

# NEWS & EVENTS



NOVEMBER 2022

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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Donate new, unwrapped books to BCLS for our 35th annual Gift of Reading Program! These donations will be used to gift families and children books to read for the holidays. The library will also use monetary donations to purchase carefully selected titles of books and create holiday gift baskets for those in need at local area organizations.

## 35th Annual Gift of Reading

NOV. 1ST - DEC. 3RD, 2022

Presented by the Bay County Library System

### Drop off books and monetary donations at any BCLS branch

*Please make checks payable to:  
Bay County Library System Gift of Reading*

Drop offs will also be accepted at the Literacy Council of  
Bay County Headquarters at 1106 S. Madison Ave., Bay City, MI 48708

**For questions and additional information, contact Jolene Faber**  
jfaber@baycountylibrary.org | (989) 894-2837 Ext. 2225



## COATS FOR KIDS AT BCLS



Drop off new or gently used coats at any BCLS branch library. In partnership with the Salvation Army of Bay City, all BCLS branches are drop-off locations for the Coats for Kids program! Donations will be accepted through the end of December.

Please note: New or gently used coats are accepted for ALL AGES, not just children. There is also a need for larger sizes for high schoolers.



All branches are closed for Thanksgiving beginning at 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, November 23 through Thursday, November 24.

# ADULTS

® Registration opens 1 month before at 9 am  
(A & T) = Both Adults and Teens welcome

Should health regulations change, in-person programs may switch to Zoom. You will be notified of any format change via the contact info you provide at registration. Masks are encouraged at in-person events.

## CRAFTS & MORE

Intro to Artisan Cheese ® (Adult)  
Sage: Wed, Nov 2, 6-6:45 pm & 7-7:45 pm

Author Jeff Vande Zande ®  
Wirt: Wed, Nov 2, 6:00 pm  
Join Jeff Vande Zande, Delta College professor and author, as he discusses his book *Rules of Order* and the history of the dystopian genre in literature.

Team Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge ® (A & T)  
Pinconning: Sat, Nov 5, 10:00-11:30 am  
Sage: Wed, Nov 9, 6:00-7:30 pm  
Auburn: Sat, Nov 12, 2:00-4:00 pm  
Wirt: Tue, Nov 22, 6:00-7:30 pm  
Adults and teens grades 6-12 are invited to attend. Create a team of friends or family to see who can complete a 500-piece puzzle first. Prize awarded to the winning team.

Knitting Solutions  
Wirt: Tuesdays 10 am-12 pm  
Drop in to knit and crochet with others! Expert knitters on site to help those who need assistance. Supplies not provided; please bring your own project to work on.

Needle Crafters Club  
Auburn: Wed, Nov 9 & 30, 6-7:30 pm  
All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Books and Brews ® (Adult)  
VNO: Wed, Nov 9, 7-8:30 pm  
November Title: Sadie by Courtney Summers

Fall Ombre Candleholder Craft ®  
Wirt: Thu, Nov 10, 6-7 pm

Chess at the Library ® (A & T)  
Sage: Tue, Nov 15, 3:30-4:45 pm

Family Tree Shadowbox ® (A & T)  
Pinconning: Tue, Nov 15, 6-7 pm

Painterly Pottery ® (Adult)  
Auburn: Thu, Nov 17, 6:00 pm (Jolly Snowman - Adults and Teens)  
Pinconning: Tue, Nov 29, 6:00 pm (Holiday Ornaments - Adults and Teens)  
Sage: Wed, Nov 30, 6:00 pm (Jolly Snowman - Adults)  
Wirt: Thu, Dec 1, 6:00 pm (Jolly Snowman - Adults)  
Painterly Pottery will have holiday pieces for adults to paint. All supplies provided. Items will be brought back to the studio for processing and returned to the library for pick-up at a later date. *Due to the high demand of this program, please only register for one session – thank you!*

I ♥ YA: Book Club ® (16-Adult)  
Lolobee's: Mon, Nov 21, 6:00-7:00 pm  
November Title: We Are Not Free by Traci Chee

Technology Help: Wednesdays with Walt ®  
Wirt: Wednesdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Reserve a spot with Walt, our Technology Supervisor, for help with your device or any tech questions you may have. Please call 989-894-2837 ext. 2303 or email [wpeglow@baycountylibrary.org](mailto:wpeglow@baycountylibrary.org) to set up a day/time.

## IRISH IMMIGRANTS IN MICHIGAN: A HISTORY IN STORIES



Registration opens  
Oct. 17



PAT COMMINS



ELIZABETH RICE

**WIRT LIBRARY:**  
**THURS, NOV. 17TH | 6:00 PM**  
Authors Pat Commins of Dublin, Ireland and Elizabeth Rice of Michigan have compiled true stories of Irish immigrants to Michigan in the 19th century in order to share the history of these people who made their way to Michigan to begin new lives.

## BCLS ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Wirt: Wed, Nov 9, 2-3:30 pm  
Auburn: Thu, Nov 10, 6-7:30 pm  
Sage: Mon, Nov 14, 2-3:30 pm  
Pinconning: Tue, Nov 15, 2:30-4 pm

Registration required. Book copies and title information are available at your branch.

## Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Bay County Library System will take place on Thursday, Nov 17 at 7:00 pm at Wirt. All are welcome to attend.

## PASSPORT TO READING

Stop into any branch at their Public Service Desk to pick up your passport. Read 12 books from at least 3 different continents and your name will be entered into a drawing for a basket filled with goodies from around the world!

You must be a Bay County Resident to be eligible for the prize drawing. Passports are valid October 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.



## BCLS EVENING SESSIONS SPEAKER SERIES



[BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG](http://BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG)

**Mary Spencer - Zoom Air Fryer Desserts ®**  
Wirt: Wed, Nov 16, 6:00 pm  
*Available on Zoom and in person at Wirt.*

Mary Spencer will demonstrate how to use your Air Fryer to make some delicious desserts, just in time for the holidays. She will be demonstrating from the beginning of the recipes to the finished product! You can cook along with Mary at home using the recipes she's provided, which can be found on the event calendar.



## TEEN BOOK BOXES

**Middle Pages  
Loot Box®**  
(Grades 6-8)

Pick up November 21-26

**Teen  
LitLoot Box®**  
(Grades 9-12)

Pick up November 7-12

### November Theme: **LEFTOVERS**

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.

Due to the popularity of this program, loot boxes are limited to Bay County Residents only. Thank you!

# TEENS

(Grades 6-12)

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## CRAFTS & MORE

**Teen Virtual Craft: Bead Pumpkin® (Grades 6-12)**

Virtual: Tue, November 8, 4-5 pm

**Dungeons and Dragons Club® (Grades 6-12)**

Sage: Wed, Nov 9, 3:30-5:30 pm

**Needle Crafters Club (A & T)**

Auburn: Wed, Nov 9 & 30, 6-7:30 pm

All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

**Chess at the Library® (A & T)**

Sage: Tue, Nov 15, 3:30-4:45 pm

**Family Tree Shadowbox® (A & T)**

Pinconning: Tue, Nov 15, 6-7 pm

**Create Your Own Rice Krispie Treats® (Grades 6-12)**

Wirt: Nov 17, 4-5 pm

**Painterly Pottery® (Grades 6-12)**

Auburn: Thu, Nov 17, 6-7:30 pm

Sage: Wed, Nov 30, 4-5 pm

Wirt: Thu, Dec 1, 4-5 pm

Painterly Pottery will have Jolly Snowmen for teens to paint. All supplies provided. Items will be brought back to the studio for processing and returned to the library for pick-up at a later date. Due to the high demand of this program, please only register for one session – thank you!

**Books, Games, & Chill® (Grades 6-12)**

Sage: Wed, Nov 23, 3:30-4:30 pm

**TEAM JIGSAW PUZZLE CHALLENGE**

TEENS AND ADULTS WELCOME

ADULTS AND TEENS, GRADES 6-12, ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. CREATE A TEAM OF FRIENDS OR FAMILY TO SEE WHO CAN COMPLETE A 500-PIECE PUZZLE FIRST. PRIZE AWARDED TO THE WINNING TEAM. UNPLUG AND PLAY AT THE LIBRARY!

**PINCONNING: SAT, NOV 5 10:00-11:30 AM**

**SAGE: WED, NOV 9 6:00-7:30 PM**

**AUBURN: SAT, NOV 12 2:00-4:00 PM**

**WIRT: TUE, NOV 22 6:00-7:30 PM**

REGISTER NOW [WWW.BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG)

## I ♥ YA: Book Club®

(Ages 16-Adult)

November Title: *We Are Not Free* by Traci Chee

Lolobee's:

Mon, Nov 21, 6:00-7:00 pm

Do you enjoy reading YA books, but you may be more A than Y? Join us each month at a different, fun location in Bay City to read some titles from our teen section. Books available to check out at Sage Branch Library.



# ADULTS

Mastering Engagement through  
Storytelling for Educators

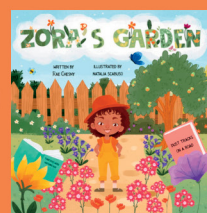
**Educator Workshop**  
with  
**Rae Chesny**

This workshop will feature engaging and innovative methodologies for inclusive learning experiences, interactive activities, live demonstrations, and more.

FOR EDUCATORS,  
COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS,  
& PARENTS

**WIRT: SAT, NOV 19TH**  
1:30-3:30 PM

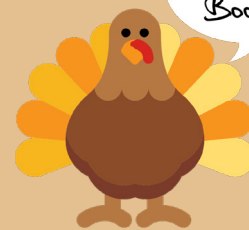
Attendees will leave with an autographed copy of *Zora's Garden* by Rae Chesny, plus supplemental resources to help them implement what they have learned in the classroom and homeschool settings.



Register at [baycountylibrary.org](http://baycountylibrary.org) beginning October 19th

# CHILDREN & FAMILY

Read More Books!



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## FALL STORYTIMES

THROUGH NOVEMBER 11

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

WE OFFER STORYTIMES FOR A VARIETY OF AGE GROUPS FILLED WITH STORIES, MUSIC, ACTIVITIES, AND MORE!

CALL OR VISIT YOUR LOCAL BRANCH FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER!

SCHEDULE AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

AVAILABLE AT

[WWW.BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG](http://WWW.BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG)



## NEW! URBAN EXPLORERS CLUB

(AGES 9-12) MEET AT WIRT  
TUE, NOV 22, 4-5 PM

Registration required at  
[baycountylibrary.org](http://baycountylibrary.org)

We are heading out to explore our city! Each month we will meet at the library and then walk downtown where we will learn about the arts & culture, recreation, shopping, and more that is available in our own "backyard".



## NEW! APPLY NOW: T.W.I.G. TWEEN ADVISORY GROUP

® Ages 9-12

Do you enjoy reading and talking about books? Do you want to help plan library events, market/advertise programs, volunteer your time to better the library community, make new friends, and have fun? Stop into the Children's Room of the Wirt Branch to learn more and pick up your application.

STORY & BUILDING EXPERIENCE FOR KIDS!

GRADES K-3

AUBURN: TUE, NOV 19  
4:30-5:30 PM WITH SPECIAL GUEST

**Curious Kids Club**

SPARK IMAGINATIVE LEARNING ABOUT OUR WORLD WITH THIS SPECIAL SERIES FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS! ®



# 1,000 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](mailto:bclsbeanstack@baycountylibrary.org).



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



# Crafts & More

## Turkey Resist Art ® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 1, 4:30-5:30 pm

Create a bright and colorful turkey using a fun resistance art technique.

## Scarecrow Hanging Craft ® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Wed, Nov 2, 3:30-4:30 pm

Make an adorable scarecrow hanging decoration.

## Star Wars Craft Night ® (Ages 5-12)

Sage: Thu, Nov 3, 4:30-5:30 pm

Let's give Chew-Book-A a great sendoff with a variety of Star Wars themed crafts.

## PLAYDATE @ WIRT (4 and under with caregiver)

Wirt: Fri, Nov 4 & 18, 10-11 am

Little ones can play, discover & meet new friends. Drop-in for playtime fun in the Wirt Children's room! No registration required.

## Storytime @ POPULACE Coffee

Populace Coffee: Mon, Nov 7th, 9-9:30 am

For families with young children. Bring the littles downtown to storytime with the Wirt Library! Enjoy your favorite coffee house drink at Populace Coffee while we talk, read and sing about being thankful. No registration required.

## STEM DAY! (Family)

Wirt: Tue, Nov 8, 3:30-4:30 pm

National STEM Day is celebrated every year to encourage kids to explore their interests in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Join our community of curiosity for investigative, hands-on, station-based fun activities. No registration required.

## Carnival at the Library ® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 8, 4:30-5:30pm

Wirt: Sat, Nov 12, 1-2 pm

Step right up and join the fun! Enjoy fun carnival-themed crafts, games, and activities.

## ClubCreate ® (Ages 6-9)

Wirt: Thu, Nov 10, 4:00-4:45 pm

Enjoy books, activities and crafts centered on a monthly theme. November theme: Thanks/Giving

## Mad Scientists: Tip the Scales ® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Nov 10, 4:30-5:30 pm

Let's explore density and weight using candy!

## Toddler Time ® (Ages 4 & under)

Pinconning: Fri, Nov 11, 10-10:45 am

Bring your littles for a story, playtime, and to meet new friends.

## Young Scientists: Amazing Me ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Nov 11, 10:30-11:30 am

Fun exploration through STEAM stations, play and craft.

## Curious Kids Club ® (Grades K-3)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 15, 4:30-5:30 pm

Spark imaginative learning about our world with this special series featuring guest speakers from local community organizations! This month our guest speaker from Habitat for Humanity will read a story and give kids a building experience of their own!

## Wreath of Thanks Craft ® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Wed, Nov 16, 3:30-4:30 pm

## Pups & Pages ® (Ages 4-12)

Sage: Wed, Nov 16, 5:30-6:30 pm

Virtual: Wed, Nov 16, 5:30-6:30 pm

Auburn: Sat, Nov 19, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Wirt: Sat, Nov 19, 2-3 pm

Children read to a certified therapy dog.

## Kid Lit Club Featuring: Swimmy ® (Grades K-3)

Sage: Thu, Nov 17, 4:30-5:30 pm

Let's use stamps to make pictures!

## Science Club Jr: Hot Chocolate ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Nov 18, 10:30 am-11:00 am

Learn about temperature in this hands on science experiment!

## Friday Fun: Turkey Trouble ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Nov 18, 11-11:30 am

Turkey stories, songs and craft.

## Urban Explorers Club ® (Ages 9-12)

Wirt: Tue, Nov 22, 4-5 pm

We are heading out to explore our city! Each month we will meet at the library and then walk downtown where we will learn about the arts & culture, recreation, shopping, and more that is available in our own "backyard". Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. This program is for the registered 9-12-year-old only.

## Roll a Turkey Game ® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 22, 4:30-5:30 pm

Combine math and M&Ms to play this fun and simple game!

## Star Wars Droid Workshop ® (Family, ages 5-12)

Wirt: Wed, Nov 23, 11-11:45 am

Star Wars fans unite on the day off before Thanksgiving to celebrate Chew-Book-A at Wirt.

## DC League of Super-Pets Family Movie ® (Family)

Wirt: Sat, Nov 26, 10:30 am-12:15 pm

Join us for a viewing of the DC League of Super-Pets on the big screen in the community room. Movie snacks provided.

## Winter Chalk Art (Family)

Wirt: Tue, Nov 29, 3:30-5:00 pm

Create winter chalk art - one to take & one to display in our Children's Department! Families are invited to drop in to create a masterpiece for our art wall to be enjoyed by all.

## Virtual Crafts for Kids: Leaf Lanterns ® (Grades K-5 + Adult)

Virtual: Wed, Nov 30, 4:15-4:45pm

Join our Children's Department on Zoom for a live craft program!

All supplies will be provided and 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 with the craft or 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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## FRIENDS OF THE BAY COUNTY LIBRARIES

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Mail your form and payment to 500 Center Avenue, Bay City, MI 48708  
or drop it off at any branch library.

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