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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.  
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### Library Closings

Sunday, April 16 for Easter  
Friday, May 5 for Staff Development Day  
Sunday, May 28 for Memorial Day Weekend  
Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day



### Library Board of Trustees

Tom Deska, 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](http://www.btpl.org). Click on "About Us" and select Library Board of Trustees.

### FRIENDS of the LIBRARY — SECOND SATURDAY SALES

Save these dates — March 11, April 8, and May 13 — 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. In addition, stop in Sunday, March 12 for an extended sale day, noon - 3:30 p.m. 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](http://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](http://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!



### Everyone's Reading *Once in a Great City: A Detroit Story* by David Maraniss

Join us for our 16th annual Metro Detroit community reading program. Tickets will be available for Bloomfield Township residents to hear David Maraniss speak on the following dates:

- Monday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m., The Community House in Birmingham
- Tuesday, May 23 at 11:00 a.m., Detroit Institute of Arts in Detroit
- Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m., Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield

Stop by the Library for a program guide and to register for tickets.

### Book Discussion Wednesday, May 10 at 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend a book discussion of *Once in a Great City: A Detroit Story*. Registration is required.

### Library Photo Contest

Amateur photographers are invited to enter the Bloomfield Township Public Library Photo Contest. Enter up to two photos that focus on reading, books, or libraries, and you may be the winner of a V360 HD camera or other great prizes.

The deadline is April 1, 2017. Photos may be digital or print and must be taken between January 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017. To enter the contest go to [www.btpl.org/photo-contest](http://www.btpl.org/photo-contest).

Winners will be announced at a reception at the Library on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Go on, hit us with your best shot!

### Library Infra-What?!

One of the Library's most important functions is providing a beautiful, clean, modern building that meets a variety of needs. Maintaining those standards takes a lot of time and money, and we couldn't do any of it without the support of Bloomfield Township residents. A few of the things we've been working on are:

- This past fall, if you had to walk up to the outside materials return, then you are aware of the west campus construction project. This project aims to solve a flooding problem that has plagued the lower level of the library for many years. Workers installed a series of pipes that redirect rainwater away from the building. So far, with one major rainstorm under our belt, the pipes have done their job beautifully!



- Three new parking lot lights were installed along the west edge of the library parking lot, near Telegraph.
- Most of us take fast wifi for granted, but our Systems department knows that this requires lots of maintenance too. This winter, our entire technology infrastructure will be updated.
- The Library has a unique roof that covers more than 100,000 square feet. If you've ever been in the Library during a hard rain, you know that sometimes it leaks. Repairs have been made to the Library's roof since the 2008 renovation, but a complete replacement is in our future. To prepare, we're setting money aside each year.
- Not everything we've been working on is behind the scenes. We have also added new programs. The ESL Conversation Group, Google CS Coding Classes, and SENSE-sational Story Times are just a few. And we're always purchasing new books, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs, and new electronic resources.

For a complete program schedule and more information, visit our website at [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org) and click on "Programs." Register for programs online at [www.btpl.org](http://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](http://www.btpl.org), or call us for more information at (248) 642-5800.

### Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote

Thursday, March 16 at 2:00 p.m.  
Celebrate Women's History Month and learn the history of women's suffrage from the Michigan Women's Historical Center. Registration is not required.

### Healthy Eats from Trader Joe's

Wednesday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m.  
Erik Aboo will be back with non-diet lifestyle eating to rev up your metabolism. Registration is required.

### "Canoeing & Kayaking College Campuses in Michigan" with Doc Fletcher

Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.  
Doc shares stories from his book in this one hour program. Registration is not required.

### Cord Cutting Basics

Monday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m.  
Learn about the many options for viewing your favorite shows without cable. Registration is required.

### Star Wars Day @ the Library

Thursday, May 4 all day  
We will have fun displays and activities throughout the library, including screenings of Star Wars movies in the Teen Center. Registration is not required.

### Stratford Festival Shakespeare Lecture Series: Twelfth Night

Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.  
University of Michigan associate professor Gillian Eaton will explore Shakespeare's classic, Twelfth Night. Sponsored by the Michigan Members of the Stratford Festival. Open to all but registration is required.

### The Art of Flowers with Wendy Evans

Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.  
Art lecturer and historian Wendy Evans will explore the wide variety of flowers used in great art works. Registration is required.

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

## Calling All Teens

### Teen Tech Week

March 5-11  
Stop by the Teen Center to discover the many great "tech" resources for homework and for fun.

### Robot Wars

Monday, March 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
For ages 13-18. Navigate our Sphero™ robots through obstacle courses and play other STEM related games. Registration is required.

### Adult and Teen Sensory Story Time

Mondays, March 13, April 10, May 8 at 11:00 a.m.  
Join us for a fun sensory story time — including stories, songs, movement and art — for adults and teens with special needs and a support person. Registration is not required.

### Teen Advisory Board

Tuesdays, March 14, April 11, May 9 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.

### April is National Poetry Month

Stop by the Teen Center for displays, recommended reading and fun poetry activities all month long.

## The Library After-Hours

### Oscar Movie Night

Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.  
Join us for popcorn and an award-winning movie. Go to [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org) for more information.

### The American Songbook of Jazz with the Paul VornHagen Quartet

Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.  
April is Jazz Appreciation Month. Enjoy the jazz of Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Rodgers and Hart, Cole Porter, Thelonius Monk and others. All are welcome. Registration is not required.

### 3rd Annual Teen Book Prom

Friday, May 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Teens aged 13-18 are invited to celebrate teen books. Play fun book-themed trivia, charades and more. Registration is required.

## 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](http://www.btpl.org) or call (248) 642-5800 for more information.

### Family Oscar Matinee for All Ages

Saturday, March 4 at 2:00 p.m.  
Join us for popcorn and an award-winning movie. Visit our website for more information.

### Kitchen Lab—ages 8 and up

All programs start at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 8 — Bread & Butter Registration begins February 22.  
Wednesday, April 5 — Smoothie Showdown Registration begins March 15.  
Too old for Little Foodies? Join us in the "Lab" for even more exciting cooking projects!

### Fan Fridays—ages 8 and older

Fridays at 4:30 p.m.  
March 10 — Registration begins February 17.  
April 7 — Registration begins March 10.  
May 12 — Registration begins April 7.  
Join us to eat, craft, chat, and more!

### Bottomless Bubbles—under 6 must be accompanied by an adult

Saturday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m.  
Join us in celebrating National Bubble Week! We will have many different activities as we blow, paint, and play with bubbles!

### Full STEAM Ahead—grades K-2 with adult

All programs start at 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 15 — The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka Registration begins February 14.  
Thursday, April 20 — McElligot's Pool by Dr. Seuss Registration begins March 15.  
Wednesday, May 17 — The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry Registration begins April 20.  
A book discussion that explores science, technology, engineering, art and math through stories and hands-on activities.

### Little Foodies—ages 4-7

All programs start at 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 16 — Unicorns & Dragons Registration begins February 23.  
Thursday, April 6 — Backyard Bugs Registration begins March 18.  
Thursday, May 11 — Flowers Registration begins April 17.  
Little chefs are invited to join us for stories, activities, and recipes.

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### Story Times

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

**Mother Goose Club**—ages 10-24 months with an adult.

**Movers and Shakers**—older toddlers and early pre-schoolers ages 2-3 with an 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.

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

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

### Wee Play—ages newborn-24 months with an adult

Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
March 22 through April 26  
Drop-in for unstructured play and discovery in the Story Room.

### Pizza and Pages—grades 3-5

All programs start at 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 23 — The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger Registration begins February 27.  
Wednesday, April 19 — Dragon Breath by Ursula Vernon Registration begins March 27.  
Wednesday, May 10 — Waylon! One Amazing Thing by Sara Pennypacker Registration begins April 19.  
Munch on pizza, play games and discuss the month's book selection in this new book group. Must read the book in advance.

### LEGO Club—ages 6 and older

Tuesday, April 4 at 2:00 p.m. — Up in the Air We supply the LEGO, you supply the imagination during this building project. Registration is not required.



### Therapeutic Toys

The Library's therapeutic toy collection contains toys that encourage cognitive, motor, visual, auditory, and social development, including adapted toys that are specially designed for youth with special needs. Ask a Youth Services librarian about the therapeutic toy collection.

### Special Needs Parent/Caregiver Workshops

Please join us for these parent/caregiver workshops. Registration is required.

### Study Skills at Home and School for the Distracted Student

Monday, March 20 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Learn about the causes of ADHD and attention challenges and how to support your student at home to improve focus and productivity. Discuss strategies to improve organization, focus and communications with your student's school and teacher. Registration begins February 27.

### Special Needs Planning

Wednesday, April 26 from 11:00 a.m.-noon  
Presented by attorney Michele Fuller from the Michigan Law Center, Parenting Magazine's Top Special Needs Advocate 2013. Michele is a national expert and author of various articles and books on special needs planning. She and her associate attorney, Elizabeth, will present an overview of estate planning considerations that are particular to families with special needs, the different options to protect your loved ones, considerations when selecting a trustee, and some of the top mistakes to avoid. Registration begins March 27.

### After-hours Special Needs Family Fun Night

Friday, May 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Special Guests: Belightful Yoga and a gluten-free treat from Whole Foods Market  
Families of children, teens and adults with special needs are invited to a special after-hours event at the library. Visitors can explore all the library has to offer and other special craft, games and activities for all ages in a less crowded, "anxiety-free" environment. Enjoy a tasty gluten-free snack from Whole Foods Market! Belightful Yoga instructors will teach a special yoga class at 7 p.m. to help improve balance, cognitive and social skills while learning relaxation and calming techniques. The event will also include resource information for special needs families, visual aids, and a "cool-down" space for those who may become over stimulated.

Pick up a Cranbrook Pass at the Circulation Desk inside the Library and discover all that Cranbrook has to offer.

## Computer Classes

Registration required. Classes are open to Bloomfield Township residents only. Register online at [www.btpl.org](http://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 PowerPoint

Tuesday, March 7 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Learn how to create a PowerPoint presentation.

### PowerPoint 2

Saturday, March 18 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
Learn how to create a PowerPoint presentation. Must have taken Introduction to PowerPoint.

### Introduction to Scanning & Photo Editing

Tuesday, March 21 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 6 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Learn how to digitize documents and edit your photos

Are you an amateur photographer? Enter the Library's photo contest!

[www.btpl.org/photo-contest](http://www.btpl.org/photo-contest)

### Introduction to Microsoft Word

Saturday, April 1 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
Make Microsoft Word really work for you!

### Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Tuesday, April 4 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 25 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
Learn how to properly set up a spreadsheet.

### Internet Security

Thursday, April 20 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
What everyone must know about protecting themselves online.

### Introduction to Social Networking

Monday, May 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Systems staff will introduce you to Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

### Introduction to Google Docs

Wednesday, May 17 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Bring your documents to life! Google account required.

### Computer Basics

Monday, May 22 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
New to a computer? Don't worry, we can help.

Google CS First – Computer Coding for Kids is taking a break this spring. Look for more fun coding classes for kids this summer.