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WE WILL FIND
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AND CALL YOU
TO ARRANGE
PICKUP



CALL WHEN
YOU ARRIVE &
WE WILL
BRING THE
ITEMS TO YOU

Your library system is here for you! Providing vital library services during a pandemic has allowed us to create new opportunities for service. During the time the library had to close, we were still open virtually and offered enhanced electronic materials, more access to streaming titles for movies and music, online library card sign up, and virtual storytimes and crafts.

When we were able to re-open in June, the influx of patrons into the buildings with their cheers of "Thank you! We've missed you!" really drove home the love people have for their libraries. Our buildings are open for you to come in (at least when this was written!) and pick up your favorite reading material, or to call us and pick up your items curbside. From home, you can continue to access downloadable or streaming materials such as movies, music, e-books, and audiobooks, and we're still increasing our selection of electronic materials.

Programming, for the time being, is still virtual with storytimes, crafts, virtual field trips, and local experts sharing their knowledge – something for everyone. We've also added a "chat" feature on our website (see right) to offer yet another way to get your questions answered.

Whether at home, on the Bookmobile, or in the physical building, your library continues to provide essential services throughout the county.

Hello 🙋

How can we help you
today? 😊



- Librarians are online. We typically reply within a few minutes.

Enter your message...



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Click the icon in the bottom right corner of our website to chat with staff.



"Read Woke is a movement. It is a feeling. It is a style. It is a form of education. It is a call to action; it is our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge in order to better protect your rights. Knowledge is power and no one can take it away. It means learning about others so that you can treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve no matter their religion, race, creed, or color."

~ Cicely Lewis, creator of Read Woke

Discover diverse books, log activities, and READ WOKE (Children, Teens, and Adults)

Literature is one way to explore difficult issues, such as racism and inequality. In response to many patron requests for books that deal with these important topics, we launched our Read Woke Reading Challenge online!

There are 10 categories in the challenge, and we've compiled lists of recommended reading from various sources to help you find a book for readers of all ages. Simply check off that you've read a book from each category and you'll have completed the challenge! There are no deadlines or prizes.

To join, visit baycountylibrary.beanstack.org or log into your Beanstack Tracker app and look for "Read Woke Reading Challenge".



THE EVENING SESSIONS

BCLS Monthly speaker series

These programs will be held virtually via Zoom and live streamed on our Facebook page. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link and is limited to 100 devices.

Ric Mixer: The Most Famous Shipwrecks of All Time®

Wed, Sep 2, 7:00 pm



Shipwreck stories are as old as writing itself, from the Babylonian quest of Gilgamesh to the earlier cuneiform mention of the Flood. Ric Mixer separates fact from fiction and shows the oldest artifacts ever

discovered as well as Great Lakes stories that have become legend. From Black Beard to the Titanic, Christmas Tree Ship to Edmund Fitzgerald, you're sure to learn something in this brand new on-line discussion.

Canning Basics and the Rules of Salsa with MSU Extension®

Wed, Sep 16, 7:00 pm



Learn about the different canners that are available to use, including the atmospheric steam canner, and what foods they should be used with. Do you have to use all of the canning gadgets in order to preserve safely?

Join us to find out. MSU Extension Food Safety Educator, Lisa Treiber will also weigh in on Salsa 101. She'll talk about the importance of preserving salsa, safely. Bring your questions for this session. Research-tested materials will be emailed to participants after the presentation.

ABOUT YOUR CHECKOUTS AND ACCOUNT

Items returned after being checked out are quarantined for at least 96 hours per the CDC's recommendation.

There will be no fines charged during this time and it may take a few days to show on your account that your items have been returned. Please help us preserve materials by not applying any cleaning products to them or any other method of disinfecting.

Thank you for your understanding and patience!

READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Children + Teens + Adults

Let our staff find your next great read!

Fill out the web form at

BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG

It's easy to join our email list!

Just send your email address by text message:

Text
BCLS
 to **22828** to get started.



Message and data rates may apply.

NEW CHILDREN'S CHALLENGES



Summer Reading Program is over, but BCLS has created new reading challenges you can participate in all year long!

Download the **FREE Beanstack Tracker** app from your app store or participate on the web at baycountylibrary.beanstack.org



The Children's Department staff at BCLS loves to hear from parents that their kids want to be librarians when they grow up!

We wanted to offer an opportunity for families to learn more about the skills our staff uses every day. Check it out on Beanstack!



Families can use our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge on our Beanstack web page or download the free Beanstack Tracker app, in addition to using our printable logs or their own paper.

If you've already started using the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten free app, you may continue doing so, or branch staff can help you transition your progress into Beanstack.

Rock Painting for the Sage Word Art Garden (Everyone)

Beginning September 8 at Sage Library, pick up a take and make garden rock kit to paint at home. Return rocks to Sage Library, so they can be sealed and placed in the garden for all to create poetry and enjoy.



Each kit includes a specific word and all the supplies and instructions needed to paint the rocks. Paint the word on one side and a picture of the word on the other side. *Many thanks to Studio 23/The Arts Center for providing the supplies.*

*Sage Word Art Garden is sponsored by
Bay Area Community Foundation
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Bay City Morning Rotary Club
Friends of the Bay County Library System
Rotary Club of Bay City
Women's Philanthropy Circle
In kind donations - Bay Landscaping; Kawkawlin Stone*



Virtual Challenge ® (Ages 5-12)

Fri, Sep 18 & Set 25, 1:30-2:30 pm

Visit the Bay County Library System Children's Facebook page for a weekly challenge, then build at home with your own LEGOs and join us on Zoom to share your creation!

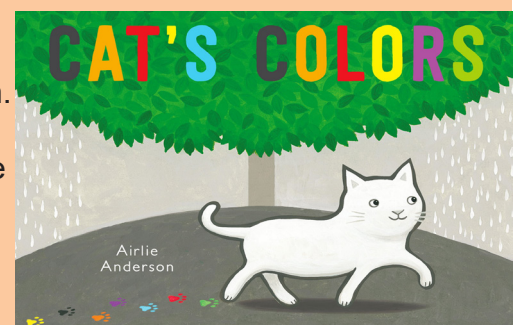
Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

StoryWalk (Everyone)

August 31-September 13

Located in Pershing Park (next to Sage Library)

Move as you read along with the story *Cat's Colors* by Airlie Anderson. After reading the story, stop into the Sage Library and staff will register all children in a drawing for a free picture book!





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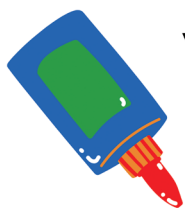
VIRTUAL STORYTIME



"BCLS CHILDREN" YOUTUBE CHANNEL
MONDAYS @ 9:00 AM THROUGH NOVEMBER



SEE THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MORE
INFO AT WWW.BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG



VIRTUAL CRAFTS FOR KIDS



Craft Stick Catapults®

Wed, Sep 9, 4:00-4:30 pm
Learn to make your own launcher and then
we'll test them with some fun games!

Learn to Weave®

Wed, Sep 30, 4:00-4:30 pm
With your very own cardboard loom, we'll
learn the basics of weaving with yarn!

Call or register via our website Calendar of Events to receive the Zoom link.

TEENS (Grades 6-12)

ALL PROGRAMMING IS CURRENTLY HELD VIRTUALLY
® Registration opens 1 month before at 9 am



VIRTUAL TEEN CRAFTS

Grades 6-12

Mermaid Wall Art® Thu, Sep 17, 4:00 pm
Notebook Craft® Tue, Sep 29, 4:00 pm

Please register via the BCLS online Calendar of Events.
Supplies must be picked up before the program.

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens: Online® (Ages 13-18)

Wed, Sep 9, 3:30-5:30 pm

Use your wit, skill, and some lucky
rolls of the dice to create characters,
fight bad guys, and maybe even save
the world.

No experience necessary!
Limited slots available.
Please register via the BCLS online
Calendar of Events.



Promotion Commotion

Show your library card to get deals at these Bay County businesses!

Offers valid SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2020

Need a library card? Stop in at your branch with your ID.



3rd & Johnson Market
1023 N. Johnson St., Bay City

Artigiano
815 Saginaw St., Bay City

Ace Hardware
990 W. Midland Rd., Auburn

Auburn Food Center
985 W. Midland Rd., Auburn

Bonnie's Sewing Center
3557 Wilder Rd., Bay City

Buy the Book
2894 S. Huron Rd., Kawkawlin

Cashman's Comics
1018 S. Madison Ave., Bay City

CJ's Sports Grill
201 N. Mable St., Pinconning

Clarey's Custom Framing & Art
100 W. Midland Rd., Auburn

Day Escape Salon & Spa
1311 S. Farragut St., Bay City

Education Express
406 E. Midland St., Bay City

Electric Kitsch
917 Washington Ave., Bay City

Flowers from the Heart
513 W. Midland, Auburn

Governor's Quarters
1304 S. Wenona, Bay City

Iron Grind Coffee House
116 N. Auburn Rd., Auburn

Jack's Bicycle Shop
207 3rd St., Bay City

Linwood Upholstery
360 N. Huron Rd., Linwood

Midland Street Books
809 E. Midland St., Bay City

Millar's Tireman
701 N. Euclid Ave., Bay City

My Secret Garden
600 Saginaw St., Bay City

Old City Hall
814 Saginaw St., Bay City

Painterly Pottery
923 N. Water St., Bay City

Pet Pals
211 E. Midland Rd., Auburn

Populace Coffee
810 Saginaw St., Bay City

River Rock Cafe
614 E. Midland St., Bay City

Stock Pot
1007 Washington, Bay City

Tavern 101 Restaurant
101 Center Ave., Bay City

The Taste of Bay City
1309 S. Farragut St., Bay City

Town & Country Supermarket
704 S. Mable St., Pinconning

Tri-City Equipment Rental
5024 S. Garfield Rd., Auburn

Tri-City Furniture
135 W. Midland Rd., Auburn

Unique Bridal Salon
971 W. Midland Rd., Auburn

Village Glass Works
118 W. Midland Rd., Auburn

VNO Wine Warehouse
512 E. Midland St., Bay City

Wilson's Cheese Shoppe
130 N Mable St., Pinconning

Wishing Well Flowers & Tuxedos
313 Kaiser St., Pinconning

What are the deals? Visit www.baycountylibrary.org to find out!

Please note there will be no rain checks on deals in the event of COVID-19 closure/ quarantine.

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) 893-9566 ext. 2108
Visit us on the web for a current schedule.

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BCLS WILL BE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
September 5-7, 2020

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