

NEWS & EVENTS



NOVEMBER 2020 SPECIAL EDITION

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LIBRARY MILLAGE RENEWAL IS ON THE NOVEMBER 3 BALLOT

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BCLS READING CHALLENGES ON BEANSTACK

Staff has created some fantastic and rewarding online reading programs for all ages on our Beanstack site. Take a look at the challenges below and **then get started at baycountylibrary.beanstack.org or the free Beanstack Tracker app, which is available on both the App Store and Google Play.**

Read Woke Challenge (All Ages)—Ongoing

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 have compiled lists of recommended reading from various sources to help you discover diverse books for readers of all ages. Simply check off that you have read a book from each category and you will have completed the challenge! There are no deadlines or prizes.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten (Ages 0-going into kindergarten)—Ongoing

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.

If your child has already started the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge on paper or using a different app, our staff can transition your progress into Beanstack so you can keep going from your current spot. Just contact your branch or email us at bclsbeanstack@baycountylibrary.org.



Future Librarian Training (Grades Preschool-5)—Ongoing

Children earn digital badges as they discover how to search our catalog, research family history, and other fun activities based on the principles of librarianship!



**BCLS will be CLOSED for Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 25 at 5:00 pm through Thursday, November 26.**

ADULTS

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



Adult Virtual Craft - Burlap and Wire Pumpkin Wall Hanging ®

Tue, Nov 10, 6:00 pm

This program will be held virtually via Zoom and live streamed on our Facebook page. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link by phone or via our online calendar of events.

Most supplies will be provided, but you will need your own scissors (sharp enough to cut burlap), a hot glue gun and 2 hot glue sticks. Zoom info will be emailed to registrants in advance of the program.

Please indicate which branch you prefer to pick up your supplies from when you register. They will be ready up 2 weeks before the program and may be picked up either inside the library or via our curbside pickup service.

BOOK CLUB



Sage Virtual Book Club ®

Mon, Nov 9, 2:00-3:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to join! We will discuss a title chosen at the October meeting.

Registration required to receive the Zoom link.
Call 989-892-8555, ext 202.

TEENS (Grades 6-12)

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VIRTUAL TEEN CRAFTS

Grades 6-12

Sharpie Mugs ®
Transfer Art ®

Thu, Nov 12, 4:00 pm
Tue, Nov 24, 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, Nov 11, 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.
Call or register via the BCLS online Calendar of Events.





THE EVENING SESSIONS



Monthly speaker series

Each session is held on ZOOM and streamed live to Facebook.

Inside the FBI: 25 Years to Life **Presented by Kevin Kendrick**

Wednesday, November 4, 7:00-8:00 pm

Kevin Kendrick joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1981 and spent the next 25 years working in virtually every area of investigative responsibility including two tours of duty at FBI Headquarters. Having held many complex management roles, Kevin will explain FBI history, operations, and share personal experiences like testifying before Congress in the Whitewater investigation, what it was like working for Director Robert Mueller, becoming the first Black SAC for Charlotte, and more!



The Importance of Archiving **Presented by Jordan of Electric Kitsch**

Wednesday, November 18, 7:00-8:00 pm

Many people look at their records, and see a "collection" or dollar signs. Jordan sees his as an archive: an active, tangible, learning library. Considering historical events that threaten this preservation, Jordan will speak about the idea of a "self-archive", and the ability to learn for free, preserve what you know, what you can see, and what you hear and feel.



Registration begins 1 month before program date at 9 am.

Call any branch or register online at www.baycountylibrary.org.

Learning at Home with BCLS: Resources for Families

Whether you are homeschooling or learning remotely, Bay County Library System has plenty of resources to support your student and family! You can read more on our blog posted on the home page of www.baycountylibrary.org. There, you will find links to many resources such as these:



STEAM and STEM Kits

Awesome, entertaining (and educational!) kits are available for Bay County patrons to check out and enjoy. Kits come with hands on activities, books, science equipment, and more to make STEAM come alive at home! These materials are carefully chosen to align with the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math concepts taught in schools.



LAUNCHPADS

Launchpads are circulating tablets that come pre-loaded with educational apps for children. No wi-fi needed! Perfect for car trips or rainy days, we have Launchpads available for children from preschool age through the end of elementary school.

Shape Scavenger Hunt ® (Ages 3-6 + a caregiver)

Wed, Nov 4, 10:30-11:00 am

Children and their caregivers are invited to join Miss Dena and Miss Denise to sing some songs and search for shapes around your house! Caregivers may pick up a bag of colorful paper shapes to hide before the program. Supplies may be picked up from any BCLS branch. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

Grab Your Gratitude Zoom Scavenger Hunt ® (Ages 5-12)

Thu, Nov 12, 4:00-4:30 pm

Find items in your kitchen to express your gratitude when Miss Dani requests them. Our librarians will keep score and you will earn prizes to be picked up at your branch after the program. We will also learn how to make an easy Thanksgiving treat to share. Please provide adult supervision in case children require assistance with technology. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

Animal Scavenger Hunt ® (Ages 3-6 + a caregiver)

Wed, Nov 18, 10:30-11:00 am

Children and their caregivers are invited to join Miss Dena and Miss Denise to sing some songs and search for animals around your house! Caregivers may pick up a bag of colorful paper animals to hide before the program. Supplies may be picked up from any BCLS branch. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

VIRTUAL STORYTIME

Pre-Recorded



"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



(Grades K-5 + Adult)



Upcycled String Lights ®

Wed, Nov 4, 4:00-4:30 pm

Harvest Mobile Craft ®

Wed, Nov 11, 4:00-4:30 pm

All supplies are available at your branch 2 weeks before the program. We request an adult supervise all children participating in these crafts in case they require assistance.

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

Junk Box Challenge® (Ages 5-12)

Mon, Nov 30, 4:00-4:45 pm

Have fun creating a masterpiece from our awesome junk box stuff! Build on your own, then share your creation with everyone on Zoom. A box of materials will be provided and may be picked up at any BCLS branch. We request an adult supervise participants in case they require assistance with the technology. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

Tail Waggin' Tutors ® (Ages 4-12)

Thu, Nov 19, 4:00-5:00 pm

Read to a certified therapy dog in a one on one 10-minute Zoom session. After you register for the program, you will be called to schedule the time of your session.



(Ages 5-12) ®

Mon, Nov 23, 4:00-5:00 pm

Did you miss the program in October? This is a second chance to enjoy hands-on space science fun! Build a model to test for ultraviolet radiation and learn about the enormous size of the solar system with everyday objects. This program is presented in partnership with NASA @ My Library, STARnet, and the Library of Michigan. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

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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