



SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER

Returns to Wirt Library January 11, 2022!

BCLS is excited to welcome back the SVSU Writing Center to Wirt Library for **FREE** tutoring sessions! Anyone interested in working with a writing tutor may drop in during the hours listed below. To ensure there is a tutor available to help you, we recommend booking a session appointment through the Writing Center's website (listed below).

When are Writing Center tutors available?

- Tuesdays, 3:00-7:00 pm (beginning January 11, 2022)
- Wirt Library, 2nd Floor Reference area
- *The Writing Center will not be open during library closings and SVSU student breaks.*

What might I discuss during a session?

- How to begin working on a document or presentation
- Ways to revise a writing project, such as a resume or short story
- Ideas for further development

How do I book an appointment?

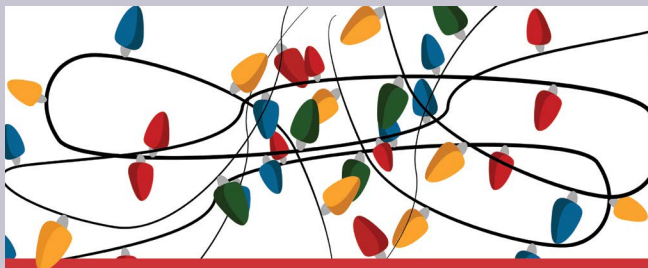
1. Visit www.svsu.edu/writingcenter/communityengagement and click the "Book an Appointment" button.
2. Select the Wirt Library (Bay City) meeting location at the top of the Booking page.
3. Select a date, tutor, and time.
4. Enter your information. An email address is required to receive your confirmation notice.
5. Click "Book" and check your email for confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact the SVSU Writing Center at writingcenter@svsu.edu.

BCLS HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE
Christmas: Thursday-Sunday, December 23-26
New Year: Saturday, January 1

ADULTS

® Registration opens 1 month before at 9 am.



Bay City Holiday Light Recycling Drive

Sage & Wirt through January 7

Receptacle carts are located at SAGE & WIRT libraries for collection by Bay City Recycles.

ACCEPTED: Any type of holiday STRING lights: LED, mini-light string, twinkle lights, and rope lights (working or not).

NOT ACCEPTED: Packaging, individual bulbs, string reels, extension cords, etc.



THE HISTORY & FOLKLORE OF SANTA CLAUS

Presented by Laura F. Keyes

Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 pm on zoom



Many folks know our modern-day Santa Claus had his start as St. Nicholas, but what happened on the journey to make us think of a "jolly old elf" rather than a pious Christian bishop? Where did Santa Claus come from, and why does his popularity remain so high in modern American pop culture? This illustrated lecture provides details on the journey Bishop Nicholas made to become our current-day Santa Claus.

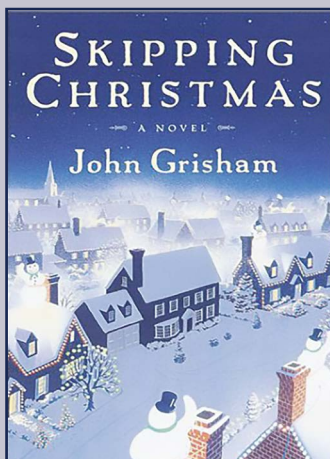
Sundays in the City

Wirt Library is participating in the Downtown Bay City Sundays in the City Festival of Wreaths! Stop by Wirt to see our decorated wreath, then enter for a chance to win (see below).

Sleigh of Gifts & Festival of Wreaths Drawings

Text to enter November 28-December 19. There is one winner of the sleigh of gifts and 21 wreath winners. Text "Sleigh21" to 57838 to enter for the sleigh of gifts and "Wreath21" to enter for a wreath. Winners will be drawn on December 20.

For more information about Sundays in the City offering above and other events such as free carriage rides, downtown movies, participating businesses, etc, please visit www.downtownbaycity.com.



Zoom Book Discussion ® (Adults)

Mon, Dec 13, 2:00-3:00 pm

Join us as we discuss
Skipping Christmas by
John Grisham.

Registration is required to receive
a copy of the book and Zoom link.



Knitting Solutions

Tue, Dec 7 & 14, 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.

34th ANNUAL

Gift of Reading

NOV 1 - DEC 6, 2021

Help us gift new books to families in need!



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Donate NEW, UNWRAPPED BOOKS appropriate for any age (birth to teens)
- Drop off or mail a MONETARY GIFT and we will shop for you!

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Bay County Library System Gift of Reading

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

- ALL BCLS BRANCHES
- BCLS Administrative Offices
500 Center Ave., Bay City, MI 48708
- Literacy Council of Bay County Headquarters
1106 S. Madison Ave., Bay City, MI 48708

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT
PROGRAM COORDINATOR, JOLENE FABER



989-894-2837 ext. 2225

jfaber@baycountylibrary.org

Coats for Kids

Donate through December 31

In partnership with the Salvation Army of Bay City, all BCLS branches are drop-off locations for the Coats for Kids program! New or gently used coats are accepted for ALL AGES. There is a special need for larger sizes for high schoolers.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace

Ongoing Donations

www.shpbeds.org/chapter/mi-auburn

BCLS branches are donation sites for the local chapter of Sleep In Heavenly Peace, a 501(c)3 that provides children with new twin size beds and bedding, so no child sleeps on the floor. Needs include waterproof mattress protectors, sheet sets, "bed in a bag" sets, and more. Visit the website above for more.

TEENS (Grades 6-12)

® Registration opens 1 month before at 9 am.

TEEN LITLOOT BOX® (Grades 9-12)

Pick up December 6-11

MIDDLE PAGES LOOT BOX® (Grades 6-8)

Pick up December 13-18

DECEMBER THEME: TRAVEL

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

Scrap Fabric Tree®

Zoom: Thu, Dec 9, 4:00 pm

Bobble Hat Yarn Gnomes®

Zoom: Tue, Dec 14, 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, Dec 8, 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.

Kids' Grab & Go Crafts (Ages 3-12)

Available monthly while supplies last.

December 1, 2020-May 31, 2022

Stop by your branch's Children's Department the first of each month to pick up a new craft to create at home! Craft kits include supplies and instructions.

Suggested minimum age for crafts is 3 due to small pieces. Limit one per child. No holds.

REINDEER AT PINCONNING LIBRARY

See live reindeer outside
and pick up a children's
Grab & Go Craft!

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 1

5:00-7:00 PM

ALL AGES WELCOME.
Cameras encouraged.

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: Gingerbread ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Zoom: Fri, Dec 3, 11:00-11:30 am

Celebrate gingerbread with stories, songs and craft.

Preschool Book Club ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Zoom: Tue, Dec 7, 14 & 21, 10:00-10:30 am

Join us live on Zoom to read, sing, talk, and play! Each family will receive a free book to keep each week.

Sock Snowman ® (Ages 5-12)

Zoom: Tue, Dec 7, 5:00-5:30 pm

Get ready for winter as we build our own snowy friends!

Bad Art Night ® (Ages 8-12)

Zoom: Wed, Dec 8, 4:00-5:00 pm

Create a disaster-piece as we paint or design with wild abandon! There are no rules when it comes to bad art, just endless fun and a tacky trophy for the worst piece of art.

Virtual Crafts for Kids: Seasonal Stamps ® (Grades K-5 + Adult)

Zoom: Wed, Dec 8, 4:15-4:45 pm

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

Young Scientists: Snow Fun ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Zoom: Fri, Dec 10, 11:00-11:30 am

Fun, scientific exploration through craft!

Snowman Sticker Mosaic Craft ® (Ages 5-12)

Zoom: Tue, Dec 14, 5:00-5:45 pm

Make a snowman sticker mosaic and other winter crafts with us!

You Choose Book Club ® (Ages 6-12)

Zoom: Tue, Dec 14, 4:30-5:00 pm

Zoom: Tue, Dec 28, 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.

Pups & Pages ® (Ages 4-12)

Zoom: Wed, Dec 15, 5:30-6:30 pm

Zoom: Sat, Dec 18, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

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

A is for Art: Sensory Leaf Painting ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Zoom: Fri, Dec 17, 10:30-11:00 am

Practice fine motor skills using pom-poms and clothespins to make this fun winter craft!

Winter Bingo ® (Family)

Zoom: Mon, Dec 20, 4:00-4:45 pm

Make some hot cocoa and join us for winter-themed bingo!



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HOLIDAYS around the WORLD

READING CHALLENGE



December 1-30 (All Ages)

The holidays are a wonderful time for reconnecting with family & friends while enjoying old traditions and creating new ones. This year, learn about traditions from all over the world with recommended books and activities, to both educate & celebrate.

Now grab a blanket, a book, and get cozy! Log your reading into our Beanstack site to earn badges all month long. Cheers!

Download the Beanstack Tracker app or use our site baycountylibrary.beanstack.org



DECEMBER 2021

Daily literacy-building
activities to share with your child.



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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

5 COUNTING Weigh your child and write it here _____. Compare it to January and June.	6 READING Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them.	7 WRITING Wrap and unwrap blocks with tin foil. This helps strengthen writing muscles and manual dexterity.	8 PLAYING Pretend to be an animal that likes cold weather. Who will you be?	9 TALKING Talk about your feelings. What made you happy today?	10 SINGING Sing "The Frost Song." (Words are on the back.)	11 COUNTING Measure your child's height and mark it here _____. Compare it to January and June.
12 READING Read a fiction and nonfiction book about winter. Your library has many to choose from!	13 WRITING Draw a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle, and have your child color them in. Talk about shapes and point them out today.	14 PLAYING Trace a variety of different objects on a piece of paper. Match the objects to their shapes.	15 TALKING At mealtimes, talk about the food you are preparing, what tools you are using, how you are making it, and how it will taste.	16 SINGING Recite "Three Little Kittens." (Words are on the back.)	17 COUNTING Make a high tower with blocks. How many blocks did you use?	18 READING Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.
19 WRITING Have each family member write one thing they liked about this week. Have your child decorate the paper.	20 PLAYING Use play dough or cloud dough to make a snowman.	21 TALKING Talk about the seasons: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.	22 SINGING Sing "Cold and Snowy Morning." (Words are on the back.)	23 COUNTING Name three things that are white like snow.	24 READING Write letters on strips of paper, add them to a container and have your child draw one. Use that letter as the letter of the day. Spend the day finding the letter.	25 WRITING Pick one color and only use that to cover a whole page with scribbles and pictures.

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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