

Library Tidings

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NOTES FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR:

Your public libraries are gearing up for the 2009 Summer Reading Program, which begins on June 9 and ends on July 31. It'll be a busy and exciting time for people of all ages, with many activities scheduled that both entertain and encourage reading during the summer.

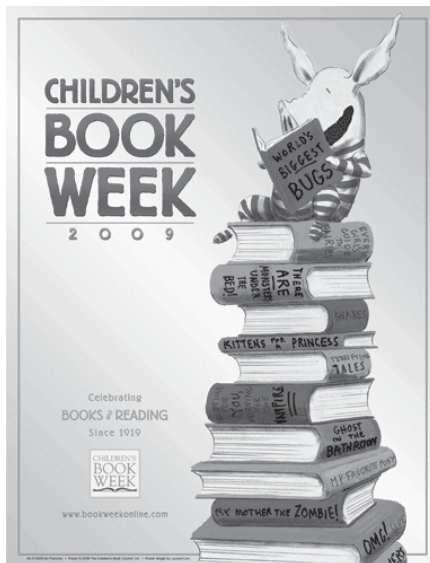
It's important for children, especially, to continue to read during summer vacation so they don't have to catch up on their reading skills when they return to school in the fall. However, we believe that everybody – adults, teens and children - should be encouraged to read.

Themes for this year's Summer Reading Programs include: *Be Creative @ Your Library* for children; *Express Yourself @ Your Library* for teens; and *Master the Art of Reading* for adults. Last year, nearly 8,000 people participated in the Summer Reading Program! This year we are expecting even more. Don't forget to sign up the whole family beginning Tuesday, June 9.

Tom Birch

Children's Book Week 2009

by Krista Pedersen, Children's Coordinator



From May 11 through May 17 libraries, schools, bookstores and families across the country will celebrate children's books and promote the love of reading. In honor of Children's Book Week, the Bay County Library System will offer a variety of programs and activities for children and their families.

Families can enjoy performances by Michigan author and musician Kevin Kammeraad at the Sage and Pinconning libraries, or *Animal Encounters* programs at the Wirt and Auburn libraries. Children

can enter a drawing for a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift card at any library location, including the Bookmobile. Children will even have the opportunity to *Read Off Your Fines!* Each library will host a three hour program where children through sixth grade can come to the library and spend time reading in order to eliminate their fines. For every 20 minutes that a child reads at this event, overdue fines on any one returned library item will be eliminated from their library record.

Step Up to the Plate @ Your Library®: Bay County Library System sponsors baseball literacy contest

The Bay County Library System joins the American Library Association and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in inviting people of all ages to *Step Up to the Plate @ Your library*. This year's program celebrates the history and diversity of our national pastime. The program began April 12, 2009 and runs through September 1, 2009.

Step Up to the Plate @ Your Library teams up two American classics – baseball and libraries – to promote the importance of information literacy skills and increase awareness of the library as an essential information resource.

People of all ages are encouraged to use print and electronic resources at their library to answer a series of trivia questions

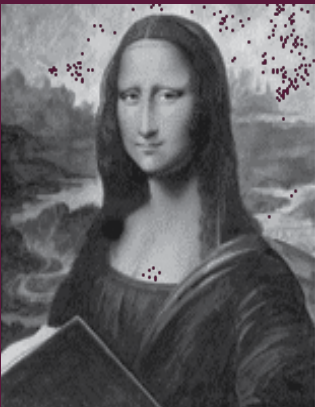
designed for their age group (10 and under; 11-13; 14-17; 18 and up) and inspired by the history and diversity of our national pastime.

Everyone who successfully completes the program will be eligible to win a trip for two to Cooperstown, N.Y., to attend the Hall of Fame's World Series Gala in October 2009.

Playbooks can be picked up at the library or on the program's website at www.ala.org/baseball. Players can enter the prize drawing by submitting the completed playbook either by mail or online. Library patrons may also enter in a drawing for four Loon's tickets. The drawing will be held at each branch on Friday, July 17, 2009.

Don't forget - Summer Reading Program runs June 9 - July 31!

Adult Events & Programs



MASTER THE ART OF READING

Adult Summer Reading Program: June 9 – July 31, 2009

Adults can join the Summer Reading Fun for prizes, too! Pick up the Summer Reading Log – check off each 20 minute block you spend:

- Reading to someone else
- Reading to yourself
- Having someone read to you
- Listening to a book on tape or CD

Turn in the completed entry form for a chance in the drawing. Enter as many times as you like – only one prize per winner.

\$imple Tip\$ for Challenging Time\$

Experts will be sharing tips and advice on how to survive these difficult economic times by saving energy, creating a family budget, growing your own food & dealing with stress. Mondays: May 4th, May 11th, & May 18th in the Wirt Public Library Community Room, 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Bring a lunch. Coffee and water will be provided. Contact the Wirt Public Library or check the Bay County Library System's web page for details.

Red Cross Art Exhibit

Red Cross issued art, including posters and promotional tools from the past 50 years, will be on display **June 4-10 at the Wirt Public Library**. The collection will give an overview of how the Red Cross has marketed itself over the years, as well as how the art benefited the Red Cross.

Red Cross presents: *CPR Saturday*

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 am - noon
Wirt Public Library Community Room
Registration Required. Call 893-9566 ext. 2100 for more information.

Red Cross presents: *Get a Kit. Make a Plan. Be Informed.*

Be sufficiently prepared for sudden natural or human-caused disasters. Bring a lunch.
Monday, June 8, noon - 1:00 pm
Wirt Public Library Community Room

Microsoft® 2003 Computer Classes

Wirt Public Library Computer Lab

TUESDAYS
6:00 - 7:30 pm

May 5	Intro to Computers
May 12	Intermediate Excel
May 26	Basic Publisher
June 2	Intro to Computers
June 9	Basic Word
June 30	Basic Publisher

WEDNESDAYS
10:30 am - noon

May 6	Intermediate Word
May 13	Computers for Seniors
May 20	Basic Excel
June 10	Basic Excel
June 17	E-mailing for Seniors
June 24	Intermediate Word

**Please register at the Wirt Public Library
computer sign-up desk or call 893-9566 ext. 2206.**

A non-refundable class fee of \$5.00 per session is due at registration.

Blood Drives

Michigan Community Blood Centers will hold a blood drive at the Wirt Public Library on **May 15, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm** and at the Auburn Area Branch Library on **June 18, 1:30 - 6:30 pm**.



**MICHIGAN COMMUNITY
BLOOD CENTERS**



Teen Events & Programs

Express Yourself @ Your Library Teen Summer Reading Program: June 9 - July 31

AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY

Gamefest with Joel Tacey

Variety of video games

June 11 @ 1:00 pm

Paul Sizer

Step by step instructions on making a minicomic

June 25 @ 1:00 pm

PINCONNING BRANCH LIBRARY

Organization for Bat Conservation

Step into the world of bats!

See live U.S. bats, South America bats
and rare African bats.

June 20 @ 2:00 pm

SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Greg Nelson

Pro Hacky Sack Demonstrations

June 18 @ 1:00 - 2:00 pm

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Gratitude Steel Band

June 9 @ 11:30 am

Anshu Varma

Henna Tattoo Workshop

June 23 @ 1:00 pm

Jolene Fowler

Macrame Jewelry Program

June 30 @ 1:00 pm

AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY

May 7 @ 6:00 pm

May 14 @ 6:00 pm

May 21 @ 6:00 pm

June 4 @ 6:00 pm

June 17 @ 1:30 pm

Wii Games (Grades 6 to 8)

Bandana Tote Bag

Registration required

Wii Games (Grades 9 to 12)

CD Case Magnetic Picture Frame

Registration required. Bring

your own picture to frame

Graffiti Bracelet

Registration required

PINCONNING BRANCH LIBRARY

May 2 @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

June 9-13

June 9, 16, 23, 30

June 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 6:00 pm

June 11 @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

June 18 @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

June 25 @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

June 30-July 3

June 30 @ 4:00 - 6:00 pm

July 2 @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wii Contest

Sidewalk and Rock Graffiti Week

Quilt Making Program

Pizza and Wii Nights

CD Case Calendar and Wire

Picture Frame Crafts

Pom-pom & Macrame Key Ring

and Necklace Crafts

“Altered” Notebooks and

Notebook Holders Crafts

Patriotic Week

Family Patriotic Cupcake

Decorating Program

Red, White & Blue Flag Banner

SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

May 20 @ 6:00 - 7:30 pm

June 11 @ 1:30 - 3:30 pm

June 24 @ 6:00 - 7:30 pm

June 25 @ 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Wii Game Night

Graffiti Wrist Band

Wii Game Night

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WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 5, 19, June 9 @ 6:00 pm

May 21 @ 4:00 pm

June 11 @ 1:00 pm

June 25 @ 1:00 pm

Wii Game Nights

Plastic Bag Purses

Button Bracelets

Bandana Purse

Teen Movies:

June 16 @ 1:00 pm

June 30 @ 1:00 pm

Step Up (PG13)

Take the Lead (PG13)

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

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 it off at any branch library.

Children's Events & Programs

Children's Summer Reading Program June 9 - July 31

June Summer Reading Performers

Registration required for all shows.

Kevin Collins: African Drums

Wirt Library Tuesday, June 9 1:30 pm

Acting Up Theatre Company

Auburn Library Tuesday, June 16 2:00 pm

Gordon Russ: Magic Fun Show

Sage Library Wednesday, June 17 6:30 pm

Michael Brown & Beethoven: Magic, Music, and Drama

Wirt Library Thursday, June 18 3:00 & 6:00 pm

Pinconning Library Saturday, June 27 2:00 pm

Science Alive: Live Animal Show

Auburn Library Tuesday, June 23 10:30 & 11:30 am

Sage Library Tuesday, June 23 2:00 & 3:30 pm

Baffling Bill the Magician

Auburn Library Tuesday, June 30 11:00 am

Sage Library Tuesday, June 30 2:00 pm

*More Summer Reading Performers in July and August. Check our next newsletter or our website for details.

Community Partner Spotlight

Delta College Planetarium and Learning Center

This summer, from June 22-25, the Delta College Planetarium and Learning Center is offering boys and girls, ages 7 to 11, the opportunity to explore and experience activities throughout Bay City that focus on the theme Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Space. Activities include:

- Exploring animals at the Alice & Jack Wirt Library
- Sailing on the tall ship Appledore
- Learning survival skills at the State Recreation Area
- Creating art from recycled materials at Studio 23
- Exploring the culture of Native Americans at the Historical Museum of Bay County
- Making telescopes and learning about the solar system at the Delta College Planetarium

The cost for this summer experience is \$185 which includes the activities, daily lunch, snacks, fees and supplies. Call the Delta College Planetarium at 667-2260 for more details or to register.

The Bay County Library System
Presents...

Be Creative @ Your Library Summer Reading Program 2009

June 9th - July 31st

Free summer fun for kids from
birth - 6th grade



movies books
crafts drawings
prizes programs performers

For more information, call or visit any
library branch.

www.baycountylibrary.org

More Children's Events

Summer Story Time

June 15 - July 23

Registration begins: Tuesday, May 19

Come visit the Wirt Public Library Children's Room for **First Thursdays Downtown Gallery Walk**. Enjoy art displays by Saint Michael's School and St. Anne's School in May and First Baptist Church of Bay City Home Schoolers in June. Art will be displayed all month long.

Summer Movies. Join us for free movies and snacks. Check our website for dates and times.

Tail Waggin' Tutors are back at the Wirt Public Library in May and June. Call 893-9566 opt. 5 to read to a therapy dog!

Children's Book Week Performers

Kevin Kammeraad - *Poetry, Puppetry and Music*

Michigan author Kevin Kammeraad encourages imagination through a variety of interactive music, poems, puppetry, singing and laughing.

Registration begins Wednesday, April 29.

SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 pm

PINCONNING BRANCH LIBRARY

Saturday, May 16, 2:00 pm

Animal Encounters - *Art Inspired by Animals*

Music created using animal sounds? Art pieces drawn by animals? Hear stories and meet some of the artistic animals featured in art and music from around the world.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 28.

AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 pm

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saturday, May 16, 1:30 & 3:30 pm

Children's Book Clubs

AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY

Auburn Book Club (Grades 4-6)

Register at the Children's Desk or call 662-2381 ext. 206.

Thursday, May 14 4:00 - 5:00 pm Donuthead by Sue Stauffacher

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Register at the Children's Desk or call 893-9566 option 5.

Books Rock Café (Grades 4-6)

Monday, May 18 6:00 - 7:00 pm
The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis

Creative Kids Book Club (Grades 1-3)

Thursday, May 21 4:00 - 5:00 pm Theme: Gardens



BCLS Bookmobile

For a complete schedule, visit your branch library or check us out on the web at

www.baycountylibrary.org

Read Off Your Fines!

During Children's Book Week (May 11-17), children through sixth grade have the opportunity to come to one of the following library programs and *Read Off Your Fines!*

For every 20 minutes of reading, overdue fines on any one returned library item will be eliminated (does not apply to lost or damaged items). The program will run for three hours at each location. You can drop-in to do your reading anytime during those three hours. This program is for reading off children's fines only.

PINCONNING BRANCH LIBRARY

Tuesday, May 12

4:00 - 7:00 pm

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, May 12

4:00 - 7:00 pm

SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Thursday, May 14

4:00 - 7:00 pm

AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY

Saturday, May 16

1:00 - 4:00 pm



The Storytellers: A Musical Folktale Concert

A special concert for children ages 3-5 and their parents. Interactive stories, percussion music, and humor. Make your own instrument after the show.

Registration begins Monday, April 13. Call 893-9566 option 5.

Wirt Public Library

Saturday, May 9

1:00 & 3:00 pm

This concert is made possible by the Bay City Public School's Parent Involvement & Education grant.

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 * 1 PM - 5 PM

(*September - May only)

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

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

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Phone: _____

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

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