

NEWS & EVENTS



DECEMBER 2023

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SEE LIVE REINDEER OUTSIDE AND
MAKE REINDEER CRAFTS INSIDE THE
LIBRARY. FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES!

No registration required. Camera use is encouraged!

AUBURN:
TUE, DEC 5
5-7 PM

PINCONNING:
WED, DEC 6
5-7 PM

SAGE:
THU, DEC 7
5-7 PM

WIRT:
WED, DEC 13
5-7 PM

SAVE THE DATE...



GET YETI TO READ... THE YETI STRIKES BACK

Winter Reading Program
January 2-February 24, 2024
baycountylibrary.org/WRP



ADULTS

Ages 18 and up

® = Registration required. Registration opens 1 month before each program at 9 am.

Auburn Area
Branch Library

Sage Branch
Library

Pinconning Branch
Library

Alice and Jack Wirt
Public Library

Multi-branch
or Offsite

CRAFTS & MORE

Water Street Ceili Band

Wirt: Sat, Dec 2, 2 pm

An afternoon of acoustic songs in the Celtic/Maritime Tradition presented by the local group, Water Street Ceili.

Knitting Solutions

Wirt: Tue, Dec 5 & 12, 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.

Nonfiction Book Club

Wirt: Wed, Dec 6, 6-7:30 pm

If you love reading a scintillating new memoir or an amazing historical account, then we've got the book club for you. We're looking for a few good readers to join a new librarian-led nonfiction book club. This is a monthly club meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at the Wirt Library. If interested, please call the Reference desk at 989-893-9566 ext. 2200 for information.

Books and Brews® (Adults)

Tavern 101: Dec 6, 8-9 pm

December Title: *Harry's Trees* by Jon Cohen

Sage Stitchers

Sage: Fri, Dec 8 & 22, 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.

Craft Clean Out Extravaganza®

Sage: Wed, Dec 13, 6-7:30 pm

Please join us at the Sage Branch to choose from an assortment of craft supplies to recreate previous projects or make something new.

Snowflake Painting Craft®

Wirt: Thu, Dec 14, 6-7 pm

I ♥ YA: Book Club®

Lolobee's: Mon, Dec 18, 6-7 pm

December Title: *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley

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.

Adult Book Clubs

Sage: Mon, Dec 11, 2 pm

Pinconning: Tue, Dec 19, 2:30-4 pm

Auburn: Thu, Dec 28, 6-7:30 pm

Join a book club at your library! Copies of this month's book will be available at each respective branch.

Impacts of Media/Technology Use in Children: Parenting in an Ever-Changing Landscape

**WIRT: TUE, DEC 5
6:30-7:30 PM**



Scott Biskup, MSOT OTRL
Inclusion Coach Bay City Public
Schools, will be presenting on the
impacts of media and technology
use in elementary age children.

Registration is required through the
Literacy Council of Bay County.
Please call 989-892-5002 or email
bayliteracy1986@att.net to register.

BCLS IS ACCEPTING PUZZLE DONATIONS!



The Bay County Library System
is collecting donations of
jigsaw puzzles in
good and complete
condition. There is
especially a need
for 300-500
piece puzzles.

Thank you!

BCLS EVENING SESSIONS SPEAKER SERIES



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Snowy Evening Mixology - Literary Mocktails



**Wed, December 6, 2023
6:00 PM**

Lindsay Merbaum is an author and designer of cocktails & mocktails for books, which she calls "booktails." She will join us for a literary mocktail program with a recipe based on the poem, *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* by Robert Frost. Each participant will go home with their own shaker and souvenir cup!

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



ADULTS & TEENS

2023 Bay County Poetry Contest

Calling All Bay County, SVSU, and Delta College Poets!

The local library is where you come to read others' writing, but we want to read your writing too! So send us your most inspired poems about this place we call home.

Poems must include a reference to a place, landmark, event, etc., in the region. Maybe it's the Tall Ships Festival, the Delta College Planetarium, or your favorite restaurant. The reference doesn't have to be the main focus of your poem; the reference just has to be in the poem.

Cash prizes will be awarded. Winners will be announced in the spring, and winners' work may be published in online or print venues. Entries will be judged by SVSU English students.

Submission Deadline:
December 15, 2023



To see the full list of rules and guidelines and access the contest submission form, scan the above QR code or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2kdwk5te>.

Sponsored by the Bay County Library System and the English Department at Saginaw Valley State University

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Both adults and teens welcome
(Grade 6-Age 18 & up)

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Needle Crafters Club

Auburn: Wed, Dec 6 & 20, 6-7:30 pm

All hand-sewing crafters are welcome.

Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Centers

Sage: Fri, Dec 8, 10:30 am-3 pm

Waterless Winter Snow Globe Craft ®

Pinconning: Sat, Dec 9, 10-11:30 am

Salt Shaker Snowman Craft ®

Pinconning: Tue, Dec 12, 6-7 pm

Holiday Ornament Craft ®

Auburn: Thu, Dec 14, 6-7:30 pm

Chess at the Library ®

Sage: Wed, Dec 20, 3:30-5 pm

Coffee, Coloring, and Taylor Swift ®

Sage: Wed, Dec 27, 6-7:30 pm

We will be hosting a relaxing evening with hot beverages & coloring while listening to Taylor Swift albums on vinyl. There will be coloring sheets and supplies available (or you can bring your own) and an assortment of warm drinks (coffee, tea & hot chocolate).

TEEN ZONE

Teen-only programs
(Grades 6-12)

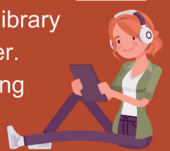
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3. Start enjoying content!



TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages Loot Box ®
(Grades 6-8)

Pick up December 18-23

Teen LitLoot Box ®
(Grades 9-12)

Pick up December 4-9

December Theme: **MYSTERY**

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!

Virtual Teen Craft: Origami Stars ®

Virtual: Thu, Dec 7, 4-5 pm

Join us for a virtual teen craft! All supplies are provided. Please indicate from which branch you prefer to pick up your supplies when you register.

Dungeons and Dragons Club ®

Sage: Wed, Dec 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!

Paint & Sip ®

Wirt: Thu, Dec 21, 4-5 pm

Enjoy a variety of hot chocolate while painting.

CHILDREN & FAMILY

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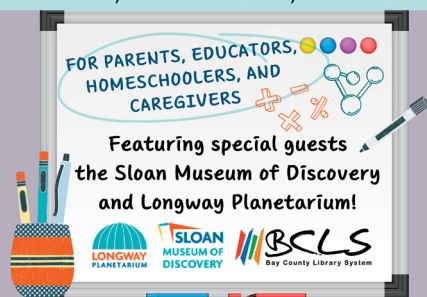
Please note: Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.

A Year of Good Books December 1-31

Children ages 12 and under are invited to enter to win a year of good books! Our librarians will select and wrap twelve picture books, early readers, and chapter books to give away to three lucky winners at each branch. To enter, visit any of our branches throughout December. Child must be present to enter, once per visit.

2023 EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKSHOP: SHARING S.T.E.M. WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

WIRT: SAT, DECEMBER 2, 10 AM-12 PM



Interested in doing STEM with your little learners in your center, school, or home? Join staff from the Sloan Museum of Discovery as they share some of their favorite STEM activities in this fast-paced, hands-on session.

Attendees will leave a detailed write up of each activity, as well as a signed certificate of attendance, and can receive credit in MiRegistry if needed. No childcare provided. Registration began on November 2 and is limited to 60 attendees.

Door prizes will also be available, courtesy of Lakeshore Learning!

Register here: 

Sundays in the City: StoryWalks® November 26-December 22

Join in on the fun during Downtown Bay City's Sundays in the City for a StoryWalk with the Bay County Library System! StoryWalks® are a creative way for children and adults to enjoy reading while spending time outdoors. Each week, local businesses will share a page of a different holiday story, so individuals and families can take a walk downtown to find all of the pages of the story! Scan the QR code below to view the interactive map!



SCAN ME

INTERACTIVE
MAP

Tip: During your Storywalk, look for the bonus QR code downtown and then visit the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library afterwards for a special surprise!



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.

WINTER STORYTIMES

SAVE THE DATE!

Registration &
Online Calendar:



JANUARY 8-FEBRUARY 23, 2024

We offer storytimes for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities, and more! Registration for all sessions begins December 8.



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: Tuesdays, 10-10:30 am
Auburn: Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 am
Wirt: Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am
Auburn: Thursdays, 11:15-11:45 am

Family Storytime (Ages 0-6)

Sage: Mondays, 10-10:30 am
Pinconning: Wednesdays, 4-4:30 pm
Wirt: Wednesdays, 6:30-7 pm

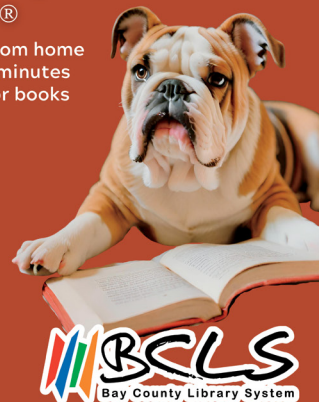
PUPS & PAGES

Read to a Certified
Therapy Dog!

Ages 4-12®

Bring a book from home or come a few minutes early to look for books at the library.

Register
online



December Dates

PINCONNING:
SAT, DEC 2,
11 AM-12 PM

AUBURN:
SAT, DEC 2,
11 AM-12 PM

WIRT:
SAT, DEC 16,
2-3 PM

SAGE:
WED, DEC 20,
5:30-6:30 PM



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN (Ages 0-Going Into 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.

Register online using READsquared.



CRAFTS & MORE

Young Scientists: Engineer That! ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Dec 1, 10:30-11:30 am

Fun, scientific exploration through STEAM stations, play and craft.

Storytime @ POPULACE Coffee

Populace Coffee: Mon, Dec 4, 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, sing and play together! No registration required.

Busy Book Cafe ® (Ages 0-3 + Adult)

Sage: Mon, Dec 4, 11 am-12 pm

Craft supplies and coffee will be available for parents to build a page for a baby busy book. Toys will be out for children to play with while adults craft and visit.

Story & Activity ® (Ages 3-12)

Sage: Tue, Dec 5, 1:30-2:30 pm

Use bleeding tissue paper to decorate a journal.

Hour of Code/Tech "Petting Zoo" ® (Ages 8-12)

Wirt: Tue, Dec 5, 4-5 pm

The Hour of Code began as a one-hour coding challenge to give students a fun first introduction to computer science and has become a global learning event and celebration. Join us in the second floor community room for an introduction to Computer Science utilizing Hour of Code tutorials along with a Tech Petting Zoo.

PLAYDATE @ WIRT (Ages 4 and under + Adult)

Wirt: Fri, Dec 8, 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.

Baby Playground ® (Ages 0-2 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Dec 8, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us for sensory play and fun for babies!

Frozen Family Movie (Family)

Wirt: Sat, Dec 9, 10:30 am-12:15 pm

Join us for a viewing of Frozen on the big screen in the community room. Hot chocolate and treats provided.

SWIFTIES Unite: Taylor Swift Birthday Celebration ® (Ages 5-12)

Wirt: Sat, Dec 9, 3-4 pm

Let's celebrate Taylor's Birthday! Play trivia, make friendship bracelets, listen to her music, enjoy dessert, and dance. Feel free to dress up according to your Taylor era.

Gingerbread House Decorating ® (Ages 0-12 + Adult)

Auburn: Tue, Dec 12, 5:30-6:30 pm

Create an edible house using graham crackers and candy!

Snowman Tic Tac Toe ® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Wed, Dec 13, 3:30-4:30 pm

Color your own tic tac toe board.

Mad Scientists: Electric Cards ® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Dec 14, 5-6 pm

Create circuit art you can give as a gift.

Friday Fun: A Little Light ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Dec 15, 10:30-11:30 am

Hear a story, dance, and make a bee's wax candle.

Family Ornaments ® (Family)

Pinconning: Sat, Dec 16, 2-3:30 pm

Make your own ornament for the holiday.

Storytime Playgroup at the Museum (Ages 5 and under + Adult)

Bay County Historical Museum: Tue, Dec 19, 9-9:30 am

Let's talk, read, play, and sing together about music! Join us at the Bay County Historical Museum for a story, scavenger hunt and playdate with Delta Kids. No registration required.

CRAFTERNOON Create (Family)

Wirt: Mon, Dec 18, 4-5 pm

Drop in and utilize our supplies and your imagination to create in the Children's Program room at Wirt. No registration required.

Gingerbread Story Time ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Tue, Dec 19, 10:30-11 am

Join us for a special story time on gingerbread with stories, activities, and craft.

Painterly Pottery ® (Ages 0-12 + Adult)

Auburn: Tue, Dec 19, 1-2 pm OR 3-4 pm

An experienced studio artist from Painterly Pottery will lead the program and bring a wide variety of glazes to decorate ceramic ornaments. Pottery will go back to the studio for firing and can be picked up at the Auburn Library when ready.

LEGO Stop Motion Animation ® (Ages 10-12)

Wirt: Wed, Dec 20, 20 1-2 pm

Learn how to use the Stop Motion Studio app to create and edit video of LEGO characters moving, jumping, and talking to each other! You are welcome to bring your favorite LEGO character or use ours.

PLAYDOUGH/LEGO Play (Family)

Wirt: Wed, Dec 20, 6-7 pm OR Thu, Dec 21, 10:30-11:30 am

Hands-on fun at the library. Drop-in for PLAYDOUGH & LEGO themed play in the Wirt Children's Department Program room. No registration required.

Take and Bake Cookies ® (Ages 2-12)

Sage: Thu, Dec 21, 5-6 pm

We will mix up a batch of sugar cookie dough, and you will leave with a tray full of cookies to bake at home.

Winter Craft Cleanout ® (Ages 12 and under)

Sage: Fri, Dec 22, 10:30-11:30 am

We have many crafts to choose from. Create a wintery masterpiece!!

Cocoa & Cookies Story Morning (Family)

Wirt: Fri, Dec 22, 10:30-11:15 am

Decorate and enjoy a tasty treat after joining us for a special story time. Geared toward preschoolers, but older siblings are welcome. No registration required.

BUILD Play (Family)

Wirt: Wed, Dec 27, 2-3 pm

Build together, family fun in the Kantzler Community Room! What will you create with open-ended interactive building materials? Blue Blocks, Fort, Kinex, and more material for you to BUILD with. No registration required.

Winter Play Day ® (Ages 12 and under)

Sage: Thu, Dec 28, 2-3 pm

Join us outside the library for a story, eye spy challenge, winter games, and a craft. Please dress appropriately for cold weather.

Movie: Trolls 2016 (PG) ® (Family)

Sage: Fri, Dec 29, 10:30 am-12 pm

Noon Year's Eve Party ® (Family)

Wirt: Sat, Dec 30, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Countdown to the "noon year" with a balloon drop, dancing, crafts, and other activities at our special family-friendly celebration!

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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**All BCLS branches will be closed Sunday,
December 24 through Tuesday, December 26, 2023.**

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