



Jazz it up with Dr. Dubious

If you aren't dancing, you'll be actively toe-tapping when Dr. Dubious and the Agnostics come to the library on Saturday, Feb. 11 for a free 2 p.m. concert. The seven-piece Dixieland jazz band plays New Orleans and Chicago-style jazz of the 1920s and 1930s. Horns, rhythm and vocals define this high-energy band that performs throughout the tri-state area. The band features female vocals by piano player Karen Bartholomew, and male vocals by the Doctor himself, Tom Duncan.

February Book Club Feature

"The Little Way of Ruthie Leming," by Rod Dreher

A compelling memoir will be the topic at the book club's Feb. 6 meeting at 6:45 p.m. Author Dreher recalls growing up in small-town Louisiana, a place he couldn't wait to leave – the place where his sister Ruthie married and taught school. Twenty years later, as Ruthie is dying of cancer, Rod returns home, astonished to encounter his sister's serenity and the loving support of friends, neighbors and the extended family he rejected. In reconnecting, the sophisticated journalist finds balance and peace. To reserve a copy, call (973) 566-6200, x219.

Women: Get savvy on Social Security planning

Women will get tips for maximizing retirement income at a special seminar hosted by Bloomfield Library on Monday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. Learn about:

- Making the most of Social Security benefits.
- Accessing survivor benefits if your husband or ex-husband dies.
- Benefits for divorced spouses.
- Coordinating your retirement benefits with your husband's.
- Social Security planning before remarrying.

Get free tax prep assistance

Free assistance to those in households earning \$54,000 or less is available at Bloomfield Public Library every Wednesday from now through April 12. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call (732) 246-4772.

Movies (12:15 p.m. in the library theater)

Monday

Feb. 6 - When the Bough Breaks
Feb. 13 - Barbershop
Feb. 20 - Southside With You
Feb. 27 - Paris is Burning

Thursday

Feb. 2 - Goodbye Charlie
Feb. 9 - Soapdish
Feb. 16 - The Singing Man
Feb. 23 - Shampoo

Financial Book Club

On Tuesdays at 6 p.m., join a community of people who are learning to secure their financial futures. Participants review monthly book selections and hold facilitated discussions ranging from real estate and the stock market, to smartphone apps for stock trading. No financial expertise is necessary.

Writer's Circle – Tuesdays, Feb. 14 and 28, at 6 p.m., share your work with other writers.

Bridge Club – Fridays at noon. Beginners welcome.

Library Board Meeting - Feb. 1, at 5 p.m.

Give the Gift of Reading - Bloomfield Public Library has an Amazon "wishlist" of books. By browsing the list, choosing and purchasing a selection, you can add to the library's book collection available to all library patrons. If you like, donate in honor of a friend or family member, or in memory of a loved one. To browse the wishlist registry, visit <http://a.co/4ILOHBU>.

Children's Events

- *Celebrate Valentine's Day* with special crafts and snacks on Tuesday, Feb. 14. For children ages 5 and younger (with caretaker). Hours: 11 a.m. to noon.
- *Art Exhibits* - The artistic talents of Bloomfield's elementary school students are showcased at the library. Each month features a different Township school.
- *Story Times* (except the week of Feb. 13)
 - Toddlers, ages 19-36 months, Tuesdays and Fridays.
 - Pre-K Story and Craft, ages 3-5, Wednesdays.
 - Baby and Me, ages newborn -18 months, Thursdays.
- *Bloomfield High School Volunteer Tutors* will continue to work with elementary school students after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m., and Thursdays and Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m. Parents/caregivers must remain in the library during tutoring.