

DISCOVER

2025 FALL AT THE LIBRARY



Bloomfield Township Public
Library



Reimagining Library Spaces

The Library is working on an exciting interior design project to reimagine some of our public spaces and update furnishings and finishes throughout the building. While many areas of the Library remain vibrant and well-used, others are over 20 years old and showing signs of wear or no longer meet the needs of our community. This project will focus on making better use of underutilized spaces, refreshing high-traffic areas, and enhancing the overall look and feel of the Library.

We're still in the planning stages, but we will share designs and decisions to keep you informed as the work progresses. As plans take shape, we look forward to hearing your ideas and feedback. Community input will play an important role in shaping the future of the Library.

Stay tuned for more updates in the coming months. Opportunities to weigh in on the vision will be shared on btpl.org, via email, and on our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Help us create a space that is welcoming, flexible, and inspiring for all!

The Freedom to Read: A Right Worth Celebrating

At the heart of every library is a simple but powerful idea: everyone should have the freedom to read, explore, and learn. Public libraries are founded on the principles of intellectual freedom and free access to information – cornerstones of a healthy democracy and protected by the First Amendment.

Books have the power to open minds, spark empathy, and build understanding. Some stories serve as windows, offering a glimpse into lives and experiences different from our own. Others are mirrors, reflecting our identities, histories, and challenges in meaningful ways. Whether you're looking for inspiration, entertainment, knowledge, or comfort, libraries ensure you have access to a wide range of voices and perspectives.

The freedom to read includes the right to make your own choices about what to read, without censorship or restriction. At Bloomfield Township Public Library, we are proud to support your right to discover books that challenge, uplift, or simply delight you – no matter your age or background.

As we head into fall – a season for fresh starts, reflection, and curling up with a good book – we're reminded of the power stories have to transform lives. A single book can spark a lifelong interest, change the way you see the world, or make you feel seen for the very first time. Stories connect us across differences, invite us into new ways of thinking, and remind us that we're not alone.

You can support these values in simple, meaningful ways. Read a book that's been challenged and reflect on why it matters. Invite a friend to get a library card and discover all the library has to offer. Explore the resources available at MIRightToRead.com, a statewide initiative to protect every Michigander's right to read freely.

Bloomfield Township Public Library is a place where curiosity is encouraged, ideas are welcome, and everyone belongs. Thank you for standing with us to protect the freedom to read.



For programs requiring registration or for more information, visit the Calendar of Events at btpl.org/events or call the Youth Services Desk at (248) 642-5800. Please contact the Library if your child requires accommodations. Youth programs are developed to engage children of all abilities with activities that are appropriate for a specific age or grade level. Please register for events based on this recommendation.

STORY TIMES

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., 6-week sessions

September 9 – October 14, *Registration begins August 11.*

November 4 – December 9 (No Story Time on

Tuesday, November 11), *Registration begins October 6.*

Stories, rhymes, music, movement, and more for preschoolers, ages 3 and up, and their grown-up.

Baby Story Time

Wednesdays, 10 a.m., 6-week sessions

September 10 – October 15, *Registration begins August 11.*

November 5 – December 10, *Registration begins October 6.*

Interactive early literacy fun with simple stories, songs, fingerplays, lap bounces, and play for little sitters and crawlers, ages birth – 17 months, and their grown-up.

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, 10 a.m., 6-week sessions

September 11 – October 16, *Registration begins August 11.*

November 6 – December 11 (No Story Time on

Thursday, November 27), *Registration begins October 6.*

Interactive early literacy fun with stories, songs, movement activities, rhymes, and play geared to toddlers and walkers, ages 18 – 35 months, and their grown-up.

Family Story Time

Saturdays, 11 a.m.

September 13, October 11, and November 8

No registration required. Families of all ages are invited to join us for stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and more fun.

Sensory Story Time

Saturdays, 11 a.m.

October 25, *Registration begins September 27.*

November 22, *Registration begins October 25.*

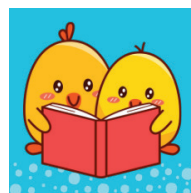
Join us in an adaptive story time experience for youth of all abilities, including those who have difficulty in large groups or who have sensory integration challenges. Participants can expect stories with gentle multisensory engagement, visual aids, adaptive movement, and low lights and sounds (noise reducing headphones are available if needed). Sensory Story Time is for children, ages 3 and up, and their grown-up.

**Programs in this brochure marked with an asterisk are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library. We are grateful for their support!*

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Visit the Calendar of Events at btpl.org/events to register for book discussions. Print copies of all books will be available for registered participants at the Youth Services Desk, or can be checked out and downloaded as e-audio or e-book formats through Libby by OverDrive or hoopla. Days and times vary.

My First Book Group, Grades K – 1 with an Adult*



Wednesday, September 17, 5:30 p.m.

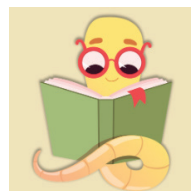
Registration begins August 20.

Monday, October 13, 5:30 p.m.

Registration begins September 17.

Thursday, November 13, 5:30 p.m.

Registration begins October 13.



Book Worms, Grades 2 – 3*

Monday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins September 2.

Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins September 29.

Monday, November 24, 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins October 29.



Paperbacks & Snacks, Grades 4 – 6*

Thursday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins September 11.

Tuesday, November 4, 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins October 9.

PLAY & BUILD PROGRAMS



Tots and Friends Playtime

Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, September 5 – November 21

No registration 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.

Gamer Lounge

Fridays, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

September 19, October 17, and November 14

No registration required. Start the weekend with video game fun! Come solo or bring your friends and try out different games and consoles each time. For students in grades 5 – 12.

MONTHLY READING PROGRAMS

Reading with the Dogs

Various Days, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., 15-minute sessions

Monday, October 6, Registration begins September 8.

Thursday, November 6, Registration begins October 6.

Readers ages 5 and up are invited to register for a 15-minute session to share a story with a furry friend at the Library. Licensed therapy dogs and their handlers will be ready to listen in the Story Room. This is a comfortable way to practice reading skills with no judgment from the dogs!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Animation 101

Flipbooks: Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins August 19.

Hand-Drawn GIFs: Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins September 16.

Learn the basics of the art of hand-drawn animation in these beginners' workshops for ages 8 – 13. September participants will create their own flip books to take home, and those in October will create a series of drawings that will be turned into animated GIFs emailed out after the program.

Little Builders

Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m. – Noon

No registration required. Drop in for a little “block party” with us. From wooden blocks to big blocks and more, come spend some “constructive” time with your child. Make a house, build a road – the sky’s the limit! For ages 18 months – 5 years, with a grown-up.

Toddler Dance Party

Saturday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins September 20. Toddler Dance Party is back! Adults and big sibs are invited to interact and play with the toddlers in their life. Get everyone moving with dances to follow along with and songs where you can make up your own moves. This program is open to walking toddlers and pre-kindergarten kids and their families.

Uke Can Play

Monday, October 27, 6 p.m.

Registration begins September 29. Learn to play the ukulele, a stringed instrument similar to the guitar. You'll learn basic chords, patterns, and rhythms to play several songs. This is a beginner's workshop, and no prior musical experience is necessary. Ukuleles will be provided for each child to practice with during class, which must be returned to the instructor at the conclusion of the event. For ages 10 – 13.

Superhero Party

Friday, November 7, 4:30 p.m.

No registration required. Young superhero fans, assemble! Join us at the Library for games, activities, and crafts inspired by superheroes. For all ages.

BOARD GAME & PUZZLE DAY

Wednesday, November 26

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

No registration required. Relax, unwind, and spend quality family time together or time with friends playing board game favorites, trying a new game, or puzzling. Choose from our selection of games and puzzles at the Youth Services Desk. All-ages fun for family and friends. Please bring games and puzzles back to the Youth Services Desk by 4:30 p.m.

Art Lab: Surreal Self-Portraits*

Thursday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins October 23. Explore different art mediums, some traditional and some not, in this creative program for young people ages 10 – 13.

Minecraft Party

Tuesday, November 25, 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins October 28. Join us in the Library's Computer Lab to mine, build, and interact with fellow Minecrafters using the Library's computers or iPads. Jump into our premade world, or create one entirely of your own. For ages 8 and up.

Family Movie Marathon

Friday, November 28, 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) – 11 a.m.

Pokémon Detective Pikachu (PG) – 12:45 p.m.

Sonic the Hedgehog (PG) – 2:45 p.m.

No registration required. Stop by the Youth Story Room for a marathon of our favorite video game films. Popcorn and water will be provided, but you may bring your own nut-free snacks. For families of all ages.

Squishmallow Portrait Workshop

Saturday, November 29, 11 a.m.

Registration begins November 1. Gather around and learn to paint a squishmallow in a fun, follow-along workshop. Squishmallow subjects and painting supplies will be provided. For ages 8 – 13.

ANY TIME FUN

Stories and Stuff Subscription Book Boxes*

A subscription book service for grades 3 – 8. When you sign up, you will receive one highly recommended book based on your favorite topics or genres and some neat book-related gifts. Registration is for three months, but you are welcome to sign up again and again based on availability. Keep the gifts, but return the book and box when you are finished. The next sign up begins September 2 at btpl.org/events.



CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

Social Conflict Strategies at Home

Tuesday, September 30, 7 p.m.

Registration begins September 2.

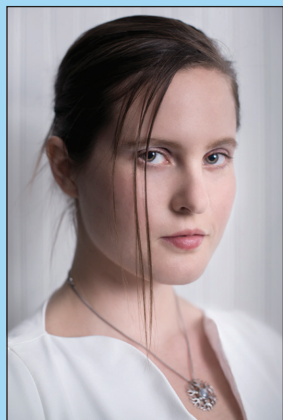
Join us for a conversation regarding different types of social conflict children might have with peers, how to effectively use assertive communication skills, and ways to support and talk with

your child at home. We will address bullying behaviors, strategies to self-advocate, and tools for caregiver support. Presented by Bloomfield Child and Family Counseling.

Postpartum Exposed: Seven Things that Shock Every New Mom (and How to Handle Them Like a Pro)*

Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Registration begins October 8. This empowering workshop is designed for expectant parents who want to better understand the emotional, physical, and mental realities of life after birth. Led by Certified Doula and Lactation Consultant Stephanie Poole, this 60-minute talk with Q&A time after breaks the silence around postpartum recovery – from healing and hormones, to identity shifts and asking for help. This is the unfiltered, eye-opening, judgment-free zone every pregnant mama needs before B-Day hits.

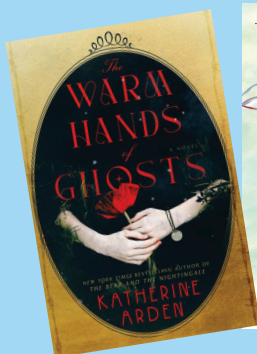


An Evening with Author Katherine Arden*

Thursday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Join us for an evening with the acclaimed author of *The Warm Hands of Ghosts* and *The Strangest Fish*. Readers and book lovers of all ages will enjoy this presentation covering Katherine's work from

picture books to middle grade books to novels for adults. This event will be held offsite at the Bloomfield Hills High School auditorium. Books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Schuler Books West Bloomfield.



Teens

EVENTS & PROGRAMS



Paying for College

Monday, September 8, 5 p.m.

Registration begins August 8.

High school students and their families will receive general information about the college financial aid process from Oakland University's Senior Financial Aid Outreach Advisor Carrie Gilchrist.



Gamer Lounge

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September 19, October 17, and November 14

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"Fade to Black" Romance/Romantasy Book Club

Fridays, 4 p.m.

September 26, October 24, and November 21

Registration is required for this book club. If you love a good love story, this book club is for you! For ages 16 and up.

Anime and Manga Mania

Tuesday, October 28, 4 p.m.

Registration begins September 29. Come dressed as your favorite anime or manga character or wear something with anime/manga on it. We will be battling out what the best anime and manga are, playing trivia, and more. Snacks provided. For ages 13 – 18.



Teen Craft Day: DIY Croc Charms

Tuesday, November 4, 4 p.m.

Registration begins October 3.

Create your own charms using clay. For ages 13 – 18.

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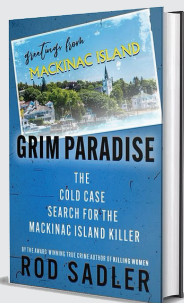
JOIN US IN OCTOBER FOR SPOOKY FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Author Event with Rod Sadler, *Grim Paradise: The Cold Case Search for the Mackinac Island Killer**

Thursday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Registration begins September 9.

Retired police officer and author of *Grim Paradise*, Rod Sadler, delves into the secrets of one of Michigan's most perplexing murder cases. Could new advancements in DNA technology uncover the identity of the Mackinac Island murderer? Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Lecture: The History of Horror with Greg Black*

Tuesday, October 14 at 7 p.m.

Registration begins September 14. Join local film enthusiast and video producer Greg Black as he presents an overview of the history of horror films from 1896 to the present day.

TEEN After-Hours Haunted Library:

Among Us

**Friday, October 24,
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Registration begins September 24. Crewmates, report to the Library after hours – there's a spooky mystery to solve, and someone (or something) is sabotaging your mission. Follow the clues, complete the tasks, and watch your back! Snacks, prizes, and imposters included. Ages 13 – 18; costumes optional, but encouraged.

AMONG US

Trick or Treat at the Library (with Food Trucks)

Tuesday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

No registration required. All ages are invited to grab your costumes and drop in for a festive evening of trick-or-treating, games, and activities throughout the Library! Head to Youth Services to pick up your trick-or-treating bag and first treats. Then follow the trick-or-treating map to find each station around the Library for peanut-free goodies, Halloween-themed mini craft kits, stickers, and other cool treats. Brave travelers are invited to visit the Lower Level and walk through the Library's "Spooky Rooms" and experience some extra eerie vibes.

Food Trucks from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Food trucks will be set up in the parking lot during Trick or Treat at the Library from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. with treats for purchase that can be enjoyed outside on the Library Terraces. Overflow parking will also be available at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church (Lone Pine Rd. just west of Telegraph), and shuttle transportation to and from the Library from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m., courtesy of Bloomfield Township Senior Services.

YOUTH Snack Lab: Spooky Snacks

Tuesday, October 28, 5:30 p.m.

Registration begins September 30. Junior chefs will create several spooky and simple no-cook snacks that are easy enough for little hands to make all by themselves. Snacks will be peanut and tree nut free. For snack scientists, ages 4 – 7.

Adults & Teens

Kits available at the Adult and Teen Services Desk while supplies last. One kit per Township resident library card.



Herbarium Journal Starter Kit

Releases Thursday, September 11

Collect and preserve autumn leaves and flowers to create a special keepsake. Kit includes a journal, washi tape, pressing paper, and labels.

DIY Halloween Mask Kit

Releases Monday, October 13

Create a disguise with materials inspired by a Creativebug tutorial. Each kit includes a base mask, felt pieces, and embellishments to design your own unique look. Hot glue gun required but not included.

Paper Quill Mini Flowers Kit

Releases Tuesday, November 18

Learn to use a quilling tool and transform paper strips into tiny circles, cups, teardrops, petals, and scrolls to create and assemble a charming bouquet.

Spice Kits

Available beginning the first Monday of each month

Expand your culinary horizons by adding flavors from around the world. Each kit contains a spice or blend sample, information, and suggested recipes.

- September – Star Anise
- October – Kalonji (Nigella) Seed
- November – Aleppo Pepper

Adults

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

DIA Behind the Seen: Cows at the Opera House and Other Museum Mysteries

Tuesday, September 9, 7 p.m.

Registration begins August 9. Dive deep into the many mysteries of the Detroit Institute of Arts. Docent Leslie Ward tells the stories behind treasured works in the world-class collection and discusses issues of authenticity in a talk prepared by the museum's art education experts.



Local Author Fair

Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

No registration required. Meet the talented published authors who live in our midst! You might discover your next great read and favorite new writer. Books will be available for purchase from the authors.

Classic Michigan Food and Drinks with Authors Gail Offen and Jon Milan

Sunday, September 14, 2 p.m.

Registration is required by visiting jhsmichigan.org. Get the stories behind global brands and regional favorites originating in the Mitten state. Ready-to-eat breakfast cereals like Kellogg's and Post changed how the world eats. Gerber was the first company to make commercially available baby food. You'll also learn about notable "Made in Michigan" edibles like Faygo, American Spoon, Jiffy, Sanders, Better Made, and Vernors. Presented in partnership with the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan.

MANHATTAN

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**MANHATTAN SHORT
Film Festival***

Saturday, September 27, 2 p.m.

or Monday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.

No registration required. Join more than 100,000 film lovers in more than 500 cities across six continents to view and vote on the finalists' films in this 28th annual short film festival. The same films will be screened at both sessions.

Cookbook Club

NEW Cookbook Club Starting in September!

Third Saturday every other month, 12 noon

Registration is required. Explore an array of cuisines and cooking styles. Every other month meet with other cookbook fans to discuss recipes, influences, and favorites from a selected cookbook. Registrants are invited to prepare a dish from the book and share sample-size portions with the group.



Blackthorn: Traditional Irish Music Concert*

**Friday, October 3,
7 p.m.**

*Registration begins
September 3.*

Experience a dynamic blend of traditional Irish tunes, sea shanties, and Celtic rock. Blackthorn's interactive show features rich storytelling and high energy, making them a favorite across the Midwest.



History Harvest with Bloomfield Historical Society

Sunday, November 9, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

No registration required. Help the Library and the Bloomfield Historical Society collect and preserve our area's rich history. Bring yearbooks, photographs, telephone directories, and other local publications to be evaluated for donation to the local history collection. Members of the Bloomfield Historical Society will help with research questions.

Using Ancestry.com and

Ancestry Library Edition with Judy Nimer Muhn*

Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m.

Registration begins October 12. Learn the differences between the free, paid, and library versions of Ancestry.com and how to effectively use each. Genealogy expert Judy Nimer Muhn provides tips, tricks, and information to help you find your ancestors' records.

Bellissima! Handbell Choir Concert*

Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Registration begins November 6. Experience the joy of this community ensemble known for vibrant performances and diverse musical styles. The group is sponsored by the Tuesday Musicales of Greater Pontiac – a 100-year-old nonprofit dedicated to supporting the performing arts.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Join a club! Choose from nine different book clubs, a movie discussion club, fiber arts club, visual arts club, one of two writing groups, or an English language conversation group. For details, visit btpl.org/events.



Computers & Technology

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



iPhone Tips, Tricks & Answers

Tuesday, September 9, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18, 1 p.m.

Got iPhone or iPad questions?

Skip the Genius Bar and pull up a chair at the Tech Table. Come

back for each session to learn essential tips, ask anything, or discover surprising features in this fun, hands-on workshop. Please bring your own iPhone or iPad to class.

Scanning and Photo Editing

Wednesday, September 10, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5, 5:30 p.m.

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

Excel I

Monday, September 15, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, October 20, 5:30 p.m.

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

Google Apps

Thursday, September 18, 2 p.m.

Thursday, October 9, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2 p.m.

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

Excel II

Monday, September 22, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, October 27, 5:30 p.m.

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



Don't Get Scammed!

Wednesday, September 24, 2 p.m.

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

ChatGPT and AI

Monday, October 6, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, November 10, 5:30 p.m.

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



NEW Beginner Coding for Kids

Wednesday, October 15,

5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Learn what coding is all about in this beginner-friendly workshop using block-based coding. We'll make a simple game or animation together, no experience needed! For ages 9 – 13.

Computer and Internet Basics

Thursday, October 23, 2 p.m.

Monday, November 24, 5:30 p.m.

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

Intro to Making Websites

Wednesday, November 12, 5:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of building a website using an online web-builder. Create a simple web page and learn how to modify text, images, and layout. Learn some HTML and CSS basics along the way.



Ask the Experts!

Need tech help? IT experts are available daily during library hours. Pop in for assistance with printing, scanning, faxing, or other tech questions. You can also call the Computer Help Desk at (248) 642-5800, ext. 405, or email AskTech@btpl.org.

Need Help with Downloadables?

Assistance with Libby, Kanopy, hoopla, and PressReader is available by appointment by calling the Adult Services Desk or by emailing AskAdult@btpl.org.



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Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 12 noon – 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Closings

Sunday, August 31 and Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, November 11 for Staff Development Day
Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving
Closing at 5:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26
Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day
Closing at 5:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31

Board of Trustees

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Meetings are at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month except April, which is the fourth Tuesday.

For the most current information or to view meeting packets visit btpl.org.

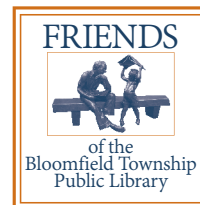
Friends of the Library

Second Saturday Sale Dates

September 13, October 11, and November 8
Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.*
**10 a.m. – 11 a.m. for Friends members only.*

Membership information available at btpl.org/friends or at the door on Second Saturday Sale dates.

Please visit the Friends on Facebook or Instagram ("*FriendsBTPL*") for the most up-to-date information.



Make it your quest to join the Friends today!

Coming this Fall @ the Library...

Lectures, concerts and performances, book discussion groups, special events, story times, computer classes, and more. Details available at btpl.org.