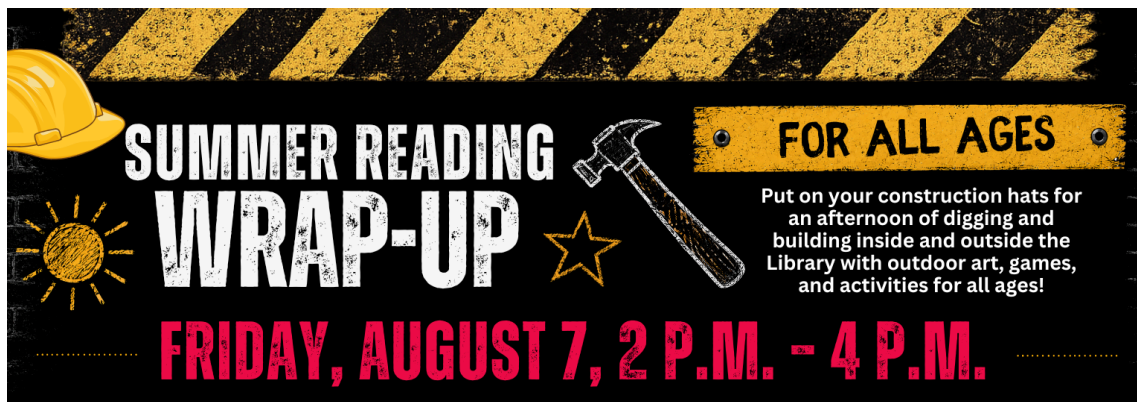
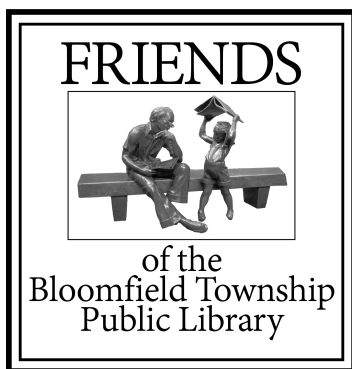


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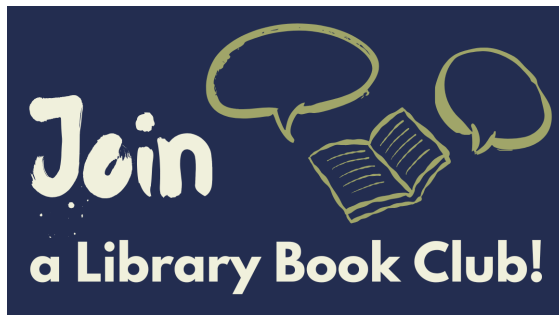
Join us for a [Summer Reading Wrap-Up for All Ages!](#), Friday, August 7, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
No registration required; drop in anytime. Put on your construction hats and stop in for an afternoon of digging and building inside and outside the Library with outdoor art, games, and activities for all ages! Sing along with musical guest Randy Kaplan, who will be performing summer tunes from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. The Kona Ice food truck will be in the parking lot during the event with cool treats to purchase and enjoy on one of the Library Terraces.



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their next **Second Saturday Sale**, Saturday, August 8, 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.

Adult and Teen Services Programs



Library Book Clubs

Registration has begun for both new and past members. Expand your reading horizons and join a Book Club! Choose from a genre-focused club (Classics, Cookbook, Mystery, Science Fiction and Fantasy) or a general interest club (Lunchtime, Monday Night, Tuesday, Wednesday Night, and Thursday). For more information – including selections and meeting times – visit btpl.org/events, or stop by the Adult and Teen Services Desk.

Climate Change: Myths and Reality

Thursday, August 6, 7 p.m.

Registration is required. Get an accessible overview of the science behind changes we're seeing in the climate, their impact on Michigan, and mitigations that could make our communities more resilient. Janice K. Means – professor emerita at Lawrence Technological University and sustainability author – presents data-supported insights.



Gentle Spaces for Adults and Teens

Monday, August 10, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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).



Preserving Personal Archives in the Digital Age

Thursday, August 13, 7 p.m.

Registration is required. Safeguard your personal history to make it part of your legacy. Writer and researcher Cal LaFountain explains practical ways to organize and preserve photos, documents, and digital files. You'll learn about simple storage systems, small-scale "living archives," and traditional and technological archival practices.

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Library Garden Tour

Tuesday, August 18, 11 a.m.

OR Thursday, August 20, 11 a.m.

Registration is required. Please register for only one tour. Join landscape designer and horticulturalist Jim Slezinski from Goldner Walsh Garden and Home for a guided tour of the library gardens and terraces. He'll explain the flowers, plants, trees, and shrubs and talk about their history. Tour content is the same on both dates.

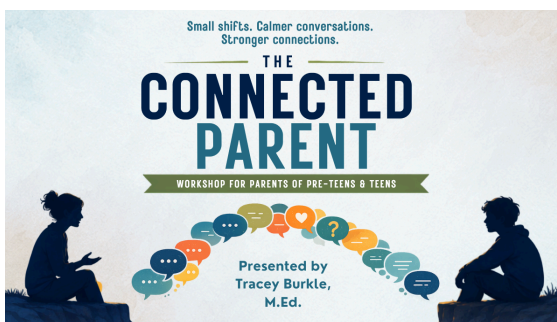


Adult Brick Builders Meet-Up

Saturday, August 22, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

No registration required; drop in anytime.

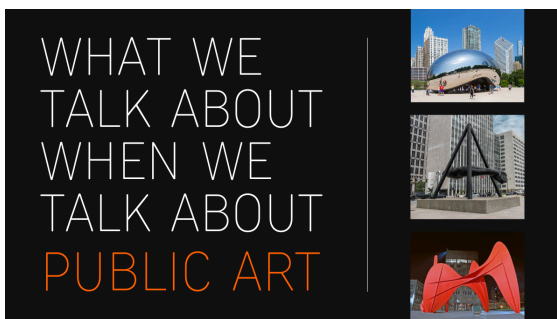
Gather, build, and connect with other LEGO enthusiasts – use the Library's bricks and sets or bring your own!



The Connected Parent Workshop

Tuesday, August 25, 7 p.m.

Registration is required. This workshop is designed specifically for parents of pre-teens and teens, focusing on understanding what's beneath challenging behavior, reducing conflict and power struggles, and making small, practical shifts that can lead to calmer conversations and stronger connections at home. Presented by Tracey Burkle, M.Ed.



What We Talk About When

We Talk About Public Art

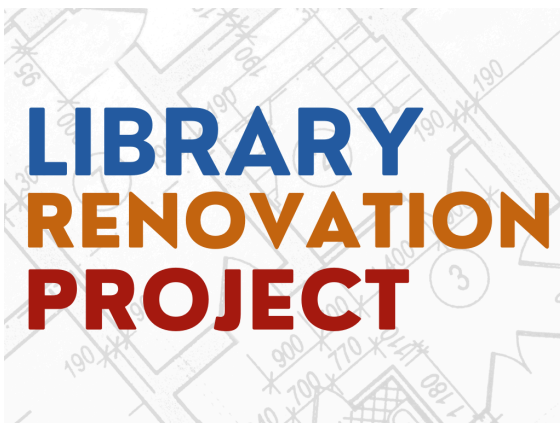
Thursday, August 27, 7 p.m.

Registration is required. Join urbanologist and author Max Grinnell to explore the roles of public art in American cities – what it is, who it's for, how it enhances the public realm, and how it raises awareness and builds community.



On Saturday, August 22, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Library will hold a [Used Furniture Sale](#), where used library furnishings will be sold in preparation for the Library Renovation Project. All furnishings are sold “as is” and are final sale, and disassembly and moving are the responsibility of the purchaser. These items must be removed from the Library by 5 p.m. Friday, August 28. The first 30 minutes of the sale are reserved for Bloomfield Township residents only. Payments may be made by cash, check, or credit card. [A list of available items with prices may be found here.](#)

Temporary Building Closure: Monday, August 31 – Friday, September 11



The Library building will be closed **Monday, August 31 through Friday, September 11** to prepare the building for Phase 1 of the Library Renovation Project. During this time, curbside holds pickup, phone reference service, the drive-up book drop, and digital services will remain available. The Library will reopen **Saturday, September 12**, with a new layout designed to keep services available throughout construction. Visit btpl.org/renovation for updates and details.

Tech Classes @ the Library

During the month of August, 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. Check out the upcoming sessions and register today!

[ChatGPT and AI](#)

Tuesday, August 11, 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Curious about ChatGPT and AI? Learn the basics, explore strengths and limitations, write better prompts, and discover practical ways to use AI in everyday life. Bring your laptop, tablet, or smartphone to the session to try it out.



[Google Apps](#)

Monday, August 17, 1:30 p.m.

Registration is required. 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 and basic computer skills are required.



[Excel](#)

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

Registration is required. Discover what Excel can do – without starting from scratch. Work with ready-made datasets to explore formatting, formulas, filtering, tables, and charts. Ideal for beginners and anyone looking to refresh their skills and uncover useful features that they may have missed. Basic computer skills are required.



[Computer and Internet Basics](#)

Thursday, August 20, 1:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Learn the ins and outs of your PC computer and internet browsers, from file organization to recovering passwords. Basic PC computer skills are required.



[Don't Get Scammed!](#)

Tuesday, August 25, 1:30 p.m.

Registration is required. Recognizing the common signs of a scam could help you avoid becoming a victim of one. An IT Department staff member will help you learn what to look out for.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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

- [English Language Conversation Group](#), Fridays, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
- [Fiber Arts Club](#), every month on the first and third Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 12 noon



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.

Library Closings

The Library building will be closed Monday, August 31, through Friday, September 11. Limited services will remain available, including curbside pickup and assistance via telephone.

ALL Library services will be closed on Sunday, September 6, and Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

The Library building will reopen with reduced services and collections on Saturday, September 12.

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