

NEWS & EVENTS



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Bay County Library System

Library of THINGS



For more information and to see a full list of items available to check out, please visit www.baycountylibrary.org/library-things

Introducing the BCLS Library of Things!

The Library of Things is a special collection that extends our library services beyond books and media to include a diverse collection of items and equipment that patrons can borrow for short periods. Just like borrowing a book, patrons can check out these non-traditional items for specific needs, experiences, or projects. The collection provides access to a variety of useful and interesting items that our patrons may not want to purchase for occasional use.

Just a few of the types of items available to check out from the Library of Things include:

Tools and DIY Equipment:

Hand tools, a sewing machine, Cricut Explore Air 2, and other equipment for home improvement and crafting projects.

Tech Gadgets:

Binoculars, telescopes, Nintendo Switch, ghost hunting kit, digital camera and camcorder, and other technology devices.

Outdoor and Recreational Gear:

Karaoke machine, pickleball kit, cornhole kit, and other outdoor games.

Plus so much more!



GET YETI TO READ... THE YETI STRIKES BACK

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

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!

Pick up a log from your branch, print it online, or keep track of reading using READsquared. Log 8 hours of reading to be entered into a prize drawing! The more you read, the more chances you'll get to win! Be sure to turn in your log or log your reading online by the end of business on February 24, 2024.

Get READsquared links and instructions, plus print reading logs at baycountylibrary.org/WRP.

ADULTS

Ages 18 and up

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

Resistance and Resilience in Occupied Poland: The True Stories that Inspired *The Warsaw Sisters* With Amanda Barratt

Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library | Wed, Feb 7, 6 pm

Join us for a presentation by bestselling author Amanda Barratt as she explores the true events that inspired her latest historical novel. From the daring network of women who smuggled hundreds of Jewish children out of the Warsaw ghetto to Poland's secret army that rose up in a heroic and tragic battle for the city's liberation, *The Warsaw Sisters* illuminates the stories of ordinary individuals who fought to preserve freedom and humanity in the darkest of times. A book signing will follow the presentation.

Amanda Barratt is the bestselling author of numerous historical novels and novellas including *The Warsaw Sisters*, *Within These Walls of Sorrow*, and *The White Rose Resists*. Her work has been the recipient of the Christy Award and the Carol Award, as well as an Honorable Mention in the Foreword INDIES Book of the Year Awards. Amanda is passionate about illuminating oft forgotten facets of history through a fictional narrative.

Registration is required. Join us in the Kantzler Community Room at the Alice & Jack Wirt Library.



Midnight: Detroit and the Underground Railroad

Wed, February 21, 2024

6:00 PM

Codenamed Midnight, Detroit was a vital station on the Undergrounds Railroad. Thousands crossed the river to freedom in Canada from Detroit. Detroit abolitionists helped freedom seekers from the south evade slave catchers and local law enforcement on their way to Canada. Presented by William Wall-Winkel, Field Curator at The Detroit Historical Society.

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



DOORWAY TO FREEDOM
Detroit and The Underground Railroad

Auburn Area
Branch Library

Sage Branch
Library

Pinconning Branch
Library

Alice and Jack Wirt
Public Library

Multi-branch
or Offsite

CRAFTS & MORE

Painterly Pottery®

Wirt: Thu, Feb 1, 6-7 pm

Sage: Wed, Feb 28, 4-5 pm OR 6-7 pm

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 Painterly Pottery programs, please only register for one of the sessions listed.

Discover Your Roots: Family History Research for Beginners®

Wirt: Sat, Feb 3, 9:30-11:30 am (2nd Floor Community Room)

Find your family in the census using Ancestry Library Edition. Learn how to find vital records and organize your research.

Sponsored in part by the Bay County Genealogical Society

Seed Sorting for the Seed Library

Wirt: Sat, Feb 3, 10 am-4 pm

Wirt: Tue, Feb 13, 6-7:30 pm

Drop in anytime during the sorting to help prepare for the 7th Season of the Seed Library! All supplies provided.

Nonfiction Book Club

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

If interested, please call the Reference desk at 989-893-9566 ext. 2200 for more information.

Books and Brews® (Adults)

Tri-City Brewing: Wed, Feb 7, 7-8:30 pm

February Title: *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

Valentine Mason Jar Craft®

Wirt: Thu, Feb 8, 6-7 pm

Paint and decorate a mason jar for your Valentine.

Sage Stitchers

Sage: Fri, Feb 9 & 23, 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.

Intro to Genealogy Databases at the Library®

Wirt: Sat, Feb 10, 9:30-11:30 am (2nd Floor Community Room)

Learn how to: Use Ancestry Library Edition and MyHeritage Library Edition in your family research. Print or save your research documents electronically.

Sponsored in part by the Bay County Genealogical Society

Puzzle Swap

Wirt: Sat, Feb 10, 11 am-1 pm

Drop off puzzles you would like to swap anytime up to the day of the event to receive one voucher for each puzzle you drop off. On February 10, anyone with vouchers can choose puzzles from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, then from 12:00-1:00 pm it will be open to all.

Cricut 101®

Sage: Wed, Feb 14, 6-7:30 pm

During this interactive workshop for beginners, attendees will be introduced to the Cricut Design Space and watch a demonstration on how to use the Cricut Maker 3. By the end of this program attendees will be equipped with foundational knowledge of Cricut so that they can use the Cricut Design Space on their own.

Important: Attendees will not be creating projects during this workshop. This is a workshop for learning how to use the Cricut Design Space and see how to operate the Maker 3.

I ♥ YA: Book Club®

Lolobee's: Feb 19, 6-7 pm

February Title: *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera

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®

Wirt: Thu, Feb 1, 6-7 pm

Sage: Mon, Feb 12, 2-3 pm

Pinconning: Tue, Feb 20, 2:30-4 pm

Auburn: Thu, Feb 22, 6-7:30 pm

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

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 Area
Branch Library

Sage Branch
Library

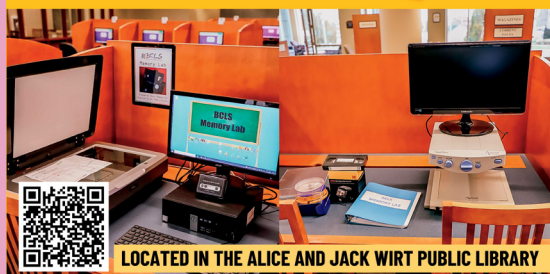
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BCLS MEMORYLAB

- CONVERT CASSETTE TAPES TO MP3 FILES
- TURN HOME MOVIES INTO DVDS/MP4 FILES
- DIGITIZE PHOTO SLIDES
- SCAN PHOTOGRAPHS TO DIGITAL FILES
- AND SO MUCH MORE!



LOCATED IN THE ALICE AND JACK WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Don't let your memories get trapped in old technology! Library patrons are able to use the new BCLS Memory Lab equipment to digitize, edit, and store personal media including home recordings on videocassette and audiocassette, photographs, letters, scrapbooks, as well as photo slides. Appointments are appreciated and available at www.baycountylibrary.org/memory-lab.

Painterly Pottery ®

Pinconning: Tue, Feb 6, 6-7 pm

Auburn: Thu, Feb 8, 6-7 pm

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 Painterly Pottery programs, please only register for one of the sessions listed.

Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Centers

Sage: Fri, Feb 9, 10:30 am-3 pm

Schedule your appointment below using the QR code:

BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs
eternal



Spa Day ®

Pinconning: Sat, Feb 10, 10-11:30 am

Make a body wash, liquid hand soap, sugar scrub, and lip scrub using natural ingredients and essential oils.

"Heart" Air Balloon Art ®

Pinconning: Tue, Feb 13, 6-7 pm

Needle Crafters Club

Auburn: Wed, Feb 14 & 28, 6-7:30 pm

All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Decorative Hearts Tray Craft ®

Auburn: Thu, Feb 15, 6-7:30 pm

Chess at the Library ®

Sage: Wed, Feb 21, 3:30-5 pm

TEEN ZONE

Teen-only programs
(Grades 6-12)

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

TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages
Loot Box ®

(Grades 6-8)

Pick up February 19-24

Teen
LitLoot Box ®

(Grades 9-12)

Pick up February 5-10

February Theme: **FAIRY TALES/ROBIN HOOD**

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, Feb 14, 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!

Bird Mosaic Craft ®

Wirt: Thu, Feb 15, 4-5 pm

Painterly Pottery ®

Wirt: Thu, Feb 1, 6-7 pm

Sage: Tue, Feb 27, 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.

HEALTHY TEETH STORYTIME

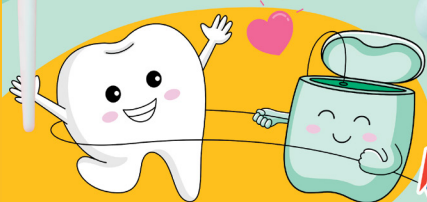
Visit each branch for a special storytime about going to the dentist! Activities, prizes, and optional free dental assessments for kindergarten-aged children who attend with a parent or guardian, provided by our partners at the Bay County Health Department and My Community Dental Centers.

WIRT: WED, FEB 7, 6:30-7:30 PM

PINCONNING: THU, FEB 22, 6-7 PM

SAGE: FRI, FEB 23, 10:30-11:30 AM

AUBURN: TUE, FEB 27, 4:30-5:30 PM



For families with young children. Registration is required and available at baycountylibrary.org



WINTER STORYTIMES

THROUGH FEBRUARY 23, 2024

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, 4-4:30 pm
Wirt: Wednesdays, 6:30-7 pm



Registration & Online Calendar:



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

(Ages 0-Going Into Kindergarten)

STAY TUNED! Next month we are relaunching our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1000B4K) program, with new logs, incentives, and prizes! 1000B4K 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 1000-book goal in three years while providing children essential early literacy skills. Sign up for the new program beginning Friday, March 1!

Register online using READsquared.

READsquared
Habit Forming



Get Yeti to Read: THE YETI STRIKES BACK in our annual Winter Reading Program! Read or listen for a total of 8 hours and log your reading to earn entries into a drawing. The more you read, the more chances you have to win! For every 8 hours read or listened, your name will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a YETI brand insulated cup or a gift card!

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baycountylibrary.org/WRP

Participate online at baycountylibrary.readsquared.com or via the READsquared app. Paper logs will also be available at your branch.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3! JOIN US AT OUR BRANCHES THROUGHOUT THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY TO MAKE A SPECIAL TOTE BAG FOR YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST), SIGN UP FOR LIBRARY CARDS, AND LEARN ABOUT ALL THE FUN ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES OUR BRANCHES HAVE TO OFFER EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR!



SAGE: THURS, FEB 1
5:30 PM: PIZZA AND FAMILY
BLANKET FORT NIGHT
Registration required

PINCONNING: FRI, FEB 2
3:30 PM: DECORATE A TOTE BAG
Registration required

WIRT: SAT, FEB 3
ALL DAY: COLORING AND
CRAFTS, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

AUBURN: SAT, FEB 3
2:30 PM: DECORATE A TOTE BAG
Registration required

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

February Dates

AUBURN:
SAT, FEB 3,
11 AM-12 PM

PINCONNING:
SAT, FEB 17,
2-3 PM

WIRT:
SAT, FEB 17,
2-3 PM

SAGE:
WED, FEB 21,
5:30-6:30 PM



CRAFTS & MORE

Yoga Storytime® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Wirt: Fri, Feb 2, 10:30-11 am

Join us at the library for a Winter themed yoga storytime with your little. We will utilize mindfulness and movement during our time together. Please bring your own mat or towel and dress comfortably.

Storytime @ POPULACE Coffee

Populace Coffee: Mon, Feb 5, 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 yrs + Adult)

Sage: Mon, Feb 5, 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, Feb 6, 1:30-2:30 pm

Make personalized cork boards.

Salt Dough Hearts® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Tue, Feb 6, 4:30-5:30 pm

Decorate a salt dough conversation heart and make some dough to take home!

Mad Scientists: Robot Battle® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Feb 8, 5:30-6:30 pm

Make a robot out of cups, with tape roll wheels, and get ready to battle!

PLAYDATE @ WIRT (Ages 4 and under + Adult)

Wirt: Fri, Feb 9 & 23, 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, Feb 9, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us for sensory play and fun for babies!

DIY Yeti Pillow® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Fri, Feb. 9, 3:30-4:30 pm

Make your own Yeti friend with this tie pillow craft!

Bake!® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Wirt: Tue, Feb 13, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us at the library for a cooking program with your little person utilizing our mobile kitchen. We will be making chocolate valentine treats to share.

Valentine Lab (Ages 3-12)

Pinconning: Tue, Feb. 13, 3:30-4:30 pm

Stop by to create your own valentines to give to those special to you!

Food, Fun, & Fitness® (Ages 8-12)

Wirt: Tue, Feb 13, 4-5 pm

Join us at the library for a Valentine themed program about food & fitness. We will have fun as we make treats to share and learn about healthy heart fitness. Please dress comfortably.

Heart to Heart Craft Party® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Tue, Feb 13, 4:30-5:30 pm

Roses are red, violets are blue, join our Valentine event, just for you! Celebrate this special time of year with crafts.

Pages & Pizza Explorers® (Ages 9-12)

Wirt: Wed, Feb 14, 4:30-5:30 pm

We are having pizza and discussing pages! This month we will meet at the library to discuss *Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life*, receive your title for March program and enjoy a valentine treat. 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 January club and still need a copy of this month's book to read prior to pizza day, please call the Wirt Children's Department.*

Friday Fun: Bubble Wrap® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Feb 16, 10:30-11:30 am

Hear a story, make a bubble wrap print, and do lots of popping!

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

Auburn: Fri, Feb 16, 10:30-11:30 am

Science and art combine to create a special reaction using watercolor paint.

Nature Explorers @ Bay City State Park (Ages 8 and under + Adult)

Bay City State Park: Fri, Feb 16, 1:30-2:30 pm

Get outdoors! Dress for the weather and join us at Pavilion 1 at the Bay City State Park, along with Great Start Collaborative of Bay-Arenac Counties, to explore nature each month with themed activities. A state recreation pass is necessary to enter the park. No registration required.

All Aboard! Train Express® (Ages 3-6)

Wirt: Sat, Feb 17, 10-11:30 am

Create a cardboard train engine sized just for you, view Thomas & Friends All Engines on the big screen, and bring home your very own train whistle.

Young Scientists: Healthy Teeth Storytime® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri Feb 23, 10:30-11:30 am

Fun, scientific exploration through STEAM stations, play and craft. Special guest My Community Dental Centers!

Pudding Slime® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Feb 20, 5:30-6:30 pm

Get ready for sensory fun as we make our own pudding slime!

Saturday Cinema: Elemental (PG)® (Family)

Auburn: Sat, Feb 24, 1-3 pm

Enjoy a movie and a snack! This month we'll be watching Disney's Elemental!

Movie Maker Club (Ages 9-12)

Wirt: Sat, Feb 24, 3-4:30 pm

Join us for a brand-new club for tweens, all about making movies and other video-based media, with equipment provided by the Michigan Learning Channel!

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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