

NEWS & EVENTS



FEBRUARY 2023

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LOVE IS ALL AROUND *at your library*

"Blind Date With
a Book" Teen
Book Boxes

Heart
Wreath
Craft

Conversation
Hearts Wall
Hanging Craft

Young Scientists
Candy Hearts
Activity

Look inside for more details on these programs - and all of the fun activities and events going on at the library this month! February will bring special author visits, a baking program for children, movie screenings for all ages, and so much more! It's all free with your library card!

GET YETI TO READ

Winter Reading Program
January 3-February 25, 2023
baycountylibrary.org/WRP



All ages are welcome to participate!

Pick up a log from your branch, print it online, or keep track of reading on Beanstack. Log 8 hours of reading to be entered into a prize drawing! The more you read, the more chances you'll get to win! Be sure to turn in your log or enter your reading online by the end of business on February 25.

Get Beanstack links and instructions, plus print reading logs at baycountylibrary.org/WRP.

ADULTS

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.

Books and Brews® (Adults)

North Point Grill & Bar: Wed, Feb 1, 7-8:30 pm

February Title: *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano

Conversation Hearts Wall Hanging® (A & T)

Pinconning: Tue, Feb 7, 6-7 pm

Needle Crafters Club

Auburn: Wed, Feb 8 & 22, 6-7:30 pm

All hand-sewing crafters welcomed. No registration required!

Wooden Valentine Heart Craft®

Wirt: Thu, Feb 9, 6-7:30 pm

Painterly Pottery: We ♥ Pottery!® (A & T)

Auburn: Thu, Feb 9, 6-7:30 pm

Sage Stitches (Adults)

Sage: Fri, Feb 10 & 24, 10-11 am

Drop in and spend an hour knitting and/or crocheting by the second floor fireplace. Please bring your own projects to work on. No supplies are provided. Librarian who knits will be on hand to help beginners.

Movie: *Where The Crawdads Sing*, Rated PG13®

Wirt: Wed, Feb, 15, 1:30-4 pm

Discussion to follow the movie.

Chess at the Library® (A & T)

Sage: Wed, Feb 15, 3:30-4:45 pm

Heart Wreath Craft® (A & T)

Auburn: Thu, Feb 16, 6-7:30 pm

Mail Holder Craft® (A & T)

Pinconning: Sat, Feb 18, 10-11:30 am

"Donut" Worry Canvas Craft®

Sage: Wed, Feb 22, 6:00-7:30 pm

I ♥ YA: Book Club® (Ages 16-Adult)

Lolobee's: Mon, Feb 27, 6-7 pm

February Title: *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Simple Abstract Art on Canvas Craft® (A & T)

Pinconning: Tue, Feb 28, 6-7 pm

Technology Help: Wednesdays with Walt®

Wirt: Wednesdays, 11 am-12 pm

Reserve a spot with Walt, our Technology Supervisor, for help with your device or any tech questions you may have. Please call 989-894-2837 ext. 2303 or email wpeglow@baycountylibrary.org to set up a day/time.

**BCLS
ADULT
BOOK
CLUBS**

Wirt: Wed, Feb 8, 2-3:30 pm
Sage: Mon, Feb 13, 2-3:30 pm
Pinconning: Tue, Feb 21, 2:30-4 pm
Auburn: Thu, Feb 23, 6-7:30 pm

Registration required. Book copies and title information are available at your branch.

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(A & T) = Both Adults and Teens welcome

Author Visit: KEITH GAVE

WIRT:

SAT, FEB 4, 2-3 PM

Register online at
baycountylibrary.org

Join author Keith Gave as he discusses his three non-fiction titles *The Russian Five*, *Vlad the Impaler* and *A Miracle of Their Own*. Gave's books cap an eclectic career that included lengthy stints as soldier, spy, newspaperman, radio host, TV analyst, publicist, professor and college newspaper adviser, and filmmaker - all before he set out to write his first novel. Books will be available to purchase.



SEED SORTING FOR THE BCLS SEED LIBRARY

Wirt: Tue, Feb 7, 6-7:30 pm

Drop in anytime during the sorting to help prepare for the 6th Season of the Seed Library!

All supplies provided.



BCLS EVENING SESSIONS SPEAKER SERIES

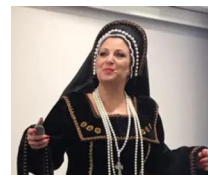
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The Six Wives of Henry the VIII with Martina Mathisen®

Wirt: Wed, Feb 15, 6:00 pm

Zoom streamed in-person and online

The Six Wives of Henry VIII: Six women and six stories. These fascinating women led equally fascinating lives - apart from how they ended. Educational entertainer Martina Mathisen artfully interweaves tales of power, personality, and politics. Do these six famous wives deserve their popular labels? **Please note: This presenter will not be joining us in person, but everyone is welcome to join us at the Wirt library to participate and watch the Zoom stream.**



PASSPORT TO READING

Stop into any branch at their Public Service Desk to pick up your passport. Read 12 books from at least 3 different continents and your name will be entered into a drawing for a basket filled with goodies from around the world!

You must be a Bay County Resident to be eligible for the prize drawing. Passports are valid through May 31, 2023.

Winter Wellbeing Workshop: Register now!

Sponsored by the Midland Area Wellbeing Coalition®

Join this free, fun, interactive, and informative workshop to help you get more out of life no matter the season. Bring your friends, families, and co-workers! In this three-part workshop, learn how to prioritize your wellbeing and go home with simple tools you can use to improve wellbeing.

Wirt: Mondays, February 13, 20, and 27, 6-7 pm

TEENS

(Grades 6-12)

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CRAFTS & MORE

Conversation Hearts Wall Hanging® (A & T)
Pinconning: Tue, Feb 7, 6-7 pm

Dungeons and Dragons Club® (Grades 6-12)
Sage: Wed, Feb 8, 3:30-5:30 pm

Needle Crafters Club
Auburn: Wed, Feb 8 & 22, 6-7:30 pm
All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Painterly Pottery: We ♥ Pottery!® (A & T)
Auburn: Thu, Feb 9, 6-7:30 pm

Chess at the Library® (A & T)
Sage: Wed, Feb 15, 3:30-4:45 pm

Heart Wreath Craft® (A & T)
Auburn: Thu, Feb 16, 6-7:30 pm

Mail Holder Craft® (A & T)
Pinconning: Sat, Feb 18, 10-11:30 am

Teen Craft: Hot Mess Flower Canvas® (Grades 6-12)
Wirt: Thu, Feb 23, 4-5 pm

Simple Abstract Art on Canvas Craft® (A & T)
Pinconning: Tue, Feb 28, 6-7 pm

TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages
Loot Box®
(Grades 6-8)
Pick up February 20-25

Teen
LitLoot Box®
(Grades 9-12)
Pick up February 6-11

February Theme: *BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK*

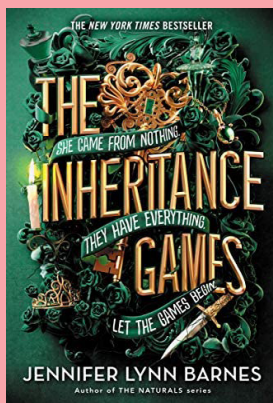
Each box contains a library book related to the month's theme, a book to keep, and a few complimentary treats or a craft. Check out the box, enjoy the treats, then return the library book and box.

Due to the popularity of this program, loot boxes are limited to Bay County resident cardholders only. Thank you!

I ♥ YA: Book Club® (Ages 16-Adult)

February Title: *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Lolobee's: Mon, Feb 27, 6-7 pm

Do you enjoy reading YA books, but you may be more A than Y? Join us each month to read some titles from our teen section. Books available to check out at Sage Branch Library.



Need a place to ❄️ CHILL ❄️ after school?

Each BCLS branch has areas for teens to relax, read, play games, do homework, study, and more!



Reserve a study room for quiet concentration, board game, or group project:



OR join us for our Sage branch's dedicated monthly teen program:

Books, Games, & Chill® (Grades 6-12)
Sage: Wed, Feb 22, 3:30-4:30 pm

CHILDREN & FAMILY

® = Registration required. Registration opens 1 month before each program at 9 am.



Get started with STEM in the Great Lakes Bay Region!

The Bay County Library System is proud to be an active part of the STEM Pipeline program right here in Bay County! Scan the code to view the most recent calendar of events or start exploring with the STEM Passport App - there's sure to be a fun and educational STEM event happening soon near you!



My First Library Card Design Contest (Ages 0-12) January 3-February 25

We need your help to design a brand new library card! Stop into any BCLS branch for an entry form and drop it off by February 25 for a chance to see your design printed on a special library card just for kids launching later this year!



WINTER BEACH PARTY

AGES 2-12

Grab your sunglasses and beach towel and join us for some indoor fun in the sun! Enjoy beach-themed crafts, games, and activities.

Sage

Thu, Feb 2, 4:30-5:30 pm

Wirt

Sat, Feb 11, 1:30-2:30 pm

Auburn

Tue, Feb 14, 4:30-5:30 pm

Pinconning

Thu, Feb 16, 3:30-4:30 pm

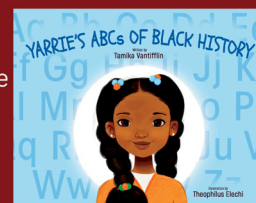


Registration begins starting one month before each program. Register online at www.baycountylibrary.org



Yarrie's ABCs of Black History Wirt: Tue, Feb 28, 6:30-7:15 pm

Families are invited to attend an extra special story discussion event with author, Tamika Vantiffin! We are pleased to share her inspirational and empowering picture book, which focuses on important Black figures from history and the importance of diversity and culture. Q & A session to follow. Books will be available for purchase and author signing after the event. No registration required.



1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children. By reading just one book a night, families can reach the 1,000-book goal in three years while providing children essential early literacy skills.

Registration required. Participate online at baycountylibrary.beanstack.org or via the Beanstack Tracker app.



Winter Storytimes: Through February 23

Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)

Sage: Tuesdays 11-11:30 am

Auburn: Thursdays 10:15-10:45 am

Wirt: Thursdays 10:30-11 am

Preschool Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Sage: Mondays 10-10:30 am

Sage: Tuesdays 10-10:30 am

Auburn: Wednesdays 10:15-10:45 am

Wirt: Wednesdays 11:15-11:45 am

Auburn: Thursdays 11:15-11:45 am

Family Storytime (Ages 0-6)

Pinconning: Wednesdays 6-6:30 pm

Wirt: Wednesdays 6:30-7 pm

Schedule and online registration available at www.baycountylibrary.org.

CRAFTS & MORE

Valentine Cards ® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Wed, Feb 1, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sign up to make a Valentine card for someone special.

PLAYDATE @ WIRT (Ages 4 and under with caregiver)

Wirt: Fri, Feb 3 and 17, 10-11 am

Little ones can play, discover & meet new friends. Drop-in for playtime fun in the Wirt Children's room, no registration required.

Harry Potter Movie Series ® (Ages 8 & up)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (PG),

Pinconning: Sat, Feb 4, 12-2:30 pm

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG),

Pinconning: Sat, Feb 25, 12-2:30 pm

Harry Potter movie extravaganza!!!

Pups & Pages (Ages 4-12) ®

Pinconning: Sat, Feb 4, 3-4 pm

Auburn: Sat, Feb 11, 11 am-12 pm

Sage: Wed, Feb 15, 5:30-6:30 pm

Virtual: Wed, Feb 15 5:30-6:30 pm

Wirt: Sat, Feb 18, 2-3 pm

Read to a therapy dog or dog in training in a one-on-one session.

Storytime @ POPULACE Coffee (Family)

Populace Coffee: Mon, Feb 6, 9-9:30 am

For families with young children. Bring the littles downtown for storytime with the Wirt Library! Enjoy your favorite coffee house drink at Populace Coffee while we talk, read and sing about Love! No registration required.

Painterly Pottery: Hearts ® (Ages 5-12)

Wirt: Tue, Feb 7, 4-5 pm

Painterly Pottery will bring a heart themed piece for children to paint. All supplies provided. Items will be brought back to the studio to be completed and returned to the library for pick-up at a later date.

Northern Lights Chalk Art ® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Tue, Feb 7, 4:30-5:30 pm

Bask in the glow of the northern lights with this fun art project.

ClubCreate ® (Ages 6-9)

Wirt: Thu, Feb 9, 4-4:45 pm

Enjoy books, activities and crafts all about love!

Mad Scientists: Fly, Fling and Soar ® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Feb 9, 4:30-5:30 pm

Can you figure out how to protect an egg even if it is dropped down the Sage fire escape?

Toddler Time ® (Ages 4 & under)

Pinconning: Fri, Feb 10 & 24, 10-10:45 am

Bring your littles for a story, playtime and to meet new friends.

Young Scientists: Candy Hearts ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Feb 10, 10:30-11:30 am

Fun exploration, STEAM stations, play and craft.

Heart to Heart Craft Party ® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Sat, Feb 11, 1-2 pm

Roses are red, violets are blue, join our Valentine event, just for you! Celebrate this special time of year with crafts.

Music for Munchkins ® (Ages 1-5 with caregiver)

Wirt: Mon, Feb 13, 10:30-11:15 am

Singing and dancing with friends presented by Michele Spitz! Musical fun for you and your child.

Winter Bingo ® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Wed, Feb 15, 3:30-4:30 pm

Play bingo to win some "cool" prizes!!!

A is for Art: Oil Painting ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Feb 17, 10:30-11:30 am

Use oil and water colors to create your own masterpiece!

Hockey Story Time with Sammy Spirit! ® (Family)

Wirt: Sat, Feb 18, 10-10:30 am

Join us for a special hockey-themed story time, geared toward preschoolers, featuring the Saginaw Spirit hockey team's mascot, Sammy Spirit.

Leap into Science: Wind (Family)

Wirt: Mon, Feb 20, 3-4 pm

Join us for a celebration of science on your day off!

Through a series of activity stations in our Leap into Science Wind workshop, families will investigate the properties of wind and air as they explore its effects on other objects. No registration required.

Storytime @ O'Macaron (Family)

O'Macaron: Tue, Feb 21, 10-10:30 am

For families with young children. Bring the littles downtown for storytime with the Wirt Library! We will meet at O'Macaron on Washington Avenue, where you can enjoy a sweet treat and drink while we talk, read and sing about Baking! No registration required.

Paint by Number ® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Feb 21, 4:30-5:30 pm

Learn how to create your own paint by number!

Kid Lit Club Featuring: The First Drawing ® (Grades K-3)

Sage: Thu, Feb 23, 4:30-5:30 pm

Make a sand painting!

Mini Music Makers ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Feb 24, 10:30-11 am

Join us for songs, dancing, and games as we learn about different musical concepts!

Friday Fun: Why We Weave ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Feb 24, 11-11:30 am

Learn why weaving is important around the world. Weave and laminate your own placemat.

Encanto Interactive Sing-A-Long: Family Movie ® (Family)

Wirt: Sat, Feb 25, 10:30 am-12:15 pm

Encanto interactive movie? Yes! We'll watch the movie as normal, but when certain things happen or someone comes on screen the audience will react. Each participant will receive a prop bag to aid in the activities, so please register all attendees so we are sure to have enough items. Snacks provided.

Bake! ® (Ages 2-5 with caregiver)

Wirt: Mon, Feb 27, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us at the library for a cooking literacy program with your little person utilizing our mobile kitchen. This month we are making Cook in a Book Pancakes!

Urban Explorers Club ® (Ages 9-12)

Wirt: Tue, Feb 28, 4-5 pm

We are heading out to explore our city! This month we will visit the State Theatre! Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. This program is for the registered 9-12 year old only.

Recycled Crayons ® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Feb 28, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us to make your own crayons!

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

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

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