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Library Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9:30 a.m.-9:00 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.
Phone: (248) 642-5800
www.btpl.org

Library Closings

Sunday, March 27 for Easter
Sunday, May 29 for Memorial Day Weekend
Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day



Library Board of Trustees

Margaret Cohen, Grant Gerhart, Eli Greenbaum, Judy Lindstrom, Joan C. Luksik, Pamela Williams

Library Board of Trustee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., except for April's meeting, which is held on the fourth Tuesday. View Library Board meetings, agendas and meeting information online at www.btpl.org. Click on "About Us" and select Library Board of Trustees.

FRIENDS of the LIBRARY — SECOND SATURDAY SALES

Save these dates — March 12, April 9, May 14 — for the Second Saturday Sales. The Friends will be holding an EXTENDED Sale on Sunday, April 10 from noon to 3:30. Saturday sale hours are 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., with the first hour open to Friends members only. Not a Friends member? Membership forms are available at the door on the day of the sale, at the Library Welcome and Circulation Desks at any time, and on our website at www.btpl.org. Click on "About Us" and select Friends of the Library.

Connect with the Library online

Stay informed about library happenings by signing up for newsletters. Go to the Library's website at www.btpl.org and look at the very bottom of the homepage. Enter your email address, then choose the newsletters you want to receive. All newsletters are delivered monthly. You can unsubscribe at any time. If you're on Facebook, friend us! We post event reminders and other fun library activities.



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The Library's Strategic Plan is Revealed

In December, the Library invited the community to view the newly refurbished study alcoves in the Youth Room. Trustee Judy Lindstrom thanked the community and library supporters for their generosity during our 50th anniversary year. It was funds raised during 2014, our 50th anniversary year that made the refurbishment possible.

These study alcoves feature comfortable furniture arranged in a way that encourages conversation and collaboration. Built during the 2008 library building renovation and expansion, they have been popular places for parents to read to children, for students to work on projects together, or for a quiet conversation between friends. Being popular can take its toll, and the spaces were in need of refreshing. When the 50th anniversary planning committee looked for a recipient of the funds raised in honor of the Library's anniversary, these alcoves were at the top of the list.



This growing need for collaborative space in the Bloomfield Township community follows a trend in libraries and schools across the country, a trend that is on our minds as the Library embarks on a new strategic plan. Last year, as part of our strategic planning process, the Library asked the community for their thoughts on the library. We took all that input, threw in a lot of data, and sprinkled the whole mixture with some big-picture ideas, and cooked up a plan that will steer the library through the next five years. The plan has four broad areas of focus: customer service, marketing and fundraising, services and collections, and library spaces. To read the whole plan visit the Library's website at www.btpl.org and click on About. The Library thanks the community for its support and looks forward to remaining a vital community resource for many years to come.



Small Business Information @ Your Library

The Library has information you need to grow your small business. We provide you with the skills and the tools to gather the data you need to make important decisions. Learn what's available and how to use it at two informative sessions.

Research Essentials to Grow Your Small Business
Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Learn How to Use Mergent Intellect to Grow Your Business Intelligence
Thursday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Special Needs Family Fun Night

Friday, May 20 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Families of children, teens and adults with special needs are invited to a special after-hours event. Explore all the Library has to offer including resources for special needs families. Enjoy the Bloomfield Hills Schools' art show plus other activities for all ages in a less crowded, anxiety-free environment. A cool-down space will be available for those who may become over-stimulated. Registration is not required.

Everyone's Reading Lisa See's

Shanghai Girls

February 15-April 12



Chinese experience of immigrating to America in the late 1930s as told through the eyes of Pearl Chin and her sister.

There are three opportunities to hear Lisa See speak.

Monday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m.—

Oakland Community College,
Orchard Ridge

Tuesday, April 12 at 11:00 a.m.—

Detroit Institute of Arts

Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.—

Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills

Tickets are free but required for all events. Call the Adult Services desk at (248) 642-5800 for more information.

For a complete program schedule and more information, visit our website at www.btpl.org and click on “Programs.” Register for programs online at www.btpl.org (Programs), by phone (248) 642-5800, or in person at the Library. Programs not requiring registration are open to all. Programs may be subject to change or cancellation.

Adult Programs & Events

Ongoing programs such as various writers’ groups, our Knit ‘n Stitch circle, and Coffee and Conversation for seniors are offered every month. Pick up a calendar at the library, visit www.btpl.org, or call us for more information at (248) 642-5800.

English Language Conversation Hour
Fridays, March 11, April 8, May 13 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
For anyone interested in improving their English — come and chat.

Adult After-Hours Murder Mystery Lock In
Friday, March 11 from 6:30-8:45 p.m.
Adults 18 and over are invited for an evening of mystery and intrigue. Registration required.

Adult and Teen Sensory Story Time
Mondays, March 14, April 11, May 9 at 11:00 a.m. — repeated at 3:30 p.m.
For adults and teens with special needs with a support person. Groups should contact the Adult Services desk in advance at (248) 642-5800.

Aeolus String Quartet
Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.
One of the outstanding young string quartets in the world will perform in our library. Co-sponsored by the Chamber Music Society of Detroit and the Friends of the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

Sheryl Martin + Trio
Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.
Enjoy a night of jazz with a regular performer on the Detroit and international jazz scene.

Insider’s Look at Stratford
Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Contact the Adult Services desk at (248) 642-5800 or visit www.btpl.org for more information.

Writers’ Groups: Learning from Your Peers
Saturday, March 19 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Learn the value of belonging to a writers’ group. Members of the Library’s own two writing groups will talk about the creative process, as well as practical tips on getting published.

Getting Published
Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Barbara Bloom of Bloom Ink will bring her skills as a writing coach to a workshop designed to help writers make that final step. Registration is required.

Calling All Teens

Teen Advisory Board — ages 13-18
Tuesdays, March 8, April 12, May 10 from 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Take part in our monthly meetings to discuss library collections and programming for teens, and promote reading and the Library in the community. Registration is required.

Teen Tech Week @ Your Library
March 6-12
Stop by our Teen Center to learn about the digital resources available through the Library. No registration required.

Teen Poetry Party — ages 13-18
Monday, April 18 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
As part of Poetry Month, teens are invited to read their own works or share favorite poems and take part in creative madlibs. Registration is required.

Poem in Your Pocket Day
Thursday, April 28
Put a favorite poem in your pocket and share it with the people you encounter all day. Need a poem? We will have some great poems to choose from along with some recommended reading all month long!

Teen Virtual Book Club
Read and discuss a book with other teens online. Visit www.btpl.org + Teens for more information and to register.

Senior VITALITY Week—March 7-12
Explore the Library’s unique resources, including the VITALITY Kits and several informative programs. Register for one or all programs — open to everyone.

Dementia is Not Natural Aging
with Dr. Paula Duren from Duren & Associates
Monday, March 7 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Learn How to Prepare Your Mind for Aging
with Mary Jane Favot, Gerontology Nurse Practitioner
Wednesday, March 9 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Fall Prevention
with Sharon Claye from Fall Prevention Training Services
Thursday, March 10 from 11:00 a.m. to noon



First Friday @ the Library
Join us on the First Friday of each month for movies and special events — free popcorn on movie nights!

Youth Programs & Events

In addition to the programs listed that require registration, the Youth Department offers many drop-in programs every month. Visit www.btpl.org or call (248) 642-5800 for more information.

Little Foodies — ages 4-7
All programs start at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 9 — *Tropical Snacks*
Registration begins February 9.
Tuesday, April 26 — *Earthy Eats*
Registration begins March 9
Thursday, May 26 — *Space Snacks*
Registration begins April 26.

Full STEAM Ahead — grades K-2 with adult
Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m.
The Leprechaun’s Gold by Pamela Duncan Edwards — *Registration begins February 11.*
Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.
The Magical Garden of Claude Monet by Laurence Anholt — *Registration begins March 15.*
Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Why Mosquitos Buzz in People’s Ears by Vera Williams — *Registration begins April 20.*
Explore science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics through stories and hands-on activities.

Fan Fridays — ages 8 and older
Fridays at 4:30 p.m.
March 18 *Registration begins February 12.*
April 8 *Registration begins March 18.*
May 13 *Registration begins April 8*
Join us to eat, craft, chat and vote on the activity for the next month!

Fairy Fest — ages 5 and older
Tuesday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m.
Registration begins March 14.
Make your own fairy wings, decorate dainty desserts and design a house for your backyard fairies. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

2nd Annual LEGO Competition — ages 6-13
Wednesday, April 6 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
We supply the LEGO, you create a masterpiece based on a favorite book. Teams of up to three kids are allowed. Registration limited to first 40 participants or teams. Visit Youth Services for information and to register.

Tasteful Tales — ages 8-12
Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Maple Syrup in April
Registration begins March 14.
Learn about maple syrup and taste the treats provided by our sugar maple trees.

Story Times

Developed with stories, rhythms and rhymes for specific ages and all abilities. *Registration is required.*

Movers and Shakers—older toddlers and early pre-schoolers, ages 2-3, with adult.

Mother Goose Club—ages 12-24 months with adult.

Tinker Tales—children, ages 3-6, ready to participate without adult.

Shake, Rhythm & Rhyme!—children of all abilities ages 2-6 with family.

Tablet Tales—digital story time for children ages 3-5 with an adult.

Books & Beats: Music Story Time — music, movement and fun, ages 1-5 with adult (Registration not required).

Wee Play — ages newborn-24 months with adult
Fridays from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
April 15-May 20
Drop in for unstructured play and discovery in the Story Room. No registration required.

Picky Eaters
Tuesday, April 12 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Bonnie Levin, OTR/L from EarlyOn Oakland presents a workshop for adults focusing on the various factors that affect eating. Learn ways to reinforce positive food behaviors and develop strategies to make mealtimes more enjoyable. Registration begins March 21.

Adaptive Umbrella
Thursday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
A workshop for adults working with kids who have special needs. Details available at the Youth Services desk in March. Registration is required.

Drop in Fun
Contact Youth Services for details

Be a Star Reader
Monday, April 11 — Saturday, April 16
Bring your favorite book to the Youth Services Department and have your photo taken with it.

PI Day — ages 8-11
Monday, March 14 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

PJ Theater — family fun
Wednesday, March 23; Thursday, April 14; Tuesday, May 17. 6:30 p.m. on all dates.

LEGO Club — ages 6 and older
Saturdays, March 5, May 21 at 11:00 a.m.

April Fool’s Day Joke-a-Thon — ages 6 and older Friday, April 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Free Comic Book Day — all ages
Saturday, May 7 from noon-5:00 p.m.

Surprise Stories — all ages May 1-31

Computer Classes

Registration required. Classes are open to Bloomfield Township residents only. Register online at www.btpl.org (Programs), by phone (248) 642-5800, or in person at the Library. Have your Bloomfield Library card number ready to register. Basic computer skills required.

Introduction to Google Docs
Wednesday, March 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Bring your documents to life! Google account required.

Computer Basics
Saturday, March 19 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
New to a computer? Don’t worry, we can help.

Introduction to Social Networking
Thursday, March 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Systems staff will introduce you to Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel
Saturday, April 16 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Learn how to properly set up a spreadsheet.

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Thursday, April 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Make Microsoft Word really work for you!

Introduction to Scanning & Photo Editing
Tuesday, April 26 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Learn how to digitize documents and edit your photos.

Introduction to PowerPoint
Saturday, May 14 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Learn how to create a PowerPoint presentation.

Internet Security
Thursday, May 19 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
What everyone must know about protecting themselves online.

Your Library, Online: The Library @ Your Fingertips


Saturdays, March 12, May 7 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Tuesdays, March 22, April 26, May 17 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Drop in to learn about all that is available to you online as a Bloomfield Township resident. Bring the device you want to use for downloading. Check online or in the Library for more information.

Free Ebooks and E-Audiobooks — an App Away

Wednesdays, March 16, April 20, May 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
For those who need extra help getting started. Bring your own smartphone, tablet or Kindle. Registration is required.

Books in Bars at Mex

Great literature has always had a home in local pubs. Carry on the tradition and join a new book discussion group that meets in local restaurants and bars. Books in Bars holds its first meeting at Mex, 6675 Telegraph Rd. on Monday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff. Register at www.btpl.org or call the Adult Services desk at (248) 642-5800. Open to everyone.



Celebrate Books This Spring


Let a love of reading bloom this spring in Youth Services. Not your garden-variety reading programs, these opportunities for drop-in fun will spark discovery in young readers.

March Madness Book Bracket
As part of National Reading Month, stop by Youth Services and check out our round-up of children’s books competing to win the title of favorite. Come in anytime in March to cast your vote, then check back to see which book comes out on top!

Book Spine Poetry
During April we are celebrating National Poetry Month with a display of creative book spine poems and invite you to create your own and share it with us. For more information, contact the Youth Services Department.

Children’s Book Week — May 2-8
Children’s Book Week highlights the belief that children’s books and literacy are life changers! Join us for week-long fun. And don’t forget to stop by the Youth Services Desk to guess what book is in the bottle! All correct answers will be entered into a drawing for a special prize.

Send a print job to the Library from ... Anywhere!



Using the Library’s PrinterOn service, you can send a print job remotely, from anywhere, and pick it up at the Library later that same day. You can send from the parking lot, your home, a coffee shop, the airport ... ANYWHERE!

More information is available in the Library’s Computer Center.