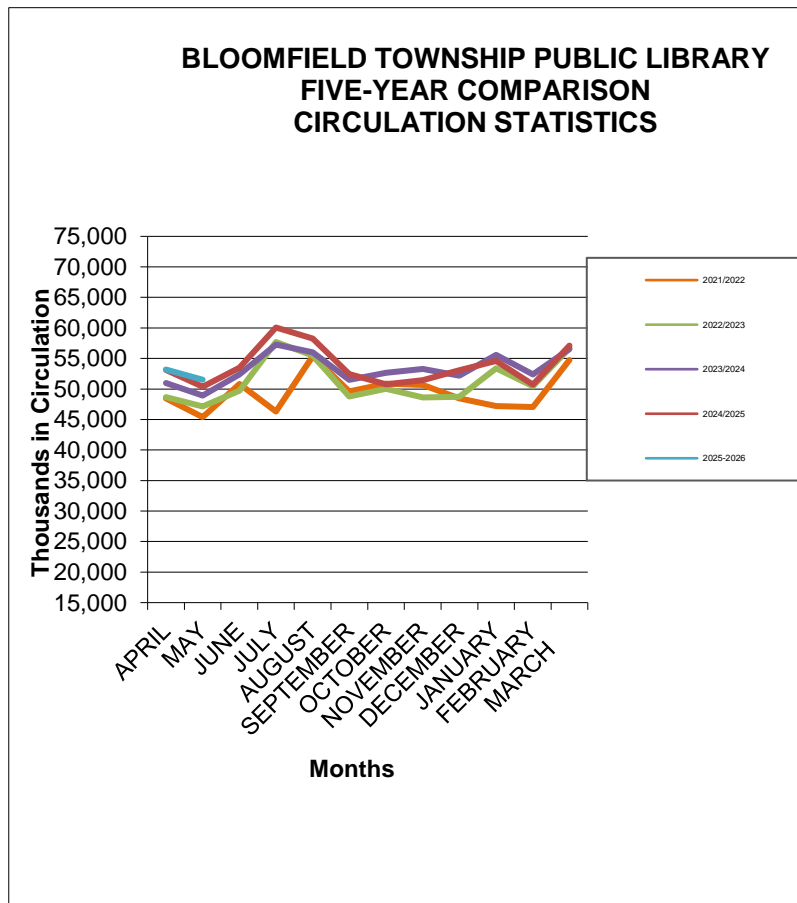
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
MAY 2025

| | 2024 | | 2025 | |
|--|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| OUTREACH & PROGRAMS | | | | |
| <i>New Patrons and Accounts</i> | | | | |
| Township: | 170 | | 134 | |
| Cranbrook: | 2 | | 5 | |
| Total new patrons: | 225 | | 194 | |
| | | | | |
| <i>Adult Program Attendance</i> | | | | |
| Staff-led: | 13 events | 101 attended | 13 events | 118 attended |
| Speaker-led: | 2 events | 96 attended | 4 events | 72 attended |
| Book clubs: | 6 events | 53 attended | 5 events | 55 attended |
| Tours/visits on-site: | 0 events | 0 attended | 0 events | 0 attended |
| Tours/visits off-site: | 5 events | 155 attended | 6 events | 196 attended |
| Chamber Music Concert: | 0 events | 0 attended | 0 events | 0 attended |
| Bloomfield Historical Society: | 0 events | 0 attended | 0 events | 0 attended |
| | | | | |
| <i>IT Program Attendance</i> | | | | |
| Staff-led: | 6 events | 30 attended | 6 events | 32 attended |
| | | | | |
| <i>Teen Program Attendance</i> | | | | |
| Staff-led: | 1 event | 0 attended | 0 events | 0 attended |
| | | | | |
| <i>Youth Program Attendance</i> | | | | |
| Staff-led: | 25 events | 498 attended | 24 events | 811 attended |
| Speaker-led: | 1 event | 29 attended | 2 events | 38 attended |
| Tours/visits on-site: | 0 events | 0 attended | 0 events | 0 attended |
| Tours/visits off-site: | 32 events | 1,343 attended | 24 events | 719 attended |
| TOTAL: | 91 events | 2,305 attended | 84 events | 2041 attended |
| | | | | |
| <i>Volunteers (total for the month)</i> | 11 people | 109.00 hours | not available | not available |
| Shop volunteers | 7 people | 55.25 hours | not available | not available |
| Court appointed volunteers | 2 people | 45.50 hours | not available | not available |
| Student volunteers | 1 person | 3.00 hours | not available | not available |
| Department volunteers | 1 person | 5.25 hours | not available | not available |
| | | | | |
| <i>Patron Remarks</i> | | | | |
| Patron comments: | 4 | | 13 | |
| Ask BTPL: | 20 | | 10 | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| DISPLAYS | | | | |
| Lobby | <i>Art from the Hills - 3D Artwork</i> | | | |
| Local History | <i>May is Mental Health Awareness Month</i> | | | |
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**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
FIVE YEAR CIRCULATION**

6/10/2025

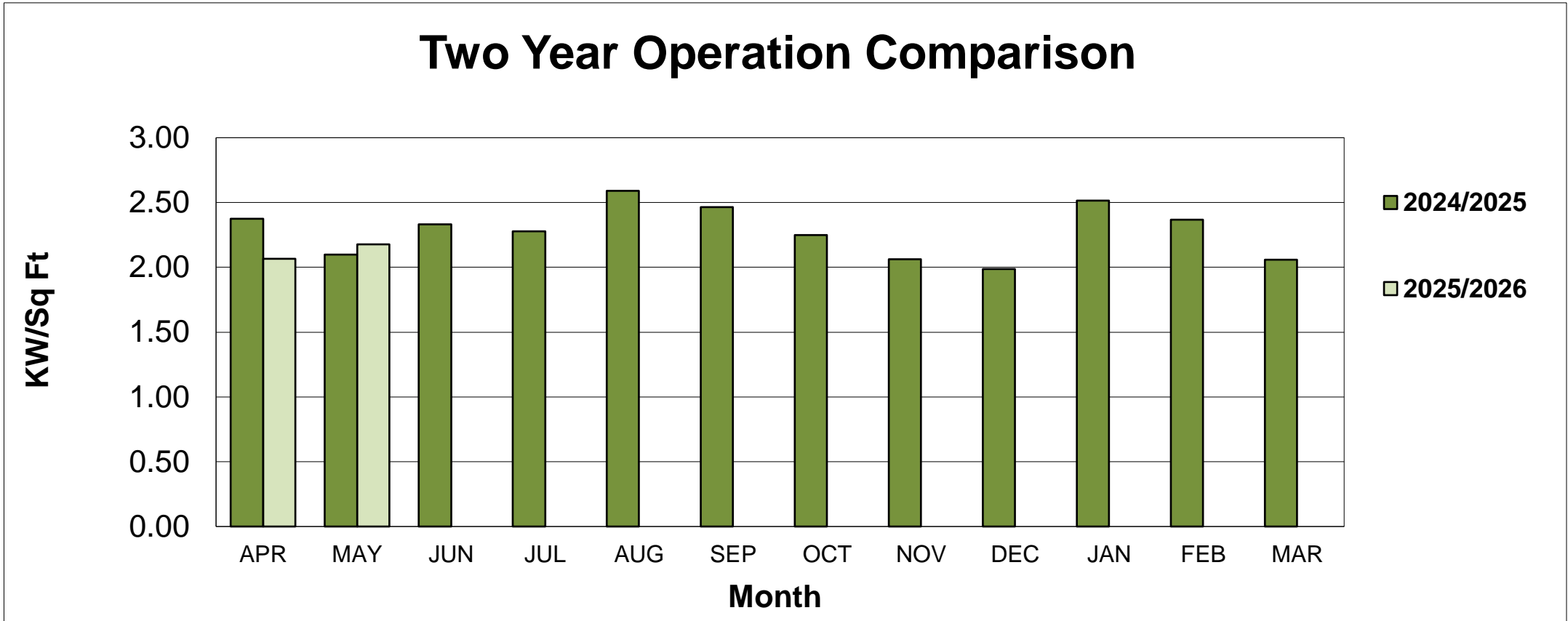
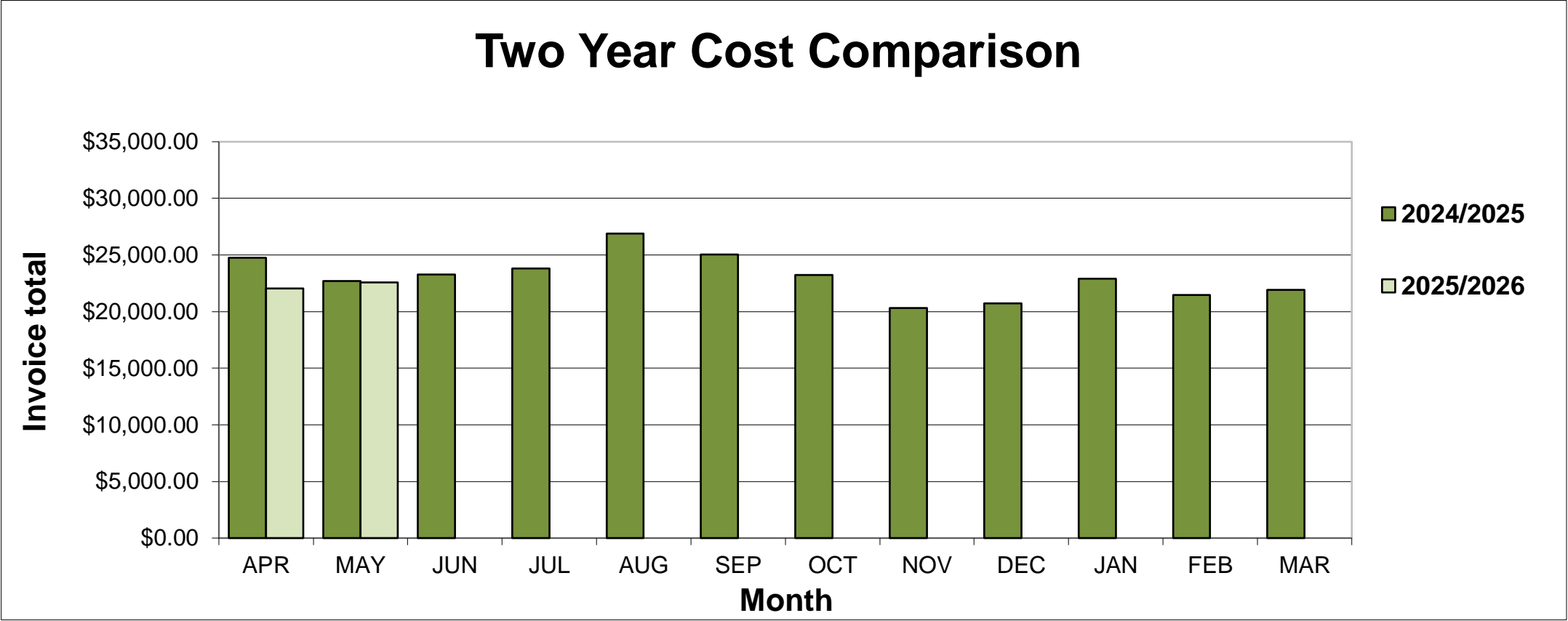
| | <u>2021/2022</u> | <u>2022/2023</u> | <u>2023/2024</u> | <u>2024/2025</u> | <u>2025-2026</u> |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| APRIL | 48,463 | 48,665 | 50,983 | 53,132 | 53,186 |
| MAY | 45,393 | 47,140 | 48,921 | 50,366 | 51,514 |
| 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 | 104,700 |



Bloomfield Township Public Library
Electricity Analysis

Building Area = 101,023 Sq ft.

| TWO YEAR COST COMPARISON | | | | CURRENT YEAR OPERATION | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|------------------------|
| Month | 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 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | \$22,571.27 | (\$146.07) | 220,073 | \$0.10 | 295.80 | 2.18 | \$30.34 | \$0.22 |
| 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 | \$277,123.28 | \$44,631.09 | (\$232,492.19) | | | | | | |

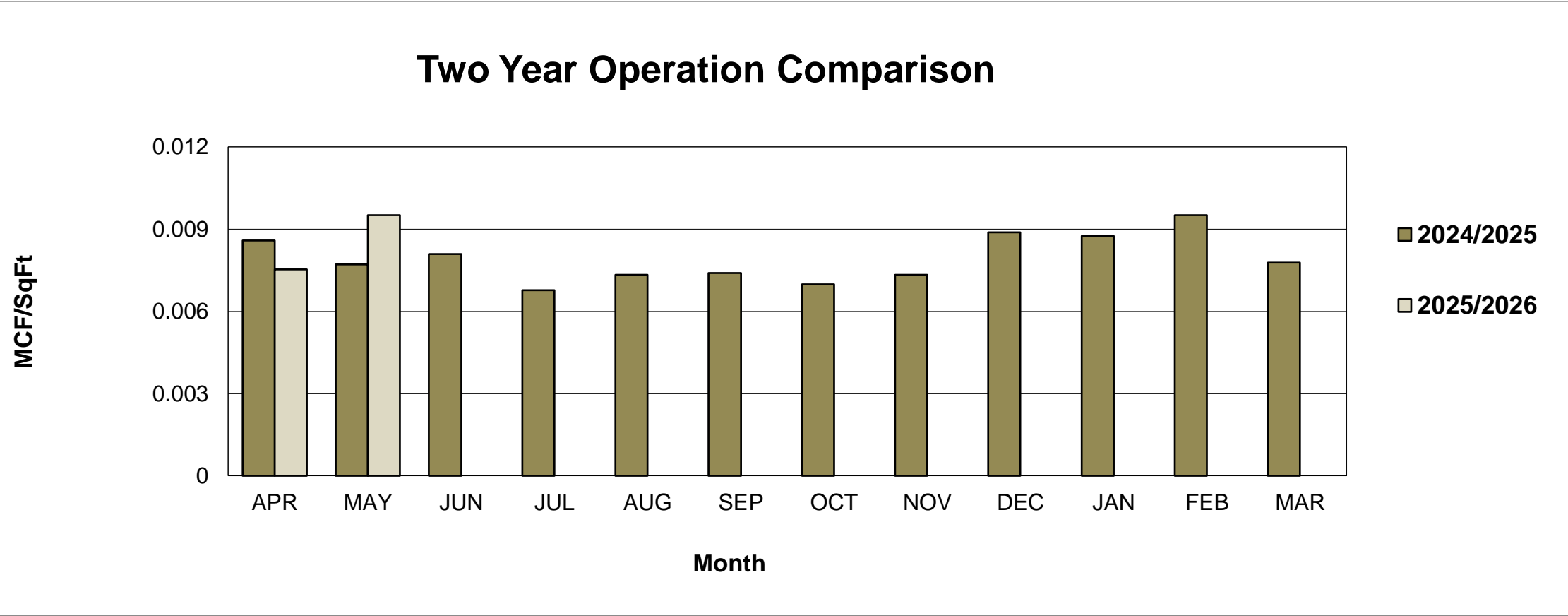
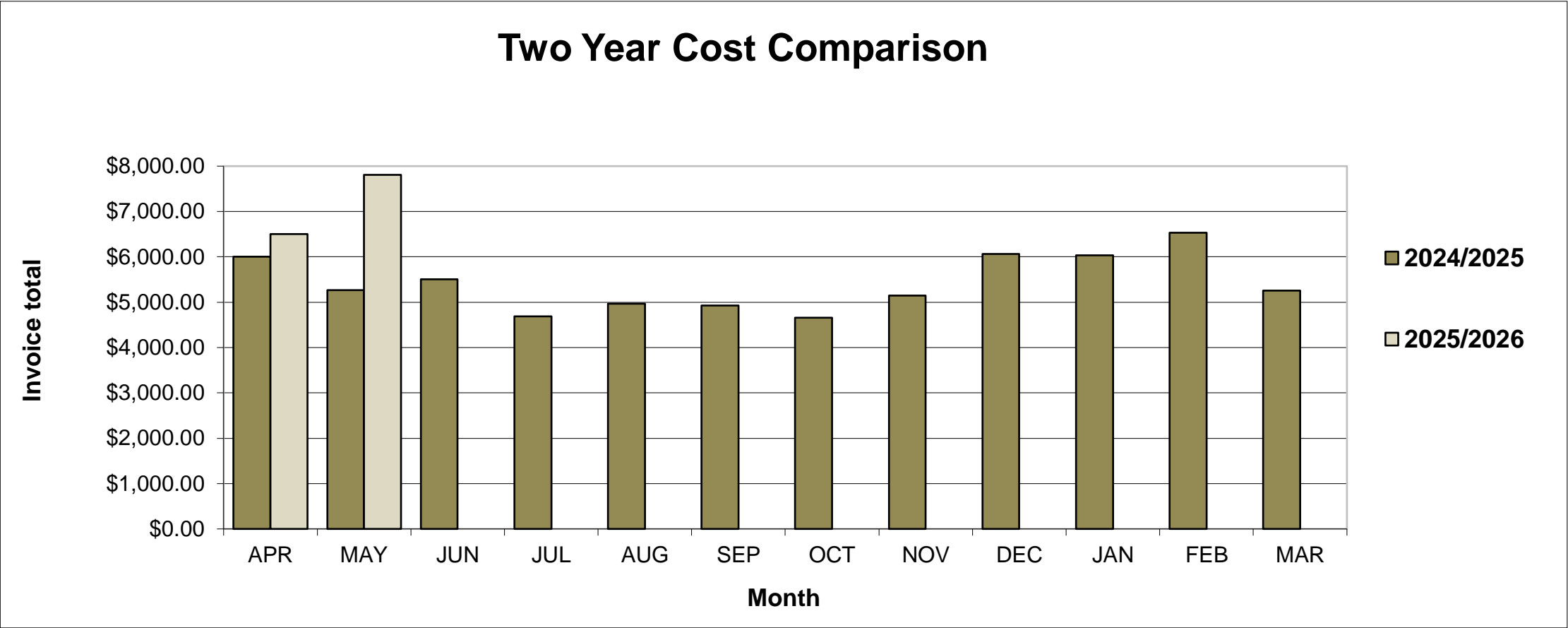


Bloomfield Township Public Library
Natural Gas Analysis

Building Area = 101,023

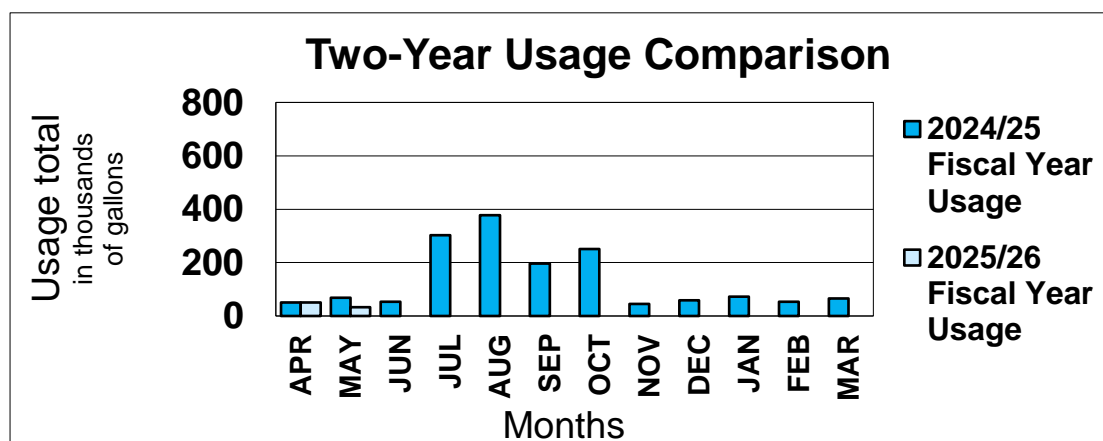
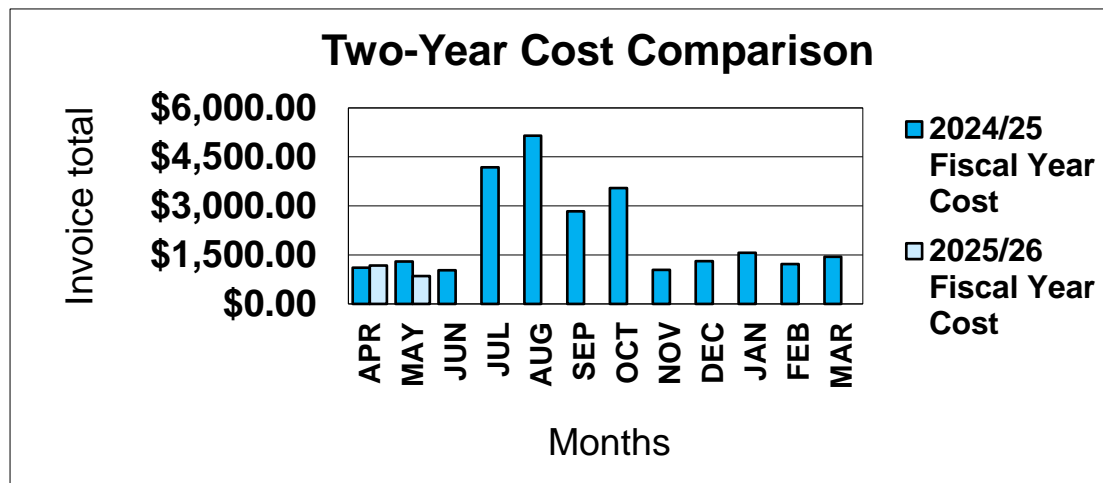
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| TWO YEAR COST COMPARISON | | | | OPERATION | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------------|--------|----------|-------|---------|
| Month | 2024/2025 | 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 | \$7,809.82 | \$2,544.54 | 960.5 | \$8.13 | 744 | 1.29 | 0.010 | 10.50 | 0.076 |
| 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 | \$14,313.24 | (\$50,732.84) | | | | | | | |



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 | \$849.22 | (\$449.56) | 68 | 33 | (35) |
| 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>\$2,026.54</u> | <u>(\$23,687.69)</u> | <u>1,595</u> | <u>83</u> | <u>(1,512)</u> |



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

The meeting of the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board of Trustees Building and Grounds Committee was held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Trustees Present: Trustees: Judy Lindstrom, Joan Luksik, Joy Murray, and Shane Spradlin (via Zoom)

Trustees Absent: Keith Carduner and Dani Gillman

Administration: Tera Moon, Library Director; Katherine Bryant, Assistant Director

Guests: Chloe Aalsburg (C2AE Interior Designer), Jenna Walker (Reed Walker Design Collective), Tom Corliss (Facility Services Department Head), Brooke Hoskins (Adult and Teen Services Assistant Department Head), Lauren Catoni-Ellis (Youth Services Assistant Department Head)

Tera Moon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She asked that any old business be discussed at the upcoming regular board meeting on June 17.

LIBRARY DESIGN PROJECT

Interior designers Chloe Aalsburg and Jenna Walker updated the committee on the design process, which is currently in the schematic design phase.

Furniture Dealer Update: Jenna recapped the process of procuring furniture, including everyone's roles and the steps involved. The design committee went on a furniture field trip to meet with three different furniture vendors, and they selected American Interiors. The next step will be a furniture fair to engage stakeholders in the decision-making process to select specific pieces. After that, they will finalize floor plans and document furniture specifications, before procurement. Chloe shared a slide with some of the pieces the design committee liked best from American Interiors. Trustee Lindstrom inquired about the timeline to procure furniture.

Stakeholder Engagement Plan: Jenna shared information about the engagement plan to ensure all stakeholders' voices are heard throughout the design process. The design committee, Ambassadors group, MAC group, Inclusive Spaces Committee, Friends of the Library, Trustees, general patrons, and all staff will have opportunities to provide feedback.

Schematic Design Finish Plan and Design Concepts: Chloe and Jenna walked the group through the schematic design finish plan for each space within the scope of the project. The overarching design themes are connecting to nature, building an inclusive community, and embracing and honoring heritage. The interior designers shared concept boards and samples with the group.

Tera Moon adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Trustees

FROM: Tera Moon, Library Director

DATE: June 13, 2025

SUBJECT: Open Discussion

There is no new business for the board to handle at the June 17 meeting. We need to meet to approve the expenditures. We can have a very brief meeting, or we can have an open discussion to cover any questions you have about projects or library operations. I am happy to review the building and grounds updates and/or talk more about the Library Design Project, if desired. A short meeting is fine because the next few meetings will have several important agenda items.

Upcoming board meeting dates and tentative agenda items:

July 15, 2025

- 2024-2025 annual report presentation
- Discussion of the strategic plan. Our current plan covers 2023-2025. What's next for this plan?
- Approval of the schematic design for the Library Design Project (tentative)
- Employee Handbook review (tentative, pending completion of committee and counsel review)

August 19, 2025

- Myers Scholarship Award Ceremony at 6:30
- Public Budget Hearing on the amended 2025-2026 budget and the preliminary 2026-2027 budget
 - Our annual preliminary budget work session and investment review will be Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 10am. I've invited Matt Whitty of Schwartz & Co. to attend.
- 2027 holiday calendar

September 16, 2025

- Annual audit presentation from Alan Panter of Yeo & Yeo

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Library Board of Trustees

FROM: Katherine Bryant, Assistant Library Director

DATE: June 11, 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, went on a furniture field trip on May 29 to visit three furniture dealers and select one to work with on our project. The group selected American Interiors.

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

Committee Co-chairs Jen Taggart and Laura J. Kraly met with Tera and Katherine to discuss revisions to the Application Rating Worksheet and the Interview Rating Form. These forms were updated to include more relevant, clearly defined rating criteria, as well as to improve formatting. The forms were shared at the June 11 MAC meeting and a few additional tweaks were made. These forms will be used going forward.

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

The Collaborative Culture Committee released an employee satisfaction survey at the end of May. This optional, anonymous survey is intended to help assess the current state of our workplace culture. The survey has closed, and Tera is reviewing the responses. This committee also worked with Tera to create an anonymous feedback form, which was shared with staff in the June Monthly Staff Training and is now available on the intranet.

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.
- Revised the Application Rating Worksheet and the Interview Rating Form.

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.
- Released an employee satisfaction survey.
- Developed an anonymous feedback form for staff.

MARKETING REPORT

MAY 2025

INSTAGRAM



FOLLOWERS:
1926 (↑17 from Apr.)

TOTAL REACH:
875
(↑31.6% from Apr.)



PRESS RELEASES



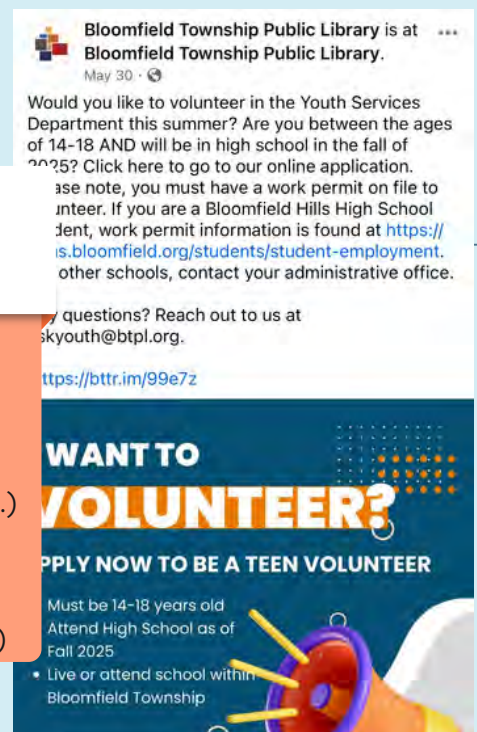
- Lecture: Finding Your Roots in the Digital Age
- Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Concert Series
- DIA Behind the Seen: In the Garden

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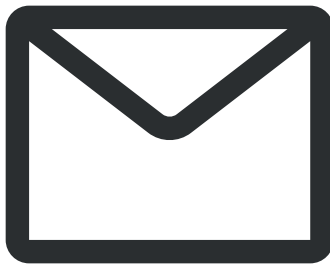


FOLLOWERS:
3236 (↑12 from Apr.)

TOTAL REACH:
4105
(↓27.9% from Apr.)



NEWSLETTERS



- **Movies and More:** 218 messages, 64% open rate
 - new DVDs, Lecture: Finding Your Roots in the Digital Age
- **Fiction Books:** 13,056 messages, 60% open rate
 - new fiction titles
- **Nonfiction Books:** 12,981 messages, 61 % open rate
 - new non-fiction titles
- **Discover:** 21,827 messages, 39% open rate
 - Summer Reading Kickoff Event, Computer Classes, DIA Behind the Seen: In the Garden, Make a Paper Airplane Day, Brick Builders: Dream Summer Vacation, Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Concerts, Myers Scholarship, Second Saturday Book Sale
- **Youth Services Summer:** 1,370 messages, 46% open rate
 - Summer Reading Program, including the kickoff and wrap-up events, Teen Volunteer Program, Vintage Video Game Night, Tots & Friends, Brick Builders, Outdoor Family Story Time, Music at the Blissful, Movie Marathon, Tiny Art Exhibition, Splash Bash, Pokemon Party, new youth titles
- **Digital News:** 2,490 messages, 70% open rate
 - new Libby and hoopla titles



COLOR OUR WORLD WITH MUSIC: GEMILY IN CONCERT

| Date & Time: | Location: | Details: |
|--|---|--|
| Thursday, June 26th 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM | Bloomfield Township Public Library <u>1099 Lone Pine Rd, Bloomfield Township</u> Tel: 248.642.5800 | Cost: Free VIEW WEBSITE |

Celebrate the warmth of family life through music, stories, and song with Gemily—a lively trio 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 beyond!

Registration is required and begins May 24. Bloomfield Township residents have one week of priority registration before registration opens to all.

For more information, contact the Adult and Teen Services department by email at AskAdult@btpl.org or by calling 248.642.5800 and asking for the Adult and Teen Services desk.

This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library. We are grateful for their support!



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Evan is Music at The Blissful. He makes engaging music for people to move, learn, and grow.

Music at the Blissful started as music classes for young children and babies in Jamaica Plain, Ma in the early 2000's. Feeling the need to give families new and exciting songs, Evan decided to record some updated versions of children's classics and make some originals of his own to share.

Music at the Blissful draws from many artists who influence his music including children's musicians such as Raffi, Charlie Hope, Laurie Berkner, Ralph's World, and Hap Palmer. Additionally, Evan is inspired from musicians such as Pokey Lafarge, Bob Marley, Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, The Beastie Boys, RUN DMC, and Beck.

For Music At The Blissful and Evan, the most important part of this work is giving to people and creating community where people can come together, grow together and enjoy music together.

Live Music

Bloomfield Township

Composting can benefit the garden and the environment

By: Gena Johnson | C&G Newspapers | Published May 28, 2025

METRO DETROIT — Two master gardeners from Michigan State University Extension recently shared their expertise on composting and gardening during presentations at the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Imagine food rotting away in a garbage can and then being transported to a landfill, or intentionally disposing of food scraps to enrich the soil.

Which sounds better?

Composting describes the intentional way of disposing of organic waste to enrich the soil.

Michigan State University master gardener Sara Covatta presented "Helping to Demystify and Normalize Composting in Michigan" at the Bloomfield Township Public Library April 22. She defined compost as a dark, crumbly material with an earthy smell that is produced by the natural decomposition of organic materials. Compost is a living soil amendment. Microbes do all the work to break down the materials.

Some composting enthusiasts have suggested having a container to collect food scraps in the kitchen and store it in the freezer. After a week or month of collecting, see how much has been collected. From that, determine what size compost bin is needed.

To start composting, Covatta recommended collecting vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and egg shells.

Use a carbon source, such as fall leaves, in the compost bin. Stockpile the leaves that fall from the trees in the autumn. Store the leaves in an enclosed container by the compost bin. Covatta suggests that whenever adding to the compost bin, add the leaves. This prevents odors and breaks down the food properly.



Read the labels of each plant and know how much sun exposure and water it needs to thrive.

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If the center of the composting pile is dry, add water and turn the pile.

If the pile is damp and will not heat up, this is due to a lack of nitrogen, according to Covatta. Mix in a nitrogen source such as grass clippings.

"Despite my efforts, there are people who are not going to backyard compost," Covatta said in a subsequent interview.

According to Covatta, people are unnecessarily afraid of composting.

"Municipalities, businesses, schools are sometimes afraid to add food scrap collection, but their fear is really misplaced," Covatta said.

"Because if the thought process is you're going to attract rodents by having a food scrap collection when you're already putting it in the garbage, that's really not a very rational thought process."

Composting food scraps produces dividends.

"We really truly have to start looking at food scraps as a resource and an extremely valuable resource that is not waste," Covatta said. "It allows us to make a really valuable product."

According to Covatta and other master gardeners, soil with compost improves plant growth, reduces soil erosion, benefits soil structure, and allows soil to retain more water and nutrients.

Every 1% increase in organic matter can result in up to 20,000 gallons more water held in the soil per acre, according to the presentation. The presentation said that healthy soils have high water-holding capacity.

"Composting is awesome," Michigan State University Extension advanced master gardener Louise Sloan said. "I am making free fertilizer to enrich my yard."

In her presentation, "Working with Your Garden, Not Against It," April 29, she focused on soil, light and labels.

Sloan referred to the soil as the foundation of the garden.

"If we don't take care of our soil, our plants aren't going to do well," Sloan said.

She categorizes Michigan as having "great soil," and the soil in its yards are a "precious, precious commodity."

According to Sloan, only 10% of the earth has growable or arable soil.



She recommends getting a soil test of the area in which one plans to plant. A sample can be mailed to the Michigan State University Extension. Visit shop.msu.edu/products/soil-test-mailer for more information.

The results of the soil test will include the pH of the soil, which indicates the acidity or alkalinity of the soil. A pH of 7 represents neutrality of the soil. Numbers below that represent increasing acidity levels, while numbers above 7 indicate increasing alkalinity. According to the Michigan State University Extension soil testing website, a pH of 6 to 7 is optimal for nutrient availability for plant growth.

"There are 18 nutrients that are really important that help plants live," Sloan said. "If you already have it (those nutrients), you don't have to add it, but if it (soil) is deficient, you will want to add it."

According to Sloan, compost can be added to the top of the soil. Let water and Mother Nature work it in the soil without tilling.

Light is integral to any garden, and every plant has a different need for light.

Sloan suggests looking at the various locations across one's yard throughout the day and in different seasons. A south-facing yard gets the best sun, according to Sloan. The north side of the home is generally going to be cooler and not have as much light.

The east side will have the morning sun, which is generally cooler than the west side, which has sun exposure from midday to sunset.

Don't be fooled by the sunlight in the winter, when no leaves are on the trees, and put in tomato plants or other plants that need full sunlight where there will be shade once the trees have full foliage. According to Sloan, it will be a disaster.

When buying plants, look at the plant label that comes with it, which indicates how much light and water the plant needs to thrive, and follow the label, Sloan suggested.

Whether composting or gardening, finding good information is key. For more information visit canr.msu.edu/home_gardening and canr.msu.edu/home_gardening/tip_sheets.

[Promotional] New Township Road Advisory Committee and the Township Police Awards Ceremony eNews 5/29/2025.

Bloomfield Township Public Library Hosts Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Events



ARTISTIC ENCOUNTER: PHILIP SETZER

Monday, June 9, 2025 | 11 AM
Bloomfield Township Public Library

Bloomfield Township Public Library (BTPL) is pleased to host three events with the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival this June. The Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival is a two-week event featuring an impressive lineup of internationally acclaimed artists at venues throughout Metro Detroit.

BTPL will be hosting three Artistic Encounters. A tradition of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, Artistic Encounters are public coachings for emerging professional ensembles in a setting similar to a masterclass and offer a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to be a professional musician. The featured artists are part of the Catherine Filene Shouse Chamber Music Institute, led by director Philip Setzer.

Monday, June 9, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. – Philip Setzer

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. – Jennifer Frautschi & Third Coast Percussion

Monday, June 16, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. – Gilles Vonsattel

The programs are free, but registration is requested. Artistic Encounters are intended for an adult audience. Sponsored by Barbara Solms. For more information and to register for Artistic Encounters, please visit [Great Lakes Chamber Music](#).

Bloomfield Township Public Library Welcomes the Detroit Institute of Arts “Behind the Seen: In the Garden”



**Behind
the Seen:
In the Garden**



Bloomfield Township Public Library is pleased to again welcome the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) as they present “Behind the Seen: In the Garden” on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

This talk explores the hidden meanings behind images of flowers, plants and gardens featured in some of the DIA's most notable works of art. The talk will be presented by retired judge Susan Moiseev, who has been a DIA docent since 2013.

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

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Watch 'Grease' under the stars

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — St. Dunstan's Theatre is presenting "Grease" in the historic Outdoor Greek Theatre, 400 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, May 30-June 14. Fans new and old of the iconic show can experience the energetic performances by Danny, Sandy and the rest of the cast. Tickets cost \$27 for adults, and \$25 for students and seniors. They are available at StDunstansTheatre.com. Tickets bought online will have a \$3 service fee. Performances begin at 8 p.m. and will be held May 30 and 31, and June 5-7 and 12-14.

Next welcomes speakers this spring and summer

BIRMINGHAM — Birmingham Next will welcome a range of speakers to the Thursday Evening Speaker Series this spring and summer. These are held weekly and begin at 6 p.m. They are open to the public, with free admission for Next members. There is a \$5 fee for guests.

On May 15, state Rep. Natalie Price will present "An Evening with State Representative Natalie Price."

On May 22, Bob Muller, program director of the Royal Oak Nature Society, will present "The Surprising Residents of Our Local Watershed."

On May 29, representatives from the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit will present "The Dynamic Relationship Between Detroit and Japan."

In June, other presentations will include, "Experiencing the Spiritual Through Art," by art historian Wendy Evans June 12; "Summer is for the Birds," by Cass Arseneault, a lead naturalist and program coordinator at Johnson Nature Center, on June 19; and "Michigan - Shiga Sister State: Birmingham and Ritto Japan," by Keiko Nakajima, a visiting official from Shiga Prefecture, June 26.

Local church holds SummerFest

BIRMINGHAM — The second annual SummerFest at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E. 14 Mile Road, in Birmingham, will take place 3-5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31. People can enjoy live music by "Eat it Up Trio" and a variety of food from food trucks. There will be fun for all ages, including activities for kids. More information can be found by contacting Pastor Steve Woodfin at (248) 646-6100, ext.106.

New local programming at BCTV

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — At BCTV, new community producers are creating video content and podcasts that tell local stories that they said will educate residents on popular topics. The latest to join the BCTV lineup of community-originated programming are "Immersive Health with Jacqueline" and "Stir the Coco."

Jacqueline Drake is a nurse, artist, life coach and psychedelic integration therapist at The Drake Center for Mental Health. She uses virtual reality in her clinical practice to help patients integrate their experiences, heal trauma and create new pathways for self-discovery. "Immersive Health with Jacqueline" explores the intersection of technology, creativity and healing.

"Working with BCTV has been a dream — it's a supportive, collaborative space where creative ideas come to life. For anyone considering launching a show or podcast, this is the place to do it. The team is encouraging, professional, and genuinely invested in sharing meaningful stories with the community," Drake said in a press release.

Carla Bartlett is a native Spanish speaker and fluent in Italian. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts in Spanish and journalism. Her master's is in the art of teaching. She has over 30 years of teaching experience and language coaching. Her mission for Stir the Coco is to share tools, techniques, and information to sustain brain plasticity and keep the brain healthy and sharp. This includes learning some Spanish; every show begins with a Spanish lesson. Symptoms of Alzheimer's are delayed up to an average of five years in people who speak more than one language. The second part of each show includes guests from all walks of life who do things that help promote cognitive well-being.

"I am very grateful to be working at BCTV," Bartlett said in a press release. "The staff is incredible and they walk you through the entire process — production procedures, scheduling, post-production, etc. They work together with you to accomplish your vision."

LIBRARY TO HOST GENEALOGY LECTURE

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — The Bloomfield Township Public Library is welcoming 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" at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15.

With a wealth of experience in genealogy research and digital tools, Muhn will guide participants through the many resources available to uncover family histories — from the 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. Library staff said the event offers valuable insights and practical advice for beginners and beyond.

Although a limited number of desktop computers will be available, participants are welcome to bring their laptop, tablet or smartphone. Registration for this program is required. For more information, call the library at (248) 642-5800 or visit www.btpl.org.

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MAY 15

Finding Your Roots in the Digital Age: Presentation by genealogy expert Judy Nimer Muhn, 7 p.m., Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, registration required, (248) 642-5800, btpl.org

Author talk: Maureen Dunphy presents "Divining: How My Books Came Into Being," 10-11:30 a.m., Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, storytimeguild.weebly.com

MAY 15-18

'The Music Man': Based on Meredith Wilson's 1957 hit Broadway musical, 8 p.m. May 15-17 and 2 p.m. May 18, Birmingham Village Players, 34660 Woodward Ave., birminghamvillageplayers.com, read story at candgnews.com

MAY 16-17

Spring plant sale: Find native plants, perennials, fairy garden plants and herbs, tropical houseplants, heirloom tomatoes, gardening items and more, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 16 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 17, Cranbrook House and Gardens, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, housegardens.cranbrook.edu/events/spring-plant-sale

MAY 17

Hear Claremont Trio: Features violinist Emily Bruskin, cellist Julia Bruskin and pianist Sophiko Simsi, 7:30-9 p.m., Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road in Beverly Hills, chambermusicdetroit.org

Birmingham on Broadway ice show: Features nearly 70 skaters from Birmingham Learn to Skate program and Figure Skating Club of Birmingham, 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Birmingham Ice Sports Arena, 2300 E. Lincoln St., bsandles@bhamgov.org, facebook.com/bhamgov

Birmingham Department of Public Services Open House: Includes DPS trucks, fire trucks and equipment, informational exhibits, and free hot dogs and refreshments, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 851 S. Eton St., facebook.com/bhamgov

Cozy Crochet Club: For teens and tweens of all skill levels, supplies provided (or bring own), also tea, hot chocolate and treats included, 4-5 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 32455 Franklin Road, register at (248) 851-2254

Touch-a-truck event: Get hands on with fire trucks, police vehicles, construction vehicles and more, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Bingham Farms Elementary School, 23400 W. 13 Mile Road, birminghamyouthassistance.org, (248) 203-4300,

MAY 18

Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade and Party: Parade begins near Booth Park at southwest intersection of North Old Woodward Avenue and Harmon Street, travels south on North Old Woodward Avenue, west on Maple Road, south on Bates Street and ends in Shain Park on Merrill Street, 1 p.m., then party with free activities, food trucks, entertainment and more, (248) 530-1800, facebook.com/bhamgov

MAY 22

Books Brothers Men's Book Club: Read and recap "Catch-22" by Joseph Heller Group, 6:30-8 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 32455 Franklin Road, (248) 851-2254, franklinlibrary@franklin.lib.mi.us, franklin.lib.mi.us

Free college prep program: Learn about trends in admissions, application tips, essay strategies, ask questions and more, presented by Barbara Connolly (former admissions reader at University of Michigan's Ross School of Business), 6-7 p.m., Zoom (meeting ID 818 6459 2431 and passcode 462505), (248) 294-0099, barbara@collegecc.com, collegechoicecounseling.com

MAY 23

'Greatest Generation' Memorial Day concert: Hear Birmingham Concert Band, 3 p.m., White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake Road in Troy, birminghamconcertband.com

MAY 29

Spring Fling Concert Series: Hear singer Vanessa

Carr, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Bloomfield Township Senior Center, 4315 Andover Road, register at bloomfieldseniors.org

Learn about international string music: Free interactive discussion with musician, composer, performer, educator and producer Sean Blackman, 6-7 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 32455 Franklin Road, (248) 851-2254, franklinlibrary@franklin.lib.mi.us, franklin.lib.mi.us

JUNE 10

The Birmingham Metropolitan Women's Club: Hear from guest speaker Jody Waits (Make-A-Wish Michigan chief development officer), 10:30 a.m., then luncheon, The Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Township, RSVP to Chris at (248) 303-7339 two weeks before each event, group meets every second Tuesday of month, tbmwc.com

ONGOING

Birmingham Farmers Market: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays until Oct. 26, Public Parking Lot #6, 660 N. Old Woodward Ave., allinbirmingham.com/farmersmarket

Cranbrook on the Green: Play artist-designed mini-golf course, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays in May and September plus Wednesdays-Sundays June-August (10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays), Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, tickets include admission to galleries, cranbrookartmuseum.org/mini-golf

Art exhibits: See "Surviving Outside" by Laith Karmo and Benjamin Teague, "Pretty Things" by Carolyn Reed Barritt, "A Legacy of Peaceful Moments" by Patrice Erickson and works by students of Patty Eisenbraun, on display 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays until June 5, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham, bbartcenter.org

• "Eventually Everything Connects: Mid-Century Modern Design in the US" on display 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays (until 8 p.m. Thursdays) June 14-Sept. 21, Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221

Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills, cranbrookartmuseum.org

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, seniormensclubbirmingham.com

Birmingham-Bloomfield Newcomers and Neighbors

Club: Nonprofit comprising 270-plus women around world, group hosts monthly Welcome Coffee events to connect, share cultures and build friendships, also local activities including card games and sports, inquire about events at bbnc.membership@gmail.com, bbnewcomers.com

'Grease': 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays May 30-June 14, outdoor Greek Theatre behind St. Dunstan's Playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, (844) 386-7826, stdunstantheatre.com

Beverly Park activities: Java and Jazz includes free coffee and live music by Ryan Bills Trio from 9 a.m.-noon May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17 and Sept. 21, also Concerts in the Park with performers TBD at 7 p.m. June 6, July 11 and Aug. 8, plus Food Truck Mondays from 4:30-7:30 p.m. weekly until Aug. 25, 18801 Beverly Road in Beverly Hills, (248) 646-6404, villagebeverlyhills.com

'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 Book Sale: Monthly event also includes 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



June YOUTH Events Calendar

| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
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| 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.

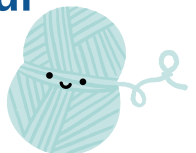
No registration is required.

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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July YOUTH Events Calendar

| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|----|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| | | 01 Mythcrackers: Common Animal Myths 6 p.m. | 02 Outdoor Family Story Time 11 a.m. | 03 | 04 HAPPY 4th of July CLOSED | 05 |
| 06 | 07 Outdoor Family Story Time 7 p.m. | 08 Fantasy Drawing Workshop 11 a.m. | 09 Adopt-A-Pet Money Workshop 2 p.m. | 10 The Reptarium 4 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. | 11 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon | 12 Friends of the Library Sale 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Puzzle Tournament 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. |
| 13 | 14 Brick Builders & Construction Club 2 p.m. | 15 Outdoor Family Story Time 11 a.m. | 16 Bad Guys Party 7 p.m. | 17 Art Lab: Pewabic Tile Workshop 6 p.m. | 18 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon Vintage Video Game Night 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Snack Lab 4 p.m. | 22 Reading with the Dogs 6 p.m. | 23 Outdoor Family Story Time 7 p.m. | 24 Splash Bash 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. | 25 Tots & Friends Playtime 10 a.m. - 12 noon | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Outdoor Family Story Time 11 a.m. | 29 Movie Marathon 3 p.m. - <i>Luca</i> 4:40 p.m. - <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days</i> 6:15 p.m. - <i>The Parent Trap</i> | 30 Drop-In Tiny Art Space 5:30 p.m. | 31 Beginning Stuffy Sewing 6 p.m. | |  |

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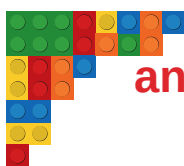
Outdoor Family Story Times



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.
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.

Brick Builders... and Construction Club



Monday, July 14, 2 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.



Family Movie Marathon

Tuesday, July 29, 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.

No registration is required.

3 p.m. - *Luca* (PG)

4:40 p.m. - *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days* (PG)

6:15 p.m. - *The Parent Trap* (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.

Drop-In Tiny Art Space

Wednesday, July 30, 3 5:30 p.m.

No registration is required.

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. Thursday, July 31 is the last day to turn in your tiny art masterpiece for the show.



REGISTRATION PROGRAMS



Mythcrackers: Common Animal Myths

Tuesday, July 1, 6 p.m.
Registration is required.

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.

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.

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.

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.



All Ages Puzzle Tournament

Saturday, July 12, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Registration is required.

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.



Art Lab: Pewabic Tile Workshop

Thursday, July 17, 6 p.m.
Registration is required.

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.



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 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.

Beginner Stuffy Sewing

Thursday, July 31, 6 p.m.
Registration is required.



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.

ADDITIONAL DROP-IN EVENTS

Tots and Friends Playtime

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10 a.m. - 12 noon



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After-Hours Vintage Video Game Night

Friday, July 18, 6:30 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.



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ADULT AND TEEN JUNE 2025 CALENDAR



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 Spice Club Kit Release: Matcha For Twp. cardholders while supplies last ***Don't Get Scammed! 5:30 p.m. | 3 Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon **Movie Discussion Club, Happy-Go-Lucky (2008), directed by Mike Leigh 7 p.m. | 4 **Pages Across Nations: An International Book Club , 7 p.m.  | 5 | 6 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Adult and Teen Craft Kit Release: Diamond Painting for Twp. cardholders while supplies last **Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounters, 11 a.m. Register for all Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival events at greatlakeschambermusic.org | 10 **What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group , 1 p.m.  | 11 **Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Artistic Encounters , 11 a.m. ***Photo Editing, 5:30 p.m. **Writers' Rendezvous 6:30 p.m. **Lecture – 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 , 11 a.m. Register at greatlakeschambermusic.org **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 with Food Trucks, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Teen Graffiti Fence Craft Kit Release at 5:30 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 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 ***ChatGPT and AI , 5:30 p.m. **Monday Night Book Club, 7 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. **Lecture – Pewabic: Detroit's Pottery, 7 p.m. | 26 **Thursday Book Club , 10 a.m. ****Color Our World with Music: Gemily in Concert 6:30 p.m. | 27 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon **Romance/Romantasy Book Club: "Fade to Black," 4 p.m. | 28 **Houseplant and Seed Swap 2 p.m. |
| 29 | 30 Adult and Teen Craft Kit Release: Tiny Art For Twp. cardholders while supplies last **Sitcom Showdown: Family TV Trivia! For ages 18 and up 6 p.m. | 1 Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon | 2 | 3 | 4 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY  | 5 |



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**** All Ages program

Summer 2025 | June 17 - August 8

COLOR OUR WORLD™

Scan the QR code, visit btpl.org/summer, call (248) 642-5800, or stop by the Adult and Teen Services Desk for details.



Scan to Register

Check Out These Special Summer Reading Events:

- Teen Summer Read, *The Inheritance Games* series, June 1 – July 31
- Summer Reading Kickoff with Food Trucks, June 17
- Teen Riddle Duck Hunt and Duck Dash, June 25
- Gemily in Concert, June 26

ADULT AND TEEN JULY 2025 CALENDAR



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 29 Teen Summer Read continues for double the Beanstack tickets through Thursday, July 31: <i>The Inheritance Games</i> series by Jennifer Lynn Barnes | 30 **Sitcom Showdown: Family TV Trivia! For ages 18 and up 6 p.m. | 1 Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon | 2 | 3 | 4 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Spice Club Kit Release: Lavender For Twp. cardholders while supplies last ***Computer and Internet Basics, 5:30 p.m. | 8 **What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group , 1 p.m. *Teen Painting with a Twist 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | 9 **Writers' Rendezvous 6:30 p.m. | 10 | 11 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon | 12 Friends of the Library Second Saturday Book Sale , 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. <i>First hour Friends members only</i> ***Summer All Ages Puzzle Tournament 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Adult and Teen Craft Kit Release: Indigo Dyed Pillow Fiber Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon **Classics Book Club 7 p.m. | 16 Visual Arts Club 10 a.m. – Noon **Mystery Book Club 1 p.m. ***Google Apps 5:30 p.m. | 17 Visual Arts Club 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. | 18 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon *After-Hours Vintage Video Game Night For ages 8 – 18 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. | 19 |
| 20 | 21 **Lunchtime Book Club , 1 p.m. ***Microsoft Excel I 5:30 p.m. | 22 **What's Your Story?: A Memoir Writing Group , 1 p.m. **Lecture – Transformation Station: Saving Michigan Central Station, 7 p.m. | 23 **Writers' Rendezvous 6:30 p.m. | 24 **Thursday Book Club 10 a.m. | 25 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon **Romance/Romantasy Book Club: "Fade to Black," 4 p.m. | 26 |
| 27 | 28 ***Microsoft Excel II, 5:30 p.m. **Monday Night Book Club, 7 p.m. | 29 *Teen Program: Darts and Arts 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Take-home Teen Darts and Arts Craft Kits will be available for Twp. cardholders after 3 p.m. while supplies last | 30 | 31 | 1 English Language Conversation Group 10 a.m. – Noon **Speed Dating with a Book, 6:30 p.m. | 2 |

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Summer 2025 | June 17 - August 8



From June 17 through August 8, all are invited to participate in the Library's online reading challenge.

Log your summer reading and complete activities to win badges and enter prize drawings.

Scan the QR code below, visit the Adult and Teen Services Desk, or visit btpl.org/summer for full details or to get started.



Scan to Register

DATES FOR THE LIBRARY BOARD OF 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)

Wednesday, June 18, 10:30 a.m. – Friends Board Meeting

Saturday, July 12, 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, July 15, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Library Board Meeting (all Trustees)

Wednesday, July 16, 10:30 a.m. – Friends Board Meeting

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

Thursday, July 31, 10:00 a.m. – Budget Work Session (all Trustees)