

# NEWS & EVENTS



MARCH 2025

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## The BCLS Seed Library opens Thursday, March 20th, 2025

*Growing for our 8th year!*

**Located on the first floor of the Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library**

Bay County residents are welcome to check out up to 10 packets at a time. Seeds are checked out just like books! Next, grow them in your garden. Finally, return a portion of dried seeds from your harvest in the fall and share the joy of gardening with our community!



**WE BRING YOUR  
LIBRARY TO YOU!**



# Visit the Bookmobile



Hours, locations, and a full schedule of stops can be found at [www.baycountylibrary.org](http://www.baycountylibrary.org)



# 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.

### Coffee, Coloring, and ABBA®

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

We will be hosting a relaxing afternoon with hot beverages & coloring while listening to ABBA albums on vinyl. There will be coloring sheets and supplies available (or you can bring your own) and an assortment of warm drinks (coffee, tea & hot chocolate).

### Books and Brews® (Adults)

**Riverfront Grille: Wed, Mar 5, 7-8:30 pm**

**March Title: Confessions on the 7:45 by Lisa Unger**

### Cribbage Night

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

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

### Tree Button Art Craft®

**Wirt: Thu, Mar 13, 6-7:30 pm**

### Romance & Rosé® (Adults)

**Retro Rocks Pub: Mar 18, 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.

### Be Well Series: How to Have Conversations with Your Health Professional

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

Navigating conversations with your health care provider can sometimes feel overwhelming. Join us for an engaging discussion led by medical professionals Dr. Ryan Antonawich and Dr. Susan Martin from McLaren Bay Region, who will share practical strategies to ensure you're heard, understood, and empowered during your appointments. Learn how to confidently express your concerns, ask the right questions, and advocate for yourself to ensure that both you and your provider are working toward the same health goals. *Presented by Dr. Ryan Antonawich and Dr. Susan Martin, McLaren Bay Region*

### Floral Round Wall Decor®

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

**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).**

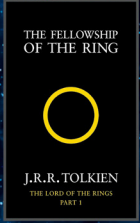
## New! *Legendary Lit:* A Fantasy Book Club

A new book club for Fantasy Readers. Join us every six weeks to discuss a different book from the Fantasy section.

**First Meeting: Saturday, March 22, 10:30 am**

**First title:** *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J.R.R. Tolkien

**BCLS Bay County Library System**  
Please register at [baycountylibrary.org](http://baycountylibrary.org)



## HERBS IN EVERY SEASON WITH BEVIN COHEN

Join author and seed saver Bevin Cohen to discover how to grow the herb garden of your dreams! Whether your interest is in culinary or medicinal herbs, Bevin will guide you through planning, planting and caring for your herbs to ensure a bountiful harvest. The presentation will cover topics like starting herbs from seed, propagation and container gardening, plus herb harvesting and storage techniques.

**WIRT: TUE, MAR 18, 6-7 PM**

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

Get a preview of this season's seed library!

Bevin Cohen of Small House Farm



## EVENING SESSIONS SPEAKER SERIES

**BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG**







## Everything Vernors!

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

It all began in a small pharmacy on Woodward Avenue in Detroit. By 1940, it had grown to a huge factory called the most modern bottling facility in the world. How did James Vernor make his ginger ale so successful? Go back in history with presenter Keith Wunderlich and hear the story of how Vernor's developed from 1866 to now.

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

**LIVE**

# 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.

## Shamrock Craft ®

Pinconning: Tue, Mar 4, 6-7 pm

## Craft Catch Up ®

Auburn: Thu, Mar 6, 6-7:30 pm

## Painterly Pottery ®

Auburn: Thu, Mar 13, 6-7:30 pm

## Chess at the Library ®

Sage: Wed, Mar 19, 3:30-5 pm

## Diamond Art Flower Keychain ®

Pinconning: Tue, Mar 25, 6-7 pm

# TEEN ZONE

Teen-only programs (Grades 6-12)

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## MANGA

EXPLORE LIKE NEVER BEFORE.

No holds. No waiting.

Love manga? hoopla's got you covered with 300+ titles in the original right-to-left format. Head to hoopla to read your favorites or discover something new!



Please note: Digital collections are limited to Bay County residents only.



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## Arts & Snacks: Perler Beads and Bubble Tea ®

Sage: Tue, Mar 11, 3:30-4:30 pm

Make works of art with Perler Beads while sipping on some popping pearls in your bubble tea!

## Dungeons & Dragons ®

Sage: Wed, Mar 12, 3:30-5:30 pm

## Lucky Shamrock Canvas Art ®

Wirt: Thu, Mar 13, 4-5 pm

## Squeegee Painting Teen Craft ®

Auburn: Thu, Mar 20, 3:30-4:30 pm

Come hang out after school for squeegee painting!

## Film Crew Club ®

Sage: Tue, Mar 25, 3:30-4:30 pm

## TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages Loot Box ®

(Grades 6-8)

Pick up March 17-22

Teen LitLoot Box ®

(Grades 9-12)

Pick up March 3-8

## March Theme: **MYSTERY/THRILLER**

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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## SPRING STORYTIMES April 7-May 16, 2025

We offer storytimes for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities and more!  
Registration opens for all sessions March 7th.

### 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

Registration &  
Online Calendar:



## HOMework HELP RESOURCES & MORE



People, countries, science, animals, current events, and biographies.



Grades PreK-3. This early literacy and learning tool includes Animals (and dinosaurs) and Social Studies sections. Easy-to-navigate visual interface for emerging readers.



eBooks designed for K-8 students and educators.



Children's magazines, easy-to-read encyclopedia entries, and an image collection designed for elementary school libraries.



For those with a basic understanding of English grammar and reading, but need adapted reading material for a variety of subjects.



Reading recommendations for kids in grades K-8.



A collection of animated, talking picture books which you can read, or have them read to you.



World Book Encyclopedia online for grade levels PreK - 5th.

Go to **DATABASES** under the **RESEARCH** tab at [baycountylibrary.org](http://baycountylibrary.org)



YOU CAN ALSO ASK A LIBRARIAN FOR HELP!

## MY FIRST LIBRARY CARD PROGRAM

**SPECIAL EDITION LIBRARY CARD AND PRIZES**  
Available for children under the age of 12 receiving their first card

Ask us how to get yours today!



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

Build reading independence & literacy at ANY age with your child's very own library card!

YOUR LIBRARY IS MORE THAN JUST BOOKS! WHEN YOUR CHILD GETS THEIR FIRST LIBRARY CARD, THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO:

- Check out games, music, movies, and more
- Build confidence and explore new interests & skills
- Participate in online and in-person reading challenges
- Establish the independence of having their very own card and choosing their own materials
- Check out materials freely without the worry of late fines
- Socialize, make new friends, and engage with their community

### LIBRARY CARD REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a Bay County resident
- Legal guardian/parent must be present to sign
- Bring along a piece of mail with name/current address
- Child must be present to receive their card

## 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

### March Dates

**AUBURN:**  
SAT, MAR 8,  
11 AM-12 PM

**WIRT:**  
SAT, MAR 15,  
2-3 PM

**SAGE:**  
WED, MAR 19,  
5:30-6:30 PM

**PINCONNING:**  
THU, MAR 20,  
6-7 PM



## 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

## St. Patrick's Day Parade Floats® (Ages 5-12)

**Wirt: Sat, Mar 1**

Designers can pick up a kit from Wirt Library that includes a shoebox as their float as well as supplies to embellish their masterpiece. Finished floats can be dropped back off at Wirt for our St. Patrick's Day parade display.

## A Cat-Hat-Tastic Movie Matinee!® (Ages 5 to over 18)

**Pinconning: Sat, Mar 1, 1-2:30 pm**

Spend a Saturday afternoon at the Pinconning Branch for snacks and a viewing of Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat!

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

**Populace Coffee House: Mon, Mar 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 + Adult)

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

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

## Oreo Taste Test® (Ages 6-12)

**Auburn: Tue, Mar 4, 5:30-6:30 pm**

March 6th is National Oreo Day, so to celebrate we are going to be putting our Oreo knowledge to the test! Come for a fun blindfolded guessing game of Oreo flavors.

## STEM Sprouts (Ages 3-5 + Adult)

**Wirt: Wed, Mar 5, 11 am-12 pm**

Drop in for hands-on discovery stations and family time!

## Gamer Club: Wii Play® (Grades 4-8)

**Auburn: Wed, Mar 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 Wii Play.

## Baby Book Club® (Ages 0-3 + Adult)

**Sage: Wed, Mar 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.

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

**Wirt: Thu, Mar 6, 13, 20, & 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.

## Tween Hang Out: Dessert Sushi® (Ages 8-12)

**Sage: Thu, Mar 6, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Let's make and eat good stuff! Please let us know of any food allergies.

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

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

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

## WICKED Crafts® (Ages 8-12)

**Wirt: Mon, Mar 10, 4:30-5:30 pm**

Join us for pink and green Wicked-themed crafts and snacks.

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

**Wirt: Fri, Mar 14 & 28, 10-11am**

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

## Make and Take Party® (Ages 2-12)

**Auburn: Tue, Mar 11, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Choose from our awesome selection of crafts to design, decorate, and take home!

## Diamond Art: Animal Bookmarks® (Ages 8-12)

**Pinconning: Thu, Mar 13, 5:30-7 pm**

Oh no, did you lose ANOTHER bookmark?! Register to make an animal bookmark with diamond art at the Pinconning Branch Library!

## Family Read Aloud Book Club: The BFG® (Family)

**Sage: Thu, Mar 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 audio book is 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 Mar 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.

## Baby Playground® (Ages 0-2 + Adult)

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

Join us for sensory play and fun for babies!

## Adventure by Mail® (Ages 8-12)

**Ongoing Event 3/17-3/21**

Can you solve the musical mystery? Registered patrons ages 8-12 will have a package sent to an address of their choice. It will contain 3 artifact challenges to complete in order find the mystery musician. Bring the answer into the library of your choice and receive a free book to keep as well as a mystery prize!

## Pet Cents® (Ages 8-12)

**Wirt: Tue, Mar 18, 5-5:30 pm**

Players adopt a pet and take on the financial responsibilities of pet ownership. At the end of the program, take home your very own squishy animal!

## Baby Prom® (Ages 0-2 + Adult)

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

Dress up your babies and bring them for a fun baby-sized prom! We'll have a baby dance floor, photo booth, craft, and more!

## BAKE! @ Wirt® (Ages 3-5 + Adult)

**Wirt: Wed, Mar 19, 11:30 am-12 pm**

Try out our mobile kitchen with your preschooler. We'll be making banana bread.

## Mad Scientists: Build it!® (Ages 6-12)

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

Let's make super structures.

## Little Wigglers® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

**Sage: Fri, Mar 21, 10:30-11:30 am**

Move and dance our wiggles out a fun musical program.

## 360 Adventures: Sonoran Desert® (Ages 8-12)

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

Join us for 360° virtual exploration of the Sonoran Desert followed by an immersive reading of Dusti Bowling's Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus. We'll wrap up the hour with a STEM challenge to make your own prosthetic hand.

## Sew Creative: Book Pillow® (Ages 6-12)

**Auburn: Tue, Mar 25, 4:30-5:30 pm**

Make your own pillow that has a special pocket for your books in this hands on sewing program! Learn the basics of following a pattern, pinning, and using a sewing machine!

## Building with Play-Doh (Ages 3-5 + Adult)

**Wirt: Wed, Mar 26, 11 am-12 pm**

Drop in for Play-Doh fun!

## Young Scientists: Construction Zone® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

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

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

## Peep Birdhouse® (Ages 0-12)

**Auburn: Sat, Mar 29, 1-2 pm OR 3-4 pm**

Celebrate spring by creating your own edible Peep birdhouse.

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

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

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or drop it off at any branch library.

**WIRT is closed Sunday, March 16 for the Bay City St. Patrick's Day Parade.**

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