

Library Tidings

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR:

With the approaching holiday season, I'd like to recognize our generous patrons and library staff who have given their time, effort, goods and funds this year to support a variety of programs assisting with community needs.

Some of these programs include Gift of Reading, Food for Fines, 20 Minutes a Day (to encourage children to read); two programs with Do All Inc., Coats for Kids and Community Education Treasure Chest, which collect coats and school supplies for those in need, as well blood drives and food donations for local food pantries through the library.

Our staff has also participated in additional programs including: United Way, Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk, American Cancer Daffodil Days, Relay for Life, Take Steps for Crohn's and Colitis, tutoring through the Literacy Council, adopting local families for Thanksgiving and Christmas, donating to local food pantries and participating in numerous public service groups throughout Bay County.

We look forward to another year of partnering with you and local community organizations as we strive to make a brighter 2011 in Bay County.

Tom Birch

Library Millage RENEWAL on November 2 Ballot

What is the proposal? The Bay County Library System is asking voters to renew the current 1 mill of operating millage for four years. The current 1 mill levy, vital for funding daily library operations, was approved by voters in November 2007 and will expire on December 31, 2010. If this renewal is passed, it will provide 58% of the library system's operating revenue in 2011.

What is the cost? If the operating millage renewal is approved, homeowners will continue to pay at the same rate



they are currently contributing toward library operations.

No additional tax is being requested.

The cost of 1 mill for a Bay County homeowner whose home has a market value of \$80,000 (the median value in Bay County), and a taxable value of \$40,000 is \$40 per year—the cost of two hardcover novels.

What about the Library Improvement millage that passed in 2000? The special 1.0 mill levy for the Library Improvement millage provides some operating funds to support costs associated with the new and improved buildings. However, most of this revenue is committed to bond repayment through the year 2020, when that millage expires.

What happens if this millage renewal fails? Failure to pass the November 2 ballot request would result in a significant reduction in library services. Severe cuts would have to be made to the number of days and hours open and purchases of library items. The bookmobile would have to be taken off the road. All classes and programs would be discontinued and the majority of library staff would be laid off.

Additional information can be found at www.yesbaylibraries.com; on Facebook as YES Bay Libraries; at phone number: (989) 482-8682 or by email at yesbaylibraries@gmail.com.

Mingle & Jingle: Downtown Gives Back

Shop downtown Bay City on **Thursday, November 18 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm** and participating businesses will donate **18%** of your purchase to the non-profit of your choice! **Be sure to choose the Bay County Library System!**

Participating businesses include:

- Art Kaleidoscope Gallery
- Atrium
- A Wedding & Gift Botique
- Bayshire Beauty Academy
- Di's Ink, Stamp-n-Crafts
- Gathered Traditions & G.T. Homestead
- Gatsby's Steakhouse & Saloon
- Gems By Em
- Little House
- Meadow Creek Clothiers
- Mulligan's Pub

- My Secret Garden
- Nielsen Gallery
- Old City Hall
- Paperworks
- Planetarium Gift Shop
- Rattlesnake Rick's Roadhouse
- Regina Caeli
- Riverfront Grill at the Doubletree
- St. Laurent Brothers
- Simmons Jewelers
- Stein Haus
- The Fabric Fair
- Uptown Girl
- Urban Laundry
- Violets Blue
- Ward Studio Gallery & Painterly Pottery
- Wind & Willows on the River



Adult Events & Programs

The Bay County Library System wishes to thank

Jim Reid

for generously donating storage space.

AUBURN Holiday Ornament Craft

Paint or Decorate a glass ornament!

Wed, Dec 1
1-3 pm or 5:30-7 pm

PINCONNING Stitch 'n Chat

Come sew, knit, crochet, needlepoint, etc. and share ideas with others.

Wed, Nov 17 & Dec 15
1:30-3 pm

Scrabble Group

Anyone is welcome to come and play!

Wed, Nov 24 & Dec 22
1:30-3 pm

Glass Etching

All supplies provided. Teens and adults welcome.

Wed, Dec 8
3:30-4:30 pm

Registration is required at 879-3283 ext. 202.

SAGE

Holiday Crafts

Make fun crafts using natural and recycled materials (provided)!

Thu, Dec 9

1-3 pm or 5:30-7 pm

Registration is required beginning Nov 8. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 892-8555 ext. 202.

WIRT

Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

Thank you to everyone who has donated puzzles!

Take a puzzle home, have fun putting it together and bring it back when you're done. Nice and easy!

Thingamajigs, Doodads & Whatchamacallits

Mon, Nov 8, 6-7:30 pm

Kantzler Community Room, Wirt

Tom Simon, local inventor of the Poultry Pal and Grill N Pal, will share information on how to market and patent your inventions. Over 25,000 of his Poultry Pals have been sold!

Discover your Roots: Family History Research for Beginners

Use Ancestry Library Edition to search the census and find vital records; organize your research.

Sat, Nov 13, 9:30-11:30 am

Introduction to Genealogy Databases: Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest

Further your family research. Learn how to print and save documents electronically.

Sat, Dec 4, 9:30-11:30 am

Programs are held in the Wirt Computer Lab

Registration is required. Call the Reference Dept. 893-9566 ext. 2200

Sponsored by the Bay County Library System and Bay County Genealogical Society

Computer Classes

Wirt Computer Lab

Please register at the Wirt Public Library computer sign-up desk or by mail.

A non-refundable fee of \$5.00 per class is due at registration. Call 893-9566 ext. 2206 for information.

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am-noon

Nov 3	Basic MS Office 2007 Word*
Nov 17	Intro to Computers
Dec 1	Intro to Internet*
Dec 15	Intro to Computers

*Should know how to use a mouse and how to type

Booked for Lunch

Fri, Noon-1 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am.
Kantzler Community Room, Wirt

No registration. Bring a lunch and a friend!
Lunch may also be purchased from the Mug@Wirt coffee shop.

Cookies and beverages provided by the Friends of the Bay County Libraries.

Nov 5 Kristina Riggle reviews her book, *The Life You've Imagined*

Nov 12 Andreas Teich reviews *Lunatic Express* by Carl Hoffman

Movie & Lunch

Wed, 11:30 am

Kantzler Community Room, Wirt

Nov 10 "The Proposal" (PG-13)
Starring Sandra Bullock and Betty White.

Dec 15 "Everybody's Fine" (PG-13)
Starring Robert DeNiro and Kate Beckinsale.

Reservations and lunch donations must be made in advance. Contact the Bay County Division on Aging at 895-4100. Lunch is provided by the Bay County Division on Aging.

Children's Events & Programs

Our Scaly Friends: Live Reptile Program

All ages. Registration required for all programs.

Learn about reptiles from around the world in this hands-on program presented by Classroom Critters. Make friends with a turtle, lizard, snake and an alligator!

Wirt
Mon, Nov 1, 4 & 6:30 pm

Sage
Wed, Nov 3, 4 & 6:30 pm

Auburn Area
Wed, Nov 10, 5 & 6:30 pm

Pinconning
Sat, Nov 13, 2 pm



Read Off Your Fines!

During the month of December children through sixth grade have the opportunity to come to one of the following library programs and Read Off Your Fines!

For every twenty minutes of reading or listening, overdue fines on any one returned library item will be eliminated (does not apply to lost or damaged items). Staff will read aloud during the first hour. After the first hour, children may read on their own. Free snacks provided. Drop in anytime during the programs. **These programs are for reading off children's fines only.**

Sage
Wed, Dec 1, 5-7 pm

Pinconning
Wed, Dec 1, 5-7 pm

Wirt
Mon, Dec 13, 4-7 pm

Auburn Area
Thu, Dec 30, 2-4 pm

Reindeer at Your Library!

See live reindeer outside and make reindeer crafts inside the library. Family fun for all ages! No registration required. Camera use is encouraged.

Auburn Area
Tue, Dec 7
5-7 pm

Sage
Wed, Dec 8
5-7 pm

Pinconning
Wed, Dec 15
5-7 pm

Wirt
Thu, Dec 16
5-7 pm



Winter Movies

AUBURN AREA

Toy Story 3
(Rated G)
Wed, Dec 29, 2 pm
Snacks provided.

SAGE

How To Train Your Dragon
(Rated PG)
Tue, Dec 21, 1:30 pm

Toy Story 3
(Rated G)
Tue, Dec 28, 1:30 pm

Drop in for a movie and a snack!

WIRT

Toy Story 3
(Rated G)
Sat, Nov 27, 2 pm

How To Train Your Dragon
(Rated PG)
Mon, Dec 27, 2 pm

Santa Buddies
(Rated G)
Mon, Dec 20, 2 pm

Camp Rock 2: The Final Jam
(Rated PG)
Tue, Dec 28, 12 pm

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.
Snacks provided.

Check out TumbleBooks on our website!

TumbleBooks offers easy access to a collection of animated, talking picture books which you can read or have read to you. In addition to picture books, TumbleBooks offers TumbleReadables: read-along chapter books and children's classics that feature narration and sentence highlighting. To find our TumbleBooks collection just go to www.baycountylibrary.org and select the page that says Children. The link for TumbleBooks can be found in the bottom right-hand corner of the Children's page.



Children's Department registration and information contact numbers

Auburn Area: 662-2381 option #4, Pinconning: 879-3283 option #3,

Sage: 892-8555 option #5, Wirt: 893-9566 option #5

WIRT

Where registration is required, call 893-9566, option #5.

Ojibwe Culture Program Grades 3-6 Sat, Nov 13, 1:30-2:30 pm

Story, music and displays presented by students and staff from the Indian Education Program of the Bay City Public Schools.
Registration required.

Books Rock Café Grades 4-6 4th Monday of each month, 6 pm.

Book Clubs will not meet in December. Registration required.

Creative Kids Book Club Grades 1-3 3rd Tuesday of each month, 4 pm.

Book Clubs will not meet in December. Registration required.

Tail Waggin' Tutors Ages 4+

Wed, Nov 17 & Thu, Dec 30, 6:15-7:30 pm

Have fun reading to a therapy dog!

Registration required now for Nov 17 event and beginning Nov 29 for Dec 30 event.

Science Experiment Extravaganza Grades 3-6

Wed, Dec 1, 4:30-6 pm

Hands-on science experimentation!

Registration required beginning Nov 3.

Create Your Own Wrapping Paper and Tags

All ages

Mon, Dec 6, 4-6 pm

Registration required beginning Nov 8.

Gingerbread Boy Story and Craft All ages

Sat, Dec 18, 1:30-2:30 pm

Listen to the story and decorate your own Gingerbread Boy.

Registration required beginning Nov 18.

SAGE

Where registration is required, call 892-8555, option #5.

Wacky Wednesdays: Books Are BFF Grades 1-4

Wed, Nov 10, 4 pm

Join us for stories, crafts, games and snacks!

Registration required.

Scrapbook Fun Grades 1-5

Thu, Nov 11, 4 pm

Bring some photographs and make a paper bag scrapbook!

Registration required.

Crazy for Crafts: Fantastic Fly Guy Grades K-4

Thu, Nov 18, 4 pm

Registration required.

Crazy for Crafts: Flakey Fun Grades K-4

Thu, Dec 2, 4 pm

Registration required beginning Nov 4.

Wacky Wednesdays: Make a Gift Grades 1-4

Wed, Dec 15, 4 pm

Join us for stories, crafts, games and snacks!

Registration required beginning Nov 10.

Family Game Afternoon All ages

Mon, Dec 20, 1-3 pm

Drop in for fun, games, hot chocolate and cookies!

Dance Party with Scooby Doo All ages

Wed, Dec 29, 5:30-7 pm

Drop in and dance the evening away with Scooby Doo!

AUBURN AREA

Where registration is required, call 662-2381, option #4.

Crafty Readers Club Grades K-3

Sat, Nov 13, 11 am

Registration required.

Pages & Pizza Book Club Grades 4-6

Wed, Nov 17, 4 pm

Read the featured book and meet for discussion and pizza.

Call for more information.

Craft Night: Turkey Centerpiece Grades K-5

Wed, Nov 17, 6:30 pm

Registration required.

Mom and Me Craft Ages 2-5 + adult

Fri, Nov 19, 11am

Holiday Craft Night All ages

Wed, Dec 15, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Winter Bingo All ages

Tue, Dec 21, 2 pm

Registration required.

Game Fest All ages

Fri, Dec 31, 2-3:30 pm

Board games, puzzles and snack provided. Bring a favorite game.

Fall Story Time Through November 18

Join in on the fun! We offer story times for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities and more! Call or visit your local branch for details and to register.

A Complete schedule is available online at

www.baycountylibrary.org.

PINCONNING

Ages 5-12. No registration. Info: 879-3283, option #3.

Cool Crafts: Scarecrow Puppet

Thu, Nov 4, 3:30-4:30 pm

Cool Crafts: Leaf Wreath

Thu, Nov 18, 3:30-4:30 pm

Cool Crafts: Mitten Wreath

Thu, Dec 2, 3:30-4:30 pm

Cool Crafts: Reindeer

Wed, Dec 15, 3:30-4:30 pm

Cool Crafts: Snowman Bookmark

Thu, Dec 30, 3:30-4:30 pm

NEW!!! - Kids' Wii

Wed, Nov 10, Dec 8 & 22, 5:30-6:30 pm





Teen Events & Programs

AUBURN AREA

Thu, Nov 4	Macramé Key Chain Craft	6 pm
Wed, Nov 10, 17	After School Nintendo Wii	2:30-4 pm
Thu, Nov 18	Bottle Cap Magnetic Bracelet Craft	6 pm
Wed, Nov 24	Choose Your Craft	2:30 pm
Thu, Dec 2	Polar Coaster Craft	6 pm
Wed, Dec 8	After School Nintendo Wii	2:30-4 pm
Thu, Dec 16	Origami Gift Boxes	6 pm
Wed, Dec 22	Holiday Cookie Decoration	2:30 pm

Registration required for craft programs only. Call 662-2381 ext. 210.

WIRT

Tue, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Wii Night	5-7:30 pm
Thu, Nov 11	Zombie Night (grades 6-9) Zombie Makeup, Target Shooting & crafts!	6-7:30 pm
Thu, Nov 18	Teen Advisory Board Meeting	5 pm
Tue, Dec 7, 14, 21, 28	Wii Night	5-7:30 pm
Thu, Dec 9	Snowman Picture Frame Craft	4 pm
Thu, Dec 16	Duct Tape Mania	4 pm
	Teen Advisory Board Meeting	5 pm

Registration required for all craft programs.
Call 893-9566 ext. 2122.

PINCONNING

Tue, Nov 2	Felt Pouch Craft	4-5 pm
	Teen Wii	6-7:30 pm
Tue, Nov 9	Pine Cone Birdfeeder Craft	4-5 pm
	Teen Wii	6-7:30 pm
Tue, Nov 16	Coffee Filter Album Craft	4-5 pm
	Teen Wii	6-7:30 pm
Tue, Nov 23	Denim Pocket Locker Magnet	4-5 pm
	Teen Wii	6-7:30 pm
Tue, Nov 30	Safety Pin Bracelet	4-5 pm
	Teen Wii	6-7:30 pm
Tue, Dec 7	Ribbon Picture Frame Craft	4-5 pm
	Teen Wii	6-7:30 pm
Wed, Dec 8	Glass Etching*	3:30-4:30 pm
	*Registration required	
Tue, Dec 14	Teen & Family Holiday Cookie Decorating	4-5 pm
	Teen Wii	6-7:30 pm
Tue, Dec 21	Lots of Knots Bracelet Craft	4-5 pm
	Teen Wii	6-7:30 pm
Tue, Dec 28	Clothespin Jewelry Craft	4-5 pm
	Teen Wii	6-7:30 pm

Where registration is required call 879-3283 ext. 202.



SAGE

Wed, Nov 17	Craft stick lantern	6:00 pm
Tue, Nov 23	Puzzle Piece Picture Frame	3:30 pm
Tue, Dec 21	Glitter Votive Cups	3:30 pm
	Registration begins Nov 22	
Wed, Dec 29	Create a Craft Day	1:30 pm
	Registration begins Nov 22	

Grades 5-12. Registration required for all programs.
Visit the Fiction Desk or call 892-8555 ext. 205.

**The Bay County Library System will be
CLOSED on the following days:**

**Thu, Nov 25
Thu-Sun, Dec 23-26**

**The Bay County Library System
wishes to thank**

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Beautification Fund**

and

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