

NEWS & EVENTS



NOVEMBER 2023

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36th Annual Gift of Reading

Drop off books and monetary donations at any BCLS branch

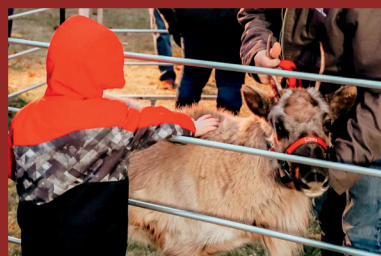
Please make checks payable to:
Bay County Library System Gift of Reading
Drop offs will also be accepted at the
Literacy Council of Bay County Headquarters at
1106 S. Madison Ave., Bay City, MI 48708
For questions and additional information,
contact Jolene Faber
jfaber@baycountylibrary.org | (989) 894-2837 Ext. 2225

Nov 1-Dec 2, 2023

Presented by the Bay County Library System

**Make a difference in your local community
this holiday season**

Donate new, unwrapped books to BCLS for our 36th 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.



1,400+
PROGRAMS YEARLY
**HUNDREDS OF
THOUSANDS**

OF ITEMS AVAILABLE
TO CHECK OUT, BOTH
PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL

There's so much to
discover at your library!

**Wirt &
Sage &
Auburn &
Pinconning &
Bookmobile**
Bay County Library System



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

The History of Ice Cream



Zoom & Alice and Jack Wirt
Library Community Room

Wed, November 8, 2023

6:00 pm

Author Suzanne Woods Fisher will present us with the history of ice cream over Zoom while in-person participants enjoy yummy ice cream from Bay City's Cream & Sugar!



Join
Suzanne
Woods Fisher



Suzanne Woods Fisher is a bestselling, award-winning author whose husband is a professional ice cream maker.

Register
here

PAINTERLY POTTERY

Pinconning: Tue, Nov 14
6:00 pm (Adults & Teens)

Auburn: Thu, Nov 16
6:00 pm (Adults & Teens)

Sage: Wed, Nov 29
4:00 pm & 6:00 pm (Adults)

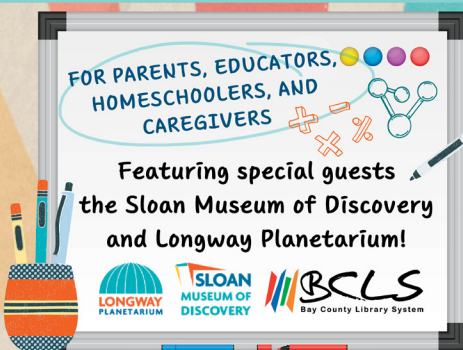
Wirt: Thu, Nov 30
6:00 pm (Adults)

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. Registration is required. Due to the high demand of Painterly Pottery programs, please only register for one of the sessions listed.



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 with a detailed write up of each activity, as well as a signed certificate of attendance. No childcare provided. Registration begins on November 2 and is limited to 60 attendees.

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

Register here:



CRAFTS & MORE

Books and Brews ® (Adults)

Riverfront Grille: Nov 1, 7-8:30 pm

November Title: *Searching for Sylvie* by Jean Kwok

Nonfiction Book Club

Wirt: Wed, Nov 1, 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 going to be a monthly club meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Wirt Library. If interested, please call the Reference desk at 989-893-9566 ext. 2200 for information.

Greeting Card Craft ®

Wirt: Thu, Nov 2, 6-7:30 pm

Social Security: Your Questions Answered ®

Auburn: Wed, Nov 8, 6-7 pm

Pinconning: Thu, Nov 9, 6-7 pm

Presented by Matthew Lambertson, Edward Jones Financial Advisor

Matthew Lambertson, Edward Jones financial advisor, will discuss questions you may have about Social Security. Social Security will likely be the foundation of your retirement income. Before you retire, it's important to understand your options and the impact your decisions have on your retirement.

Sage Stitches

Sage: Fri, Nov 10 & 24, 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.

Local Author Event

Wirt: Sat, Nov 11, 11 am-1 pm

Drop in anytime during the event to meet local authors. They will each have a table set up to sell books, answer questions, and have other information available.

Coloring at the Coffeeshop

LoLoBee's: Sat, Nov 25, 3-5 pm

Join us in a cozy afternoon of coloring. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

I ♥ YA: Book Club ®

LoLoBee's: Nov 27, 6-7 pm

November Title: *Ace of Spades* by Faridah Abiké-Iyimidé

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

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.

Adult Book Clubs

Sage: Mon, Nov 13, 2 pm

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

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

BCLS EVENING SESSIONS SPEAKER SERIES

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She's Gone Missing - The Epidemic of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women

Wed, November 29, 2023

6:00 PM

Heather Bruegl, public historian, activist, decolonial education consultant, citizen of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and a first-line descendent Stockbridge Munsee, will discuss this epidemic.

LIVE STREAM AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
Register to view at Wirt or watch on Zoom.

zoom



ADULTS & TEENS

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

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



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

**SAGE: WED, NOV 8,
6:00-7:30 PM**

**PINCONNING: SAT, NOV 18,
10:00-11:30 AM**

**WIRT: TUE, NOV 21,
6:00-7:30 PM**

**REGISTER YOUR
TEAM OF FRIENDS
AND FAMILY. BE THE
FIRST TO COMPLETE
A 500 PC. PUZZLE TO
WIN A 1,000 PC.
PUZZLE AND
BRAGGING RIGHTS!**

**TEENS AND
ADULTS
WELCOME**

REGISTER NOW

Registration is required. Please register your team as one participant and include names of team members in the notes field.

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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

Fall Sampler Craft ®

Pinconning: Tue, Nov 7, 6-7 pm

Join us at the Pinconning Branch to make a framed fall-themed sampler.

Needle Crafters Club

**Auburn: Wed, Nov 8 & 29,
6-7:30 pm**

Drop in and spend an hour knitting and/or crocheting. Please bring your own projects to work on. All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Ornamental Faux Pumpkin Craft ®

Auburn: Thu, Nov 9, 6-7:30 pm

Chess at the Library ®

Sage: Wed, Nov 15, 3:30-5 pm

TEEN ZONE Teen-only programs (Grades 6-12)

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TEEN PAINTERLY POTTERY

**Sage: Tue, Nov 28,
3:30-4:30 pm**

**Wirt: Thu, Nov 30,
4-5 pm**

Registration required. Painterly Pottery will have items for teens to paint. All supplies provided. Items will be fired in the store's kiln and returned to the library for pick-up at a later date.



TEEN BOOK BOXES

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

Pick up November 20-25

**Teen
LitLoot Box ®**
(Grades 9-12)

Pick up November 6-11

November Theme: **AROUND THE WORLD**

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!

Dungeons and Dragons Club ®

Sage: Wed, Nov 8, 3:30-5:30 pm

Virtual Teen Craft: Button Tree ®

Zoom: Tue, Nov 14, 4-4:45 pm

Soap Bubble Painting ®

Wirt: Thu, Nov 16, 4-5 pm

Books, Games & Chill ®

Sage: Wed, Nov 22, 3:30-4:30 pm

CHILDREN & FAMILY

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

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

REINDEER at your library

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!



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.



FALL STORYTIMES

Registration &
Online
Calendar:



THROUGH NOVEMBER 9

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

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, 6-6:30 pm
Wirt: Wednesdays, 6:30-7 pm

SAVE THE DATE FOR WINTER STORYTIMES,
JANUARY 9-FEBRUARY 23, 2024



PAGES & PIZZA EXPLORERS

NEW TWEEN
BOOK CLUB

Ages 9-12
Wed, Nov 8
4:30-5:30 pm

We are heading out for pizza and to discuss pages in the city! Each month we will meet at a destination where we will discuss books and enjoy pizza. This month we will meet at Vinny's Pizzeria in Uptown to discuss *New Kid*, and receive your title for January's program. Support for this book club is provided by Jolt Credit Union and each participant will receive a copy of the book to keep! This program is for the registered 9-12 year old only.



*If you did not attend the October club and still need a copy of *New Kid* to read prior to pizza day, please call the Wirt Children's Department.

JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

JANUARY 10 FEBRUARY 14 MARCH 13
APRIL 10 MAY 8



Registration is required and available at baycountylibrary.org.



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



November Dates

PINCONNING:
SAT, NOV 4,
1:30-2:30 PM

AUBURN:
SAT, NOV 11,
11 AM-12 PM

PINCONNING:
WED, NOV 15,
2-3 PM

SAGE:
WED, NOV 15,
5:30-6:30 PM

WIRT:
SAT, NOV 18,
2-3 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

Fall Weaving Placemat® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Wed, Nov 1, 3:30-4:30 pm

Make your very own woven placemat.

Storytime @ POPULACE Coffee

Wirt: Mon, Nov 6, 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 all about turkeys! No registration required.

Busy Book Cafe® (Ages 0-3 yrs + Adult)

Sage: Mon, Nov 6, 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.

LEGO Block Party (Family)

Wirt: Tue, November 7, 1-3 pm

Visit the library on your day off from school for LEGO! We will utilize Lego Coding Express and STEAM Park material as well as blocks to construct a creation of your own. No registration required.

Story & Activity® (Ages 3-12)

Sage: Tue, Nov 7, 1:30-2:30 pm

Sew and decorate your own pouch.

Diamond Painting® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 7, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Diamond painting is a mosaic style craft that combines the fun of paint by number with the sparkle of rhinestones! Learn the basics of diamond painting by creating your own adorable stickers!

Family Literacy Night

Wirt: Tue, Nov 7, 6-7 pm

Celebrate Family Literacy Month at the library with the Michigan Learning Channel! Families with young children are welcome to join us for a fun station based program where we will learn, play, create, and read together. No registration required.

Ceramic Turkey® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Nov 9, 3:30-4:30 pm

Paint a ceramic turkey for Thanksgiving.

Mad Scientists: Magic® (Ages 7-12)

Sage: Thu, Nov 9, 5-6 pm

Learn magic tricks to impress your friends!

PLAYDATE @ WIRT (Ages 4 and under with caregiver)

Wirt: Fri, Nov 10, 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.

Young Scientists: Magnet Painting® (Ages 2-6 + Adult)

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

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

LEGO Brick Build (Family)

Wirt: Sat, November 11, 2-3 pm

Lego Brick Build utilizing your imagination and our bricks to construct a creation of your own. No registration required.

Totally Turkey® (Ages 4-12)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 14, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Join us for a variety of turkey-themed crafts!

All Turkey S.T.E.A.M. (Ages 6-12)

Wirt: Wed, Nov 15, 4-5 pm

Let's talk turkey! Visit the library for investigative and hands-on turkey fun themed activities that will spark your interest in science, technology, engineering, art and math! No registration required.

Science Club Jr: Dino-rama® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Nov 17, 10:30-11 am

Help us celebrate Dino-vember by making dinosaur themed crafts and learning about our prehistoric friends!

Friday Fun: Jungle Adventure® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Nov 17, 10:30-11:30 am

Explore the animals of the jungle and make a craft!

ICE AGE Family Movie

Wirt: Sat, Nov 18, 10:30 am-12 pm

View Ice Age on the big screen in the community room. Movie snacks will be provided.

Magic for Beginners® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 21, 5:30-6:30 pm

Learn beginner magic tricks and tips that will be sure to fool your friends!

Dinosaur Celebration

Wirt: Mon, Nov 27, 10:30-11:30 am

Celebrate Dino-vember with stories, songs, crafts, and play centered on dinosaurs at this station based program. Families with young children, no registration required.

Breakfast with Clifford® (Ages 1-6)

Sage: Tue, Nov 28, 10:30-11 am

Join us for breakfast (muffins, juice & fruit) and coffee! Clifford will be in the room to hear a story and dance.

Make an Instrument® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Nov 28, 5:30-6:30 pm

Feel the rhythm! Join us to decorate maracas and create a spin drum!

Make a Gift® (Ages 12 and under)

Sage: Thu, Nov 30, 4:30-5:30 & 6-7 pm

Design a mug, card, and gift bag to give away this holiday season.

Dino-vember

Wirt: All November long!

During the month of November, the worlds' dinosaurs come to life and explore when no one is looking. When this happens, we call it DINOVEMBER! It is a month of celebrating dinosaurs (of course), and imagination, and wondrous delight in the world around us. Watch for fun opportunities when you visit the Wirt branch throughout the month, including a dinosaur egg hunt!

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

**All BCLS branches will be closed beginning at 5:00 pm
Wednesday, November 22 through Thursday, November 23, 2023.**

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