

DISCOVER

2026 FALL AT THE LIBRARY



LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT

Exciting Changes
@ the Library
Fall 2026 –
Summer 2027



This fall, the Library will move forward with an interior design project to refresh its public spaces. The Library's last renovation was nearly 20 years ago, and while many areas remain relevant and well-used, others are no longer meeting the needs of the community. This exciting project is designed to improve high-traffic areas, transform underused spaces, and enhance the overall library experience by focusing on community and inclusivity.

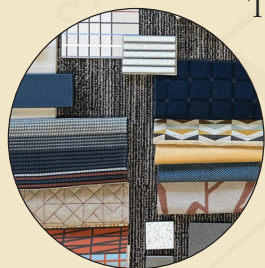


Major improvements include:

- Relocating hold items to the front of the library
- Moving public computers and printers closer to the front of the library
- Replacing furniture
- Refreshing carpet and paint throughout all public areas
- Creating a coffee shop-style atmosphere in the magazine room
- Adding five new study rooms
- Adding a sensory room, lactation room, and two wellness rooms
- Adding an adult and teen programming room
- Reimagining the computer lab for greater flexibility
- Relocating service desks to improve service and sightlines

In order to prepare for the first phase of construction, **the Library will be closed to the public Monday, August 31, through Friday, September 11.** Limited services will be available during this time, including curbside holds pickup and assistance with digital resources over the phone. The Library will reopen on Saturday, September 12, at 9:30 a.m.

Throughout the project, temporary inconveniences will include reduced programming, limited access to collections and seating, and unavailable meeting rooms. We will share project updates at btpl.org/design and through the Library's social media pages. For the most current information, scan the QR code below or sign up for email updates at btpl.org/newsletter-signup.



Thanks to the support of Bloomfield Township residents who renewed the Library's millage in 2024 and the careful financial stewardship of the Library Board of Trustees, the renovation will be funded through the Library's existing fund balance. No new millages or bonds are required.

Questions? Contact Library Director Tera Moon at director@btpl.org. Thank you for your support as we work to create a more welcoming, flexible, and inspiring library for Bloomfield Township.



Youth

For programs requiring registration or for more information, visit the Calendar of Events at btpl.org/events or call the Library 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, 10:30 a.m.
September 29 – October 13
Registration for the three-week session begins August 31.
November 10 – December 8

Registration for the five-week session begins October 12.
Stories, rhymes, fingerplays, movement, and more for preschoolers ages 3 and up and their grown-up. Enjoy detailed stories, complex fine motor development opportunities, and increased independence.



Baby Story Time
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
September 30 – October 14
Registration for the three-week session begins August 31.
November 18 – December 9

Registration for the four-week session begins October 12.
Lap-based interactive story time designed for little sitters and crawlers, ages birth – approximately 17 months, and their grown-up. Join us for simple stories, songs, lap bounces, connection, and play.



Toddler Story Time –
Two Days to Choose From!
Register for only one day and time slot per session.

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., October 1 – October 15
OR Fridays, 10:30 a.m., October 2 – October 16
Registration for the three-week session begins August 31.
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., November 12 – December 10
OR Fridays, 10:30 a.m., November 13 – December 11
(No Story Time November 26 or November 27)
Registration for the four-week session begins October 12.
Interactive early literacy fun designed for little walkers and movers, ages approximately 18 – 35 months, along with their grown-up. Join us for stories, songs, movement activities, rhymes, and play.



Family Story Time
Saturdays, 11 a.m.
October 10,
and November 14
No registration required.
Families are invited

to join us for stories, songs, rhymes, movement, and fun.
For children of all ages and their grown-ups.

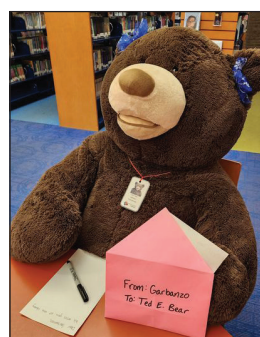


PJ Family Story Time
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
September 30, October 21,
and November 18
No registration required. Get ready for bedtime with stories,

songs, rhymes, and gentle movement for children of all ages and their families. Pajamas are welcome.

PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Letters to Ted...During Construction, October 1 – 31



No registration required.

It's your chance to write to the Youth Department's mascot, Ted E. Bear. Here's how it works: grab some paper and a pencil and write a letter to Ted. Tell him about your day, your favorite books, or ask him what he's been up to while the Youth Room is closed for construction. Pop your letter in the

special mailbox at the shared Service Desk and wait patiently for 7 – 10 days while Ted E. Bear reads it, then check your own mailbox for his response!



Rhythm and Play
Wednesday, September 23
10:30 a.m.
Registration begins August 26.

Shake, sing, and play.
Join us for a morning of music and movement, including exploring rhythm instruments, songs, and parachute games. For preschoolers ages 3 and up.

Reading with the Dogs

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



Monday, October 19
Registration begins September 21.
Thursday, November 19
Registration begins October 19.

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 Community Room. This is a comfortable way to practice reading skills with no judgment from the dogs!



Gamer Lounge*
Fridays, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
September 25,
October 16,
and November 20

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 grades 5 – 12.



Little Builders
Wednesday, October 21
10 a.m. – Noon

No registration required.

Drop in for a little “block party” with us!

Enjoy a mix of blocks and loose parts play and spend some constructive time with your child. Build a tower, create and test ramps, play with light and shadow, and more. For ages 18 months – 5 years, with a grown-up.



Little and Big Brick Builders
Friday, November 27
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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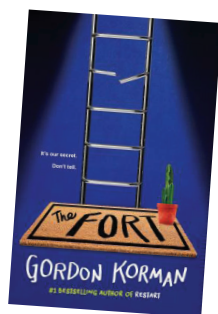
Drop in for a block party

in the Community Room, and experiment with wooden blocks, big blocks, little LEGO, larger Duplo blocks, and more. Come and spend some constructive time with your child. Make a house, build a road – the sky’s the limit! For families of all ages.

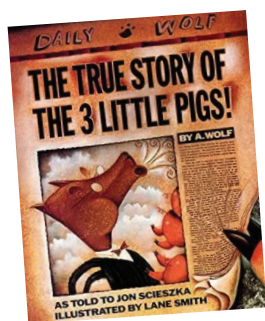
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Print copies of the book being discussed will be available at the shared Service Desk for all registered participants. Titles will also be available to checkout and download as an eAudio or eBook format through OverDrive or hoopla. Please note that registration ends five days before each program.

***The Fort* by Gordon Korman:**
A Book Discussion for Grades 6 – 8*
Thursday, October 8, 6:30 p.m.
Registration begins September 10.



***The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka:**
A Book Discussion for
Grades K – 3 (with an Adult)*
Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.
Registration begins October 13.



Teens

AI for Students

Monday, September 21, 7 p.m.

Registration begins August 21. Explore ways to use AI responsibly, verify information, and recognize its limitations. Share your favorite AI tips and tricks and discover new tools to help you succeed in school. For ages 13

Teen Open Mic Night*

Friday, October 16, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins September 16.

Share your creativity in a welcoming, low-pressure space. Teens are invited to perform poetry, spoken word, music, comedy, storytelling, or other creative works for a teen audience in a supportive library setting. For ages 13 – 18.



Teen Craft Club
Saturday, November 7

12 noon – 2 p.m.

Registration begins October 7.

Stop by for DIY fun.

A variety of crafts will be available, or bring your own! Stay to create or gather supplies to take home. For ages 13 – 18.

KITS FOR ADULTS & TEENS

Kits are available at the shared Service Desk while supplies last. One kit per Bloomfield Township resident library card.

Spice Kits, Release the first Monday of each month

Add flavors from around the world to your cooking! Each kit contains a spice sample, information, and recipes.

- September 8 – Cobanero Chili Flakes
- October 5 – Black Garlic
- November 2 – Saffron

Adult and Teen Monthly Craft Kits

- **Yorkshire Buttons, Releases Tuesday, September 15**
Try your hand at making traditional Yorkshire buttons. This kit includes the tools to create woven buttons for a variety of craft and sewing projects.
- **Beaded Spider, Releases Monday, October 12**
Ready for some eight-legged fun? This kit provides everything you need to make your own one-of-a-kind, beaded spider.
- **Lip Balm, Releases Thursday, November 12**
Create your own natural lip balm at home with this easy DIY kit! This kit includes the supplies and instructions you need to melt, mix, and pour a moisturizing balm in just a few simple steps.

Adults

For programs requiring registration, visit the Calendar of Events at btpl.org/events or call the Library at (248) 642-5800. Registration opens one month before the program date. Bloomfield Township residents have one week of priority registration before registration opens to all. Please contact the Library at least 24 hours before the program if accommodation is needed for you or someone in your group.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Gentle Spaces for Adults & Teens

Mondays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

September 14, October 12, and November 9

No registration required; drop in anytime.

A relaxed, sensory-friendly experience for anyone who is neurodiverse or who has an intellectual or developmental disability, along with their caregiver(s). Each session includes an adaptable story time, hands-on craft, low-key games and puzzles, and soft lights and sounds.

MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival

Monday, September 28, 6:30 p.m. OR

Saturday, October 3, 2 p.m.

No registration required. Join film lovers in more than 500 cities across six continents to view and vote on the finalists' films in the 29th annual festival. The same films will be screened at both sessions.



Adult Brick Builders Meet-Up

Saturdays,

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**October 17
and December 19**

No registration required; drop in anytime.

Build and connect with other LEGO enthusiasts – use the Library's bricks and sets or bring your own!



History Harvest with Bloomfield Historical Society

Sunday, November 1

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

No registration required;

drop in anytime. Help preserve our area's rich history – donate yearbooks, photos, telephone directories, and other local publications to the Local History collection. A librarian and Bloomfield Historical Society members will evaluate materials and help with research questions.

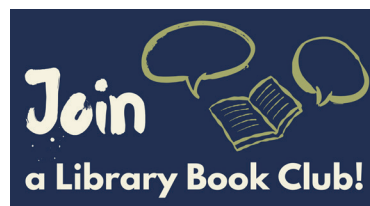
University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance Chamber Music Concerts*

Fridays at 7 p.m., dates T.B.A. Visit btpl.org for more info.

No registration required. Talented student musicians from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance will thrill audiences with stirring performances of chamber music pieces. All ages are welcome. However, please be mindful that these concerts are intended for a thoughtful and attentive audience.

LIBRARY CLUBS & GROUPS

These clubs are open to all adults. For more information or to register, visit btpl.org/events or the shared Service Desk.



Book Clubs

Various dates and times

Registration required.

Deepen your appreciation for what you read; join any of the Library's nine

book clubs. If you're a genre enthusiast, choose from Classics, Cookbook, Mystery, and Science Fiction/Fantasy clubs. If you enjoy reading popular fiction and nonfiction, consider a general interest club: Lunchtime, Monday Night, Tuesday, Wednesday Night, and Thursday. Sign up today!



Fiber Arts Club

**First and third
Tuesdays of each month,
10 a.m. – 12 noon**

*No registration required;
drop in anytime.*

If you knit, crochet, embroider, or create with fibers of any kind, drop in to work alongside other enthusiasts.



Movie Discussion Club

**First Tuesday of
each month, 7 p.m.**

Registration required.

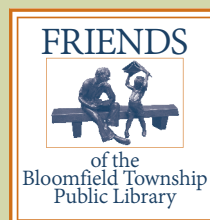
Watch a selected movie at home before joining in the

librarian-led discussion, where you will have the opportunity to talk about the movie with other film buffs. Each movie will be available for DVD check out or to stream on Kanopy.

English Language Conversation Group

Every Friday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

No registration required; drop in anytime. All non-native English speakers are welcome to practice speaking English in a friendly conversation moderated by a librarian and an English tutor from the Oakland Literacy Council.



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



Computers & Technology



While the Computer Lab and technology classes are temporarily unavailable due to the renovation, IT staff members are ready and eager to support you with any technology needs. Whether you are dealing with a frustrating technical glitch, need a hand troubleshooting your personal device, or would like to schedule a one-on-one tech tutoring session to brush up on your skills, we are here to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out via email at AskTech@btpl.org, or call (248) 642-5800, and ask for the Computer Help Desk. We are fully equipped to keep you connected and moving forward!



DISCOVER EASY-TO-USE, FREE DIGITAL RESOURCES

Did you know that your Bloomfield Township Public Library card gives you instant access to free streaming and online platforms designed to deliver reliable information and quality entertainment directly to your favorite digital devices? Visit btpl.org/all-downloads for links and to view the online help guides, or bring your device to the shared Service Desk anytime during library hours for personal assistance – no appointment needed!



DOWNLOADS

Find these resources, and many more including Comics Plus, PressReader, and myfilmfriend at btpl.org/all-downloads/



ADULT & TEEN DATABASES

Find this resource – along with many others – at btpl.org/adult/databases/



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get started, or install the hoopla Digital app from your device's app store, then follow the easy steps to create an account using your library card number and email. Patrons not only love hoopla for the great collection of materials, but also because there are no holds, waitlists, or late fees for any of hoopla's content. Headed somewhere with questionable Wi-Fi connectivity? Many of the items borrowed through hoopla can be fully downloaded in advance, allowing you access to borrowed items without a wireless internet connection.



Libby.

If you haven't already, meet Libby! Libby is a user-friendly library app that lets you borrow books 24/7. Browse curated collections or search specific titles or authors; you'll find fiction and nonfiction, classics, best sellers, and new releases. Libby also gives you free access to 5,500 digital

magazines including *The New Yorker*, *Architectural Digest*, and *Rolling Stone*. That's the power of your library card. Get started at btpl.org/libby or bring your device to the shared Service Desk for assistance.



YOUTH DATABASES

Find this resource – along with many others – at btpl.org/youth/databases/

If you would like to read picture books in languages other than English, LOTE4Kids is for you. To access, visit btpl.org, choose "Youth Databases" from under the Research menu, and search for LOTE4Kids. Click to launch the website (you may be prompted to enter your library card number or location), and enjoy thousands of picture books in over 100 languages!





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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 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 12 noon – 5:30 p.m.

Library Closings

Monday, August 31, through Friday, September 11, for the Library Renovation Project and Labor Day Holiday

Wednesday, November 11
for Staff Development Day

Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving
Closing at 5:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25

Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Friday, January 1 for New Year's Day
Closing at 5:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31

Board of Trustees

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Meetings are at 6:30 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

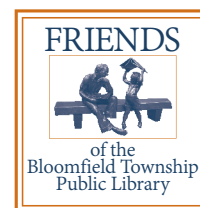
Second Saturday Sale Dates
September 12, October 10,
and November 14

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](https://www.instagram.com/FriendsBTPL)") for the most up-to-date information.



Make it your quest to join the Friends today!

Coming this Fall @ the Library...

The Library Renovation Project begins, along with special programming including book discussion groups, story times, drop-in events, registered programs, and more. For details visit btpl.org.