

NEWS & EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 2024

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Coming this fall...

BRENDAN SLOCUMB

AUTHOR, MUSICIAN, MUSIC TEACHER

"I believe strongly that music is a life force and a transformative experience."

-Brendan Slocumb

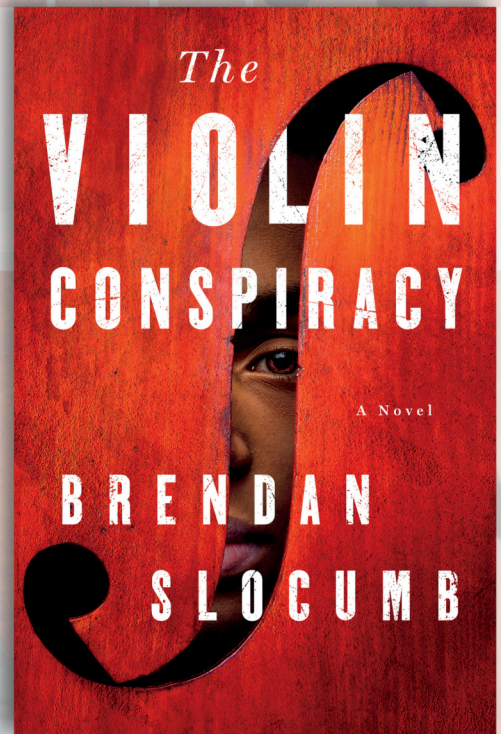
FREE EVENT

TUESDAY,

OCT 1ST, 2024

7:00 PM

GARBER HIGH SCHOOL
213 PINE ST, ESSEXVILLE



PRESENTED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE BAY COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Bay County Library System

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us to celebrate the Bay County Library System's 50th Anniversary! Each of our branches is hosting an open-house type anniversary party including cake, refreshments, giveaways, building tours, balloon twisting, and more! Let's celebrate BCLS's 50 years of library service in style - just in time for Library Card Sign Up Month! This event is open to all ages, no registration required.



WIRT: TUE, SEPT 10, 5-7 PM

PINCONNING: THURS, SEPT 12, 5-7 PM

AUBURN: WED, SEPT 18, 5-7 PM

SAGE: THURS, SEPT 19, 5-7 PM



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
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Alice and Jack Wirt
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CRAFTS & MORE

Books and Brews® (Adults)

Beaver's Pub: Sep 4, 7-8:30 pm

September Title: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

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 am-12 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. Please reserve your spot at <https://www.baycountylibrary.org/reserve-room/wednesdays-walt>, or call your branch for assistance.

Brief Practices in Mindfulness®

Sage: Fri, Sep 6, 11 am-12 pm

Join Tanner Derror from MSU Extension for this 1-hour program. The goal of this workshop is to give participants 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.

Fall Gnome Craft®

Wirt: Thu, Sep 12, 6-7 pm

Make a whimsical gnome from ribbon and leaves to hang on your wall.

Romance & Rosé® (Adults)

Wanigan's: Sep 17, 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.

I ♥ YA: Book Club®

Lolobee's: Sep 16, 6-7 pm

September Title: *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart

Preserving What's Left in Your Garden with MSU Extension®

Wirt: Tue, Sep 17, 6-7 pm

Cooking on a Budget®

Wirt: Thu, Sep 19, 6-7 pm

Join Nina Preston, Registered Dietitian, for an informative program about making the most out of your grocery trips and meal planning on a budget! Participants will learn about general nutrition, how to shop on a budget without compromising nutrition, grocery store couponing, and see a live cooking demonstration.

Painterly Pottery®

Sage: Wed, Sep 25, 4:00 & 6:00 pm

Pottery will be available for adults to paint! Pieces will be fired for pickup at a later date. *This is a high-demand program. Please only register for one session.*

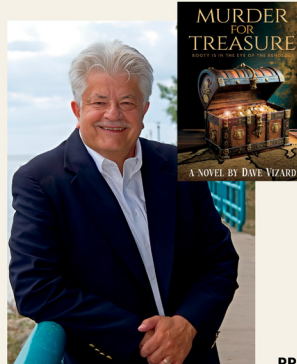


EVENING SESSIONS

SPEAKER SERIES

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Meet the Author: Dave Vizard



Wed, September 18, 2024
6:00 PM

Dave Vizard is an author who was an award-winning journalist as a newspaper and magazine writer and editor. His work has always focused on pulling back the curtain to reveal the best – and worst – of human nature. Join us as Dave discusses his most recent novel, *Murder for Treasure*, featuring his long-running protagonist, Nick Steele. Learn about the development of the novel, a little about the craft of writing, and be sure to bring questions for the Q & A portion.

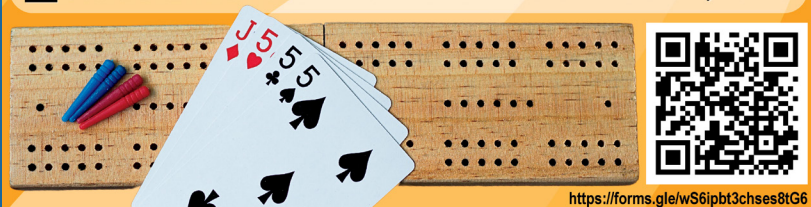
PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

CALL FOR CRIBBAGE PLAYERS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING CRIBBAGE THIS FALL AT THE ALICE AND JACK WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY?

LET US KNOW! CALL (989) 893-9566 EXT. 5

OR SUBMIT AN INTEREST FORM ONLINE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



<https://forms.gle/wS6ipbt3chses8TG6>

Adult Book Clubs

Join a book club at your library!

The Bay County Library System offers book clubs that include lively discussions, engaging reads, and a welcoming community of book lovers!



See all upcoming book clubs and dates at baycountylibrary.org/book-clubs or scan the QR code anytime.

ADULTS & TEENS

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

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

Wood Biscuit Flowers Craft ®

Pinconning: Sat, Sep 7, 10-11:30 am

Painterly Pottery ®

Pinconning: Tue, Sep 10, 6-7 pm
Auburn: Thu, Sep 19, 6-7:30 pm

Pottery will be available for adults and teens to paint! Pieces will be fired for pickup at a later date. *This is a high-demand program. Please only register at one branch.*

Hanging Layered Wood Decoration Craft ®

Auburn: Thu, Sep 12, 6-7 pm

Chess at the Library ®

Sage: Wed, Sep 18, 3:30-5 pm
Chess players are welcome to compete against others in a friendly environment.

Beaded Bookmark Craft ®

Pinconning: Tue, Sep 24, 6-7 pm

CALL FOR LOCAL AUTHORS

The Bay County Library System is looking to host local authors on Sat, Nov. 9th for a 2-hour block of time at the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library. A table will be provided for authors to sell their books and have other information to share with people who drop-in to the event.

Please fill out the information form located at <https://tinyurl.com/v3rsy9zp> (or scan the QR code) to be considered for this event. The deadline to apply is Fri, October 4, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Authors selected to participate will be contacted by Oct. 25 with more information.

Please note: There will not be payment for participation, but authors will be allowed to sell their books!

SCAN FOR INFORMATION



Bay County Poetry Contest



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>.

Submissions due 12/1/24



LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

During the month of September, show your library card to enter to win a \$25 gift card. Don't have a library card? Visit your local branch to sign up for a library card, then enter the drawing! One winner per branch will be selected. In addition, the sucker tree will make random appearances at all branches for your chance to win a gift card.

Drawing is open to Bay County residents of all ages. You must be present to enter.



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

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TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages Loot Box ®
(Grades 6-8)

Pick up September 16-21

Teen LitLoot Box ®
(Grades 9-12)

Pick up September 3-8

September Theme: **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

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!

Film Crew Club ®

Sage: Tue, Sep 10, 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, Sep 11, 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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BLUEY PARTY!

WACKADOO! CELEBRATE EVERYONE'S FAVORITE BLUE HEELER PUP, BLUEY, WITH A PHOTO BOOTH, CRAFTS, FUN GAMES LIKE KEEPY-UPPY, A DANCE MODE DANCE PARTY, AND MORE!

SAGE:
THU, SEPT 5, 4:30 OR 6:00 PM

WIRT:
SAT, SEPT 14, 2:00 PM

AUBURN:
TUE, SEPT 17, 10:30 AM OR 4:30 PM

PINCONNING:
THU, SEPT 19, 6:00 PM

Registration is required and available at baycountylibrary.org

PINCONNING BRANCH KIDS COMIC CONTEST

AGES 6-12

Are you an aspiring comic/graphic novel artist or just REALLY love reading them?

If so, we want YOU to enter the Kid's Comic Contest at the Pinconning Branch! Entries will be accepted between September 3rd through the 28th with judging from Cashman's Comics. For more information, including guidelines, entry form and a template, visit the Events calendar online!

COMIC CREATION HOUR

Drop in at the Pinconning Branch during Comic Creation Hour in September to work on your entry for the Kid's Comic Contest! Art supplies will be provided.

WEDNESDAYS, SEP 4TH, 18TH, & 25, 3:30-4:30 PM

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:

ASK ABOUT OUR MY FIRST LIBRARY CARD PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER!

CYBERTRON PUBLIC LIBRARY OPTIMUS PRIME

LIBRARIES - MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE...

ROLL OUT WITH A LIBRARY CARD.

September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

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.

September Dates

PINCONNING:
THURS, SEPT 5, 6-7 PM

SAGE:
THURS, SEPT 18, 5:30-6:30 PM

AUBURN:
SAT, SEPT 21, 11 AM-12 PM

WIRT:
SAT, SEPT 21, 2-3 PM

Register online

1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Bay County Library System

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.

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.

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.

READsquared Habit Forming

BCLS Bay County Library System

CRAFTS & MORE

Story & Activity ® (Ages 3-12)

Sage: Tue, Sep 3, 1:30-2:30 pm

Decorate a notebook and pencil.

Fakémon ® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Sep 3, 5:30-6:30 pm

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Join us as we create and design our own Pokémon using air dry clay and make a Pokémon card to go with it!

Gamer Club: Animal Crossing ® (Grades 4-8)

Auburn: Wed, Sep 4, 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 first month will be Animal Crossing themed!

Baby Book Club ® (Age 0-3)

Sage: Wed, Sep 4, 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.

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

Sage: Mon, Sep 9, 11 am-12 pm

Craft supplies and directions will be available for parents to build a page for a baby busy book. This will be a make-up session where patrons can make the pages they missed last year. Toys will be out for children to play while adults craft and visit.

Sew Creative: Llama Banner ® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Sep 10, 4:30-5:30 pm

Have fun learning basic sewing techniques as we create a llama pennant banner!

Mad Scientists: Optical Illusions ® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Sep 12, 5:30-6:30 pm

Experiments that will leave you mystified.

Friday Fun: Dragons ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Sep 13, 10:30-11:30 am

Let's fly, dance and roar!

Squishmallow Painting Party ® (Ages 6-12)

Pinconning: Sat, Sep 14, 1-2:30 pm

Do you love Squishmallows and painting? Enjoy a Saturday afternoon at the library with Squishmallow canvas art, snacks, and more!

Adventure by Mail ® (Ages 8-12)

Ongoing Event 9/16-9/20

Can you use the Interurban trolley to travel from Bay City all the way to the Electric Park before it closes for good? Registered patrons ages 8-12 will have an escape room sent to an address of their choice. It will contain 3 artifact challenges to complete in order to reach your destination before the park closes. Bring the completed artifacts proving you made the journey, into the library of your choice and receive a free book to keep as well as a mystery prize!

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

Pinconning: Thu, Sep 19 & 26, 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.

Young Scientists: Fling, Fly and Soar ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Sep 20, 10:30-11:30 am

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

Star Jars ® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Sep 24, 5:30-6:30 pm

Learn how to fold paper stars and decorate a jar for them to go into!

LEGO Brick Build (Family)

Wirt: Tue, Sep 24, 6-7 pm

LEGO build in the program room while using our bricks to construct a creation of your own or work on the group project building of Lego Friends Main Street. No registration required.

Tween Hang Out: Emoji Paint Workshop ® (Ages 8-12)

Sage: Thu, Sep 26, 5:30-6:30 pm

Painting + Emojis + Galaxy?!

PLAYDATE @ WIRT (4 and under with caregiver)

Wirt: Fri, Sep 27, 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.

A is for Art: Squirt Bottle Tie Dye ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Sep 27, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us for a fun morning where we'll use squirt bottles to tie dye your own t-shirt!

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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