

NEWS & EVENTS



DECEMBER 2024

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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

**SEE LIVE REINDEER OUTSIDE, ENJOY A STORYWALK, CRAFTS,
AND OTHER FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

We've partnered with the Bay-Aranac ISD, Delta College Public Media, and Petsmart to provide free books and stuffed animals for children, while supplies last. No registration required. Camera use is encouraged!



GET YETI TO READ...

RETURN OF THE YETI

WINTER READING PROGRAM
January 6 - March 1, 2025

ADULTS

Ages 18 and up

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



Sonos: Traditional Celtic Holiday Folk Music



**Wed, December 4, 2024
6:00 PM**

Band members Dee Dee Tibbits, Kelly Sible and Tom Krause hail from Caro and Midland. Sonos performs a blend of music from around the world played on many traditional instruments including the hammered dulcimer, fiddle, mandolin, Irish whistle, bouzouki, concertina, guitar, and hurdy-gurdy. Audiences in the past have given "Sonos" many a standing ovation as thanks for the music, which brings such "happiness and contentment" - the meaning of the word "Sonos."

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



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Libby.

The library reading app



Auburn Area Branch Library

Sage Branch Library

Pinconning Branch Library

Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library

Multi-branch or Offsite

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.

Holiday Gift Wrapping

Wirt: Tue, Dec 3, 4-7 pm

Wirt: Fri, Dec 6, 10 am-1 pm

Drop in to wrap your holiday gifts! Wrapping paper, scissors and tape provided. You are welcome to bring your own supplies, too.

Books and Brews ® (Adults)

W.H. Ales: Dec 4, 7-8:30 pm

December Title: *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston

Laughter is the Best Medicine ®

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

Laughter is the Best Medicine explores the social, emotional, mental, and physical benefits of laughter. During this workshop you will learn how to incorporate more laughter into your daily life for overall better health. It is part of the Stress Less with Mindfulness series authored by West Virginia Extension.

Coffee, Coloring and Vince Guaraldi Trio ®

Wirt: Sat, Dec 7, 2-3:30 pm

Join us for a chill afternoon of coloring, warm beverages, and listening to classic soundtracks.

Art of Herbal Tea ®

Sage: Wed, Dec 11, 6-7 pm

Blend, brew and enjoy an irresistible selection of herbal teas while Bevin shares his knowledge on the history and folklore of the various herbal ingredients. Document your impressions of each herb's aroma and flavor as we explore the various layers of a well-crafted herbal tea. Create a custom herbal tea to enjoy at home with an optional make and take activity!

Cribbage Night

Wirt: Wed, Dec 11, 6-7 pm

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

Mason Jar Snowman Craft ®

Wirt: Thu, Dec 12, 6-7 pm

I ♥ YA: Book Club ®

LoLoBee's: Dec 16, 6-7 pm

December Title: *The Girls I've Been* by Tess Sharpe

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.

Romance & Rosé ® (Adults)

G's Pizzeria: Dec 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. But if you are looking for some direction, this month we are encouraging you to find a romance book that features a holiday romance.

Classic Hits Bingo ®

Wirt: Sat, Dec 28, 2-3:30 pm

A cross between name that song and bingo. Play along as we listen to classic songs and try to get a Bingo!

A full list of monthly adult Book Club dates can be found at www.baycountylibrary.org/book-clubs.

ADULTS & TEENS

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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.

Pinterest for the Holidays ®
Pinconning: Fri, Dec 6, 6-8:30 pm
Back by popular demand! Join us after hours to create Pinterest-inspired winter/holiday crafts.

Holiday Ornament Craft ®
Auburn: Thu, Dec 12, 6-7:30 pm
Choose from painting a wooden ornament or decorating a glass fillable ornament.

Chess at the Library ®
Sage: Wed, Dec 18, 3:30-5 pm

COOKIE CONTEST

ALL AGES NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 3
VOTE ONLINE OR IN PERSON FOR YOUR FAVORITE COOKIE. THE FAVORITE COOKIE WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 4. NATIONAL COOKIE DAY. A WINNER FROM EACH BRANCH WILL BE DRAWN AND WILL WIN A COOKIE TREAT.



Host your own book club!

- Check out a set of 10 copies of a book
- Includes reading guide and author biography
- Fiction and nonfiction titles available
- Check out for 6 weeks

LEARN MORE: 



BCLS Book Club Connection 

TEEN ZONE

Teen-only programs (Grades 6-12)

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Tap into Discovery. Read, Listen, and Watch with Your Library Card.

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Wood Block Snowman Craft ®
Wirt: Thu, Dec 5, 4-5 pm

Dungeons & Dragons ®
Sage: Wed, Dec 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!

Paint and Sip ®
Wirt: Thu, Dec 12, 4-5 pm
Enjoy a variety of hot chocolate while painting!

Fidget Cube Craft ®
Sage: Tue, Dec 3, 3:30-4:30 pm

Film Crew Club ®
Sage: Tue, Dec 10, 3:30-4:30 pm

TEEN BOOK BOXES

<p>Middle Pages Loot Box ® (Grades 6-8) Pick up December 16-21</p>	<p>Teen LitLoot Box ® (Grades 9-12) Pick up December 2-7</p>
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December Theme: BOOKS TO MOVIES

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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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

December Dates

PINCONNING:
THU, DEC 12,
6-7 PM

AUBURN:
SAT, DEC 14,
11 AM-12 PM

SAGE:
WED, DEC 18,
5:30-6:30 PM

WIRT:
SAT, DEC 21,
2-3 PM



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.

GINGERBREAD MAN DECORATING CONTEST

AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY | AGES 0-12



Craft with us if you can, we're gingerbread fans! Join us for a sweet contest in December by disguising a gingerbread man to look like your favorite book or popular character. Stop by the Auburn Branch Library to pick up a Gingerbread man kit to get started and spice up your month with fun! Entries will be accepted from December 1st through December 31st in Auburn. Winners will be chosen in January for some fun prizes!

WINTER STORYTIMES

JAN 6-FEB 21, 2025

Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)

Sage: Tuesdays, 11-11:30 am
Auburn: Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 am
Wirt: Thursdays, 10:30-11 am

Toddler Storytime

(Ages 18 months-3 years)
Wirt: Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am

Preschool Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Sage: Tuesdays, 10-10:30 am
Auburn: Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 am
Wirt: Wednesdays, 11:30-12 pm
Auburn: Thursdays, 11:15-11:45 am

Family Storytime (Ages 0-6)

Sage: Mondays, 10-10:30 am
Pinconning: Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am
Wirt: Wednesdays, 6:30-7 pm

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

Registration & Online Calendar:

REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 6



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.

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.



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

Populace Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Populace Coffee House: Mon, Dec 2, 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 yrs + Adult)

Sage: Mon, Dec 2, 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.

Reindeer Bingo ® (Ages 3-12)

Pinconning: Tue, Dec 3, 3:30-4:30 pm
Enjoy an afternoon at the Pinconning Branch playing reindeer-themed bingo to celebrate the arrival of the yearly event, Reindeer at Your Library!

Kids Comic Club ® (Ages 8-12)

Wirt: Tue, Dec 3, 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 *Cardboard Kingdom* by Chad Sell 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.

Gamer Club: Super Smash Bros. Brawl ® (Grades 4-8)

Auburn: Wed, Dec 4 & 18, 3-4:30 pm
Do you love gaming? Come join your fellow gamers in crafts, snacks, and some fun Wii games! Super Smash Bros. Brawl will be played.

Baby Book Club (Ages 0-3 + Adult)

Sage: Wed, Dec 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.

Move & Groove (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Wirt: Thu, Dec 5, 12, & 19, 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.

Make a Gift ® (Ages 12 and under)

Sage: Thu, Dec 5, 4:30-5:30 pm OR 6-7 pm
Design a winter apron, card, and gift bag to give away this holiday season.

Family Ornaments ® (Ages 3-18+)

Pinconning: Sat, Dec 7, 1-2:30 pm
Spend a Saturday afternoon at the library by making snowman and Grinch-themed ornaments for the holiday season.

Winter Wonderland ® (Ages 5-12)

Wirt: Sat, Dec 7, 1:30-2:30 pm
Join us for crafts, music, and activities celebrating all things snow and winter. Registration is required.

Excited Goat Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Excited Goat Coffee Company: Mon, Dec 9, 9-9:30 am
Families with young children. Join the Wirt library at Excited Goat Coffee Company in Essexville for storytime. No registration required.

Ready, Set, Kindergarten! ® (Ages 3-5 + Adult)

Wirt: Tue, Dec 10, 2-3pm
Meet up with other preschool families each month to develop early literacy, math, SEL, and motor skills. Registration is required.

Painterly Pottery ® (Ages 0-12 + Adult)

Auburn: Tue, Dec 10, 4:30-5:30 pm OR 6-7 pm
An experienced studio artist from Painterly Pottery will lead the program and bring a wide variety of glazes to decorate ceramic ornaments. Pottery will go back to the studio for firing and can be picked up at the Auburn Library when ready.

Playdate @ Wirt (Ages 0-4 + Adult)

Wirt: Fri, Dec 13, 10-11 am
Little ones can play, discover & meet new friends. Drop in for playtime fun in the Wirt Children's program room. No registration required.

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

Auburn: Fri, Dec 13, 10:30-11:30 am
Bring your babies for a fun morning of winter crafts, a sensory area, and snacks. Coffee and snacks provided for grown-ups as well.

Adventure by Mail ® (Ages 8-12)

Ongoing Event 12/16-12/20
Bay City is on fire! Can you escape the flames and help douse the fire? Registered patrons ages 8-12 will have an escape room adventure sent to an address of their choice. It will contain 3 challenges to complete in order to win. Bring the completed artifact into the library of your choice proving you made the journey and receive a free book to keep, as well as a mystery prize!

Gingerbread Story Time ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Mon, Dec 16, 10-11 am OR Tue, Dec 17, 10-11 am
Gingerbread stories, activities and craft.

Footprint Keepsake Craft (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Wirt: Tue, Dec 17, 2-2:30 pm
Hear a story about clay and pottery then make your very own footprint keepsake out of air-dry clay. No registration required.

Gingerbread House Decorating ® (Ages 0-12 + Adult)

Auburn: Tue, Dec 17, 4:30-5:30 pm OR 6-7 pm
Create an edible house using graham crackers and candy!

The Mitten Story & Crafting ® (Ages 6 & under)

Pinconning: Wed, Dec 18, 3:30-4:30 pm
Register for a read-a-loud of Jan Brett's *The Mitten* with crafts based on the story.

Mad Scientists: Marshmallow Madness ® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Dec 19, 5:30-6:30 pm
Build with and launch marshmallows in the name of science!

Young Scientists: Water Wonder ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Dec 20, 10:30-11:30 am
Fun, scientific exploration through STEAM stations, play and craft.

A is for Art: Snowman Sign ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Dec 20, 10:30-11:30 am
Make an adorable snowman sign to keep or give as a gift!

Movie: Ice Age (Ages 0-12 + Adult)

Wirt: Mon, Dec 23, 2-3:30 pm
When a group of prehistoric animals band together to save a human baby, the misfit herd becomes the only hope for the future in this delightful computer-animated treat. No registration required.

STEM Stations ® (Ages 5-12)

Sage: Mon, Dec 23, 2-3 pm
Join us for collaborative building stations.

Little Wigglers (Walking Children up to age 5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Dec 27, 10:30-11 am
Move and dance our wiggles out at a fun musical program.

Lego Brick Build (Ages 5-12)

Wirt: Fri, Dec 27, 1-2 pm
LEGO build in the program room while using our bricks to construct a creation of your own. No registration required.

Clay Creations ® (Ages 5-12)

Wirt: Mon, Dec 30, 2-2:30 pm
Make your own sculpture or pottery using air-dry clay. Registration is required.

Noon Year's Eve Party ® (Ages 0-12)

Auburn: Tue, Dec 31, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Join us in celebrating the New Year! Wear your pjs for a cozy time with cake, dancing, and a countdown to 12 (noon)!

New Year's Eve Glow Party (Ages 12 and under + Adult)

Wirt: Tue, Dec 31, 2-3 pm
Join us for glow in the dark dancing, games and more! Wear white or neon if you want your clothes to glow under the blacklights. No registration required.

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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All BCLS branches will be closed Tuesday, December 24-Thursday, December 26, 2024.

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