

Library Tidings

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NOTES FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR:

Especially during tough economic times, you can look to your libraries to help stretch your dollar. Rather than buying books, music and movies, you can browse through a wide range of titles and check out reading material, music CDs and movie DVDs. You can also attend programs or take computer classes.

You can use your library as a resource for job seeking, whether you need to put together a resume and cover letter, apply online, research career or business information, or even start your own business.

Whether checking your email, planning a vacation, reading a newspaper, doing homework, researching genealogy or personal investments, you can always count on your library as a place where you can feel safe and welcome!

Tom Birch

Sage Branch Turns 125, Library System 35 in 2009

The new year will be an exciting time for the Bay County Library System. With Sage Branch's 125th birthday and the 35th anniversary of the System, we are planning a variety of fun and exciting celebrations for the entire community!



On January 16th, 1884, Sage Library was dedicated to the citizens

of West Bay City by lumberman Henry Sage. It is listed on both the state and national registries of historic buildings.

In celebration of this momentous occasion, [Sage Branch Library invites you to a 125th Birthday Party Open House on January 21st from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m.](#)

Enjoy cake, cookies, punch and strolling entertainer Joel Tacey!

The Bay County Library System was established on January 1, 1974 after a .7 mil tax levy was passed and three privately funded libraries were brought

together: Bay City Public Library (replaced by the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library in 2006), Sage Library and Pinconning Library.

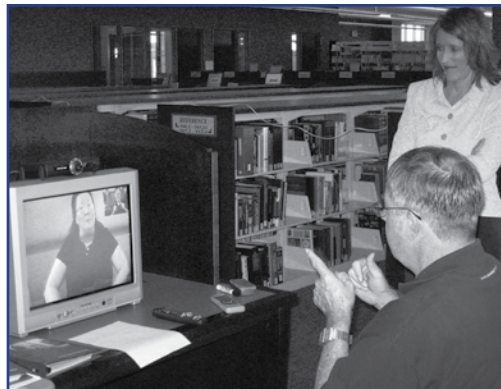
These branches, together with the Auburn Area Branch Library (established in September, 1973), the South Side Branch Library (currently closed) and the Bookmobile (which began operation in March, 1975) comprise the "service outlets" of the Library System.

Visit us on the [web for more information about system anniversary events!](#)

Video Phone System First of Its Kind in Mid-Michigan

On December 1, 2008, the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library in Bay City made history as it became the first library in Mid-Michigan to provide the Sorensen VRS (video relay system) to Deaf and Hard of Hearing patrons.

Provided for free by Sorensen, this one-of-a-kind telephone system allows American Sign Language (ASL) users to carry on a phone conversation with non-



ASL users via a live interpreter.

The VRS, available during library hours in the Reference Department, utilizes a

television screen and camera to connect the patron with the interpreter. The interpreter will then place a phone call to the other party and relay the conversation between the two.

For more information on this exciting service, please call or visit the Reference Desk at the Wirt Public Library (893-9566 ext. 2200).

Community Partner Spotlight



The Bay County Division on Aging meets the needs of the entire family by providing services in homes and throughout the community for both the individual and the caregiver. As your senior resource for Bay County, the Division on Aging is dedicated to providing continuing opportunities for the community's older adults by maintaining independence, offering social opportunities and enhancing lives through quality services.

For more information on this wide variety of services, programs and resources, call the Bay County Division on Aging at 989-895-4100 or toll free at 1-877-229-9960.

Adult Events & Programs

Movie & Lunch Series

The Bay County Library System, in partnership with the Bay County Division on Aging, will offer a winter Wednesday movie and lunch series in the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library Community Room. There is a suggested donation to cover lunch (provided by the Division on Aging), which is \$2.00 for seniors age 60+ and \$4.25 for ages 59 and under. Program begins at 11:30 a.m. with a tour of the library. Lunch and movie are at noon. Please make checks payable along with your reservation to: Bay County Division on Aging, 800 J.F.Kennedy Dr., Bay City, MI 48706.

January 21: "Holiday Inn" (1942). Starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. Music by Irving Berlin. This film marked the debut of the timeless classic, "White Christmas."

February 18: "The Queen" (2006). *Rated PG-13.* Helen Mirren stars as Queen Elizabeth II in this glimpse at the events inside Buckingham Palace following the death of Princess Diana.

March 18: "The Harvey Girls" (1945). Starring Judy Garland and Angela Lansbury, this mail-order-bride western musical features the showstopper, "On the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe."

Individual transportation may be arranged by calling Debbie at 893-5834. Reservations are required one week in advance, or until full. Seating is limited. Please call the Bay County Division on Aging for more information and to register at 989-895-4100 or toll free at 1-877-229-9960.

Microsoft® Computer Classes

Bay County Library System Computer Lab
Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library
500 Center Ave., Bay City

Tuesdays
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

January 6	Intro to Word
January 20	Intro to Excel
February 3	Intro to Word
February 17	Intro to Excel

Wednesdays
10:30 a.m. - Noon

January 14	Intro to Word
January 28	Intro to Excel
February 11	Intro to Word
February 25	Intro to Excel

**Please register at the Wirt Library Computer Sign-Up Desk
or call 893-9566 ext. 2206.**

Class fee is \$5.00 per session due at the time of registration.

Booked for Lunch

Held at the Bay County YWCA, this popular program features guest speakers and authors commenting on a variety of books and topics. Lunch is available for purchase. Programs are Fridays from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Dates: February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 6 & 13

Topics and speakers: To be announced.

Winter Reading Clubs & Programs

Cabin Fever 2009 - Adult Reading Program

Cabin Fever will be a thing of the past when you participate in our Winter Adult Reading Program! Just read any ten books between January 13 and March 13, then complete an entry form (available at all library branches) and turn it in to any public service desk for a chance to win in our prize drawing!

Between the Lines - Book Discussion Group (6th-8th Grade Students)

Discuss a different book each month while enjoying pizza.

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 6 & February 3

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Stop at the Fiction desk to register.

Creative Kids Book Club (Grades 1-3)

Listen to stories and make a related craft project.

*Stop at the Children's Desk or
call 893-9566 option 5 to register.*

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday, January 15 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Theme: Snow
Pre-registration required beginning December 15.

Thursday, February 19 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Theme: The Woods
Pre-registration required beginning January 19.

Books Rock Café (Grades 4 - 6)

Read the featured book and meet for discussion, food and friendship. Pizza, drink and dessert will be provided.

*Stop at the Children's Desk or
call 893-9566 option 5 to register.*

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday, January 26 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Pre-registration required beginning December 27.

Monday, February 23 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Donuthead by Sue Stauffacher
Pre-registration required beginning January 23.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Yes! I would like to support my libraries by joining the *Friends of the Bay County Libraries!*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____

EMAIL: _____

Membership Categories:

\$5.....Friend

\$15.....Contributor

\$25.....Sponsor

\$50.....Patron

\$100....Life Member

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ . _____

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Bay County Libraries.
You may either mail your form and payment to 500 Center Avenue, Bay
City, MI 48708 or drop off at any library branch.

Children's Events & Programs

Winter Story Time January 12 - February 26

SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Baby Story Time

Tuesdays 1/13 - 2/24 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

2 - 3 Year-Old Story Time

Mondays 1/12 - 2/23 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Mondays 1/12 - 2/23 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

4 - 5 Year-Old Story Time

Tuesdays 1/13 - 2/24 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Family Story Time

*Thursdays 1/15 - 2/26 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY

2 - 4 YEAR-OLD STORY TIME

Wednesdays 1/14 - 2/25 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

3 - 5 YEAR-OLD STORY TIME

Tuesdays 1/13 - 2/24 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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Family Fun Night

Thursdays 1/15 - 2/26 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

PINCONNING BRANCH LIBRARY

2 - 4 YEAR-OLD STORY TIME

*Thursdays 1/15 - 2/26 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

3 - 5 YEAR-OLD STORY TIME

*Wednesdays 1/14 - 2/25 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

* indicates a drop-in session. All other sessions require pre-registration. Please call the branch that you will be attending for story time to register. Children must be within the age guidelines in order to attend story time. Please visit us on the web at www.baycountylibrary.org for more information.

You Can be a Chemist

Have you ever dreamed of becoming a scientist? After you meet Patricia Moore, a chemist at Dow Corning and the author of the children's book You Can Be a Chemist, you might! Patricia is an enthusiastic, interactive speaker and her presentation is sure to be high energy. FREE autographed books! Snacks provided. Grades 4-7. Registration begins Saturday, December 27.

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 17 2:00 p.m.

Michigan Birds of Prey Program

Get an up close and personal look at Michigan birds of prey when wildlife expert Joe Rogers, from the Wildlife Recovery Association, brings these powerful birds to a library near you. All ages welcome. **Registration required at all branches beginning Wednesday, January 14.**

SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

February 11 4:00 p.m.

AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY

February 17 6:30 p.m.

PINCONNING BRANCH LIBRARY

February 14 2:00 p.m.

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 20 1:00 p.m.

February 20 3:00 p.m.

The Bay County Library System will be **CLOSED** beginning **5:00 p.m. December 31st** through **January 1st**. Have a safe and happy New Year!

Valentines for Soldiers

Create a special Valentine's Day card or letter to send to a soldier. The entire family is invited to drop in anytime during the program and get creative. All supplies and postage will be provided. **No registration required.**

AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY

Tuesday, January 6 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 7 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

PINCONNING BRANCH LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 7 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday, January 8 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Keep warm by snuggling up with your child and reading 20 minutes every day!

Teen Events & Programs

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Teen Advisory Council Meeting

January 20
6:30 - 7:30

Duct Tape Project

January 22 4:00-6:00 p.m.

We provide the tape, you provide the imagination to create a duct tape sensation.

Wii Game Night

January 27 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
February 17 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Jewelry

February 19 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Create a bracelet or necklace. Supplies provided.

Game Day

February 26 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Bring in your favorite board game or try one of ours.

Pre-registration required for all programs.
Please visit the Fiction Desk or call 893-9566 ext.2122.

Attention Teens Ages 12-18:

Join the Teen Advisory Council and play a part in planning programs for the Library System.

- * Meet New Friends
- * Share Your Ideas
- * Discuss Books

Call Linda Smith
893-9566 ext. 2124
or email
l.smith@vlc.lib.mi.us

to find out how you
can get involved!



The Bookmobile will hit the road this winter with a new schedule.

Please visit your branch library or check us out on the web at www.baycountylibrary.org for a complete schedule including dates, times and stops.

Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library

500 Center Avenue, Bay City

Phone: (989) 893-9566

Monday - Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM

Friday - Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday Closed

Auburn Area Branch Library

235 W. Midland Road, Auburn

Phone: (989) 662-2381

Sunday - Monday Closed

Tuesday - Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM

Friday - Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

Pinconning Branch Library

218 Kaiser Street, Pinconning

Phone: (989) 879-3283

Sunday - Monday Closed

Tuesday - Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM

Friday - Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

Sage Branch Library

100 E. Midland Street, Bay City

Phone: (989) 892-8555

Monday - Tuesday 9 AM - 5 PM

Wednesday - Thursday Noon - 8 PM

Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday - Sunday Closed

Bookmobile

500 Center Avenue, Bay City

Phone: (989) 893-9566 ext. 2108

Visit us on the web for a current schedule.

Bay County Library System

“Library Tidings” Newsletter Sign-Up Form

Please fill out this form and return to any branch of the library system to begin receiving your own copy of the system’s bi-monthly newsletter.

Help your library save money. Sign up for the e-newsletter instead!

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

I do not have email. Please mail my copy.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____