HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving  5 pm on Wednesday, Nov 27 through Thursday, Nov 28
Christmas  Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26
New Year  5 pm on Tuesday, December 31 through Wednesday, January 1

Meet Author Erin Bartels
Join us to hear author and Bay City native, Erin Bartels, discuss her books, *We Hope for Better Things* and *The Words Between Us*.

Erin will sign books after the presentation, and will offer copies for purchase on site.

**Kantzler Community Room at Wirt**
Sat, Nov 16, 2 pm
Register online at www.baycountylibrary.org or contact any branch library.

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Bay Community Writing Center
in partnership with the SVSU Writing Center

Welcome to the Bay County Library System!

**AUBURN**
662-2381 ext. 205

- Needle Crafters Club
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- Team Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge
  Sat, Dec 7, 2-3:30 pm

- Holiday Snowman Vase Craft
  Thu, Dec 12, 6-7:30 pm

- Versiti Blood Drive (Ages 17+)
  Call to register or drop in
  Wed, Dec 19, 1:30-6:30 pm

**PINCONNING**
879-3283 ext. 202

- Decorate a Tea Light Holder
  Tue, Nov 5, 6-7 pm

- Crochet Club
  Thu, Nov 7 & 21, 6-7:30 pm
  Thu, Dec 5 & 19, 6-7:30 pm

- Gingerbread House Decorating Challenge (All Ages)
  Sat, Nov 16, 10:30 am-12 pm
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- After-Hours Pinterest for the Holidays
  Fri, Nov 22, 5-8 pm
  May get messy. Dress accordingly.
  Due to limited space and safety concerns, infants and children under 12 will not be allowed.

- Gel Air Freshener
  Tue, Dec 17, 6-7 pm

**SAGE**
892-8555 ext. 205

- Mini-Craft Monday
  Buttons: Mon, Nov 18, 3-4:30 pm
  Origami: Mon, Dec 16, 3-4:30 pm
  Drop in to the 3rd floor office any time during the session to create.

- Make a Soothing Headache Eye Mask
  Wed, Nov 20, 6-7:30 pm

- Family Trivia: Harry Potter Edition
  Fri, Nov 29, 2-3:30 pm
  Bring a team of all ages to answer Harry Potter questions and win fabulous prizes!

- Cocoa and Crafts
  Wed, Dec 18, 6-7:30 pm

**WIRT**
893-9566 ext. 2200

- Tin Embossing with Spencer Scharf
  Wed, Nov 6, 6-7:30 pm

- Business Start-Up Seminar
  Wed, Nov 13, 1-3 pm
  Register at www.sbdcmichigan.org or call 686-9597

- Holiday Card Making
  Mon, Dec 9, 6 pm
  Join us for a fun-filled evening of making handmade cards by Stampin Up demonstrator Kelly Agee.

**BCLS Book Clubs**

- Calling all book clubs! To sign up for the BCLS Book Club call 662-2381 ext. 205.

- Computer Solutions @ Wirt
  Computer Lab, 2nd floor
  Thu, Nov 21 & Dec 19, 6-7:30 pm
  Casual Q & A with BCLS Technology Supervisor, Walt Peglow. Bring your own device or use lab computers.

- Wirt Library, 2nd Floor
  1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month
  Drop in 4-8 pm
  One-on-one writing tutoring

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- Presented by Barry Schmidt with the Neighborhood Resource Center, who has over 30 years of experience in drug prevention. Adults will learn about conversation starters, how to listen, warning signs, and age appropriate responses.

**SAGE PROGRAM (NEW)**

- Book on 3rd Floor
  Wed, Nov 11, 2-3:30 pm
  Crazy Rich Asians (book by Kevin Kwan)

- Book Watch: Watch What You Read! Book selections will be available on a first come, first served basis one month prior to the movie date.

- Writing Grants - The Basics
  Dec 3, 6-7:30 pm
  Do you need money for your project or non-profit organization? Learn more about how he basics of grant writing and possible funding sources.

- Computer Solutions @ Wirt
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- Douglas A. Davidson Memorial Library
  345 S. Military Hwy
  893-4000
  Tuesdays through Dec 10
  Drop in 4-8 pm
  One-on-one writing tutoring

**SAGE PROGRAM**

- Book on 3rd Floor
  Wed, Nov 11, 2-3:30 pm
  Maltese Falcon (book by Dashiell Hammett)

- Book Watch: Watch What You Read!
  Read the book, then enjoy popcorn while we watch the movie in the community room, followed by a ‘book vs movie’ discussion!
  Book selections will be available on a first come, first served basis one month prior to the movie date.

- The Poets’ Group: A Community for Writers to Share Their Work
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- Sage: Thu, Nov 14, 6-7 pm
  Opens Oct 17

- Special Events & Workshops:
  - Writing Memoir
    Nov 5, 6-7:30 pm
    Explore memoir and the art of telling stories from your own life. Various prompts will be given to help you begin to draft your own memoir or revise stories you’ve already created.
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- Knitting Solutions with Jan
  Expert knitters on site to assist. Crochet enthusiasts are welcome! Drop in.
  Wirt: Kantzler Community Room
  Tuesdays through Dec 10
  10:30 am-12:30 pm
**LEGO CLUB**

(Grades K-6)

Make your own unique Lego creations! We supply the Legos and you supply the imagination.

**AUBURN**  
Fri, Nov 1, 2-3 pm @ open

**PINCONNING**  
Fri, Nov 8, 3:30-4:30 pm @ open

**WIRT**  
Wed, Nov 27, 11 am-12 pm @ opens Oct 30

**SAGE**  
Mon, Dec 30, 2-3 pm @ opens Dec 2

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**REINDEER AT YOUR LIBRARY**

(Everyone)

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

**AUBURN**: Tue, Dec 3, 5-7 pm  
**PINCONNING**: Wed, Dec 4, 5-7 pm  
**WIRT**: Tue, Dec 10, 5-7 pm  
**SAGE**: Thu, Dec 12, 5-7 pm

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**CMU STEM: ENGINEER EXCITEMENT**

(Grades 3-6 + An Adult)

Participate in self-directed engineering challenges that may include marble roller coasters, spaghetti towers, paper airplanes and more. Presented by CMU’s Center for Excellence in STEM Education. Registration required. Online registration.

**WIRT**: Thu, Dec 12, 5-6:30 pm @ opens Nov 14

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**FALL STORYTIME**

Through November 14  
@ online, in person, or by phone.

Join in on the fun! We offer storytimes for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities and more!

See all storytimes on our events calendar at baycountylibrary.org.
### Science Club Jr. (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

**Let's Explore Light:** Fri, Nov 1, 10:30-11:15 am  
**Imagination Blocks:** Fri, Dec 6, 10:30-11:15 am  

**Be a Chef (Ages 6-12)**  
Sat, Nov 2, 1-2 pm  
Learn to make tasty treats and snacks, then sample your creations.  
**Please allow library staff to any food allergies.**

**DIY: String Art (Ages 8-14)**  
Tue, Nov 5, 4-5 pm  
Decorate your space with a string art masterpiece.

**Music for Littles (Ages 1-3 + Adult)**  
Fri, Nov 8, 10:30-11 am  
Fri, Dec 13, 10:30-11 am  
Explore sound, rhythm, melody, dance, and more in this music session.

**Make a Mural: Painted Forest (Everyone)**  
Tue, Nov 12, 6:30-7:30 pm  
Everyone will make a piece of a mural to decorate the children’s room!

**Mad Scientists: Elephant Toothpaste (Ages 8-12)**  
Wed, Nov 13, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Experiment with yeast and soap to make this fluffy foam.

**STEAM Explorers (Ages 6-10)**  
**Nazca Lines:** Tue, Nov 19, 6:30-7:30 pm  
**Ancient Rome:** Tue, Dec 10, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Explore the world one place at a time and learn how STEAM makes the world go!

**Balloons & Bubbles Party (Ages 2-5 + Adult)**  
Sat, Nov 23, 2-3 pm  
Music, balloons, bubbles, and lots of moving air! Come dance and learn with us.

**Gingerbread House Ornament (Ages 10-14)**  
Thu, Dec 5, 4-5 pm  
Transform a mini terracotta planter into a gingerbread house ornament.

**Make a Bead & Puffy Paint Ornament (Ages 6-12)**  
Wed, Dec 11, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Use beads & puffy paint to decorate a celebratory ornament.

**Baby Art Playground (Ages 0-2 + Adult)**  
Thu, Dec 12, 10:15-10:45 am  
Sensory play and art exploration for babies.

**Gingerbread House Decorating (Ages 12 & Under)**  
Sat, Dec 14, 1-2 pm & 3-4 pm  
Create an edible house using graham crackers & candy!

**Family Trivia: Superheroes (Family)**  
Tue, Dec 17, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
Bring a team of all ages to answer superhero questions and win fabulous prizes!

### Playdate (Ages 0-4)

Fri, Nov 8 & Dec 6, 10-11 am  
Play, discover and meet new friends.

**Decorate a Tote Bag (Ages 5-12)**  
Tue, Nov 12, 4-5 pm  
Wizard crafts for the whole magical family!

**Harry Potter Crafts (Ages 5-12)**  
Tue, Nov 19, 4-5 pm  
Build a cardboard car and watch a short movie!

**Drive-In Movie (Ages 2-5)**  
Fri, Nov 22, 10-11 am  
Build a cardboard car and watch a short movie!

**Winter Wonderland (Ages 2-5)**  
Fri, Dec 13, 10-10:30 am  
Listen to seasonal stories & songs and make a winter craft.

**Craft Catch-Up (Ages 4-12)**  
Tue, Dec 31, 10:30-11:30 am  
Your second chance to create!

### Young Scientists (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Fun, scientific exploration.  
**Dinosaurs:** Fri, Nov 1, 11 am-12 pm  
**Engineer It:** Fri, Dec 13, 11 am-12 pm  

**Paint a Caterpillar Plate (Ages 12 & under)**  
Wed, Nov 6, 4-30 pm & 6 pm  
Paint a ceramic “Erich Carle” caterpillar plate.

**Family Fun Lab: Blanket Forts (Ages 12 & Under + Adult)**  
Thu, Nov 7, 6-7:30 pm  
Create blanket forts around the library and read a story.

**Mad Scientists (Ages 6-12)**  
**Build:** Wed, Nov 13, 4:30-5:30 pm  
**Electric Art:** Thu, Dec 5, 4:30-6 pm  

**Baby Music Time (Ages 0-23 Mo. + Adult)**  
Fri, Nov 15, 10-10:30 am  
Fri, Dec 6, 10-10:30 am  

**Friday Fun (Ages 2-5 + Adult)**  
Read to a certified therapy dog.  
Wed, Nov 20, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Wed, Dec 11, 4:30-5:30 pm  

**Kids Helping Kids of Bay City (Ages 5-12)**  
Thu, Nov 21, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Make a stuffed animal for a child entering Foster Care.

**Family Trivia: Harry Potter Edition (Family/All Ages)**  
Fri, Nov 29, 2-3:30 pm  
Bring a team of all ages to answer Harry Potter questions and win fabulous prizes!

**Baby Play Date (Ages 0-23 Mo. + Adult)**  
Tue, Dec 10, 11 am-12 pm  
Little ones can play and meet new friends.

**Snow Day Surprise Story Time (Ages 2-5 + Adult)**  
Mon, Dec 16 or Tue, Dec 17, 10:30-11:30 am  

**Make a Gift (All Ages/Family)**  
Thu, Dec 19, 4:30-5 pm, 5-5:30 pm, 5:30-6 pm  
Decorate a 3-D snowflake ornament.

**Movie & Snack: Toy Story 4 (G) (All Ages/Family)**  
Fri, Dec 27, 10:30 am-12 pm  

**New Year’s Eve Craft (Ages 12 & Under)**  
Tue, Dec 31, 2-4 pm  

**Toddler Time (Ages 4 & Under + Adult)**  
**ABCs:** Thu, Nov 7, 10-10:30 am  
**Winter:** Thu, Dec 5, 10-10:30 am  

**Moon Sand (Ages 5-12)**  
Wed, Nov 13, 3:30-4:30 pm  

**Gingerbread House Decorating Challenge (Family)**  
Sat, Nov 10, 11 am-12 pm  
Come alone or as a team. Compete against other teams for prizes.

**Kennel Comforts (Ages 5-12)**  
Wed, Nov 20, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Let’s give back by making a bed for shelter animals!

**Minecraft Club (Ages 8-14)**  
Thu, Nov 14, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Thu, Dec 12, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Meet other players, share tips, show new people how to play. Bring your own device or register to use a library computer.

**Tweens Time: Stamp It (Ages 8-14)**  
Sat, Nov 30, 2-3:30 pm  
Sign up to make personalized jewelry with your “word” on it!

**Family Christmas Ornaments (All Ages)**  
Wed, Dec 11, 6-7:30 pm  

**Secret Christmas Gifts (Ages 5-12)**  
Wed, Dec 18, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Sign up to make a “secret” gift for a loved one.
**TEENS (Grades 6-12)**

**Event in green** = Registration required  
® = Online registration available  
*= Adult/Teen program

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® opens 1 month before each event

- *Wed, Nov 6 & 20* Needle Crafters Club  
  Dec 4 & 18  All hand-sewing crafters welcome.  

- Wed, Nov 6 & 20  Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-16)  
  Dec 4 & 18

- *Thu, Nov 14* DIY Decorative Acoros Craft  
  6-7:30 pm ®

- Thu, Dec 5  Gingerbread House Ornament  
  (Ages 10-14)  
  4-5 pm ®

- *Sat, Dec 7* Team Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge  
  2-3:30 pm ®

- *Thu, Dec 12* Holiday Snowman Vase Craft  
  6-7:30 pm ®

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**PINCONNING**

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® opens 1 month before each event

- Tue, Nov 5  Decorate a Tea Light Holder  
  6-7 pm ®

- *Sat, Nov 16* Gingerbread House Decorating  
  Challenge (All Ages). Come alone or as a team. Prizes for best in category.  
  10:30 am-12 pm ®

- *Fri, Nov 22* After-Hours Pinterest for the Holidays  
  5:30-8:30 pm ®  
  May get messy. Dress accordingly.

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  2-3:30 pm ®

- *Sat, Dec 7* Holiday Wall Art  
  2-3:30 pm ®

- *Tue, Dec 17* Gel Air Freshener  
  6-7 pm ®

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**SAGE**

Call 892-8555 ext. 205 or visit the Fiction Desk.  
® opens 1 month before each event

- Wed, Nov 13  Rhinestone Water Bottle Craft  
  6-7:30 pm ®

- Thu, Nov 14  Dungeons & Dragons Club  
  Dec 5  3:30-5:30 pm ®

- *Mon, Nov 18* Mini-Craft Monday: Buttons  
  3-4:30 pm

- *Fri, Nov 29* Family Trivia: Harry Potter Edition  
  (All Ages) Bring a team of all ages to answer Harry Potter questions and win fabulous prizes!  
  2-3:30 pm ®

- Wed, Dec 11  Cookie Decorating  
  6-7:30 pm ®

- *Mon, Dec 16* Mini-Craft Monday: Origami  
  3-4:30 pm

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**WIRT**

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® opens 1 month before each event

- Thu, Nov 14  Paint Pouring  
  4 pm ®

- Thu, Dec 5  Button Tree Ornament  
  4 pm ®

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**PARTNERSHIPS & COMMUNITY...**

**Holiday Light Recycling Drive: November 29-January 9**

Don't throw out your old holiday lights! Recycle them in the collection carts located inside Wirt and Sage libraries.

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**Storytime at Iron Grind**

(Ages 0-5 + Adult)

- Sat, Nov 2, 10:30-11 am  
- Sat, Nov 23, 10:30-11 am  
- Sat, Dec 14, 10:30-11 am

Join us for this off site storytime at Iron Grind Coffee House in Auburn!

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**Coats for Kids**

Drop off your donation at any branch through November.
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