**The Bloomfield Public Library Board of Trustees**
**REGULAR MEETING**
Tuesday, June 9, at 6:00 P.M.
Erin Corbett, Patrick DeLorenzo, Sherry-Ann Chance,
Harvey Frydman, Claudia Gwardyak, Beverlee Merritt

**Hybrid Meeting:**

- **To attend this meeting via Zoom Conference Remote Meeting, please register here:** https://bplct.librarycalendar.com/event/library-board-meeting-virtual-and-person-11349
- **To attend in-person, come to BPL Prosser Library, Conference Room 218, 1 Tunxis Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002**
- **The meeting will also be streamed live on YouTube at:** https://youtube.com/live/ekF7tfaejRg?feature=share

AGENDA

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

3) Citizens' Statements and Petitions
*Statements by members of the public may be oral or written and shall start with the speaker's name and address and shall continue for no longer than three (3) minutes, unless permitted by the Chairperson or Trustee presiding.*

4) Report from the Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library

5) Chairperson's Report

6) Director's Report

7) Old Business
   1. Discussion of Library Building Committee project timeline and impact to library services
   2. Discussion of Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

8) New Business

9) Citizens' Statements and Petitions

10) Board Comments

11) Approval of Minutes
   1. March 10, 2026

12) Next Meeting: July 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM

13) Adjournment

**Monthly Metrics and Key Dates**
**May 2026**

| | FY 25 Totals | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Library Cards | | 181 | 241 | 192 | 229 | 214 | 128* |
| Total Library Cards | **5932** | | 6,704 | 6,890 | 7,059 | 7,241 | 7,302* |
| Total Telephone | | 1,659 | 1,567 | 1,374 | 1,660 | 1,525 | 1,352 |
| Website Page Activity (Visitors) | | 2985 | 3,540 | 3,174 | 3,234 | 3,057 | 2,959 |
| Study Room Use McMahon | | 107 | 69 | 95 | 110 | 111 | 99 |
| Study Room Use Prosser | NA | 121 | 192 | 235 | 273 | 267 | 242 |
| Study Room Total | | 228 | 261 | 330 | 383 | 378 | 341 |
| Programs (Total) | **1,007** | 101 | 61 | 88 | 94 | 114 | 89 |
| Program Attendance (Total) | **25,839** | 2,449 | 1,146 | 1,568 | 3,086 | 1,905 | 1,159 |
| BPL Online Resources Use | **27,202** | 2,060 | 2,764 | 2,582 | 2,814 | 2,931 | 2,534 |
| Physical Circulation | **64,964** | 9,293 | 9,726 | 9,399 | 11,166 | 10,033 | 6,469* |
| Digital Circulation | **27,437** | 2,722 | 3,007 | 2,561 | 3,666 | 3,663 | 3,734 |
| Prosser Computer Sessions | | 594 | 710 | 764 | 995 | 1,033 | 977 |
| McMahon Computer Sessions | | 711 | 623 | 635 | 782 | 789 | 748 |
| Total Computer Sessions | | 1,305 | 1,333 | 1,399 | 1,777 | 1,822 | 1,725 |
| BPL Prosser Visits | **NA** | 4,227 | 4,685 | 4,741 | 6,297 | 7,231 | 6,278 |
| BPL McMahon Visits | **14,448** | 3,003 | 2,700 | 2,711 | 3,053 | 3,364 | 2,893 |
| **BPL Total Physical Visits** | **39,245** | **7,230** | **7,385** | **7,452** | **9,350** | **10,595** | **9,171** |
| **BPL Overall Usage (combines usage numbers above, except: number of programs, website, telephone and new cards)** | **184,777** | **23,754** | **24,028** | **23,562** | **30,082** | **29,127** | **23,067** |

*The transition to a new online library system may impact these numbers. There is at least a week of data we are unable to access this point.

**Monthly Metrics and Key Dates**
**May 2026**

| **Project Timeline:** | |
|---|---|
| First Library Building Committee Meeting | July 29, 2020 |
| BPL Referendum Vote | November 2, 2021 |
| BPL Buildings Close to Public: | June 30, 2023 |
| Opening of BPL Tech Express at 330 Park Ave in Bloomfield: | July 19, 2023 |
| Opening of BPL Atrium Library, 1300 Hall Blvd in Bloomfield: | August 15, 2023 |
| Prosser Groundbreaking Ceremony: | January 24, 2024 |
| Prosser Beam Signing Ceremony: | June 13, 2024 |
| Closing of BPL Tech Express at 330 Park Ave in Bloomfield: | March 14, 2025 |
| McMahon Wintonbury Library Soft Opening to Public: | March 17, 2025 |
| Closing of BPL Atrium Library, 1300 Hall Blvd in Bloomfield: | June 6, 2025 |
| Prosser Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: | Aug. 16, 2025 |
| Prosser Library Soft Opening to the Public: | October 28, 2025 |
| Prosser Library Grand Opening: | June 22-29, 2026 |
| McMahon Wintonbury Library Exterior Renovation Completed: | Fall 2026 |
| McMahon Wintonbury Library Grand Opening: | TBD |

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Conference Remote Meeting
https://youtube.com/live/zD3eE7Xt6Nw?feature=share
March 10, 2026

**Attendance:** Elizabeth Lane (*Library Director*), Erin Corbett (*Chairperson*), Patrick DeLorenzo (*Vice-Chairperson*), Claudia Gwardyak, Harvey Frydman, Penny Pearson (*Friends of the Bloomfield Public Libraries*), Christopher Siloac (*Assistant Director*), Allison Wilkos (*Assistant Director*)

**Absent:** Beverlee Merritt, Sherry-Ann Chance

Quorum present? Yes, 4 of 6

E. Corbett called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

*Roll Call* – B. Merritt and S. Chance were noted as absent.

*Citizens' Statements and Petitions* – There were no citizens' statements.

*Report from the Friends of the Bloomfield Public Libraries* – Due to technical difficulties, the Friends' report was emailed to the board following the meeting.

*Chairperson's Report*

**Fireside Chats** – E. Corbett will meet with P. DeLorenzo next week for a video-recorded fireside chat. February was busy, so Erin has recorded videos that still need to be edited, meaning there will be more in March than anticipated. She wants to make sure the videos with Brenda Watson and P. DeLorenzo are shared.

**Oratorical Contest** – E. Corbett shared with BPL leadership the idea of the library hosting an oratorical contest, where young people can practice public speaking. These skills allow young people to be advocates for themselves and the things they care about. E. Corbett has many ideas for programs and services she would like to see, though she understands that limited staffing could make it difficult to do some of them.

*Director's Report*

**Art Exhibits at Prosser –** E. Lane reported on art in the libraries. Prosser Library is featuring its second exhibition: Eddie Hall's work with acrylic and recycled windows. The art is in the cafe space, the exhibition case, and above the fireplace. There will be a meet and greet reception on March 28. The idea is for the library to be a comfortable space to interact and talk about art, with a plan to have four exhibitions each year. The Prosser building is a beautiful backdrop for art, but E. Lane hopes to have pop-up pieces at McMahon Wintonbury Library soon.

**Strategic Plan Event** – BPL publicly celebrated its recently completed strategic plan on February 25. Staff is already thinking up ways to implement it.

**McMahon Anniversary** – On March 17, McMahon Wintonbury will celebrate the one-year anniversary of its reopening. In one year, McMahon Wintonbury has had 48,879 visits; 11,774 computer sessions, including 1,108 sessions on the 2 Teen computers; 579,000 computer usage minutes; and just under 29,000 physical items circulated. 62.5% of circulation was for youth items. There were also 289 programs with over 6,700 attendees. E. Lane thanked library staff for their patience and intentional approach in serving computer users. Carol Walters and E. Corbett will give remarks at the celebration, which will be held at 3:00 PM on March 17. E. Lane invited everyone to attend.

**Literacy Week and Bloomfield Schools** – BPL celebrated a very busy Literacy Week with Bloomfield Public Schools. Cartoonist Rick Stromoski visited Metacomet on March 4; 220 students and teachers participated. E. Lane noted that Mr. Stromoski donated graphic novels and autographed drawings for students. That evening, BPL hosted R. Stromoski as part of an open house at Prosser. E. Lane thanked Sherri Beddingfeld for funding the day, including the book-themed snacks served in the Prosser lounge. *New York Times* bestselling graphic novelist Maria Scrivan presented to multiple classes on March 5. E. Lane thanked the Friends for purchasing 36 of Ms. Scrivan's books to award to children in grades 5 through 8. E. Lane talked about the mission of the library to provide a rotation of library books and permanent books for the home libraries of Bloomfield's children. BPL also kicked off a four-week Book Voyagers series for grades 1 through 3, in partnership with Connecticut Humanities. On March 6, local picture book author Gabrielle Davis performed storytimes for 320 students and teachers at Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School. Yesterday, the Coretta Scott King award-winning author Winsome Bingham visited Laurel School and presented to 430 students and teachers, from pre-K through grade 2. This was another partnership with CT humanities. The Board of Education is working with the schools on field trips to Prosser Library for K-4 students, as well as 7th and 8th grade students. E. Lane noted that 5th and 6th grade students have already visited Prosser and thanked the schools and the board of education for being such good partners. E. Lane stated that literacy week events embody the library's mission of raising readers and reiterated that library cards are free for all from birth. E. Lane thanked Youth Librarian Nicole Dolat for composing the summary of literacy week.

**Best of Press Award** – BPL has been getting a lot of love from the community lately. On Saturday, a member of the community gave an impassioned speech stating that we should get the Hartford Courant's Best of the Press award for 2026, and that the board and the Friends should lead that initiative. Glastonbury, Simsbury, and Hartford won last year.

**Read Across America Day** – E. Lane and Dr. Youngberg attended the United Way's Read Across America kickoff in East Hartford and then read to children at Laurel Literacy Academy. E. Lane thanked the United Way for their continued focus on literacy.

**Passport to CT Libraries** – In April, BPL will once again participate in the biannual Passport to CT Libraries event. E. Lane talked about the excitement of welcoming people from across the state to Bloomfield's new and improved library facilities. She noted that Bloomfield residents can also visit

libraries throughout the state during the month and experience how each library is unique. This is an initiative of the Connecticut Library Association.

**Mountain Ave Bridge Replacement –** E. Lane pointed out that the agenda packet contained two pages that refer to CT DOT. In 2030, Mountain Avenue will be closed near the library to replace the bridge. The work is set to occur in spring or summer 2029. E. Lane and other stakeholders have met with DOT and discussed concerns, such as ensuring pedestrian access to the Prosser bridge, and creating a link between the Isaac's and library parking lots. The current estimated time for the work is eight weeks.

**ACLB Membership –** The Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB) is hosting a webinar about collection development on March 25, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. E. Lane referred to New Business and her recommendation that the board renew its ACLB membership. She also referenced the *Roles and Responsibilities Guidelines* document included in this month's packet, which features responsibilities broken out by library director, trustee, and Friend. E. Lane stated that the document is another road map of what we should be doing and then read through the list. The board discussed their lack of a current institutional membership with ACLB, an item that is addressed during New Business.

**Weather Events** – The library closed a full day for snow on February 23, and closed three hours early on March 3, due to ice. BPL leadership is looking to establish best practices with public works to ensure appropriate responses to weather events. E. Lane thanked the public for going along with things as we learn to do better.

**Women's History Month** – Women's History Month is alive and well at BPL. It kicked off with *Sarah Margu, Child of the Amistad*, a live performance at Prosser, presented in partnership with CT Humanities and CT250. E. Lane gave a shoutout to CT Humanities for being a wonderful organization and partner. BPL is getting press from the event. E. Lane described the program and mentioned feedback from a happy seven-year old who was attending on her birthday. The Barbie film will be shown this Wednesday with a talk back at the end. The Friends will be there as part of the library ambassador program. E. Lane noted the flyer that lists all the Women's History programs for the month.

**Solar Panels**– The town has finalized its solar agreement with Green Bank. E. Lane thanked Glen Garrity from public works for his efforts on this major milestone. The solar panels should make the building more green and bring down energy costs. C. Gwardyak, who serves on the Conservation, Energy, and Environment committee, has received questions about the library buildings but has not been sure how to respond. E. Lane said that she will send an email with more clarity on the topic. She then recounted how McMahon Wintonbury has had solar for ten years, but that it is limited due to a roof that does not allow much room for panels. Prosser Library was built for solar, and this agreement means we can now move forward with getting it installed, likely during FY27. The board asked questions about Green Bank's role in the process. E. Lane said she will get a more detailed synopsis and report back accordingly. C. Gwardyak says she hopes the solar at Prosser sets an example. E. Lane noted that the process is slow moving, and that Prosser could become the first library to have solar in the area, making Bloomfield a leader on this front.

**McMahon Exterior Renovations** – Bids have been received and reviewed for the exterior renovation at McMahon Wintonbury. The building committee will look to potentially move forward at its next meeting. E. Lane is hopeful that the project can be completed as promised. She reminded everyone that the approved project originally included an expanded McMahon Wintonbury Library. E. Lane noted the improvements still to happen, such as 24/7 exterior lockers for after-hours pickup, upgraded sidewalks, new landscaping and a new parking lot, a rain garden, and more.

**Prosser HVAC** – Downes Construction, subcontractors, and Bloomfield staff continue to meet bi-weekly to discuss ongoing issues with the HVAC system. Every week something gets fixed, changed, or recalibrated. As the weather changes, and humidity rises, monitoring will be done to see if the system has been fixed. The list of outstanding issues is getting shorter by the week. A Prosser grand opening is being planned for June, likely the week before the week of June 19, when the fire departments will celebrate their 100 year anniversary.

**Meeting and Study Room Use** – BPL has successfully rolled out study rooms and privacy pods at both locations, with 330 room uses in February, and the usage numbers continuing to rise. E. Lane noted the staff time involved with properly managing the reservations and usage of the rooms. The next phase is the rollout of the conference room at Prosser, a fully hybrid space that will be ideal for library board meetings. E. Lane said the library is receiving a lot of requests about using library spaces. She noted that there were 88 programs in February, and that staff is still figuring out room setups, technology, and workflow. She stressed the importance of managing expectations in terms of the use of library spaces, specifically as it impacts staffing. The library is thinly staffed in relation to the spaces we oversee. E. Corbett asked how much staff time is being taken up by non-library engagement at town hall. E. Lane said it was a difficult number to quantify, but that library staff involvement with town hall is much more than in the past. E. Corbett stressed that BPL staff focus has to be on the library. E. Lane explained that the town manager has scheduled a meeting for tomorrow morning to discuss these concerns and challenges. One library concern is the work involved with the migration to a new integrated library system (ILS). E. Corbett asked that E. Lane circle back to this issue at next month's meeting for an update. She stressed that the board wants library staff working in the libraries doing library work. The board briefly discussed the further impact of FOIA requests.

**Monthly Metrics and Reports** – E. Lane reviewed the monthly metrics, key dates, and town manager's report documents that were included in the packet.

**Programming** – Black History Month programming was a big success. BPL will be celebrating Women's History Month in March, and summer reading planning is happening now.

**Library Card Holders** – E. Lane reviewed a graph that shows library card holders across the last decade. She showed the fluctuations and noted that the library is nearing 7,000 card holders again, a healthy recovery after drops following Covid and the move out of the buildings.

**ILS Migration** – A. Wilkos gave a report on the consortium-wide migration to a new ILS system. BPL has entered the training phase, which involves hands-on training for select BPL staff who will then train the rest of the staff. There will be online training offered as well, starting in March and into April. Library

Connection (LCI) is still sticking with a June 3 go live date for the migration to Polaris (staff system) and Vega (public catalog). A. Wilkos talked about the importance of training for staff and patrons and establishing best practices ahead of time. E. Corbett asked about the value added by changing systems. A. Wilkos, E. Lane and C. Siloac talked about how it streamlines staff workflows and enhances the public catalog. Communication with the public has already started, but there will be more to come, in the hopes for a smooth transition. In response to questions from P. DeLorenzo. A. Wilkos described the data mapping and cleanup involved with the migration, and E. Lane noted that LCI's assistance is one of the strengths of being in a consortium. A. Wilkos talked about where things are with the training phase, with staff beginning to attend sessions on different aspects of the system. C. Siloac noted some improvements in the new system, such as family cards and internal notes, and talked about the importance of prioritizing essential functionality for staff and patrons when the system goes live. BPL leadership will continue to keep the board apprised of the migration project.

**Library Card Holders -** E. Lane described LCI's library card purging process for cards that have been expired for longer than a year. 2,762 cards were purged from the system in this year's purge. This purge leads to numbers going down in some years. BPL is looking for ways to reconnect with this group of library users.

**Quarterly Milestones** – E. Lane shared quarterly milestones with the town manager, including Take Your Child to the Library Day on February 7, which generated 281 visits. On February 17, BPL had its highest number of visits since reopening both buildings, with 518 visitors. Increased study room registration and use, and the public presentation of the strategic plan on February 25 were other milestones.

**State Legislature** – The governor's budget contains potential cuts to BorrowIT CT. E. Lane encouraged board members, as described in the strategic plan, to advocate for the library at the state level. BorrowIT, which allows residents to borrow and return at any public library in Connecticut, is a huge benefit to libraries and residents. E. Lane noted that some speaking in favor of the cuts at a public hearing were from the same groups who are attempting to ban books, by claiming that the service is used to harm children across the state. E. Lane described this talking point as unbelievably inaccurate and stated that a child's guardian is the only one who manages a child's reading.

**BATV** – H. Frydman noted that Bloomfield Access Television (BATV) highlights a lot of the library's programming. E. Lane stated that BATV is a great partner and that BPL shares recorded programs with them. People often mention watching library programs on BATV.

**Friends Update** – E. Lane gave a brief report on behalf of the Friends. The Friends are accepting donated materials at Prosser Library. E. Lane said that if it is too much to carry, it is likely more than can be accepted at one time. The Friends joined the Chamber of Commerce and attended one of their morning meetups. They are also helping define and implement the library ambassador program, as with their presence at the Barbie program on Wednesday. The Friends volunteers will answer questions about the library, encourage library card signup, and help extend the reach of what the library offers.

**Board Questions/Comments** – P. DeLorenzo asked if the community room is open for the public to book and use. E. Lane stated there is a policy for room use. The policy states the room can only be used with

approval by the library director. This potential service is not ready to be rolled out yet. E. Lane had prematurely agreed to a room usage, but after discussing with staff, it was clear that better defined policies and procedures needed to be in place first. In the meantime, study rooms are available to the public, and people can use any seating in an open public space.

*Old Business*

**Discussion of Library Building Committee project timeline and impact to library services** – This item was covered as part of the *Director's Report*.

*New Business*

**Consider and Take Action on Renewing Association of Connecticut Library Boards Membership – MOTION by H. Frydman to have the library board of trustees join the Association of Connecticut Library Boards**; C. Gwardyak seconded and passed unanimously.

**Discussion of Fiscal Year 2027 Budget** – The library put in two requests for capital improvement projects: a bookmobile and a library vehicle, to help with deliveries between libraries and BPL Everywhere initiatives. The library has submitted both requests many times, with the vehicle being a key need. E. Lane is feeling confident with what the library has submitted for an operating budget, which includes the request for two additional positions, a full-time librarian and full-time library assistant. The budget also includes a restored part-time budget, without this year's cuts. E. Lane said the library will need the support of the board. She noted that staff burnout is one of her biggest concerns, especially coming off the building project and the subsequent increase in usage. Funding will determine library hours and what level of service can be maintained. She noted that staffing levels are currently challenging, especially during cold and flu season. It is E. Lane's understanding that the town manager is going to include the two additional positions in his budget requests to council. The library's budget presentation is currently scheduled for March 23 at 6:30 PM. The board discussed the budget process and the importance of board members to speak out on behalf of the library at town and budget meetings during this time of year. P. DeLorenzo asked E. Lane for high level talking points, and C. Gwardyak stressed the need for comparison points with surrounding towns. E. Corbett talked about the importance of tracing the trajectory of increased usage, including projections of how that growth could continue. The board talked about the importance of having good numbers to help tell the story. E. Lane said that one important metric that stands out is BPL's lower number of full-time-equivalent (FTE) employees in comparison with surrounding libraries, including those with only one library building.

In response to a question from P. DeLorenzo, E. Lane confirmed that the $116,000 that was cut from the library's part-time budget was not restored, even though vacancies were able to be filled. E. Lane explained that the part-time budget affects the amount of hours all part-time staff can work, which is why the cut led to fewer library operating hours on weekends and evenings. P. DeLorenzo and E. Lane talked about the possibility of converting part-time positions to full-time, which could save money and increase staff capacity, due to the flexibility and reliability of full-time commitments. The board identified operating hours as the main reason for adding two additional positions, with the public wanting more evenings, extended Saturdays, and Sunday hours. E. Lane described the crucial behind the scenes work staff performs, such as ordering and cataloging materials, planning programs, and communicating

consistently and effectively with the public. C. Gwardyak said one point to stress is that the library has a robust relationship with the schools, and that strengthening the library has an impact on youth literacy. E. Lane and C. Siloac spoke about the importance of BPL's librarians going into Bloomfield schools, where there are no professional librarians outside of the high school, and how those visits impact children and teachers, as with recent literacy week events. E. Lane said we have the road map to an educated society and raising readers, and that it includes public libraries.

*Citizens' Statements and Petitions* – There were no citizens' statements.

*Board Comments* – There were no board comments.

*Approval of the Minutes*

**MOTION by H. Frydman to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting**; seconded by P. DeLorenzo and approved as submitted.

**Next Meeting** –The regularly scheduled April meeting will need to be cancelled, due to E. Lane and A. Wilkos being away. The board decided on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, as the date for a special meeting. The hope is to hold the meeting in the Prosser conference room.

**MOTION by H. Fryman to adjourn the meeting**; seconded by E. Corbett and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Siloac
Assistant Director

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**TUE JUNE 23**
Nekita Waller in Concert: Celebrating Juneteenth
Prosser, 6:00 – 7:00 PM *(All Ages)*

**WED JUNE 24**
Prosser PROM: "Through the Decades"
Prosser, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM *(All Ages)*

**SAT JUNE 27**
Book Dances: Performance and Talkback with the JDPP
Prosser, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM (All Ages)

**MON JUNE 29**
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Prosser, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM *(All Ages) Registration required.*

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# BPL Summer 2026 Events

## JULY

**TUE 21**

**Tween Gaming Zone**
*Prosser* Tuesday, July 21 at 2:00 PM (Tw)

**Homegrown Creatives Series: Jocelyn Pleasant**
*Prosser* Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00 PM (T, A)

**WED 22**

**Storytime & Craft Hour**
*McMW* Wednesday, July 22 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Invent the Summer STEM Series**
*Prosser* Wednesday, July 22 at 1:00 PM (C, Tw)

**THU 23**

**Crafternoon: Mini Bookmaking**
*Prosser* Thursday, July 23 at 2:00 PM (T, A)

**Disability Pride Month Movie: *Out of My Mind***
*Prosser* Thursday, July 23 at 5:30 PM (Tw, T, A)

**FRI 24**

**CT DEEP Plant Program**
*McMW* Friday, July 24 at 10:30 AM (C, Tw)

**Foodie Friday for Teens: Charcuterie Board Challenge**
*Prosser* Friday, July 24 at 12:30 PM (T)

**Teen Gaming**
*Prosser* Friday, July 24 at 2-4:00 PM (T)

**SAT 25**

**View Through My Window Zentangle**
*Prosser* Saturday, July 25 at 10:30 AM (T, A)

**Henna for Adults**
*Prosser* Saturday, July 25 at 12:15 PM (A)

**MON 27**

**Youth Movie Monday: *Elio***
*Prosser* Monday, July 27 at 10:30 AM (C, Tw, T)

**Special Education Social and Learning Club**
*Prosser* Monday, July 27 at 2:30 PM (C, Tw)

**TUE 28**

**Reflections: Dementia-Friendly Programming**
*Prosser* Tuesday, July 28 at 12:00 PM (A)

**Tween Gaming Zone**
*Prosser* Tuesday, July 28 from 2-4:00 PM (Tw)

**Birdhouse Decorating**
*McMW* Tuesday, July 28 at 2:30 PM (A)

**Homegrown Creatives Series: Keith Claytor**
*Prosser* Tuesday, July 28 at 6:00 PM (T, A)

**WED 29**

**Summer Sensory Bins Storytime**
*McMW* Wednesday, July 29 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Invent the Summer STEM Series**
*Prosser* Wednesday, July 29 at 1:00 PM (C, Tw)

**Teen Anime Afternoon**
*Prosser* Wednesday, July 29 from 1-4:00 PM (T)

**THU 30**

**Crafternoon: Weave Potholders**
*McMW* Thursday, July 30 at 2:00 PM (T, A)

**Everyday Tips to Boost Energy and Fight Fatigue**
*Prosser or Virtual* Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 PM (A)

**FRI 31**

**Foodie Friday for Teens: Solar S'mores**
*Prosser* Friday, July 31 at 12:30 PM (T)

**Teen Gaming**
*Prosser* Friday, July 31 from 2-4:00 PM (T)

**Friday Flicks: Watch, Then Chat About *An Open Door: Temple Grandin***
*Prosser* Friday, July 31 at 2:00 PM (A)

## AUGUST

**MON 3**

**Summer Storytime**
*Prosser* Monday, August 3 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Let's Make a Book Clock**
*McMW* Monday, August 3 at 3:00 PM (T, A)

**TUE 4**

**Jeffrey Engel Presents: A Musical Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary, Part 2**
*Virtual* Tuesday, August 4 at 1:00 PM (A)

**BookCon 2026, Part One**
*Prosser* Tuesday, August 4 from 1-8:00 PM (C, Tw, T)

**WED 5**

**Bring the Hoopla**
*McMW* Wednesday, August 5 at 10:30 AM (All)

**Invent the Summer STEM Series**
*Prosser* Wednesday, August 5 at 1:00 PM (C, Tw)

**Lichens and Slime Molds of Connecticut**
*Old St. Andrews* Wednesday, August 5 at 1:30 PM (A)

**THU 6**

**Teen After Hours Lock-In**
*Prosser* Thursday, August 6 from 8:00 PM - Midnight (T)

**SAT 8**

**Book Con 2026, Part Two (Last Chance Walk-Through)**
*Prosser* Saturday, August 8 from 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM (C,Tw, T)

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# JUNE

## BPL Summer 2026 Events

**MON 15** — **Storytime**
*Prosser* Monday, June 15 at 10:30 AM (C)

**TUE 16** — **BPL's Hottest Apps for Summer**
*Prosser* Tuesday, June 16 at 2:00 PM (A)

**Secure Your Future: Retirement Planning**
*Prosser* Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 PM (A)

**Social Justice Book Club: *The Magic Fish***
*Virtual* Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 PM (A)

**WED 17** — **Storytime & Craft Hour**
*McMW* Wednesday, June 17 at 10:30AM (C)

**Juneteenth: Slavery to Emancipation**
*McMW* Wednesday, June 17 at 5:30 PM (All)

**Stretching Exercises with Kirsten Benson**
*Prosser* Wednesday, June 17 at 6:00 PM (A)

**THU 18** — **Crafternoon: Tile Magnets**
*McMW* Thursday, June 18 at 2:00 PM (T, A)

**Made In Bloomfield Innovation And Entrepreneurship Workshop Series**
*Prosser* Thursday, June 18 at 5:00 PM (T, A)

**FRI 19** — **Library Closed for Juneteenth**

**SAT 20** — **Dinosaurs Rock!**
*Prosser* Saturday, June 20 at 11:00 AM (All)

**MON 22** — **Storytime**
*Prosser* Monday, June 22 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Sound Meditation with Sara Billings**
*Prosser* Monday, June 22 at 3:00 PM (T, A)

**Prosser Grand Opening Reception**
*Prosser* Monday, June 22 at 4:00 PM (All)

**State of the Library with Director Lane**
*Prosser* Monday, June 22 at 5:15 PM (All)

**Crochet Chain Challenge for Teens**
*McMW* Monday, June 22 at 5:30 PM (T)

**TUE 23** — **Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting & Ice Cream Sundae Bar**
*Prosser* Tuesday, June 23 at 4:00 PM (T)

**Nekita Waller in Concert: Celebrating Juneteenth**
*Prosser* Tuesday, June 23 at 6:00 PM (All )

**WED 24** — **Playdough Nature Art Storytime & Craft**
*McMW* Wednesday, June 24 at 10:30 AM (C)

**You're Invited to...Prosser Prom!**
*Prosser* Wednesday, June 24 at 5:00 PM (All)

**THU 25** — **Crafternoon: Watercolor Flow**
*Prosser* Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 PM (T, A)

**Teen Gaming**
*Prosser* Thursday, June 25 from 2-4:00 PM (T)

**Made In Bloomfield Innovation And Entrepreneurship Workshop Series**
*Prosser* Thursday, June 25 at 5:00 PM (T, A)

**FRI 26** — **Plant a Musical Seed**
*Prosser* Friday, June 26 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Make a Book Bouquet Centerpiece**
*Prosser* Friday, June 26 at 1:30 PM (T, A)

**SAT 27** — **Yoga for Mental Wellbeing**
*Prosser* Saturday, June 27 at 10:30 AM (T, A)

**Book Dances: Performance and Talkback**
*Prosser* Saturday, June 27 at 12:00 PM (All)

**MON 29** — **Storytime**
*Prosser* Monday, June 29 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Windowsill Herb Garden**
*McMW* Monday, June 29 at 12:00 PM (Tw)

**Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice**
*Prosser* Monday, June 29 at 2:00 PM (A)

**Banned Books Photo Shoot with NOH8 Campaign**
*Prosser* Monday, June 29 at 5:00 PM (All)

**TUE 30** — **A History of Blues Music: Talk and Performance**
Prosser Tuesday, June 30 at 6:00 PM (T, A)

# JULY

**WED 1** — **Celebrate Miss Sheila! Storytime & Craft Hour**
*McMW* Wednesday, July 1 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Invent the Summer STEM Series**
*Prosser* Wednesday, July 1 at 1:00 PM (C, Tw)

**On This Good Earth: A History of Gardening in America**
*Old St. Andrews* Wednesday, July 1 at 1:30 PM (A)



# JULY

## BPL Summer 2026 Events

**THU 2** — **Crafternoon: T-Shirt Tote Bags**
*McMW* Thursday, July 2 at 2:00 PM (T, A)

**Spoken Word Poetry Workshop with Versatile Poetiq**
*Prosser* Thursday, July 2 at 5:30 PM (Tw, T)

**FRI & SAT 3-4** — **Library Closed for Independence Day**

**MON 6** — **The Hartt School "Meet the Ballerina" Event**
*Prosser* Monday, July 6 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Youth Movie Monday: *A Minecraft Movie***
*Prosser* Monday, July 6 at 1:00 PM (C, Tw, T)

**Special Education Social and Learning Club**
*McMW* Monday, July 6 at 2:30 PM (C, Tw)

**TUE 7** — **Jeffrey Engel Presents: A Musical Celebration of America's 250th Anniversary, Part 1**
*Virtual* Tuesday, July 7 at 1:00 PM (A)

**Tween Gaming Zone**
*Prosser* Tuesday, July 7 from 2-4:00 PM (Tw)

**Social Justice Book Club: *The Bluest Eye***
*Virtual* Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30 PM (A)

**WED 8** — **Storytime & Craft Hour**
*McMW* Wednesday, July 8 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Invent the Summer STEM Series**
*Prosser* Wednesday, July 8 at 1:00 PM (C, Tw)

**Teen Art Therapy: Material 101**
*McMW* Wednesday, July 8 at 5:30 PM (T)

**THU 9** — **The Silver Circus Show**
*Prosser* Thursday, July 9 at 5:00 PM (All)

**Wintonbury Book Discussion: *Trust***
*Virtual* Thursday, July 9 at 5:30 PM (A)

**FRI 10** — **Foodie Friday for Teens: Strawberry Cheesecake Bites**
*Prosser* Friday, July 10 at 12:30 PM (T)

**Teen Gaming**
*Prosser* Friday, July 10 from 2-4:00 PM (T)

**SAT 11** — **Pop-Up Art School: Clay Bees & Honeycombs!**
*Prosser* Saturday, July 11 at 10:30 AM (C, Tw)

**Caribbean Dance Performance and Storytime**
*Prosser* Saturday, July 11 at 12:45 PM (All)

**MON 13** — **Storytime**
*Prosser* Monday, July 13 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Youth Movie Monday: *GOAT***
*Prosser* Monday, July 13 at 1:00 PM (C, Tw, T)

**Special Education and Social Learning Club**
*McMW* Monday, July 13 at 2:30 PM (C, Tw)

**TUE 14** — **Tween Gaming Zone**
*Prosser* Tuesday, July 14 from 2-4:00 PM (Tw)

**Homegrown Creatives Series: Charmagne Tripp**
*Prosser* Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 PM (All)

**WED 15** — **Storytime & Craft Hour**
*McMW* Wednesday, July 15 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Invent the Summer STEM Series**
*Prosser* Wednesday, July 15 at 1:00 PM (C, Tw)

**Teen Anime Afternoons**
*Prosser* Wednesday, July 15 from 1-4:00 PM (T)

**THU 16** — **Crafternoon: Decoupage Shells**
*McMW* Thursday, July 16 at 2:00 PM (T, A)

**Crime Lab with the Children's Museum**
*Prosser* Thursday, July 16 at 2:00 PM (C, Tw)

**Community Book Swap**
*Back East* Thursday, July 16 at 5:00 PM (A)

**FRI 17** — **Musical Fun with Judy Pancoast**
*Prosser* Friday, July 17 at 10:30 AM (C)

**Foodie Friday for Teens: Quesadilla Bar**
*Prosser* Friday, July 17 at 12:30 PM (T)

**Teen Gaming**
*Prosser* Friday, July 17 from 2-4:00 PM (T)

**SAT 18** — **The Grotesque 10: Amazing Architectural Sculpture from Ten American Colleges & Universities**
*Prosser* Saturday, July 18 at 10:30 AM (T, A)

**Pokemon in the Park**
*Filley Park* Saturday, July 18 at 11:30 AM (C, Tw, T)

**Digital Art Therapy For Teens**
*Prosser* Saturday, July 18 at 11:30 AM (T)

**MON 20** — **Youth Movie Monday: *The Wild Robot***
*Prosser* Monday, July 20 at 10:30 AM (C, Tw, T)

**Special Education Social and Learning Club**
*Prosser* Monday, July 20 at 2:30 PM (C, Tw)

**TUE 21** — **Budgeting, Savings, and Retirement**
*Prosser* Tuesday, July 21 at 2:00 PM (A)

# BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

# JUNE 2026

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 <u>All Month Long</u> Youth Take-Homes for Internet Safety Month **Prosser & McMW**<br>Storytime **Prosser** 10:30AM (C) | 2 Atlantic Magazine Discussion Group **Prosser** 11:30AM (A)<br>Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner: The Grandmasters of American Comedy 6:30PM (A) | 3 Cleanliness Is Happiness Storytime **McMW** 10:30AM (C)<br>Bloomfield Community Fund Office Hours **Prosser** 5-7PM<br>Youth Chess Club **Prosser** 5:30PM (Tw, T) | 4 Jury Administration Info. Table **Prosser** 11AM-3PM<br>Made in Bloomfield: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop Series **Prosser** 5-7PM (A, T)<br>Bloomfield Literacy Night **Prosser** 6PM (All) | 5 Know Your Rights: Your Housing Questions Answered 2PM (A) | 6 Miss Kim's Tea Party **Prosser** 12PM (C)<br>Board Game Afternoon **McMW** 12-2PM (Tw, T, A) |
| 8 Storytime **Prosser** 10:30AM (C)<br>Foundations of Dementia Caregiving **Bloomfield Senior Center** 5:30PM | 9 Connecticut Tech Act Project 2PM (A)<br>'Who Was' Book Club: Athletes **Prosser** 5PM (Tw)<br>A History of LGBTQIA+ CT 6:30PM (T, A) | 10 Storytime & Craft Hour **McMW** 10:30AM (C)<br>Youth Chess Club **Prosser** 5:30PM (Tw, T)<br>Black Music Month Movie: *Summer of Soul* **Prosser** 5:30PM (A, T) | 11 Made in Bloomfield: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop Series **Prosser** 5-7PM (A, T)<br>Wintonbury Book Disc. BYOB 5:30PM (A) | 12 Friday Flicks with Friends: Watch, Then Chat About *Every Body* **Prosser** 2PM (A) | 13 Gluten-Free Vegan Summer Cooking Class **Prosser** 11AM (T, A)<br>Pokémon Club **Prosser** 11:30AM (C, Tw, T) |
| 15 **All-Ages Summer Reading Program Begins!**<br>Storytime **Prosser** 10:30AM (C) | 16 BPL's Hottest Apps for Summer **Prosser** 2PM (T, A)<br>Secure Your Future: Retirement Planning **Prosser** 6:30PM (A)<br>Social Justice Book Club: *The Magic Fish* by Trung Le Nguyen 6:30PM (A) | 17 Storytime & Craft Hour **McMW** 10:30AM (C)<br>Juneteenth: Slavery to Emancipation **McMW** 5:30PM (All)<br>Stretching Exercises with Kirsten Benson **Prosser** 6PM (A) | 18 Crafternoon: Tile Magnets **McMW** 2PM (T, A)<br>Made in Bloomfield: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop Series **Prosser** 5-7PM (A, T) | 19 **Library Closed**<br> | 20 Dinosaurs Rock! Summer Reading Kickoff **Prosser** 11AM (All) |
| 22 Storytime **Prosser** 10:30AM (C)<br>Sound Meditation **Prosser** 3PM (T, A)<br>Grand Opening Reception and State of the Library **Prosser** 4:00 PM (All)<br>Crochet Chain Challenge for Teens **McMW** 5:30PM | 23 Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting & Ice Cream Sundae Bar **Prosser** 4PM<br>Nekita Waller in Concert: Celebrating Juneteenth **Prosser** 6PM (All) | 24 Playdough Nature Art Storytime **McMW** 10:30AM (C)<br>You're Invited to... Prosser PROM! **Prosser** 5PM (All) | 25 Teen Gaming **Prosser** 2-4PM<br>Made in Bloomfield: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop Series **Prosser** 5-7PM (A, T) | 26 Plant a Musical Seed **Prosser** 10:30AM (C)<br>Make a Book Bouquet Centerpiece **Prosser** 1:30PM (T, A) | 27 Yoga For Mental Wellbeing **Prosser** 10:30AM (T, A)<br>Book Dances: Performance and Talkback **Prosser** 12PM (All) |
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## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES
### ongoing adult programs / meetings

**<u>Caregiver Support / Healing Hearts</u>**
**at Bloomfield Senior Center**
**Wednesday, June 3 at 1:30 PM**

**<u>Meditation</u>**
**Every Wednesday at 1:30 PM**

**<u>Millennials Read</u>**
**at Talcott Mountain Collective**
**Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30PM**

**<u>Mystery Book Discussion</u>**
***The Verifiers by Jane Pek***
**Monday, June 8 at 4PM**

**<u>Library Board Meeting</u>**
**at Prosser or Virtual**
**Tuesday, June 9 at 6PM**

**<u>Friends Meeting</u> at Prosser**
**Thursday, June 11 at 1PM**

**(C) = Children & Families**
**(Tw) = Tweens**
**(T) = Teens**
**(A) = Adults**
**(All) = All Ages**
**(McMW) = McMahon Wintonbury Library**
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**No location listed = Virtual**

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