

# NEWS & EVENTS



OCTOBER 2021

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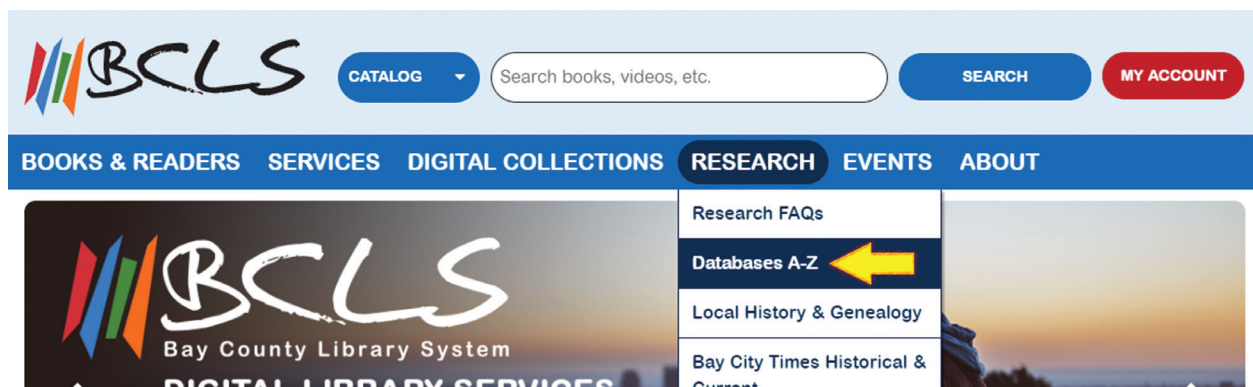
- Drop off donations
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- Pick up holds
- Use WiFi & Chromebooks

Get the complete Bookmobile schedule at [baycountylibrary.org](http://baycountylibrary.org)



## HOMEWORK HELP AT YOUR LIBRARY

As the new school year kicks into high gear, papers, projects, math assignments, standardized tests, and other homework can start to feel overwhelming. In addition to your teachers, BCLS is here to support your success this year! We have MANY databases to assist all grade level students who have a BCLS library card.



Just go to “Databases A-Z” under the RESEARCH tab at [baycountylibrary.org](http://baycountylibrary.org) to access articles, practice tests, biographies, Michigan research, learn a new language, and much more! FREE virtual tutoring plus a 24-hour writing lab is available through [brainfuse HelpNow!](#)





# ADULTS

® Registration opens 1 month before at 9 am.

## BOOK BOX FOR ADULTS

Theme: *Made in Michigan*



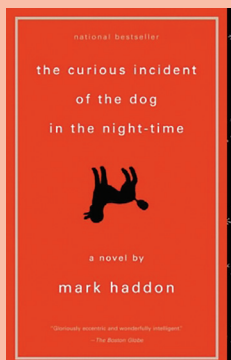
Pick up October 25-30

Each box contains one library book, 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. Please indicate from which branch you prefer to pick up your box when you register. Any boxes not picked up by October 30 will go to the next person on the wait list.



### Knitting Solutions Tuesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm Wirt Community Room

Drop in to knit and crochet with others! Expert knitters are on site to help those who need assistance. Bring your own project and supplies.



### Zoom Book Discussion ® (Adults)

Mon, Oct 11, 2:00-3:00 pm  
Join us as we discuss *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon.



### Stephen Mack Jones



Wednesday  
October 6  
7:00 pm



VIRTUAL ONLY ON: LIVE zoom

Stephen Mack Jones is an award-winning playwright and recipient of the prestigious Kresge Arts in Detroit Literary Fellowship. Author of the Hammett Prize, Nero Award-winning thrillers *AUGUST SNOW*, *LIVES LAID AWAY*, and *DEAD OF WINTER*. Short-listed for the CWA Steel Dagger Award, finalist for the Seamus Award, and Michigan Notable Book Award winner. Jones was born in Lansing and currently lives in Farmington Hills. A TV adaptation of the *August Snow* series is currently in the works with ABC, produced and headlined by another Michigan native, Keegan-Michael Key!

### Orphan Train Era

Presented by Al & Dave Eicher



Wednesday  
October 20  
7:00 pm

VIRTUAL ONLY ON: zoom

In 2000, research historians and television producers Al and Dave Eicher discovered records of Orphan Train Riders in Michigan. By 2001, with the help of the New York Children's Aid Society and the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, they reported 12,500 children placed in Michigan 1854-1927. Why was there an orphan train? Why did the parents of more than 240,000 children give them up? Find out in this engaging new program.

*This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Bay Arts Council.*

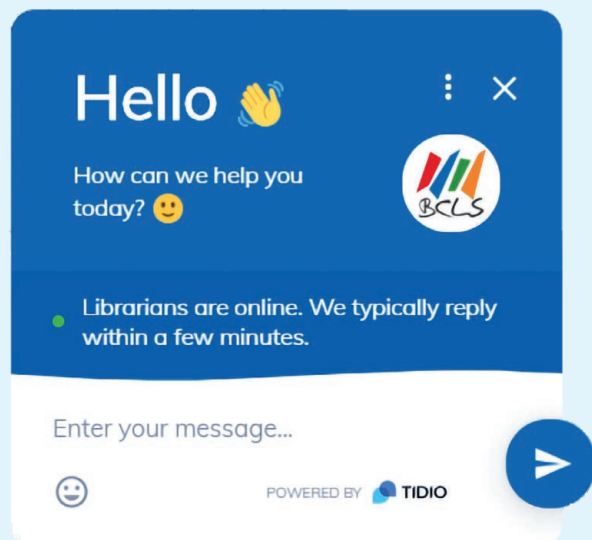
Register beginning 9 am 1 month prior to program.  
Call or visit the Events Calendar at [www.baycountylibrary.org](http://www.baycountylibrary.org)



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NO HOLDS.

## Have Questions?

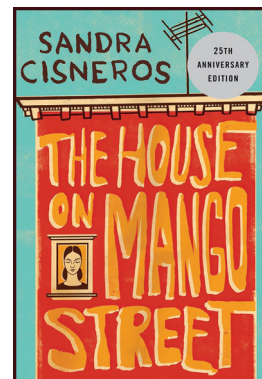
Use the chat box in the bottom corner of our website. Our librarians are ready to help you!



# NEA BIG READ

## GREAT LAKES BAY REGION

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SCULPTURE MUSEUM



### Book Discussion ® (Teen & Adult) “The House on Mango Street”

Zoom: Wed, October 27, 7:00-8:00 pm

Join BCLS to discuss this poignant book told through a collection of poems and stories. A free copy of “The House on Mango Street” is available at all branches while supplies last.

The Big Read GLBR is a collaboration between multiple arts organizations and libraries in Bay, Midland, and Saginaw counties using a single book to promote understanding and a sense of community.

Visit [www.MarshallFredericks.org/BigRead](http://www.MarshallFredericks.org/BigRead) to learn more and see upcoming events from other participating organizations across the region. The Big Read GLBR runs through June 2022.

## TEENS (Grades 6-12)

® Registration opens 1 month before at 9 am.

**TEEN LITLOOT BOX®**  
(Grades 9-12)  
Pick up October 4-9

**MIDDLE PAGES LOOT BOX®**  
(Grades 6-8)  
Pick up October 18-23

### OCTOBER THEME: HORROR

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.

Registration begins 4 weeks before boxes go out. You will receive an email when your box is ready for pickup. Any boxes not picked up by the end dates listed above will go to the next person on the waiting list.

## VIRTUAL TEEN CRAFTS

**Spider Web Candle Holder®**  
Zoom: Tue, Oct 12, 4:00 pm

**Mummy Craft®**  
Zoom: Thu, Oct 21, 4:00 pm

Craft supplies will be ready for pickup at the location of your choice 2 weeks in advance. Allow 2 business days for delivery to your branch within 2 weeks of the program.

## Dungeons & Dragons Club®

Zoom: Wed, October 13, 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

® Registration opens 1 month before at 9 am.



## Beanstack Monthly Reading Challenge (All Ages) October 1-30

It's spooky season! Summon your favorite books and experience Halloween festivities for the whole family by reading and completing optional activities.

Upcoming challenges...

November- "Read Grateful"

December - "Holidays Around the World"

**Download the Beanstack Tracker app or use our site [baycountylibrary.beanstack.org](http://baycountylibrary.beanstack.org)**



## Fall Storytimes

**September 27 - November 11, 2021**

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

### 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!

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**Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am**  
(Ages 2-5 + participating caregiver)

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### Baby

**Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00 am**  
(Ages birth-23 months + participating caregiver)

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

### 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](http://www.baycountylibrary.org)

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (Ages 0-going into Kindergarten) Ongoing Program



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.

**Participate online at [baycountylibrary.beanstack.org](http://baycountylibrary.beanstack.org) or via the Beanstack Tracker app.**

Already started either 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 [bcslsbeanstack@baycountylibrary.org](mailto:bcslsbeanstack@baycountylibrary.org).

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## VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

For crafts, supplies are ready for pickup 2 weeks in advance at the branch you choose during registration. Allow 2 days for transit if registering within 2 weeks of the program.

Please have an adult supervisor on hand to help with technology and crafts.



### Friday Fun: Go Batty ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Zoom: Fri, Oct 1, 11:00-11:30 am

Celebrate bats with stories, songs, and a craft.

### Happiness Jar ® (Ages 6-12)

Zoom: Tue, Oct 5, 4:30-5:30 pm

A happiness jar is a magical vessel meant to contain one happy thought, feeling, or memory over the course of 365 days. Join us to decorate your own jar and celebrate the happy moments in each day!

### Young Scientist: Leaf Prints ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Zoom: Fri, Oct 8, 11:00-11:30 am

Fun scientific exploration through craft.

### Virtual Paint a Ceramic Pumpkin ® (Preschool-Grade 5)

Zoom: Sat, Oct 9, 2:30-3:15 pm

Zoom: Tue, Oct 19, 6-6:45 pm

Join us on Zoom to paint a keepsake ceramic pumpkin! Wear your old clothes; this could get messy. All supplies provided. **Please only register for one session date.**

### You Choose Book Club ® (Ages 6-12)

Zoom: Tue, Oct 12, 4:30-5:00 pm

Zoom: Tue, Oct 26, 4:30-5:00 pm

Join us for an adventure where you choose how the story ends! We'll blend fun activities with Zoom voting to choose the story together, and hopefully survive the adventure.

### Sharpie Tie-Dye Tote Bags Craft ® (Grades K-5)

Zoom: Wed, Oct 13, 4:15-4:45 pm

Join our Children's Department on Zoom for a live craft program! All supplies provided.

### A is for Art: Autumn Bean Mosaic ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Zoom: Fri, Oct 15, 10:30-11:00 am

Make an awesome autumn-themed ornament out of beans.

### Pups & Pages ® (Ages 4-12)

Zoom: Sat, Oct 16, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Zoom: Wed, Oct 20, 5:30-6:30 pm

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

### "I Survived" Family Trivia ® (Ages 7-12)

Zoom: Mon, Oct 18, 6:30-7:15 pm

Do you love the "I Survived" series, or do you just know your history? Join us for a virtual family trivia night to answer questions and compete for a prize!

### Spooky BINGO ® (Family)

Zoom: Mon, Oct 25, 6:30-7:15 pm

Hear a spooky story and enjoy a game of Halloween-themed BINGO! All supplies provided.

### Tissue Box Monsters Craft ® (Grades K-5)

Zoom: Wed, Oct 27, 4:15-4:45 pm

Join our Children's Department on Zoom for a live craft program! All supplies provided.

## OCTOBER 2021

### Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



#### 3 TALKING

Talk about the weather today and what you should wear outside.



#### 4 SINGING

Sing "good morning" using the Happy Birthday song. "Good morning to you, good morning to you, good morning to (your child's name), good morning to you!"

#### 5 COUNTING

Count out a healthy snack. "One for you and one for me and one for Daddy. Two for you, two for me, and two for Daddy."

#### 6 READING

Go the library and take out a new book. Talk about new words you come across while reading the new book.

#### 7 WRITING

Write a grocery list together. Go around checking what you need and add it to the list.

#### 8 PLAYING

Take a walk outside. Collect colorful leaves. Try to find as many different types as possible.



#### 9 TALKING

Expand on what your child says. "Yes, we saw a dog at the park. It was large and brown and wagging its tail."

#### 10 SINGING

Take turns singing bits of the alphabet song.

#### 11 COUNTING

Trace the hand of each person in your family.

#### 12 READING

Try to spot letters on license plates today. How many can

#### 13 WRITING

Write your child's name in big letters. Talk about ea

Print the calendar and activities on the BCLS Children's Department page at [www.baycountylibrary.org](http://www.baycountylibrary.org)

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

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