

Beginning April 1, 2021, BCLS is officially FINE FREE!

What does Fine Free mean?

You will no longer be charged for overdue items! We will also waive fines currently on your account the next time you come in to use the library. This means daily overdues, not lost or damaged items.

What about lost or damaged items?

We will still charge for those, and any lost or damaged fees you currently have on your account will stay.

Why are you going fine free now?

What's important is that people use their libraries. We want to make sure that our community has access to the materials and services we provide. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not charged any overdue fines so patrons had one less thing to worry about, so we are already positioned to join the many other libraries across the state who are fine free. Fines account for less than one half of one percent of our revenues.

Does this encourage people to not return items?

No. Research shows people are more likely to return items when the threat of fines is gone. Other fine free libraries have not seen an increase in late returns, but they have welcomed back many patrons who have not used the library in a long time due to overdue fines. It is extremely important to eliminate financial barriers to children and families, who may have stopped using the library when children racked up fines.

If you have any questions, please contact your library.

BORROW MORE. WORRY LESS.

WE'VE GONE FINE FREE!



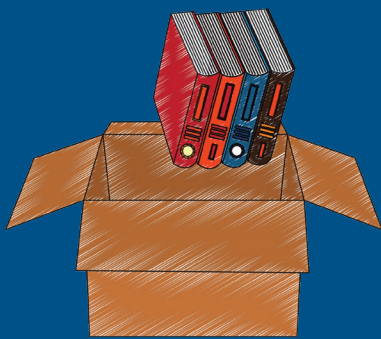
**FINES ARE <0.5% OF OUR REVENUE,
BUT YOU ARE PRICELESS TO US!**



**NATIONAL
LIBRARY
WEEK**
APRIL 4-10, 2021

ALA   

Enter to win a special Welcome to Your Library prize, including Loons tickets and a \$25 gift card, each time you visit your library branch! Curbside service visitors and all ages are welcome to enter. One winner per branch will be drawn on April 12.




NEW! Book Box for Adults® April's Theme: *Suspense*

Try our new subscription for adults!

Each box contains one library book related to the box's theme, a book to keep, and a few treats or a craft to go along with the theme. Check out the box, enjoy the books and treats, then return the library book and box.


Choose your pickup location when you register. Boxes will be available the week of April 26. Any boxes not picked up by May 1 will go to the next patron on the wait list. Pick up inside the library or curbside (please call the branch to schedule curbside).

To register, call or visit the Calendar of Events on our website.




FINANCIAL LITERACY challenge

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APRIL 2021 TEENS & ADULTS

Complete the Financial Literacy Challenge on Beanstack anytime during the month of April and be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card, courtesy of Jolt Credit Union!



Beanstack

baycountylibrary.beanstack.org



The Seed Library at Wirt is OPEN

You can check out up to 10 packets. To pick up seeds at another branch, simply call your branch and request the seeds you would like. They will contact you when the seeds are ready.

RBdigital magazine collection has moved to OverDrive / Libby app!



New Magazines now available!



Libby.
The one-tap reading app from our library.



Attention magazine readers! Our OverDrive digital collection now includes over 3,000 magazine titles including popular reads like *The New Yorker*, *Reader's Digest*, and *Cook's Illustrated*. These are always available and they won't count against the limit of 5 eBook checkouts in your account. You can access this collection in the Libby and OverDrive mobile apps and on the BCLS OverDrive website: baycountylibrary.overdrive.com.

More information on getting started can be found here: www.overdrive.com/ZINIO-transition

ADULTS

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® Registration opens 1 month before at 9 am



THE EVENING SESSIONS

BCLS Monthly speaker series



LIVE

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

Copper Miners: Trials and Tribulations in 1913 in Michigan's Copper Country



Presented by Author Donna Simons

Wednesday, April 7
7:00-8:00 pm

Donna Simons, author of "Copper Empire" discusses the 1913 copper mining labor strike in the Upper Peninsula and how it led to a tragedy on Christmas Eve that forever changed Copper Country.

The House of David Cult



Presented by Chris Siriano

Wednesday, April 21
7:00-8:00 pm

Founder & Director of the House of David Museum, Chris Siriano, discusses his books and documentary film about Michigan's apocalyptic House of David cult, which became famous more for baseball than religious radicalism.



Ask an Attorney ®

Thu, Apr 22, 6:00 pm

Have legal questions? Join a panel of attorneys and get answers!
Registration is required and limited. The Zoom link will be emailed before the program.



Zoom Book Discussion ®

The Engineer's Wife by Tracey Enerson Wood
Mon, Apr 12, 2:00-3:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to join! Registration is required at 892-8555, ext. 202 to receive the Zoom link.



Read What You Want Book Club ®

Wed, Apr 28, 7:00-8:00 pm

Part book club, part social hour. Bring any book you've read the past month to share with the group. Registration required to receive the Zoom link.

TEENS (Grades 6-12)

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Teen LitLoot Box ®
(Grades 9-12)
Boxes go out April 5-10

NEW! Middle Pages Loot Box ®
(Grades 6-8)
Boxes go out April 19-24



April Theme: Novels in Verse

We now offer a subscription service for grades 9-12 and one for grades 6-8! Each box contains one 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. Books can be renewed, if you need more time.

To sign up, go to the Calendar of Events on the BCLS website beginning 4 weeks before boxes go out. You will receive an email when your box is ready for pickup. Any boxes not picked up within 6 days will go to the next person on the waiting list.



VIRTUAL TEEN CRAFTS ®

Grades 6-12

Worry Pet: Thu, Apr 8, 4:00 pm

Paper Succulents: Tue, Apr 20, 4:00 pm



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

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

Wed, Apr 14, 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! Call or register via the BCLS online Calendar of Events.



CHILDREN & FAMILY

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April Grab & Go Crafts

Available while supplies last.

ADULTS

PIZZA PAN SIGN

Available beginning Monday, April 12.

TEENS (Grades 6-12)

A different craft every other week!

CHILDREN (Ages 3-12*)

A different craft available each week!

*Children should be at least age 3 due to small pieces.

Stop by or call your branch to schedule pickup. One craft per patron.



Early Bird Reader Bag



NEW! Early Bird Reader Bags ® (Grades K-2) April Theme: Dinosaurs

Enjoy a fun surprise for beginning readers! Early Bird Reader Bags contain a book to keep, a parent letter with activity suggestions, and a craft. Every month will have a different kid-friendly theme.

To register, go to the Calendar of Events on the BCLS website beginning one month before they go out. Bags will be available to pick up the week of April 1. Any bags not picked up by April 10 will go to the next person on the waiting list.



Spring Storytimes

March 8 - April 22, 2021

Join our children's librarians **LIVE on ZOOM**
ZOOM link is sent to all registrants.

Baby

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00 am

(Ages birth-23 months + participating caregiver)

Stories, songs, and rhymes, followed by a chance for play!

2-5 Year-Old

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 am

(Ages 2-5 + participating caregiver)

Develop a love of reading through stories, rhymes, music, movement and more!

Family

Thursdays, 6:30-7:00 pm

(Ages 6 and under + participating caregiver)

Stories, music, movement and rhymes that develop early literacy skills and encourage everyone in the family to share their love of reading.



TO REGISTER:

Call any branch or visit the Calendar of Events at www.baycountylibrary.org



\$mart Money MI Kids

Join us live on ZOOM to hear a story, learn about money, and decorate a piggy bank*!

Friday, April 2
10:30-11:00 am

Call or register via the Calendar of Events at
WWW.BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG



*All supplies will be available to pick up at your branch library 2 weeks before the program. Please allow 2 business days for supplies to reach your branch after registration.

APRIL 2021

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

4 SINGING

Sing a song in a high voice; sing it in a low voice. Sing it slow; sing it fast.

5 COUNTING

Find two items that are similar but different sizes. Talk about big and little.

6 READING

Visit the library (in-person or online) and check out books about Spring.

7 WRITING

Help your child experiment with writing using pencils, crayons, markers, and chalk on different types of paper and cardboard.

1 WRITING

Write your child a small note. Leave it where they will find it. Read it to them with excitement and expression.

2 PLAYING

Play a questioning game. Ask your child, "Where are your toes?"; "Where is your nose?"; "Where are your ears?"

3 TALKING

Talk about Spring and how it is one of the four seasons. What will happen in Spring? What comes after Spring?

9 TALKING

Say a favorite nursery rhyme, change an important word to something silly. Hickory-Dirckory Dock, the mouse ran up the tree...

10 SINGING

Has it been raining a lot? Sing, "Rain, Rain, Go Away." (Words are on the back. 🎵)

Print the calendar and activities on the BCLS Children's Department page at www.baycountylibrary.org

I spy with my little eye something that begins with S. Yes! A shoe!

paper. Have your child color over the letter and watch the letter beneath appear.

of your child's first name.

Say "enormous" instead of "big." "Wonderful" instead of "great."

time.

Count five big steps.



VIRTUAL CRAFTS FOR KIDS



(Grades K-5 + Adult)



Sun Catcher Craft ®

Wed, Apr 7, 4:15-4:45 pm

Earth Day Flower Pots ®

Wed, Apr 21, 4:15-4:45 pm

Join our Children's Department live on Zoom! All supplies provided and ready for pickup 2 weeks before the program. We request an adult supervise all children participating to assist with the craft and/or technology.



Marvel Family Trivia ® (Family)

Mon, Apr 5, 6:30-7:15 pm

Join us for a superhero-themed family trivia night! Answer questions and compete for a prize.

Young Scientists: Dino Dig ® (Ages 3-6 + Adult)

Thu, Apr 8, 4:30-5:00 pm

Excavate your own dinosaur with hands on scientific exploration, guided by a librarian.

You Choose Book Club ® (Ages 6-12)

Tue, Apr 13 & 27, 4:30-5:00 pm

We'll blend fun activities with voting to choose the story together, and hopefully survive the adventure.

Pups & Pages ® (Ages 4-12)

Thu, Apr 15, 5:30-6:30 pm

Children read to a therapy dog or dog in training one-on-one. You will be called to schedule your session time.

Sports Family Trivia ® (Family)

Mon, Apr 19, 6:30-7:15 pm

Calling all sports fans! Answer questions and compete for a prize.

Virtual Tour of a Recycling Truck ® (Family/Children)

Thu, Apr 22, 6-6:30 pm

Tour a Bay City Recycling truck virtually and ask questions.

Meet the Musical Instruments ® (Ages 5-12)

Mon, Apr 26, 6:30-7:30 pm

Learn all about musical instruments, then make your own out of recycled materials in this interactive presentation! Supplies will be available at any of our branches two weeks before the program.



All above programs are held on ZOOM. You must register to receive the attendance link. An adult should supervise all participating children in case they need help with technology.

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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