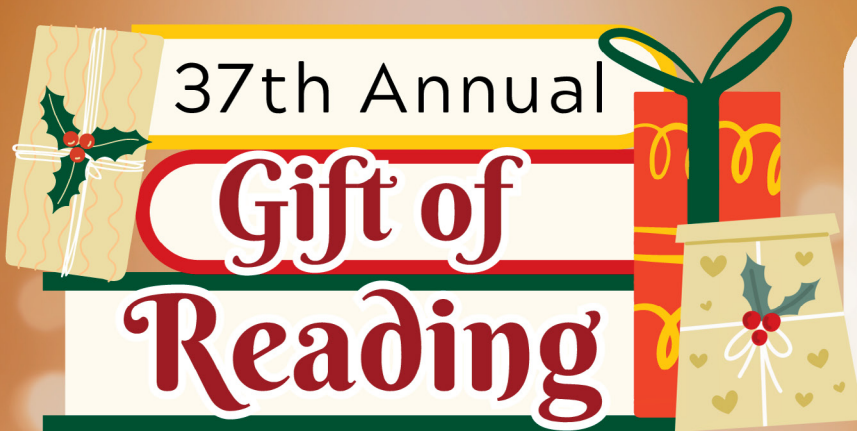


NEWS & EVENTS



NOVEMBER 2024

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Drop off books and monetary donations at any BCLS branch

Please make checks payable to:
Bay County Library System Gift of Reading

Drop offs will also be accepted at the
Literacy Council of Bay County Headquarters at
1106 S. Madison Ave., Bay City, MI 48708

For questions and additional information,
contact Jolene Faber

jfaber@baycountylibrary.org | (989) 894-2837 Ext. 2225

November 1st-30th, 2024

Presented by the Bay County Library System

**Make a difference in your local
community this holiday season**

Donate new, unwrapped books to BCLS for our 37th Annual Gift of Reading Program! These donations will be used to gift families and children books to read for the holidays. The library will also use monetary donations to purchase carefully selected titles of books and create holiday gift baskets for those in need at local area organizations.



LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO

at the Bay County Library System



The Bay County Library System is hosting local authors in an expo-style event on Sat, Nov 9th at the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library. Participating authors from the Great Lakes Bay Region will have copies of their books available for purchase along with other information to share with attendees.

This is a drop-in event and no registration is required. Join us for this opportunity to meet and greet with local talent in our community. This is a great chance to shop small and locally for the holidays!

SATURDAY, NOV 9, 2024

11 AM-1 PM

Kantzler Community Room at the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library

SCAN FOR MORE
INFORMATION



SUPPORT
LOCAL
AUTHORS



ADULTS

Ages 18 and up

® = Registration required. Registration opens 1 month before each program at 9 am.

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CRAFTS & MORE

Knitting Solutions

Wirt: Tuesdays, 10 am-12 pm

Drop in to knit and crochet with others! Expert knitters on site to help those who need assistance. Supplies not provided; please bring your own project to work on.

Wednesdays with Walt: Technology Help®

Wirt: Wednesdays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm OR 2-3 pm

Reserve a spot with Walt, our Technology Supervisor, for help with your device or any tech questions you may have.

Be Kind to Your Mind®

Sage: Fri, Nov 1, 11 am-12 pm

Join Tanner Derror from MSU Extension for this 1-hour program. During the Be Kind to Your Mind workshop we will learn the importance of self-compassion for your thinking and how to “de-fuse” harsh thinking. We will also practice mindful attention to our thoughts and learn the power of acceptance and gratitude to relieve stress.

Books and Brews® (Adults)

BarqueBC: Wed, Nov 6, 7-8:30 pm

November Title: *The Long Call* by Ann Cleeves

Romance & Rosé® (Adults)

Wanigan's: Nov 12, 5:30-6:30 pm

Are you a romance reader with no one to talk about your latest read? Join us to dish on your favorite reads and tropes and to get recs from fellow romance readers. There is no assigned reading, instead bring what titles you've read recently to share. But if you are looking for some direction, this month we are encouraging you to find a romance book that features a grumpy/sunshine pairing.

Cribbage Night

Wirt: Wed, Nov 13, 6-7 pm

Drop in to play cribbage with others. Bring your own board if you have one.

Craft a Wooden Pumpkin®

Wirt: Thu, Nov 14, 6-7 pm

I ♥ YA: Book Club®

Lolobee's: Mon, Nov 18, 6-7 pm

November book: *Shatter Me* by Tahereh Mafi

Puzzle Swap

Wirt: Tue, Nov 19, 6-7:30 pm

Drop off puzzles for all ages you would like to swap throughout October and up to the day of the event. Receive one voucher for each puzzle you drop off. Anyone with vouchers can choose puzzles from 6-7 pm, then from 7-7:30 pm it will be open to all.

Be Well Series: Stress Reduction Techniques®

Wirt: Thu, Nov 21, 6-7 pm

Presented by Veronica Stafford, MD and Susan Martin, PsyD, Family Medicine Residency at McLaren Bay Region, this program will share stress reduction techniques that you can implement in your everyday life.

A full list of monthly adult Book Club dates can be found at

www.baycountylibrary.org/book-clubs.

EVENING SESSIONS

SPEAKER SERIES

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Women of the Watch: Michigan's Inspiring Lighthouse Keepers



Wed, November 13, 2024
6:00 PM

Theater artist Anna Kamryn Marck tells the story of family trips to lighthouses in Michigan, which leads to a discovery of several spectacular stories of various female lighthouse keepers of the Great Lakes. She details the lives of four particular keepers with voice and movement. As she steps into these brave women's shoes, she discovers the tragedy of the hardships they faced and the beauty of their spirits.

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

Author Visit: Colleen Cambridge

Join author Colleen Cambridge as she discusses her newest release *Murder Takes the Stage* from her Phyllida Bright mystery series. Leopard Print Books will have books available for sale for Colleen to sign.

All of Colleen's books feature strong heroines experiencing fast-paced adventures, danger, mystery, and of course, romance. But at the core of each story is the belief that every woman deserves a partner who accepts her for her strengths as well as her weaknesses—and vice versa.

Alice and Jack
Wirt Public Library:
SAT, NOV 16,
2-3 PM

Painterly Pottery

PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY STUDIO

SAGE: WED, NOV 6.
4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

PINCONNING: TUE, NOV 12.
6:00 PM (TEENS & ADULTS)

WIRT: THU, NOV 7.
6:00 PM

AUBURN: THU, NOV 14.
6:00 PM (TEENS & ADULTS)

Choose from a Christmas tree design plate, soup bowl, and snowman photo holder. Items will be fired in the store's kiln and returned to the library for pick-up at a later date. Registration required.

**High Demand Program – please only register for one session*

ADULTS & TEENS

® = Registration required. Registration opens one month before each program at 9 am.
Both adults and teens welcome (Grade 6-Age 18 & up)

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Needle Crafters Club

Auburn: Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Rock Wall Sconce ®

Pinconning: Sat, Nov 9, 10-11:30 am

Painterly Pottery ® (Adults and Teens)

Pinconning: Tue, Nov 12, 6-7 pm
Auburn: Thu, Nov 14, 6-7:30 pm

Chess at the Library ®

Sage: Wed, Nov 20, 3:30-5 pm
Chess players are welcome to compete against others in a friendly environment.

Alcohol Inked Pillar Candle ®

Pinconning: Tue, Nov 26, 6-7 pm

Bay County Poetry Contest

Back for its 2nd year! **2024 Theme: "At Home in Michigan"**

Calling All Bay County, SVSU, and Delta College Poets! The local library is where you come to read others' writing, but we want to read your writing too! So, send us your most inspired poems for the theme "At Home in Michigan." Poems must include a reference to Bay County or another geographical location in Michigan. Cash prizes will be awarded. Winners will be announced in the spring, and winners' work may be published in online or print venues. Entries will be judged by SVSU English students. You must be at least 16 years old to participate. To view the submission form and access the full list of rules and guidelines, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2kdwk5te> or scan the QR code below.

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Sponsored by the Bay County Library System and the English Department at Saginaw Valley State University

SVSU SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY **BCLS Bay County Library System**

Submissions due 12/1/24

TEEN ZONE

Teen-only programs (Grades 6-12)

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Listen to popular audiobooks with hoopla digital!

1. Scan the code or get the app.
2. Enter your library card number.
3. Start enjoying content!

TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages Loot Box ® (Grades 6-8) Pick up November 18-23	Teen LitLoot Box ® (Grades 9-12) Pick up November 4-9
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November Theme: FICTION

Each box contains a library book related to the month's theme, a book to keep, and a few complimentary treats or a craft. Check out the box, enjoy the treats, then return the library book and box.

Due to the popularity of this program, loot boxes are limited to Bay County resident cardholders only. Thank you!

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Painterly Pottery ® (Grades 6-12)

Sage: Tue, Nov 5 3:30-4:30 pm
Wirt: Thu, Nov 7, 4-5 pm
Choose from a Christmas tree design plate, soup bowl, and snowman photo holder. Items will be fired in the store's kiln and returned to the library for pick-up at a later date.
**High Demand Program – please only register at one branch.*

Introduction to Cross-stitch ®

Auburn: Thu, Nov 7, 3:30-4:30 pm
Have you ever wanted to learn how to cross-stitch? Now is your chance! Meet with Marlene the Teen Department Head to learn how to cross-stitch and take a craft home with you.

Film Crew Club ® (Grades 6-12)

Sage: Tue, Nov 12, 3:30-4:30 pm

Dungeons & Dragons ® (Grades 6-12)

Sage: Wed, Nov 13, 3:30-5:30 pm
Use your wit, skill, and some lucky rolls of the dice to create characters, fight bad guys, and maybe even save the world. No experience necessary!

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Please note: Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.

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SAVE THE DATE!

REINDEER AT YOUR LIBRARY

AUBURN: TUE, DEC 3 5-7 PM	PINCONNING: WED, DEC 4 5-7 PM	WIRT: WED, DEC 11 5-7 PM	SAGE: THU, DEC 12 5-7 PM
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SEE LIVE REINDEER OUTSIDE AND MAKE REINDEER CRAFTS INSIDE THE LIBRARY. FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES!
No registration required. Camera use is encouraged!



Coats for Kids

All BCLS Branches

Drop off new or gently used coats at any BCLS branch library. In partnership with the Salvation Army of Bay City, all BCLS branches are drop-off locations for the Coats for Kids program! Donations will be accepted through the end of December.



PUPS & PAGES

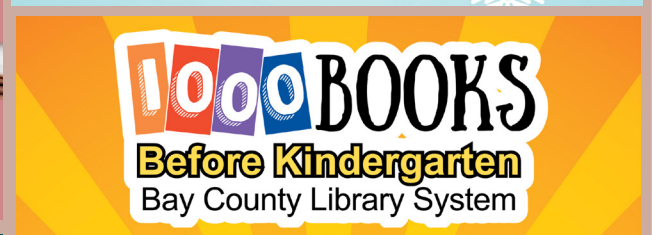
Read to a Certified Therapy Dog!
Ages 4-12
Bring a book from home or come a few minutes early to look for books at the library.

Register online

November Dates

AUBURN: SAT, NOV 2, 11 AM-12 PM	WIRT: SAT, NOV 16, 2-3 PM
PINCONNING: THURS, NOV 14, 6-7 PM	SAGE: WED, NOV 20, 5:30-6:30 PM

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1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Bay County Library System



FALL STORYTIMES

THROUGH NOVEMBER 8 REGISTER NOW!

We offer storytimes for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities, and more! Registration is open for all sessions. A full schedule and online registration is available on our website.

Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)
Sage: Tuesdays, 11-11:30 am
Auburn: Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 am
Wirt: Thursdays, 10:30-11 am

Preschool Storytime (Ages 2-5)
Sage: Tuesdays, 10-10:30 am
Auburn: Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 am
Wirt: Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am
Auburn: Thursdays, 11:15-11:45 am


Family Storytime (Ages 0-6)
Sage: Mondays, 10-10:30 am
Pinconning: Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am

Registration & Online Calendar: 

Read your way toward kindergarten readiness! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1000B4K) is a self-guided, read-at-home program for all children, from birth up until the time they start school. The goal? For every child to be exposed to at least 1000 books before kindergarten.

Sign up to receive a tracking booklet to keep track of all of the books you and your child read together. Earn badges and prizes along the way, and build a strong early literacy foundation to help get your child ready to read on their own.

The Bay County Library System runs 1000B4K on a continuous basis, the only deadline is your child's kindergarten year! 1000B4K is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children.



SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTER STORYTIMES!

Fall storytimes will continue through November 8, and the winter session will run from January 6 - February 21! Registration for all sessions will open on Friday, December 6. A full schedule and online registration is available on our website.

Ready to start? Join now online using READsquared, or visit the Children's Desk at any BCLS branch location to receive your Tracking Log and starting prizes.

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CRAFTS & MORE

Populace Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Populace Coffee: Mon, Nov 4, 9-9:30 am

Families with young children. Join the Wirt library downtown at Populace Coffee House for storytime. No registration required.

Busy Book Cafe® (Ages 0-3 + Adult)

Sage: Mon, Nov 4, 11 am-12 pm

Craft supplies and coffee will be available for parents to build a page for a baby busy book. Toys will be out for children to play with while adults craft and visit.

Story & Activity® (Ages 3-12)

Sage: Tue, Nov 5, 1:30-2:30 pm

Bookmark weaving!

Kids Comic Club® (Ages 8-12)

Wirt: Tue, Nov 5, 4:30-5:30 pm

Love to read graphic novels? What about enjoying snacks, games, and new friends? Register then pick up a free copy of Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier from the Children's Desk. Read the book at home then join us at the library for book-themed snacks, games, and more! Registration is required.

Catch the Fish Game® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 5, 5:30-6:30 pm

Inspired by Good Mythical Morning's Catch the Fish with Grandad, join us for a fun evening where you'll decorate your own fish and learn how to play this fun family game.

Gamer Club: Wii Sports® (Grades 4-8)

Auburn: Wed, Nov 6 & 20, 3:00-4:30 pm

Do you love gaming? Come join your fellow gamers in crafts, snacks, and some fun Wii games! Wii Resort and Wii Play will also be played.

STEM Hour: Building Bridges with Delta Kids® (Ages 8-12)

Pinconning: Wed, Nov 6, 3:30-4:30 pm

Join the Pinconning Branch as we learn about bridges and ways to construct them through building activities with Delta College-PBS Kids/Michigan Learning Channel.

Tween Hang Out: Taste Test Challenge® (Ages 8-12)

Sage: Thu, Nov 7, 5:30-6:30 pm

Prepare to push your taste buds! In a blind tasting event you will decide which snacks have the best flavor.

Pick & Choose Fall Craft® (Ages 3-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Nov 7, 6-7 pm

Register to make a fall craft at the Pinconning Branch—choose between a ceramic turkey to paint or a light-up fall lantern!

Little Wiggles (Walking Children up to 5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Nov 8, 10:30-11 am

Move and dance our wiggles out at a fun musical program.

Fall Babies & Toddlers (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Nov 8, 10:30-11:30 am

Bring your babies for a fun morning of fall crafts, a sensory area, and snacks. Coffee and snacks provided for grown-ups as well.

Playdate at the Library (Ages 4 & under)

Wirt: Fri, Nov 8 & 22, 10-11 am

Little ones can play, discover & meet new friends. Drop in.

Dinosaur Party (Ages 0-12 + Adult)

Wirt: Sat, Nov 9, 2-3 pm

Celebrate Dinovember at the library with dinosaur games, crafts and temporary tattoos! No registration required.

Excited Goat Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Excited Goat Coffee: Mon, Nov 11, 9-9:30 am

Families with young children. Join the Wirt library at Excited Goat Coffee for storytime. No registration required.

Build and Play (Ages 5-12 + Adult)

Wirt: Mon, Nov 11, 4:30-5:30 pm

Kids ages 5-12 and their caregivers are invited to explore their creativity and STEM skills by building with blocks. No registration required.

Clay Tic-Tac-Toe Board® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 12, 4:30-5:30 pm

Create your own tic-tac-toe board using air dry clay!

Make It: Apples Galore!® (Ages 4-12)

Pinconning: Wed, Nov 13, 3:30-4:30 pm

Pumpkins are popular for fall time, but we can't forget about the apples! At this program we will be making apple bird feeders, apple play dough, and more.

Move and Groove (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Wirt: Thu, Nov 14 & 21, 10:30-11 am

Join us for a story, music, and dancing! Both kids and their caregivers will enjoy shaking their sillies out in this movement-based program. No registration required.

Mad Scientists: Crazy Cranberries® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Nov 14, 5:30-6:30 pm

We will discover if cranberries sink or float, can you make them into spy juice, and can we change the tone of their signature red color.

A is for Art: Paint a Dinosaur® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Nov 15, 10:30-11:30 am

It's Dino-ember! Celebrate by painting your own ceramic dinosaur.

Young Scientists: Music Jam® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Nov 15, 10:30-11:30 am

Fun, scientific exploration through STEAM stations, play and craft.

Make Your Own Monopoly® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 19, 4:30-5:30 pm

Do you love playing Monopoly? Put your creative cap on and come design your own Monopoly board and pieces!

Awkward Family Photos Holiday Edition® (Family)

Sage: Thu, Nov 21, 5-7 pm

The library has hired All Things in Focus photography studio so you can create an awkward family masterpiece just in time for your holiday cards! Some props will be available, but feel free to wear ugly sweaters or bring a menorah. Registered families will be called to schedule a 10 min photo session. Patrons will be emailed a high resolution image taken by the photographer after the program. Sorry no pets.

Saturday Cinema: The Good Dinosaur + Craft® (Family)

Auburn: Sat, Nov 23, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Come enjoy a movie with your family! We will have snacks and a dinosaur craft to be made during the movie.

Play Dough Play Date® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Tue, Nov 26, 10:30-11:30 am

Stories, songs and Play Dough stations.

Totally Turkey® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 26, 5:30-6:30 pm

Gobble up some fun and join us for Turkey themed crafts!

Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library
500 Center Ave., Bay City, MI 48708
Ph: (989) 893-9566 TDD: (989) 893-7052
Mon-Thu: 10 am-8 pm
Fri-Sat: 9 am-5 pm
Sun: *1-5 pm (*Sep-May only)

Auburn Area Branch Library
235 W. Midland Rd., Auburn, MI 48611
Ph: (989) 662-2381
Sun-Mon: Closed
Tue-Thu: 10 am-8 pm
Fri-Sat: 9 am-5 pm

Pinconning Branch Library
218 Kaiser St., Pinconning, MI 48650
Ph: (989) 879-3283
Sun-Mon: Closed
Tue-Thu: 10 am-8 pm
Fri-Sat: 9 am-5 pm

Sage Branch Library
100 E. Midland St., Bay City, MI 48706
Ph: (989) 892-8555
Mon-Tue: 9 am-5 pm
Wed-Thu: Noon-8 pm
Fri: 9 am-5 pm
Sat-Sun: Closed

Bookmobile
500 Center Ave., Bay City, MI 48708
Ph: (989) 385-0837
Visit us on the web for a current schedule.

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