

Annual Report 2016



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Programming & Community Partnership Highlights



Children's Winter Reading Program

1,258 children participated in the second year of the Children's Winter Reading Program.

Wizard Fest

BCLS was one of many community groups to participate in the first Wizard Fest in downtown Bay City. Wirt Library welcomed 134 people with Harry Potter crafts.

S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Programs

BCLS offers a wealth of S.T.E.M. programming to children of all ages including hands-on science experiment programs, Kids' Maker Club, Preschool Explore & Create, Minecraft events, Lego Clubs, and a 3-D printer program.

Live Animal Programs

Reindeer at Your Library: 1,697 people came to see live reindeer and participate in craft activities at this annual system-wide event.
Tail Waggin' Tutors: Children practiced their reading skills while reading to certified therapy dogs at programs held throughout the year at Wirt Library.

Workshop for Early Childhood Educators: Sharing STEM with Young Children

Through demonstration and instruction, presenter Laurie Bone offered ideas and hands-on projects for teaching children about earth science and construction themes. Two sessions were offered and 82 area early childhood educators and library staff members attended.

Story Times

Library staff presented 391 sessions for a combined audience of 7,864 people. Story times are a wonderful way for us to share early literacy skills with our youngest patrons and help them develop a love of books and reading.

School Visits

Classes of all ages come to visit our libraries each year for tours, stories, and special introductions to our services and collections. In 2016, 49 groups with a total of 1,256 students visited our library buildings. We also visit students in their classrooms. Children's



staff visited schools 52 times and spoke to a total of 4,417 students during those visits.

Bay City Department of Public Safety

Police officers made free child identification cards at several children's concerts held at the Wirt and Sage libraries this summer. Library children's staff also participated in the Department of Public Safety's National Night Out event in August.

Bay City State Recreation Area

Children's staff shared crafts, read stories and gave out library information at the Bay City State Recreation Area's Free Fishing Festival and the Saginaw Bay Water Fowl Festival over the summer.

20 Minutes a Day

Library children's staff participated in the 16th Annual Reading Celebration held at Handy Middle School in March.

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

Library staff participated in the program Reading is Bay County's Business. This program focuses on reading to kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms in Bay County during March.

The Bay Arts Council

BCLS sponsored and participated in the Young People's Summer Series concerts held at Wenonah Park.

Bay-Arenac Great Start Collaborative

BCLS is an active part of this network of public and private services and supports which work together to accomplish better results for young children and families.

Becca's Closet, Bay City Chapter

BCLS branches collected new and gently used prom dresses, shoes, and accessories to benefit area students.

Literacy Council of Bay County

Throughout the summer, BCLS branches hosted many volunteer Literacy Council tutors and their students.

Do-Care Family Enrichment Center; Do-All, Inc.

BCLS branches were drop-off sites for both the Coats For Kids and annual children's back-to-school supply drive.

Special thanks to The Friends of the Bay County Libraries for their continued support.



From the Director, Trish Burns

The Bay County Library System is pleased to present the 2016 Annual Report. Libraries are important to their communities for a number of reasons, as you can see by the diverse programs and partnerships detailed here. Working with community partners to provide the best services possible is a model that allows us to offer even more quality programs and educational opportunities to our patrons. Providing books, magazines, digital resources, and databases you can count on for factual information adds to the library's importance to the community. In addition, literacy based programs, S.T.E.M. activities and learning opportunities, community discussion spaces, and arts and entertainment offerings make your library system vital, vibrant, and valuable.

Summer Reading Program

Children's Program:	4,658 participants
Teen Program:	1,211 participants
<u>Adult Program:</u>	<u>3,687 participants</u>
Grand Total:	9,556 participants

1,368 people attended one of our four Kick-Off programs during the first week of the Summer Reading Program.

270 children entered our Summer Reading Program Design-A-Bookmark Contest. One winner was chosen by judges from Studio 23 in each of these grade categories: Pre-K-K, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6.

2016 Financial Report

Operating Revenue

1.0 Operating Millage	56.7%	\$2,803,954
1.0 Construction Millage	27.4%	\$1,354,939
Penal Fines	6.7%	\$ 329,159
State Aid	1.5%	\$ 72,354
Other	7.7%	\$ 382,615
Total	100%	\$4,943,021

Operating Expenditures

Personnel	67.3%	\$3,284,257
Materials & Programming	14.3%	\$ 697,905
Building & Operations	18.4%	\$ 895,663
Total	100%	\$4,877,825

How Much Were Your Libraries Used?

350,952 patron visits

710,468 materials checked out

80,451 computer uses

48,302 eBooks checked out

162,924 online database searches

Children:

39,284 people attended 992 programs

Teens:

3,978 people attended 160 programs

Adults:

11,648 people attended 431 programs

Volunteers

Volunteers helped for 1,801 hours

Study and Community Rooms

Meeting rooms were used 238 times by community groups

Study rooms were used by 5,238 people

Locations & Hours

Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library

500 Center Ave.
Bay City, MI 48708
989.893.9566

Mon-Thu: 10 am - 8 pm
Fri-Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Sun: 1 pm - 5 pm*
(*Sep-May only)

Auburn Area Branch Library

235 W. Midland Rd.
Auburn, MI 48611
989.662.2381

Mon: Closed
Tue-Thu: 10 am - 8 pm
Fri-Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Sun: Closed

Pinconning Branch Library

218 Kaiser St.
Bay City, MI 48650
989.879.3283

Mon: Closed
Tue-Thu: 10 am - 8 pm
Fri-Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
Sun: Closed

Sage Branch Library

100 E. Midland St.
Bay City, MI 48706
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

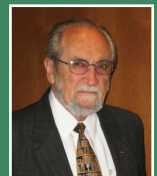
Tue, Wed, Thu*
989.893.9566, ext. 2108

*Complete schedule at: www.baycountylibrary.org

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