

# Bloomfield Public Library

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*Events are subject to change without notice and more programs are added all the time. Check website for info.*

## ■ Holiday Closures

- New Year's Day – Jan. 2
- MLK's Birthday – Jan. 16
- President's Day – Feb. 20 (closing at 4 p.m.)
- Good Friday – April 6

## ■ Computer Training and Seminars

- Computer Training for Jobseekers. Registration required.
  - Microsoft Word, Jan. 10, 3-7 p.m.
  - Internet, Jan. 17, 3-5 p.m.
  - E-mail, Jan. 24, 3-5 p.m.
- Seminars:
  - Saving for College: Jan. 21, 10 a.m.
  - Social Security Options, When to Claim: Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.
  - Understanding Social Security: Feb. 3, 3 p.m.
  - Retirement Planning: Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.
  - Long Term Care Planning: March 15, 6:30 p.m.

## ■ Ongoing Programs

- Monday and Thursday movies, 12:15 p.m.
- Book Club, Monday, once a month. Call for title and date.
- Drop-in Games - challenge a friend!
- Needlework Club (knitting, crocheting, needlepoint), Fridays, 11 a.m.
- Chinese language class, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

## ■ Passports

The Essex County Clerk's Outreach program comes to the library the fourth Wednesday of every month from 2 to 7:45 p.m. Patrons must bring all required documents and fees. For details, call the County Clerk's Office at (973) 621-2921, or visit [www.essexclerk.com](http://www.essexclerk.com).

## ■ New Programs In the Works (Call if interested)

- Paranormal Book Club
- Gardening/Recipe/Cooking Club
- Work on it Wednesdays (craft programs for adults)
- Writer's Discussion Group, first and third Mondays, 10 a.m., beginning in February
- Poetry Club
- Chinese Culture, Myth and Legend (call for details)

## ■ Got a skill or hobby to share?

Consider teaching at the library. Contact Lisa Cohn at x217 or [lcohn@bplnj.org](mailto:lcohn@bplnj.org).

## ■ Children's Programs

- Homework Help (grades 1-6), Mondays and Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.
- Baby Lapsit (up to 18 months), Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
- Toddler Storytime with Craft (19-36 months), Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime with Craft (3-5 years), Wednesdays, 11 a.m. ✿

## Town offers window of opportunity for big home repairs

Since last spring, 15 Township homeowners are experiencing the benefits of home repairs provided through the Bloomfield Residential Rehabilitation Program. They are repairing or replacing electrical and heating systems, roofs and more, all thanks to a 10-year forgivable loan that comes with no monthly payments and no interest.

The program lets income-qualified homeowners make repairs valued at up to \$15,000 to bring homes up to code; and up to \$10,000 for rental units. Funds are available year-round on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are expended.

Community Grants, Planning & Housing of East Windsor administers the program, which is funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Housing specialists and inspectors from CGP&H work confidentially with homeowners to identify necessary repairs and retain a qualified contractor. Inspectors oversee construction to ensure proper improvements.

Program eligibility is based on household income. The maximum allowable income



ranges from \$44,950 for a one-person household to \$84,750 for an eight-person household.

There are no monthly payments and the loan is fully forgiven if the homeowner maintains title and occupancy for 10 years. If the property is sold or transferred during the 10-year period, the loan will be due for the exact amount borrowed with no interest.

Any rental units improved by the program must be affordably rented to low- and moderate-income families for the 10-year period.

Eligible improvements include: roofing, electrical work, heating, accessibility remodeling, water and sewer hookups, plumbing, foundations, code violation abatement, and windows.

Be the next family to qualify for rehab. Contact CGP&H at (609) 371-2151 or send e-mail to [Ximena@cgph.net](mailto:Ximena@cgph.net). ✿

## *Dear Neighbor,*

The United Way of Bloomfield needs your support to help those in need. Every dollar you donate helps people who live and work in Bloomfield.

Not a day goes by at the UWB without a neighbor calling or coming by, desperately seeking assistance. Many are going hungry, some are losing their homes or being evicted from their apartments. Others are ill, cannot get prescriptions, aren't insured, or can't find jobs.

The UWB provides programs for people with mental illness, for children who've been abused, and people who need counseling, including counseling for suicide.

Without your support, we fail. Please help by visiting our website and donating online. Or call for more details.



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