

APRIL 2026



An Evening with
Children's Author

KATE MESSNER

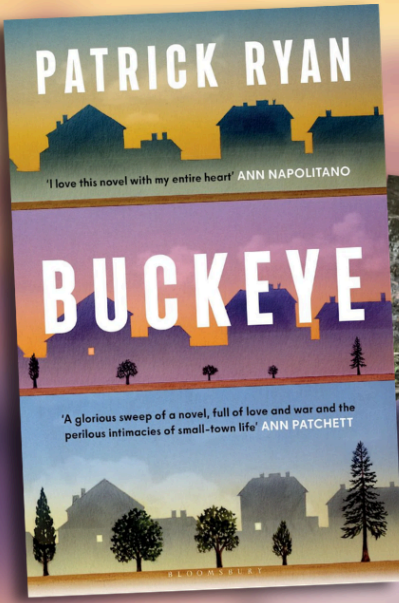


[An Evening with Children's Author Kate Messner](#), Monday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.


Registration is required. Join us for a visit with New York Times best-selling author Kate Messner. Her 70+ titles include award-winning picture books like *Over and Under the Snow* and *The Scariest Kitten in the World*, as well as novels for older readers like *Breakout* and *The Trouble with Heroes*. Kate also writes the *History Smashers* and *Ranger in Time* series. Visit katemessner.com to learn more. This program is for families of all ages, and books will be available for purchase and signing from Schuler Books.

[Special Author Event: Patrick Ryan, *Buckeye*](#), Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.


Registration is required. Hear from bestselling author Patrick Ryan, whose 2025 novel *Buckeye* has been met with wide acclaim from readers and critics alike. The story centers around a single compelling idea: that forgiveness, central to all relationships, is a series of decisions, repeatedly remade. Learn how this acclaimed work – Ryan's first novel for adults – came to life. Books will be available for purchase and signing from Schuler Books West Bloomfield. This event will be held at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301, and is co-presented with West Bloomfield Township Public Library.



AUTHOR EVENT: PATRICK RYAN

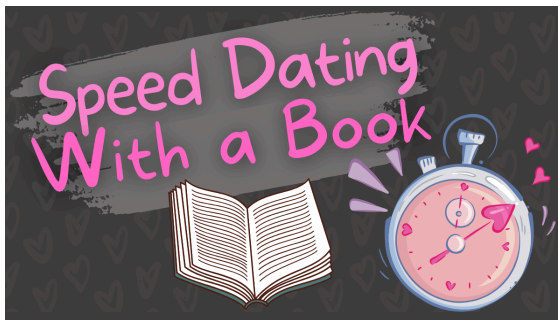


Event Location:
Temple Beth El
 7400 Telegraph Road,
 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302



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Adult and Teen Services Events



[Speed Dating with a Book](#)

Friday, April 10, 7 p.m.

Registration is required. On the lookout for additions to your “to be read” list? In the span of an hour, you’ll hear librarians and other staff pitch 20 books they’ve recently loved, helping you find your next excellent read.

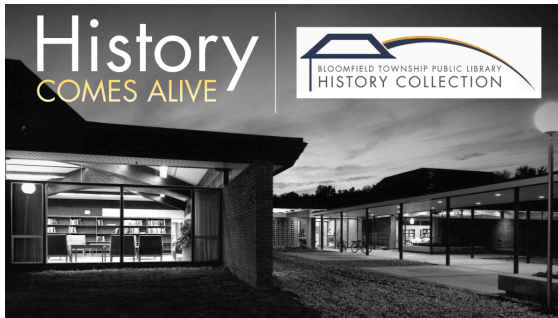


[Gentle Spaces for Adults and Teens](#)

Monday, April 13, 11 a.m. – 12 noon

No registration required; drop in anytime.

Experience a relaxed, sensory-friendly hangout that includes an adaptive story time, a hands-on craft, low-key games and puzzles, and softer lights and sounds. This space is designed for adults (18+) with neurodiversity or intellectual and developmental disabilities, along with families and caregivers. Come as you are, explore what feels comfortable, and enjoy a welcoming space to unwind and connect (if you choose).



History Comes Alive: Bloomfield Township Public Library History Collection

Thursday, April 16, 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Registration is required. Learn how to access the Library's new digital archive and its History Collection. With the launch of this modern, searchable site, Bloomfield Township's rich history is more accessible than ever. Choose one session to attend; the same content will be covered at each session.



10th Annual Photo Contest Reception

Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The first, second, and third place winners in each age category (youth, teen, and adult) will be announced, as will the People's Choice Award winner and the Best in Show. All photos will be shared in a PowerPoint presentation at the beginning of the reception, and everyone is welcome to attend this community event.



History Harvest with Bloomfield Historical Society

Sunday, April 19, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

No registration required; drop in anytime. Help preserve our area's rich history! Bring yearbooks, photos, telephone directories, and other local publications to be evaluated for donation to the local history collection. Historical Society members will be on hand to help with research questions.



Adult Brick Builder Meet-Up

Saturday, April 25, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

No registration required; drop in anytime. Gather, build, and connect with other LEGO enthusiasts – use the Library's bricks or bring your own!



The Power of Journaling

Thursday, April 30, 7 p.m.

Registration is required. Join author, wellness educator, and entrepreneur Candace Cox-Wimberly for a session on how to use journaling as a tool for clarity, confidence, and healing.

Youth Services April Programs



Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Saturday, April 11, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration is required. Please register for the appropriate age bracket. How good are your Super Smash Bros. skills? Here's your opportunity to battle it out at the Library with your favorite Nintendo characters for a chance at fame (locally) and fortune (prizes!). Two tournaments will run simultaneously: one for ages 6 – 12 and one for ages 13 – 18.

Be a Star Reader!

From **Sunday, April 19 – Saturday, April 25**, bring your favorite book to the Youth Services Department and have your photo taken with it in celebration of **National Library Week**. All participants will have their names entered into a special drawing. 20 lucky Star Readers will have their photo featured on READ posters that will be displayed monthly at the Library.

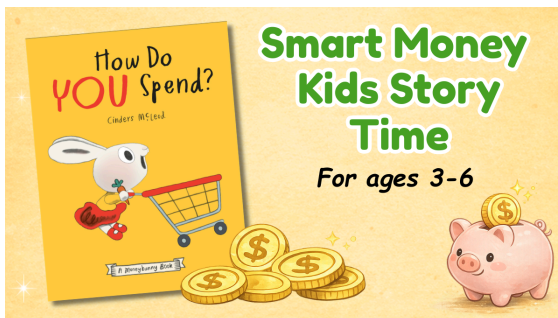


Smart Money Kids Story Time

Tuesday, April 21, 5:30 p.m.

No registration required.

Join us for a special story time with songs, rhymes, crafts, and more to celebrate Financial Literacy Month with this year's Smart Money Kids Read title, *How Do You Spend?* by Cinders McLeod. For ages 3 – 6.



May the Fourth Be With You

Monday, May 4, 3 p.m. – 8 p.m.

No registration required. Drop in for lots of *Star Wars* fun, including crafts, movies in the Story Room, and other intergalactic activities.





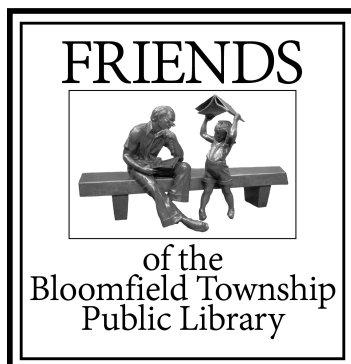
Drop in for comic book fun all day, including crafts and comic drawing activities. Don't forget to pick up your free comic books at the Youth Services or Adult and Teen Services Desks. Thank you to Comic City of Bloomfield Township for partnering with us on this event. *No registration required.*

UPCOMING EVENTS



Visit our [Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming programs at the Library including:

- [Fiber Arts Club](#), every month on the first and third Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
- [iPhone Tips, Tricks, and Answers](#), Tuesday, April 7, 1 p.m.
- [Intro to Making Websites](#), Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 p.m.
- [Google Apps](#), Tuesday, April 14, 1 p.m.
- [Beginner Coding for Kids](#), Wednesday, April 15, 5 p.m.
- [Don't Get Scammed!](#), Tuesday, April 21, 1 p.m.
- [Sensory Story Time](#), Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m.



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their next **Second Saturday Sale**, Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., with a members-only sale period from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. ([memberships available](#) online or at the door). Bring a bag or box for your purchase. Donations are accepted in the Book Donation Room at the west end of the building during the Library's open hours, accessible from the outside walkway. For the most up-to-date information, visit our [website](#), or the Friends' [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages.



JEANETTE P. MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLY BY JUNE 1

The Bloomfield Township Public Library is pleased to announce that applications for the **Jeanette P. Myers Memorial Scholarship** are being accepted now through Monday, June 1, 2026. The Myers Memorial Scholarship provides funds to encourage and support the post-secondary education of past or present employees of Bloomfield Township Public Library, or persons who have some relationship with the Library. A total amount of at least \$500 will be awarded to one or more scholarship applicants to use for books, tuition, or other relevant expenses to assist in working toward an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree, or for the pursuit of other higher education. Scholarship guidelines and application forms are available at the Library's Welcome Desk and [on the Library website](#).

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CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

AT BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
AT 7 P.M.

Talented student musicians from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre, and Dance will thrill audiences with stirring performances of chamber music pieces.

Concert is free and open to all. No registration required.



Temple Beth El; designed and fabricated by Heinigke & Smith of New York City.

LOCAL HISTORY PROGRAM SERIES

STAINED GLASS

OF METRO DETROIT AND OAKLAND COUNTY

Sponsored jointly by
the BLOOMFIELD
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

Stained Glass of Metro Detroit and Oakland County: Local History Program Series

Sunday, April 12, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

No registration required. Few places in America possess a stained glass legacy equal to that of Detroit and its environs. Join author, photographer, and architectural historian Dale A. Carlson at Bloomfield Township Public Library. He'll discuss a quartet of important 20th-century window makers. Through his photography, Carlson will illustrate many of their stunning installations, including Kirk in the Hills, Christ Church Cranbrook, Temple Beth El, the Temple of Memories Mausoleum at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, and Birmingham First United Methodist Church. Sponsored jointly by the Bloomfield Historical Society and Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Library Hours

Mon. - Thurs.: 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Noon - 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Closings

There are no scheduled closings for the remainder of April. The Library will be closed Sunday, May 24, and Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

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