

# NEWS & EVENTS



FEBRUARY 2025

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GET YETI TO READ...  
**RETURN OF THE YETI**

**WINTER READING PROGRAM**  
January 6 - March 1, 2025  
[baycountylibrary.org/WRP](http://baycountylibrary.org/WRP)

## THERE'S SO MUCH TO LOVE AT YOUR LIBRARY!

At BCLS this month:

- Heart Pillow Craft
- Romance and Rosé
- Heart to Heart Party
- Cupid Babies & Toddlers
- Valentine Centerpiece Craft
- Melted Crayon Jewelry
- Chocolate Olympics
- Golden Girls & Cheesecake



...Plus so much more!

Love stories old and new are always available from your library. Check out our collection:



# 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

### 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.

### Books and Brews ® (Adults)

**H20s Waterside Grill: Feb 5, 7-8:30 pm**

**February Title: *A Traitor in Whitehall* by Julia Kelly**

### Wood Bead Wreath Craft ®

**Wirt: Thu, Feb 6, 6-7:30 pm**

### Building Resilience to Avoid Burnout: MSU Extension ®

**Sage: Fri, Feb 7, 11 am-12 pm**

The goal of this workshop is to learn to recognize the symptoms of burnout, discuss occupational burnout, and learn ways to build resilience to avoid burnout. Participate in activities to practice skills to deal with burnout.

### Cribbage Night

**Wirt: Wed, Feb 12, 6-7 pm**

Drop in to play cribbage with others. All supplies provided.

### Romance & Rosé ® (Adults)

**Prost!: Tue, Feb 18, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Are you a romance reader with no one to talk with 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.

### Be Well Series: Preventing Heart Disease at any Age ®

**Wirt: Thu, Feb 20, 6-7 pm**

Join us for this presentation to learn more about coronary artery disease, risk factors, what you can do to prevent it, and more.

### Golden Girls & Cheesecake ®

**Sage: Wed, Feb 26, 6-7 pm**

Join us as we watch a couple classic episodes, play some Golden Girls trivia, and have a little cheesecake!

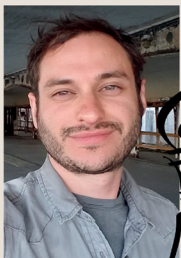
**A full list of monthly adult Book Club dates and locations can be found at: [www.baycountylibrary.org/book-clubs](http://www.baycountylibrary.org/book-clubs).**



**EVENING SESSIONS**  
SPEAKER SERIES  
[BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG](http://BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG)



## Detroit's Olympic Uprising



**Wed, February 19, 2025  
6:00 PM**

Join us for a screening of the documentary *Detroit's Olympic Uprising* with the filmmaker, Aaron Schillinger. In 1963, Detroit's Olympic dreams clash with the Black communities urgent need for change. Would a winning bid have changed the city's trajectory? Aaron Schillinger is a documentary filmmaker, whose films include the award-winning *Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale*, narrated by Martha Reeves. The film is distributed by PBS and streaming on Amazon Prime. *Detroit's Olympic Uprising*, which premiered during the 2024 Olympics, is his second feature length documentary.



**PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM**

## SEED SORTING FOR THE BCLS SEED LIBRARY

- Drop in anytime during the sorting to help prepare for the 7th Season of the Seed Library!
- All supplies provided.

**SAT, FEBRUARY 8,  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**THU, FEBRUARY 13,  
6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**LOCATED AT THE ALICE & JACK WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY**



# ADULTS & TEENS

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

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
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## Needle Crafters Club

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

## Valentine Centerpiece Craft ®

**Pinconning: Tue, Feb 4, 6-7 pm**

## Valentine's Suncatcher Craft ®

**Auburn: Thu, Feb 13, 6-7:30 pm**

## Craft Extravaganza ®

**Pinconning: Sat, Feb 22, 10 am-12 pm**

This is your chance to make a previously missed craft or create a second one.

## Water Marbled Art ®

**Pinconning: Tue, Feb 25, 6-7 pm**

## Chess at the Library ®

**Sage: Wed, Feb 19, 3:30-5 pm**

# TEEN ZONE

Teen-only programs (Grades 6-12)

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## Film Crew Club ®

**Sage: Tue, Feb 25, 3:30-4:30 pm**

## Dungeons & Dragons ®

**Sage: Wed, Feb 12, 3:30-5:30 pm**

## Melted Crayon Jewelry Craft ®

**Wirt: Thu, Feb 20, 4-5 pm**

## Teen Crafting Hour ®

**Auburn: Thu, Feb 20, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Come hang out after school for casual painting & coloring!

## Heart Pillow Craft ®

**Sage: Tue, Feb 11, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Make a fleece pillow using the tie method.



Middle Pages  
Loot Box ®

(Grades 6-8)

Pick up February 17-22

Teen  
LitLoot Box ®

(Grades 9-12)

Pick up February 3-8

## February Theme: HISTORICAL 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!*

# DITCH THE SUBSCRIPTIONS

### INSTEAD OF:

- Subscribing to Audible
- Subscribing to Netflix, Disney+, Prime and other services
- Purchasing magazines at the store
- Subscribing and paying for a newspaper

### TRY THESE FOR FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD:

- Listening to audiobooks on hoopla digital
- Watching the hottest Films on Kanopy
- Reading popular magazines on Libby
- Reading the newspaper from your library



[baycountylibrary.org](http://baycountylibrary.org)

Please note: You must be a Bay County resident to use these digital collections.

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Get READsquared links and instructions, plus print reading logs at [baycountylibrary.org/WRP](http://baycountylibrary.org/WRP).

# CHILDREN & FAMILY

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

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## TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1! JOIN US AT OUR BRANCHES THROUGHOUT THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY TO MAKE A SPECIAL TOTE BAG FOR YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST), SIGN UP FOR LIBRARY CARDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ALL THE FUN ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES OUR BRANCHES HAVE TO OFFER EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR!



WIRT: SAT, FEB 1  
ALL DAY: COLORING AND CRAFTS, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

PINCONNING: WED, FEB 5  
3:30 PM: DECORATE A TOTE BAG  
*Registration required*

SAGE: THU, FEB 6  
5:30 PM: PIZZA AND FAMILY BLANKET FORT NIGHT  
*Registration required*

AUBURN: FRI, FEB 7  
5:00 PM: FAMILY FORT AFTER HOURS  
*Registration required*

## WINTER READING PROGRAM

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baycountylibrary.org/WRP

Get Yeti to Read: RETURN OF THE YETI in our annual Winter Reading Program! Read or listen for a total of 8 hours and log your reading to earn entries into a drawing. The more you read the more chances to win! Your name will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a Yeti brand insulated cup or a gift card!



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Participate online at baycountylibrary.readsquared.com or via the READsquared app.

Paper logs will also be available at your branch.

## 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

### February Dates

AUBURN:  
SAT, FEB 15,  
11 AM-12 PM

WIRT:  
SAT, FEB 15,  
2-3 PM

SAGE:  
WED, FEB 19,  
5:30-6:30 PM

PINCONNING:  
THU, FEB 20,  
6-7 PM



## HEALTHY TEETH STORYTIME

Visit each branch for a special storytime about going to the dentist! Activities, prizes, and optional free dental assessments for kindergarten-aged children who attend with a parent or guardian, provided by our partners at the Bay County Health Department and My Community Dental Centers.

WIRT: MON, FEB 17, 10:30-11:15 AM

SAGE: FRI, FEB 21, 10:30-11:15 AM

AUBURN: TUE, FEB 25, 4:30-5:15 PM

PINCONNING: THU, FEB 27, 6-6:45 PM



For families with young children. Registration is required and available at baycountylibrary.org

## WINTER STORYTIMES THROUGH 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 IS OPEN FOR ALL SESSIONS



## 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Bay County Library System

Read your way toward kindergarten readiness! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1000BK) 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.

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

## Dog Man Party (Ages 5-12 + Adult)

**Wirt: Sat, Feb 1, 2-3 pm**

Celebrate the release of the new Dog Man movie by making crafts and playing games at the library.

## Populace Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

**Populace Coffee House: Mon, Feb 3, 9-9:30 am**

Families with young children. Join the Wirt library downtown at Populace Coffee House for storytime.

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

**Sage: Mon, Feb 3, 11 am-12 pm**

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

## Kids Comic Club® (Ages 8-12)

**Wirt: Tue, Feb 4, 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 Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library from the Children's Desk. Read the book at home then join us at the library for book-themed snacks, games, and more!

## Football Party® (Ages 6-12)

**Auburn: Tue, Feb 4, 4:30-5:30 pm**

It's a big time of year to be a football fan! Celebrate with some fun football related crafts!

## Gamer Club: Mario Kart® (Grades 4-12)

**Auburn: Wed, Feb 5 & 19, 3-4:30 pm**

Do you love gaming? Come join your fellow gamers in crafts, snacks, and some fun Wii games! We'll be playing Mario Kart.

## Baby Book Club® (Ages 0-3 yrs + Adult)

**Sage: Wed, Feb 5, 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.

## MineCRAFTED Snacks with MSU Extension® (Ages 4-12)

**Pinconning: Thursdays, Feb 6, 13, 20, 3:30-4:30pm**

Find out if "the cake is a lie" with Ms. Ronda from MSU Extension, where Minecraft-themed snacks will be made weekly based on the popular game!

## Pinconning Pizza Party® (Ages 6-12)

**Pinconning: Sat, Feb 8, 1-2:30 pm**

Spend a Saturday afternoon at the Pinconning Branch celebrating National Pizza Day (Feb 9th)! We will be making pizza tie pillows, heart-shaped pizza ceramics, and maybe have a slice or two!

## Excited Goat Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

**Excited Goat Coffee Company: Mon, Feb 10, 10-10:30 am**

Families with young children. Join the Wirt library at Excited Goat Coffee Company in Essexville for storytime.

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

**Wirt: Tue, Feb 11, 2-3 pm**

Meet up with other preschool families each month to develop early literacy, math, SEL, and motor skills.

## Heart to Heart Party® (Ages 2-12)

**Auburn: Tue, Feb 11, 4:30-5:30 pm**

Roses are red, violets are blue, join our Valentine event, just for you! Celebrate this special time of year with crafts.

## Family Read Aloud Book Club: Boxcar Children® (Family)

**Sage: Thu, Feb 13, 5:30-6:30 pm**

After registering, pick up a copy of the book at the Sage Branch library or call Sage to have a copy sent to the branch of your choice. This eBook and audiobook are also available on Hoopla. Read the book or listen together as a family. Family can include aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends. Come to the library Feb 13 for a pizza party and book related activities. If you don't completely finish the book, please still come on the 13th. Thanks to the Bay-Arenac Great Start Family Coalition for sponsoring this program.

## Owl Craft (Ages 0-7 + Adult)

**Wirt: Fri, Feb 14, 9 am-5 pm**

Spend your day off from school at the library making a cute foam owl. Drop-in while supplies last.

## Playdate @ Wirt (Ages 0-4 + Adult)

**Wirt: Friday, Feb 14 & 28, 10-11 am**

Little ones can play, discover & meet new friends. Drop in for playtime fun in the Wirt Children's program room.

## Cupid Babies & Toddlers® (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

**Auburn: Fri, Feb 14, 10:30-11:30 am**

We'd LOVE to have you join us for a morning of fun crafts, a sensory bin, and snacks. A great way to celebrate Valentine's Day with your baby and toddler!

## Young Scientists: Planet Parade® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

**Sage: Fri, Feb 14, 10:30-11:30 am**

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

## Chocolate Olympics® (Ages 7-12)

**Wirt: Fri, Feb 14, 2-3 pm**

Compete against new friends in a series of chocolate challenges and maybe sneak a few bites for yourself.

## Storytime with Miss Bay County® (Ages 0-6 + Adult)

**Wirt: Sat, Feb 15, 10-10:30 am**

Miss Bay County is visiting the library! Listen to her books about kindness then stick around to make your very own tiara and take home a princess book.

## Percy Jackson Party (Ages 8-12)

**Wirt: Mon, Feb 17, 2-3pm**

Dreaming of attending Camp Half-Blood? The next best thing is right here at the library where we'll have demi-god crafts, activities, and snacks.

## Shrinky Dink Fun® (Ages 6-12)

**Auburn: Tue, Feb 18, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Shrinky dinks are a fun sheet you color and design, that you can shrink to create your own adorable craft!

## BAKE! @ Wirt® (Ages 3-5 + Adult)

**Wirt: Thu, Feb 20, 2-2:30 pm**

Try out our mobile kitchen with your preschooler. We'll be making yogurt parfaits.

## Tween Hang Out: Glass Etching® (Ages 8-12)

**Sage: Thu, Feb 20, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Learn how to etch a design in a glass item of your choice.

## A is for Art: Marble Hearts® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

**Auburn: Fri, Feb 21, 10:30-11:30 am**

Join us for a fun morning of art exploration! We'll be creating unique works of art using paint and shaving cream.

## 360 Adventures: Florida Everglades® (Ages 8-12)

**Wirt: Sat, Feb 22, 2-3 pm**

Join us for 360° virtual exploration of the Florida Everglades followed by an immersive reading of James Ponti's The Sherlock Society. We'll wrap up the hour with a STEM challenge to rescue a toy alligator.

## Making Moo-lah® (Ages 5-12 + Adult)

**Wirt: Tue, Feb 25, 5-5:30 pm**

Welcome to the farm! In this collaborative life-size board game, players work together to see if they can run a financially successful farm. Stick around after the game to make a pinecone bird feeder to feed the animals in your own yard.

## Move & Groove (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

**Wirt: Thu, Feb 27, 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.

## Mad Scientists: Race and Zoom® (Ages 6-12)

**Sage: Thu, Feb 27, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Create a vehicle to speed down the Sage race track.

## Little Wiggles® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

**Sage: Fri, Feb 28, 10:30-11 am**

Move and dance our wiggles out a fun musical program.

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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