

THERE'S A CHILL IN THE AIR...AND SPOOKY READS ARE EVERYWHERE!

JOIN US FOR FALL FUN AT YOUR LIBRARY!

AUTHOR JEFF VANDE ZANDE DISCUSSES HIS NEW GOTHIC HORROR NOVEL

MURDER MYSTERY MONTH BINGO

EVENING SESSIONS: OKTOBERFEST CUISINE WITH KRISTYN SLICK

SQUEEGEE GHOST PAINTING CRAFT

CRYPTID CRAFTING

FOOD PRESERVATION CLASSES WITH MSU EXTENSION - CONDIMENTS, SOUPS, AND MORE!

DECORATE A CERAMIC PUMPKIN

HARRY POTTER PARTY

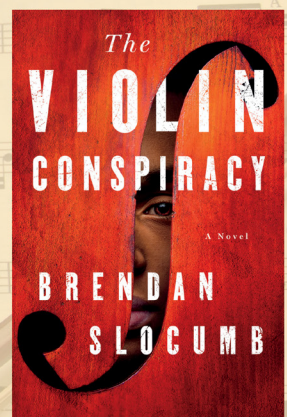
...AND SO MUCH MORE!



TUE, OCTOBER 1ST
BRENDAN SLOCUMB

GARBER HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 PM | FREE EVENT

PRESENTED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE BAY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



ADULTS

Ages 18 and up

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

Auburn Area Branch Library Sage Branch Library Pinconning Branch Library Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library Multi-branch or Offsite

CRAFTS & MORE

Puzzle Swap (Everyone)

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

Get ready for another puzzle swap in November! 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.

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.

Food Preservation Classes with MSU Extension: Top It Off- Condiments and Marinades®

Wirt (Livestream): Tue, Oct 1, 6-7 pm

Discover some tasty homemade preservation recipes for relishes, mustard, hot sauce, BBQ sauce, ketchup and more. Learn to make flavorful homemade dressings using your herbs to spice up your salad. *Watch on Zoom or view in the Kantzler Community Room*

Author Jeff Vande Zande®

Wirt: Wed, Oct 2, 6-7 pm

Ring in the Halloween season with Jeff Vande Zande, Delta College professor and author, as he discusses his newest book, *The Dance of Rotten Sticks*.

Books and Brews® (Adults)

Tri-City Brewing: Oct 2, 7-8:30 pm

October Title: *Small Mercies* by Dennis Lehane

The Chicago World's Fair of 1893®

Wirt: Thu, Oct 3, 6-7 pm

National Bestselling Author William Hazelgrove will tell the story of the World's Fair of 1893. Two men, each handsome and unusually adept at his chosen work, embodied an element of the great dynamic that characterized America's rush toward the twentieth century.

The Schmidt Sisters: A Reading and Conversation of Resiliency and Writing®

Wirt: Sat, Oct 5, 2-3 pm

Join sisters LaUra and Lynne Schmidt as they talk about their newly released titles.

Cribbage at the Library

Wirt: Wed, Oct 9, 6-7 pm

Join us to play cribbage in a casual, friendly setting.

Pumpkin Button Art®

Wirt: Thu, Oct 10, 6-7 pm

Design your own charming, pumpkin-shaped art piece using buttons, perfect for displaying in your home this fall!

Mindful Eating®

Sage: Fri, Oct 11, 11 am-12 pm

Join Tanner Derror from MSU Extension for a variety of mindfulness practices to use every day and to establish an understanding of mindfulness. The workshop will conclude with helping you develop a plan for your own personal practice.

Romance & Rosé® (Adults)

W.H. Ales: Tue, Oct 15, 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 has a little magic in it.

Be Well Series: Prediabetes®

Wirt: Thu, Oct 17, 6-7 pm

Linda Houthoofd, RD, CDCES, Diabetes Education Supervisor, will discuss prediabetes, what it means, and what you can do to lower your risk.

Discover Your Roots: Family History Research for Beginners®

Wirt: Sat, Oct 19, 9:30-11:30 am

Find your family in the census using Ancestry Library Edition. Learn how to find vital records and organize your research. *Sponsored by BCLS and the Bay County Genealogical Society*

I ♥ YA: Book Club®

LoLoBee's: Oct 21, 6-7 pm

October Title: *Anatomy* by Dana Schwartz

This book club is for adults who still like to read young adult and teen titles. From the most popular titles, to award winners, to classics, join us as we delve into titles found in the YA section. We meet monthly at LoLoBee's Lounge.

Squeegee Ghost Painting®

Sage: Wed, Oct 23 6-7:30 pm

Food Preservation Classes with MSU Extension: Super Satisfying Soups!®

Wirt (Livestream): Thu, Oct 24, 6-7 pm

Warm up and learn how to preserve soup by canning or freezing. Topics include safe methods, recipes, and helpful tips so you can start preserving soup at home. *Watch on Zoom or view in the Kantzler Community Room*

Intro to Genealogy: Databases at the Library®

Wirt: Sat, Oct 26, 2024, 9:30-11:30 am

Learn how to: Use Ancestry Library Edition and MyHeritage Library Edition in your family research and print or save your research documents electronically. *Sponsored by BCLS and the Bay County Genealogical Society*

Food Preservation Classes with MSU Extension: Holiday Baking and Gifting®

Wirt (Livestream): Tue, Oct 29, 6-7 pm

The season of giving is right around the corner! Need ideas on what you can preserve for gifts to give in the coming weeks? Equipment ideas, along with items you can make and gift-including pie fillings will be shared. *Watch on Zoom or view in the Kantzler Community Room*

Learn to Make Marbled Pendants with Courtney & Cory®

Sage: Wed, Oct 30, 5:00, 6:00, OR 7:00 pm

Courtney and Cory Simpson, owners of ExPunk, will show us how to create unique and cool marble dipped items.

Book Boxes for Adults®

October's theme is Thrillers!

Boxes will be available to pick up the week of October 28. Any boxes not picked up by Sat, Oct 28 will be made available to the next patron on the waitlist. This high demand special collection/program is limited exclusively to Bay County resident cardholders only.

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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Oktoberfest: Pretzels, Polka and Parades!

Wed, October 16, 2024 6:00 PM
It's Oktoberfest, the largest festival in the world, where Bavarian culture is celebrated in style. In this Zoom presentation with Kristyn Slick, learn how to prepare classic German cuisine and leave with the recipes and know-how to create your own Oktoberfest party!
LIVE STREAM AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
Register to view at Wirt or watch on Zoom.

MURDER MYSTERY MONTH BINGO
Pick up a Bingo card and check out a mystery from BCLS (must be a library book). Find the words, weapons, or situations from the bingo card in the book(s) you are reading. Check off all the words/weapons/situations on the bingo card. Complete one row (horizontal, vertical or diagonal), then bring back your Bingo card for a chance to win a prize.
You may turn in 1 card per week during the month of October.

TEAM JIGSAW PUZZLE CHALLENGE
TEENS AND ADULTS WELCOME
SAGE: WED, OCT 9 6:00 PM
PINCONNING: SAT, OCT 19 10:00 AM
WIRT: TUE, OCT 22 6:00 PM
AUBURN: SAT, OCT 26 2:00 PM
REGISTER NOW WWW.BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG

ADULTS & TEENS

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Both adults and teens welcome (Grade 6-Age 18 & up)

Auburn Area Branch Library Sage Branch Library Pinconning Branch Library Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library Multi-branch or Offsite

Needle Crafters Club

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

Fall Harvest Craft ®

Pinconning: Tue, Oct 8, 6-7 pm

Chess at the Library ®

Sage: Wed, Oct 16, 3:30-5 pm
Chess players are welcome to compete against others in a friendly environment.

Sew Crafty ®

Auburn: Thu, Oct 17, 6-7:30 pm
Please bring your sewing machine and/or other crafts to work on!

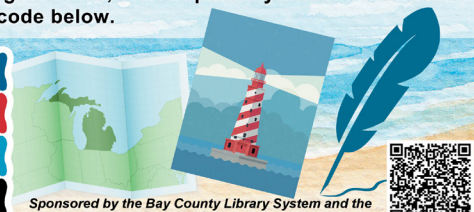
Fall-Scented Wax Melts ®

Pinconning: Tue, Oct 29, 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.



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


Submissions due 12/1/24



TEEN ZONE Teen-only programs (Grades 6-12)

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TEEN SKELETON CONTEST



Stop at the Wirt Fiction Desk to pick up your skeleton, take it home, decorate it and then return your decorated skeleton to the Wirt Library by Friday, October 18. Voting for the best skeleton will occur October 21-31.

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Introduction to Cross-stitch ®

Auburn: Thu, Oct 10, 3:30-4:30 pm

Film Crew Club ®

Sage: Tue, Oct 8, 3:30-4:30 pm
All about making movies and other video-based media, with equipment provided by the Michigan Learning Channel!

Dungeons & Dragons ®

Sage: Wed, Oct 9, 3:30-5:30 pm

Cemetary Craft ®

Wirt: Thu, Oct 10, 4-5 pm

Chess at the Library ®

Sage: Wed, Oct 16, 3:30-5 pm

Smoking Cauldron Art ®

Wirt: Thu, Oct 17, 4-5 pm

Squeegee Ghost Painting ®

Sage: Wed, Oct 23 3:30-5 pm

TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages Loot Box ® (Grades 6-8)

Pick up October 21-26

Teen LitLoot Box ® (Grades 9-12)

Pick up October 7-12

October Theme: HAUNTING READS

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!

CHILDREN & FAMILY

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

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Fire Prevention Month FIRE TRUCK Storytime

JOIN US AT EACH LIBRARY BRANCH FOR A MEET AND GREET WITH LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS! HEAR A STORY, LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY, AND CLIMB ON BOARD A REAL FIRE TRUCK.

Pinconning: Wed, Oct 9

3:30-4:30 pm

Wirt: Tue, Oct 15

10:30-11:30 am

Auburn: Wed, Oct 16

4:30-5:30 pm

(Registration required)

Sage: Fri, Oct 18

10:30-11:30 am

(Registration required)



DECORATE A CERAMIC PUMPKIN

Children ages 12 and under are invited to join us to decorate a ceramic pumpkin with paint and other craft supplies!



Wirt: Tue, Oct 1, 4:30 OR 6 pm

Pinconning: Wed, Oct 2, 3:30 pm

Sage: Thu, Oct 3, 4:30 OR 6 pm

Auburn: Tue, Oct 8, 4:30 OR 6 pm

Registration required

FALL STORYTIMES



SEPTEMBER 23 - 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:



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

October Dates

PINCONNING:
THURS, OCT 10,
6-7 PM

AUBURN:
SAT, OCT 12,
11 AM-12 PM

SAGE:
WED, OCT 16,
5:30-6:30 PM

WIRT:
SAT, OCT 19,
2-3 PM



1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Bay County Library System

Read your way toward kindergarten readiness! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (I000B4K) 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 I000B4K on a continuous basis; the only deadline is your child's kindergarten year! I000B4K is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children.



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.



CRAFTS & MORE

Story & Activity® (Ages 3-12)

Sage: Tue, Oct 1, 1:30-2:30 pm

Sandpaper art T-shirts. Use crayons and sandpaper to transfer a permanent design on a T-shirt.

Create-ure STEAM Challenge® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Oct 1, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Do you like to make weird things? Join us for this fun STEAM challenge where we'll use air dry clay and recycled materials to create your own creature!

Gamer Club: Mario Kart® (Grades 4-8)

Auburn: Wed, Oct 2, 3:30-4:30 pm

Do you love gaming? Come join your fellow gamers in crafts, trivia, and fun activities based on the game of the month! This month is Mario Kart!

Baby Book Club

Sage: Wed, Oct 2, 5:30-6 pm

Bring your baby to sing, rhyme, dance and take home a new book to keep. Stay to play and chat with other parents.

Show Me Nutrition-MSU Extension® (Ages 3-9)

Pinconning: Thursdays, October 3-24, 3:30-4:30 pm

Show Me Nutrition is a nutrition education program for participants to engage in interactive (and yes, snack) activities. The program promotes healthy eating, physical activity and food safety. Through each interesting and fun nutrition class, students gain the skills necessary to make healthy lifestyle choices. The program supports Michigan Educational Standards and grade level expectations for math and language arts, where appropriate.

Monster Matinee & More!® (Ages 2 to over 18)

Pinconning: Sat, Oct 5, 12-2 pm

Join us for an afternoon of monster mayhem: we will be watching Monsters Inc., coloring monster tote bags, and snacking on "monster mash" popcorn!

Fairy Garden Craft® (Ages 6-12)

Wirt: Sat Oct 5, 2-2:45 pm

Create a fall-themed fairy garden! Use your imagination to build a fairy garden, utilizing some of the natural gifts of fall. Registration is required.

Busy Book Cafe® (Ages 0-3 yrs + Adult)

Sage: Mon, Oct 7, 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.

Mad Scientists: Hydraulic Lift® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Oct 10, 5:30-6:30 pm

Let's have a lift challenge! We'll use syringes and tubing to make things move.

PLAYDATE @ WIRT (4 and under with caregiver)

Wirt: Fri, Oct 11 & 25, 10-11 am

Little ones can play, discover & meet new friends. Drop-in for playtime fun in the Wirt Children's room, no registration required.

Baby Playground® (Ages 0-2 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Oct 11, 10:30 am-11:30 am

Join us for sensory play and fun for babies!

B.A.M! Books and More - Going to the Dogs!® (Grades 4th-5th)

Mon, Oct 14 - Sat, Oct 19

Try the BCLS B.A.M! Book Box for 4th-5th graders. Each box will contain one library book related to the box's theme, a book to keep, treat and a craft to go along with the theme. Check out the box, enjoy the books and treats, then return the library book and box. *Open to Bay County resident card holders only.*

Are You Smarter than a Librarian?® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Oct 15, 5:30-6:30 pm

It's kids versus library staff in this test of trivia knowledge. Join us for our third annual trivia competition! With one win each, who will come out on top? Can you help us take them down and prove that you're smarter than a librarian?

Cryptid Crafting® (Ages 8-12)

Pinconning: Wed, Oct 16, 3:30-4:30 pm

Bigfoot? Mothman? Nessie? Register for Pinconning's Cryptid Crafting to make felt banners featuring your favorite creature.

A is for Art: Spooky Friends® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Oct 18, 10:30 am-11:30 am

Join us for a fun morning where we will be decorating our very own spooky friend paper craft to take home!

The World of Gustavo Storytime Hour® (Ages 6 & under)

Pinconning: Tue, Oct 22, 3:30-4:30 pm

Step into the world of Flavia Z. Drago's Gustavo the Shy Ghost series for this special storytime hour-we will be reading about Gustavo and friends, making ghostly treats, and more!

Paint a Haunted House® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Tue, Oct 22, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Get ready for spooky season by painting your own ceramic haunted house!

Tween Hang Out: Franken Toys® (Ages 8-12)

Sage: Thu, Oct 24, 5:30-6:30 pm

Use air dry clay, paint, and other materials to build a nightmare toy.

Science Club Jr: Pumpkin Challenge® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Oct 25, 10:30-11:30 am

What can you build using candy pumpkins? Join us for a fun STEAM challenge and find out!

Young Scientists: Nocturnal Animals® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Oct 25, 10:30-11:30 am

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

Harry Potter Party® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Oct 29, 5:30-6:30 pm

Come join us for a night full of Harry Potter fun! You'll be sorted into one of the houses and experience the magic of Hogwarts through crafts and games.

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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