

NEWS & EVENTS



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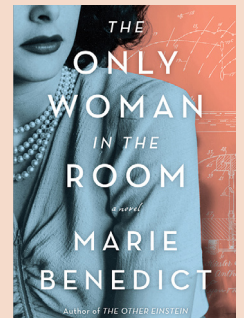
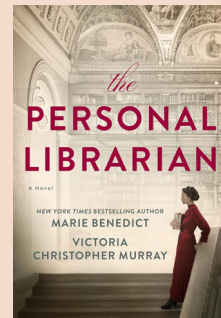
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An Evening with *New York Times* Bestselling Author Marie Benedict Live at Bay City's State Theater | Wed, May 3, 2023 | 7:00 pm *Presented by the Friends of the Bay County Library System*



Author Marie Benedict will be joining us for an in-person author talk, discussion, and Q & A session on May 3 at Bay City's State Theater. Marie Benedict is a lawyer with more than ten years' experience as a litigator at two of the country's premier law firms, who found her calling unearthing the hidden historical stories of women. Her mission is to excavate from the past the most important, complex and fascinating women of history and bring them into the light of present-day where we can finally perceive the breadth of their contributions as well as the insights they bring to modern day issues. This event is free and open to the public, made possible by the Friends of the Bay County Library System.



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GIVE LOCAL BAY 2023

Give Local Bay is a 24-hour community wide effort to raise donations for your favorite nonprofits, agencies, and parks in Bay and Arenac counties. Your donations help nonprofits like the Bay County Library System build their endowment funds at Bay Area Community Foundation, so that they are able to provide for many generations to come. Donate on May 2 and your gift will be increased by an incentive pool and prizes!

Drop off a check (\$10 minimum) at any library branch made payable to "Bay Area Community Foundation" with "LIBRARY" on the memo line OR donate online at givelocalbay.org.



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ADULTS

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(A & T) = Both Adults and Teens welcome

BCLS ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Sage: Mon, May 8, 2-3:30 pm
Wirt: Wed, May 10, 2-3:30 pm
Pinconning: Tue, May 16, 2:30-4 pm
Auburn: Thu, May 25, 6-7:30 pm
Registration required. Book copies and title information are available at your branch.

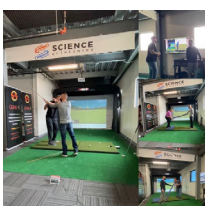
MBCLS EVENING SESSIONS SPEAKER SERIES

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Fundamentals of the Golf Swing: Golf Clinic with Keith Geiling ®

Wirt: Wed, May 17, 6:00 pm
In-person program

Get ready for the upcoming golf season with local pro Keith Geiling! He will present attendees with basic fundamentals of the golf swing and explain cause and effects of ball flight laws using a FlightScope X3 launch monitor. Keith will also troubleshoot swing techniques and provide the best practices to apply the club to the ball in the most efficient way.



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.



ask a lawyer

Have legal questions? Join a panel of local lawyers and get the answers you need! Attorneys from Garske Hewitt PLC will be available for questions and discussion.

WIRT: TUE, MAY 16 2023, 6-7:45 PM

Registration available at baycountylibrary.org



THE BCLS SEED LIBRARY IS OPEN!

LOCATED INSIDE THE ALICE &
JACK WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seeds are available for many vegetables, some herbs, fruits, and flowers. Check seeds out the same way as books! Food gardening is encouraged and we hope you will return a portion of your seeds from your garden in the fall!



CRAFTS & MORE

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.

Wednesdays with Walt: Technology Help ®

Wirt: Wednesdays, 11 am-12 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 to set up a day/time.

Needle Crafters Club

Auburn: Wed, May 3 & 17, 6-7:30 pm

All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Etched Glass Votive Holder Craft ®

Pinconning: Tue, May 9, 6-7 pm

Books and Brews ® (Adults)

BarqueBC: Wed, May 10, 7-8:30 pm

May Title: The Spellman Files by Lisa Lutz

Flower Pot Person ®

Wirt: Thu, May 11, 6-7:30 pm

Create and decorate a Flower Pot Person

Necklace and Decorated Wood Box Craft ® (A & T)

Auburn: Thu, May 11, 6-7:30 pm

Sage Stitchers

Sage: Fri, May 12 & 26, 10-11 am

Drop in and spend an hour knitting and/or crocheting by the second floor fireplace. Please bring your own projects to work on. No supplies are provided. Librarian who knits will be on hand to help beginners.

Lavender Painting in Acrylics ® (A & T)

Pinconning: Sat, May 13, 10-11:30 am

Chess at the Library ® (A & T)

Sage: Wed, May 17, 3:30-4:45 pm

Heart Wreath Craft (Rescheduled) ® (A & T)

Auburn: Thu, May 18, 6-7:30 pm

The Michigan Magnet Man ®

Wirt: Sat, May 20, 2-3 pm

Come listen to Tanner Torrez, Tiktok's Michigan Magnet Man! He will share his hobby cleaning up Michigan's rivers with a high-powered magnet and show the tools used and some of his finds.

I ♥ YA: Book Club ® (Ages 16-Adult)

Lolobee's: Mon, May 22, 6-7 pm

May Title: The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea by Axie Oh

Americana Tea Towel Craft ® (A & T)

Pinconning: Tue, May 23, 6-7 pm

Grow Great Vegetables in Michigan w/ Bevin Cohen ®

Wirt: Tue, May 23, 6-7 pm

Discover how to plan, plant and grow your most productive garden ever! Learn from Bevin's decades of growing experience, including tips on soil health, seed starting and transplanting, mulching and weeding and when to harvest your perfect produce! Bevin Cohen is a food & garden writer whose work has appeared in numerous publications.

Wooden Book Stack Craft ®

Sage: Wed, May 31, 6-7:30 pm

TEENS

(Grades 6-12)

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FREE COMIC BOOK DAY SATURDAY, MAY 6

Celebrate and discover the amazing world of comic books on Free Comic Book Day! Absolutely free comic book to anyone who comes into a BCLS library branch (while supplies last).

TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages
Loot Box®
(Grades 6-8)
Pick up May 16-20

Teen
LitLoot Box®
(Grades 9-12)
Pick up May 1-6

May Theme: *FAMILY TIES*

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.

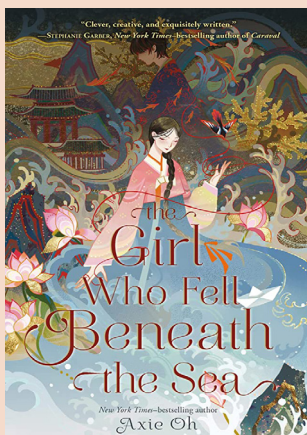
Due to the popularity of this program, loot boxes are limited to Bay County resident cardholders only. Thank you!

I ♥ YA: Book Club® (Ages 16-Adult)

May Title: *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea*
by Axie Oh

Lolobee's: Mon, May 22,
6-7 pm

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



CRAFTS & MORE

Needle Crafters Club

Auburn: Wed, May 3 & 17, 6-7:30 pm
All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Virtual Teen Craft: Decoupage Superhero Clipboard® (Grades 6-12)

Virtual: Tue, May 9, 4-4:45 pm

Dungeons and Dragons Club® (Grades 6-12)

Sage: Wed, May 10, 3:30-5:30 pm

Necklace and Decorated Wood Box Craft® (A & T)

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Auburn: Thu, May 18, 6-7:30 pm

Americana Tea Towel Craft® (A & T)

Pinconning: Tue, May 23, 6-7 pm

Books, Games & Chill® (Grades 6-12)

Sage: Wed, May 24, 3:30-4:30 pm

Dungeons and Dragons Club® (Grades 6-12)

Sage: Wed, May 31, 3:30-5:30 pm

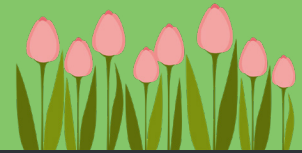


FREE online homework help, writing lab, live tutoring, and more!



CHILDREN & FAMILY

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May 1 - 7, 2023

CHILDREN'S BOOKWEEK



IN CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK, WE WILL BE OFFERING SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES! REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH PROGRAM.

FREE ONLINE
REGISTRATION



THE BUBBLEMAN

(FAMILY)
PINCONNING BOYS & GIRLS
CLUB: TUES, MAY 2, 4-5 PM

See the art and science of soap bubbles with The Bubbleman's volcano bubbles, tornado bubbles, kaleidoscope bubbles, square bubbles, and lots more!

CAMERON ZVARA'S COMEDY MAGIC SHOW

(FAMILY)
SAGE: WED, MAY 3,
5:30-6:30 PM

Get ready for mind-blowing magic, family comedy, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation!

BAFFLING BILL THE MAGICIAN

(AGES 3-12)
WIRT: THURS, MAY 4,
6:30-7:30 PM

Family magic at its best! Join Baffling Bill for a magic show featuring audience participation and astounding tricks with magic doves and Gus the Bunny!

SLOAN MUSEUM: MARBLE MACHINES

(AGES 4-12)
AUBURN: SAT, MAY 6,
1-2 PM

How far can you make a marble move? Work together using everyday materials in new and remarkable ways to build a marble obstacle track!



Spring Storytimes Through May 11



We offer storytimes for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities and more!

Registration is open!

Schedule and online registration available at www.baycountylibrary.org.

Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)

Sage: Tuesdays, 11-11:30 am

Auburn: Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 am

Wirt: Thursdays, 10:30-11 am

Preschool Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Sage: Mondays, 10-10:30 am

Sage: Tuesdays, 10-10:30 am

Auburn: Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 am

Wirt: Wednesdays, 11:15-11:45 am

Auburn: Thursdays, 11:15-11:45 am

Family Storytime (Ages 0-6)

Pinconning: Wednesdays, 6-6:30 pm

Wirt: Wednesdays, 6:30-7 pm

Save the Date for Summer Storytimes!



We offer storytimes for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities and more! Spring storytimes will continue through May 11, and the summer session will run from June 19-August 3! Registration for all sessions will open on Friday, May 19. A full schedule and online registration is available on our website.



1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN



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.

Registration required. Participate online at baycountylibrary.beanstack.org or via the Beanstack Tracker app.

CRAFTS & MORE

Storytime @ POPULACE Coffee (Family)

Populace Coffee: Mon, May 1, 9-9:30 am

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 Flowers! No registration required.

Story & Activity ® (Ages 2-12)

Sage: Tue, May 2, 1:30-2:30 pm

Let's play with clay! Hear a story and learn some skills to sculpt.

Paint a Wind Chime ® (Ages 0-12)

Auburn: Tue, May 2, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join us to paint your own wind chime.

PLAYDATE @ WIRT (Ages 4 and under with caregiver)

Wirt: Fri, May 5 & 19, 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.

Toddler Time ® (Ages 4 & under)

Pinconning: Fri, May 5, 10-10:45 am

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

Young Scientists: It's for the Birds ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, May 5, 10:30-11:30 am

Fun exploration, STEAM stations, play and craft.

Free Comic Book Day!

All branches: Sat, May 6

Celebrate and discover the amazing world of comics on Free Comic Book Day! Absolutely free comic book to anyone who comes into a BCLS branch (while supplies last).

Pups & Pages ® (Ages 4-12)

Auburn: Sat, May 6, 11 am-12 pm

Sage: Wed, May 17, 5:30-6:30 pm

Virtual: Wed, May 17, 5:30-6:30 pm

Wirt: Sat, May 20, 2-3 pm

Pinconning: Sat, May 20, 3-4 pm

Join us at each branch (or virtually via Zoom) to read to a certified therapy dog! Bring a book from home or come a few minutes early to look for books at the library.

Peg Possibilities ® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, May 9, 4:30-5:30 pm

Make your own peg figurine. The possibilities are endless!

Mother's Day Craft ® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Wed, May 10, 3:30-4:30 pm

Make a "surprise" gift for your mom or special person.

Gift for a Gal ® (Ages 12 and under)

Sage: Thu, May 11, 4:30-6 pm

Make a necklace, fan, card, and gift bag for a special lady in your life. Sessions will be 20 participants per 30-minute session.

Baby Playground ® (Ages 0-2 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, May 12, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us for sensory play and fun for babies!

Friday Fun: Catch Some Sun ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, May 12, 11-11:30 am

Sing, dance, and make a sun catcher out of plastic shapes.

All Together Now Art (Family)

Wirt: Mon, May 15, 2-4:30 pm

Create artwork for our summer reading program - one to take & one to display on the art wall in our Children's Department for the summer! Families are invited to drop in to create a masterpiece for our art wall to be enjoyed by all.

Meet the Musical Instruments ® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, May 16, 5:30-6:30 pm

Join Ms. Ashley and a local band director to learn all about band instruments and try them yourself!

Mad Scientists: Crime Scene Investigation ® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, May 18, 4:30-5:30 pm

Dust for finger prints & make a footprint mold. Use the clues to find the cookie culprit.

A is for Art: Bubble Art ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, May 19, 10:30-11 am

Create your own masterpiece by blowing bubbles!

Harry Potter Movie Series ® (Ages 8 & up)

Pinconning: *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*

(PG) Sat, May 20, 12-2:30 pm

Harry Potter movie extravaganza!!!

Storytime @ Bay County Historical Museum (Family)

Bay County Historical Museum: Mon, May 22, 9-9:30 am

Families with young children. Bring the littles to storytime at the Bay County Historical Museum on Washington with the Wirt Library. We will meet at the museum and talk, read, sing and play - Sports! No registration required.

Muffins with Mom ® (Ages 5-10 with special someone)

Wirt: Mon, May 22, 3:45-4:45 pm

Eat a treat and take home a treat! Children are welcome to bring their special someone to the library for muffins and to create a treat to bring home to bake.

Library LEGO Lab ® (Ages 4-12)

Auburn: Tue, May 23, 5:30-6:30 pm

Come join us for a LEGO building bonanza! You choose: free build, spin the wheel for a challenge, or browse our Idea Books for inspiration. Build by yourself or with someone else!

Ceramic Painting ® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Wed, May 24, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sign up to paint a ceramic Dragon or Castle.

Kid Lit Club Featuring: Mushroom Rain ® (Ages 5-12)

Sage: Thu, May 25, 4:30-5:30 pm

Read the book and make a mushroom lamp.

Storytime @ Live Oak Coffeehouse (Family)

Live Oak Coffeehouse: Tue, May 30, 9-9:30 am

Families with young children. Bring the littles uptown to storytime with the Wirt Library. Order your favorite coffee house drink & treat from Live Oak and join us at the falls to talk, read and sing about Music! No registration required.

Family Storytime ® (Ages 0-12 + Adult)

Auburn: Tue, May 30, 6:30-7 pm

Enjoy stories, songs, and movement the whole family can enjoy!

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
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or drop it off at any branch library.

**All branches are closed Memorial Day weekend
Sat, May 27 through Mon, May 29 2023.**

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