

A Sweet Time was had by all who attended Fall for Dahl



Fall for Dahl on October 8, 2016 was a splendiferous celebration of reading and chocolate! The day included the Library's first-ever read-a-thon and a magical family-friendly party. It took 16 volunteer readers, from ages 7 to 70, three and a half hours to read all 155 pages of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The celebration continued with An Evening of Pure Imagination when the Library was transformed into a scrumdiddlyumptious chocolate world with treats and fun activities. Not only did the event bring to life a book that has been beloved by generations of readers, but it raised funds to purchase a new puppet theater for the Library's Youth Department.

Bask in *The Afterglow*

Take a step back to a time when wealthy Detroiters were building country estates in Bloomfield Township, when trips abroad and extravagant house parties were news, and horseback riding was a popular pastime. You'll find all this and more in the newly digitized *Afterglow* magazine, available on the Library's website. *The Afterglow* was a society magazine that covered the newly emerging country life of residents of the Bloomfield-Birmingham area. Those interested in the history of this area, or with ancestors from the region, or anyone mildly interested in the 1920s will find *The Afterglow* to be a treasure trove of detail. Even the advertisements are interesting! The digitization of this charming magazine was a joint effort of the Bloomfield Historical Society and the Library with permission of the Burton Historic Collection at the Detroit Public Library. Find it at www.archive.btpl.org/afterglow.



The Library Can Help You Plan For the Future

Register today for these practical and informative workshops for adults

Free Library Resources to Maximize Your Business Potential

Thursday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Build a sales leads list, conduct industry research, find insightful demographics all for free using your library card.

How to Avoid Financial Scams

Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Rick Bloom will show you how to protect yourself from scammers.

Home Dreams: When to Renovate, Move On, or Just Start Over

Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.
With over 30 years of experience as an architect, Robert Clarke will help you decide what to do with your home.

Financial and Estate Planning for Baby Boomers and Their Parents

Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Ken Bloom will guide you through this important financial discussion.

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

Saturday, December 24 for Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 25 for Christmas Day
Sunday, January 1, 2017 for New Years Day



Library Board of Trustees

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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 — December 10, January 14, and February 11 — for the Second Saturday Sales. 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. And like us on Facebook!

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, book clubs, 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.

The DIA @ the Library

The Detroit Institute of Arts is coming in December to present a lecture on their new "Bitter/Sweet: Coffee, Tea & Chocolate" exhibit. Check our website in November for the program date and time.

Gale Courses Graduation

Thursday, December 15 at 2:00 p.m. If you completed a Gale course in 2016 you are invited to enjoy cake and refreshments with other graduates, and maybe win a prize. No registration required.

Bookbinding with Laura Beyer

Saturday, January 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Laura is back with another bookbinding project. Registration required.

You've Finished Your Manuscript, Now What? With Barbara Bloom from Bloom Ink

Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. Learn the steps of the publishing process. Registration required.

Cord Cutting Basics

Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. Thinking of cancelling your cable TV subscription? We will walk you through the basics so you may still watch some of your favorite shows. Registration required.

Oscar Weekend @ BTPL

Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. Oscar Movie Night
Saturday, March 4 at 2:00 p.m. Family Oscar Matinee
Join us for popcorn and award winning movies. Visit our website for more information.

Walking Trivia Track Inside the Library

January through February
We will have a new Walking Trivia Track each week to help you get your 10,000 steps per day. Stop by the Media Desk to get started. Answer all 15 questions correctly for a chance to win great prizes. All are welcome to participate, but prizes are limited to Bloomfield Township residents only.

Calling All Teens

Adult and Teen Sensory Storytime

Mondays, December 12, January 9 and February 13 at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a fun sensory storytime — including stories, songs, movement and art — for adults and teens with special needs and a support person. Registration not required.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesdays, December 13, January 10, and February 14 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Get involved at the Library! Help select library books and plan programs to promote reading to other teens. Registration is required.

Teen Quidditch Club

Thursday, December 29 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Play our many versions of muggle Quidditch plus Harry Potter trivia with other teens. Registration is required.

Study Hall Week

Monday, January 23, to Friday, January 26
Our Community Room will be open for study during exam week. We will have fun stress-relieving activities, refreshments, and study resources available for students. Registration not required.

Teen Makerspace Crafts

Monday, February 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For ages 13-18. Scrapbook, decoupage, sew, create! Registration is required.

Teen Virtual Book Club

Discuss bestselling teen books online with other teens via a moderated discussion. Register to receive more information.

The Library After-Hours

Spies Like Us Mystery Night

Friday, January 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Come in from the cold and try your hand at cracking secret codes and outwitting double-crossing spies. For adults and teens. Registration required.

Trois Bouffon: From the Delta to the North Country

Friday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a unique musical journey down the Mississippi River featuring a variety of music: St. Louis blues, Texas swing, New Orleans jazz and more. For all ages. Registration not required.

Need help downloading ebooks and eAudiobooks? Contact Adult Services for upcoming classes and drop-in help sessions.

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.

Kitchen Lab—ages 8 and up

All programs start at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 7 — Food in Disguise
Registration begins November 14.
Wednesday January 18 — Delicious Dips
Registration begins December 27.
Tuesday, February 21 — Comfort Food
Registration begins January 30.
Too old for Little Foodies? Join us in the "Lab" for even more fun cooking projects!

Little Foodies—ages 4-7

All programs start at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 8 — Space Food
Registration begins November 14.
Tuesday, January 17 — Under the Sea
Registration begins December 27.
Wednesday, February 22 — Snacks on a Stick
Registration begins February 1.
Little chefs are invited to join us for stories, activities, and recipes.

Full STEAM Ahead—grades K-2 with adult

All programs start at 6:30 p.m.
Monday, December 12 *Now and Ben: the Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin* by Gene Barretta
Registration begins November 21.
Thursday, January 12 *A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon
Registration begins December 19.
Tuesday, February 14 *Animals in Winter* by Henrietta Bancroft
Registration begins January 23.
Explore science, technology, engineering, art and math through stories and hands-on activities.

Fan Fridays—ages 8 and older

Fridays at 4:30 p.m.
December 16—Registration begins November 13.
January 13—Registration begins December 16.
February 17—Registration begins January 13.
Enjoy books, crafts, games and more!

Pizza and Pages—grades 3-5

All programs start at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21 *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton
Registration begins November 30.
Thursday, January 19 *Zita the Spacegirl* by Ben Hatke
Registration begins December 21.
Thursday, February 9 *Wings of Fire* by Tui T. Sutherland
Registration begins January 19.

Youth Programs & Events

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 10-24 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.

SENSE-ational Story Time—ages 3-10 with "different needs" get together for sensory friendly fun.

Munch on pizza, play games and discuss the month's book selection in this new book group. Must read the book in advance.

Wee Play—ages newborn-24 months with adult

Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
January 11 through February 15
Drop-in for unstructured play and discovery in the Story Room.
Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

Ozobots—ages 8 and up

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Learn basic coding skills while playing with the library's Ozobot robots.
January 11, *Colors* — Registration begins December 19.
February 8, *Blockly* — Registration begins January 18.
Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

Let's Get Digital—ages 5-8 with adult

Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to do simple coding to create your own animated story using apps on the library's iPads. Registration begins January 3.

Drop-In Fun at the Library

LEGO Club—ages 6 and older

Tuesday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m.
Come in and build your "Ultimate Present".

Leftover Craft Day—All ages welcome, children under 6 must be with an adult
Thursday, December 29 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Come in and craft with leftovers!

Explosive Art!—ages 3 and up with adult
Saturday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m.
Make a painting to take home or add to the big group picture for the Library.

Parent Workshops

Please join us for these parent/caregiver workshops presented by Pete Pullen, Head of School, Eton Academy.

Supporting Students with Dyslexia

Monday, February 6 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
What is it like to have dyslexia? Learn what challenges your student with dyslexia faces at school and discuss strategies that provide support at home.
Registration begins January 16.

Study Skills at Home and School for the Distracted Student

Monday, March 20 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Learn the causes and challenges of ADHD and how to support your student at home to improve his or her focus and productivity.
Registration begins February 27.

Stress-free Vacation Yoga — ages 5-12 (inclusive of children of all abilities) with adult

Wednesday, December 28 at 11:00 a.m.
Includes poses, yoga breathing and visualizations. Classes are taught by Belightful Yoga instructors. Please bring a mat for everyone participating.
Registration begins December 5.

Adventures in Outer Space — ages 7 and older

Tuesday, January 3 at 2:00 p.m.
Discover an out-of-this-world afternoon of space projects and intergalactic games for astronauts and aliens too! Registration begins December 12.

Family Movie — "The BFG" (2016)

Thursday, January 5 at 2:00 p.m.
Rated PG, 117 minutes
Based on the classic book by Roald Dahl, this is an imaginative tale of wonder and unexpected friendship. Popcorn will be provided. Registration not required.

Happy Birthday Mo Willems

Saturday, February 11 at 1:00 p.m.
You're invited! Join us for a special birthday celebration of one of our favorite authors! Games, crafts, treats, and a special Elephant and Piggie skit all await you at this event for ages 3 and older with an adult. Registration is not required but participation is limited to the first 100 children to arrive.

In Stitches: Beginning Sewing For Kids — ages 8 and older

Saturday, February 20 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Create a fun felt pouch while learning basic hand sewing techniques.
Registration begins February 1.

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 Microsoft Excel

Thursday, December 1 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 18 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Learn how to properly set up a spreadsheet.

Google CS First – Computer Coding for Kids

December 5 through January 4 (no classes week of December 25).
Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Art Module: create your own digital art works.
January 16 through February 8
Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Social Media Module: connect with friends and family through your own digital creations.

Computer Basics

Monday, December 26 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
New to a computer? Don't worry, we can help.

Introduction to Scanning & Photo Editing

Tuesday, December 27 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 9 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Learn how to digitize documents and edit your photos.

Internet Security

Saturday, January 7 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
What everyone must know about protecting themselves online.

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Tuesday, January 10 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Make Microsoft Word really work for you!

Introduction to PowerPoint

Thursday, January 26 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Learn how to create a PowerPoint presentation.

PowerPoint 2

Tuesday, January 31 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Learn how to create a PowerPoint presentation. Must have taken Introduction to PowerPoint.

Introduction to Social Networking

Monday, February 27 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Systems staff will introduce you to Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Introduction to Google Docs

Wednesday, February 15 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Bring your documents to life! Google account required.