

NEWS & EVENTS



MARCH 2024

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your closest
BCLS branch, or
online using
READsquared.
Tracking logs are
available at all
branch locations.**

Online resources and more
information can be found at
baycountylibrary.org

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**1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: INTRODUCING A FRESH
LOOK AND MORE WAYS TO EARN PRIZES THAN EVER BEFORE!**

Read your way toward kindergarten readiness! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1000B4K) is a self-guided, read-at-home program for all children, from birth up until the time they start school. The goal? For every child to be exposed to at least 1000 books before kindergarten.

Sign up to receive a tracking booklet to keep track of all of the books you and your child read together. Earn badges and prizes along the way, and build a strong early literacy foundation to help get your child ready to read on their own.

Bay County Library System runs 1000B4K on a continuous basis; the only deadline is your child's kindergarten year! 1000B4K is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children.



**Library of
THINGS**

Bay County Library System
Located at the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library
and available to Bay County resident cardholders
www.baycountylibrary.org/library-things

The BCLS Library of Things is open! This special collection offers DIY equipment, tools, gaming devices, and so much more available for short term borrowing. Check out an item and find your next "Thing!"



The Friends of the Bay County Library System are accepting donations for our Annual Used Book Sale! Please bring clean, undamaged book and AV materials to any BCLS branch library during regular operating hours. If you have a large donation, please take those to Southside Branch Library at 311 Lafayette Avenue in Bay City on FRIDAYS from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Friends accept books, DVD's, music CD's, books on CD, and record albums. For more information, please visit www.baycountylibrary.org/friends.

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

Books and Brews® (Adults)

H20s Waterside Grill: Mar 6, 7-8:30 pm

February Title: *We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker

Sage Stitchers

Sage: Fri, Mar 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.

Closet Cleanout Craft®

Wirt: Thu, Mar 14, 6-7 pm

Help us spring clean our craft closet! Various crafts to choose from.

Let's Talk Tomatoes! With Bevin Cohen®

Wirt: Mon, Mar 18, 6 pm

Author and seed saver Bevin Cohen will share exciting tales of how this South American fruit traveled around the world and back, influencing the cuisines and cultures of the many countries it encountered along its journey. Plus, discover tips and tricks to maximize your tomato harvest. Learn just how easy it is to preserve this important history as Bevin demonstrates how to harvest tomato seeds. After this fun presentation, you'll be ready to grow your best tomatoes yet!

I ♥ YA: Book Club®

Lolobee's: Mar 18, 6-7 pm

March Title: *Throwback* by Maurene Goo

Learn to Make Marbled Bags with Courtney & Cory®

Sage: Wed, Mar 27, 5:00, 6:00, & 7:00 pm

Courtney and Cory Simpson, owners of North Bay Leather Co., will show us how to create unique and cool marble dipped cotton bags.

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, Mar 7, 6:00 pm

Sage: Mon, Mar 11, 2:00 pm

Auburn: Thu, Mar 21, 6:00 pm

Pinconning: Tue, Mar 19, 2:30 pm

Nonfiction Book Club

Wirt: Wed, Mar 6, 6:00 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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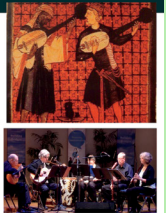
Northern Renaissance: Music of the Renaissance

Wed, March 20, 2024

6:00 PM

Northern Renaissance is a small group of area musicians who enjoy playing music from the 14th to early 17th centuries. Join us for an evening of live music that would be heard by aristocrats in the main hall of a castle, folks in a tavern, and worshippers in an ancient cathedral!

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
Register at baycountylibrary.org



ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

gh GARSKE
HEWITT

Join us for an Estate Planning Workshop led by experienced attorneys from Garske Hewitt, PLC. Gain valuable knowledge on navigating probate challenges, optimizing the use of automatic beneficiary designations and ladybird deeds, and strategically minimizing taxes and costs. Unlock the secrets of essential estate planning documents with expert guidance.

Registration required.

For more information:

www.baycountylibrary.org

WIRT LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 6 PM

PINCONNING LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 6 PM

AUBURN LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 6 PM

PRESENTED BY
MATTHEW B. HEWITT
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BCLS SEED LIBRARY OPENS TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Seeds will be available for many vegetables, some herbs, fruits and flowers. Check seeds out the same as books. Food gardening is encouraged and we hope you will return a portion of your seeds from your garden in the fall! Located at the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library



Author Visit with Darci Hannah

WIRT: SAT, MARCH 9, 2 PM

JOIN DARCI HANNAH, MICHIGAN COZY AUTHOR EXTRAORDINAIRE, FOR AN AUTHOR TALK AT THE WIRT LIBRARY. IN A SHAMROCK-Y CELEBRATION OF HER NEWEST BEACON BAKESHOP MYSTERY, *MURDER AT THE BLARNEY BASH*, WE INVITE YOU TO COME OUT AND LISTEN AS DARCI DISHES ON HER NOVELS AND HER FAVORITE RECIPES. A Q & A AND BOOK SIGNING WILL FOLLOW THE PRESENTATION. BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE COURTESY OF LEOPARD PRINT BOOKS.



REGISTER AT
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ADULTS & TEENS

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


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

Lucky in Love Bingo


Pick up a Bingo card and check out a romance from BCLS (must be a library book)

Find the words, characters or situations from the bingo card in the book(s) you are reading and check them off on the bingo card. Complete one row (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) for a bingo. Bring back your Bingo card for a chance to win a prize!

You may turn in 1 card per week during the month of March.



TEAM JIGSAW PUZZLE CHALLENGE



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!

TEENS AND ADULTS WELCOME

PINCONNING: SAT, MAR 2, 10:00-11:30 AM

WIRT: TUE, MAR 5, 6:00-7:30 PM

AUBURN: SAT, MAR 9, 2:00-4:00 PM

SAGE: WED, MAR 13, 6:00-7:30 PM

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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Auburn Area Branch Library Sage Branch Library Pinconning Branch Library Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library Multi-branch or Offsite

Mini Book Stack Craft®
Pinconning: Tue, Mar 5, 6-7 pm

Chess at the Library®
Auburn: Thu, Mar 7, 6-7:30 pm
Sage: Wed, Mar 20, 3:30-5 pm

Handmade Greeting Cards®
Pinconning: Tue, Mar 12, 6-7 pm

Needle Crafters Club
Auburn: Wed, Mar 13 & 27, 6-7:30 pm
All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Farmhouse-Style Easter Egg Wreath Craft®
Auburn: Thu, Mar 14, 6-7:30 pm

Mandala on Glass Painting®
Pinconning: Sat, Mar 23, 10-11:30 am

Coffee, Coloring, and The Beatles®
Wirt: Sat, Mar 30, 2-3:30 pm
We will be hosting a relaxing afternoon with hot beverages & coloring while listening to The Beatles 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)

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

MARCH MADNESS CANDY TOURNAMENT

TEEN MARCH MADNESS MARCH 3-30

WE HAVE SELECTED 16 CANDIES. NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE. EACH WEEK VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CANDY, NARROWING DOWN THE LIST UNTIL THE WINNER IS ANNOUNCED ON APRIL 1. EACH ROUND YOU VOTE; YOUR NAME WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR A CHANCE TO WIN SOME CANDY.



TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages Loot Box®
(Grades 6-8)
Pick up March 18-23

Teen LitLoot Box®
(Grades 9-12)
Pick up March 3-9

March Theme: IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN

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, Mar 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, Mar 21, 4-5 pm

Enjoy a variety of fun drinks while painting.

Film Crew Club®

Sage: Tue, Mar 26, 3:30-4:30 pm

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

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.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION (Ages 0-5 with caregiver)

Auburn: Tue, Mar 12, 4:30-5:30 pm
Pinconning: Tue, Mar 19, 10:30-11:30 am
Wirt: Thu, Mar 21, 10:30-11:30 am
Sage: Fri, Mar 22, 10:30-11:30 am

LET'S CELEBRATE!

1000 BOOKS
Before Kindergarten
Bay County Library System

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Join us at each branch to celebrate the relaunch of our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Sign up for the new program while enjoying stories, early literacy activities, and cake! For children who have not yet started kindergarten.

Save the Date! Spring Storytimes April 1 – May 17

We offer storytimes for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities and more! Registration is required for all sessions and begins on March 1.

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, 10:30-11 am
Wirt: Wednesdays, 6:30-7 pm

Register and view
calendar here:

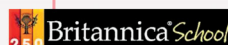


MARCH IS READING MONTH WHERE WILL YOU EXPLORE IN A BOOK?

DON'T FORGET: YOU CAN CHECK OUT EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, MAGAZINES, AND MORE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!



HOMEWORK HELP RESOURCES & MORE



People, countries, science, animals, current events, and biographies.



Grades PreK-3. This early literacy and learning tool includes Animals (and dinosaurs) and Social Studies sections. Easy-to-navigate visual interface for emerging readers.



eBooks designed for K-8 students and educators.



For those with a basic understanding of English grammar and reading, but need adapted reading material for a variety of subjects.



Children's magazines, easy-to-read encyclopedia entries, and an image collection designed for elementary school libraries.



Reading recommendations for kids in grades K-8.



A collection of animated, talking picture books which you can read, or have them read to you.



World Book Encyclopedia online for grade levels PreK - 5th.

Go to **DATABASES** under the **RESEARCH** tab at baycountylibrary.org



YOU CAN ALSO ASK A LIBRARIAN FOR HELP!

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

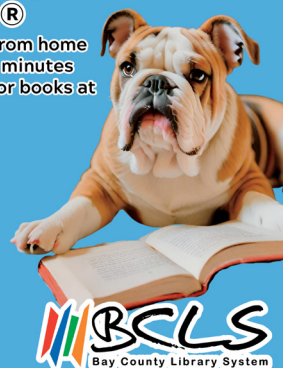
March Dates

AUBURN:
SAT, MAR 16,
11 AM-12 PM

WIRT:
SAT, MAR 16,
2-3 PM

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

PINCONNING:
SAT, MAR 30,
1:30-2:30 PM



CRAFTS & MORE

Who Am I? Book Character Game (Ages 2-12)

Pinconning: All month long!

Stop by the Pinconning branch throughout the month of March to see how familiar you are with popular book characters!

St. Paddy's Day Parade Floats® (Ages 5-12)

Wirt: Fri, Mar 1st

Designers ages 5-12 years can pick up a Parade Float kit starting Friday, March 1st. Participants will receive a kit that includes a shoebox as their float, as well as supplies to embellish their masterpiece. Participants are invited to include their own special material from home. Finished pieces must be returned to the library by Saturday, March 9, to be part of the parade float exhibit at the library.

Storytime @ POPULACE Coffee

Populace Coffee: Mon, Mar 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 in celebration of St Patrick's Day! No registration required.

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

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

Coffee will be available for parents and craft supplies 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, Mar 5, 1:30-2:30 pm

Decorate a pillow cover that is also a picture frame!

Pressed Flower Bookmarks® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Mar 5, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm

Spring is in the air! Preserve the season by making your own bookmark out of pressed flowers.

PLAYDATE @ WIRT (Ages 4 and under + Adult)

Wirt: Fri, Mar 8 and 22, 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.

Easter/Spring S.T.E.A.M. (Ages 6-12)

Wirt: Sat, Mar 9, 1-2 pm

Spring is coming! Visit the library for investigative and hands-on fun themed activities that will spark your interest in science, technology, engineering, art and math! No registration required.

Adventure by Mail® (Ages 8-12)

Ongoing Event 3/11-3/16

Can you escape from pharaoh's tomb? Registered patrons ages 8-12 will have a package mailed to them. It will contain three artifact challenges to complete in order to break out of the tomb. Bring the completed artifacts, proving you escaped the tomb, to the library of your choice. You will receive a book to keep, as well as a mystery prize!

Bake!® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Wirt: Tue, Mar 12, 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 brownies!

Pages & Pizza Explorers® (Ages 9-12)

Vinny's Pizzeria: Wed, March 13, 4:30-5:30 pm

We are discussing pages and enjoying pizza! This month we will meet at Vinny's Pizzeria in Uptown to discuss Dogtown. Each participant will receive a copy of the book to keep thanks to Jolt Credit Union (who will join us this month!) This program is for the registered 9-12 year old only. *Please contact the Wirt Children's Department if you still need a copy of the book.

Cross Stitch Backpack Keychains® (Ages 10-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Mar. 14, 5:30-7 pm

Try your hand at cross stitch by making a backpack keychain!

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

Bay City State Park: Fri, Mar 15, 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. Free books and snacks provided. A state recreation pass is necessary to enter the park. No registration required.

Movie Maker Club® (Ages 9-12)

Wirt: Sat, Mar 16, 3-4:30 pm

Learn all about making movies and other video-based media, with equipment provided by the Michigan Learning Channel!

Minecraft Madness® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Mar 19, 5:30-6:30 pm

Join us for a night of Minecraft fun! We'll have themed crafts, snacks, and games!

Make Your Own Candy Sushi® (Ages 9-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Mar. 21, 6-7 pm

Love sushi? Love candy? Learn how to combine both to create your own sweet sushi treat!

Wish Family Movie® (Family)

Wirt: Sat, March 23, 1-2:30 pm

View Disney's Wish movie on the big screen in the community room. Snacks provided.

Make and Take Party® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Tue, Mar 26, 5:30-6:30 pm

Choose from our awesome selection of crafts to design, decorate, and take home!

Mad Scientists: Eclipse Maze® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Mar 28, 5:30-6:30 pm

Create an eclipse maze. Receive a pair of eclipse glasses to take home.

Young Scientists: Solar Eclipse® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Mar 29, 10:30-11:30 am

Celebrate the solar eclipse with fun, scientific exploration through STEAM stations, play and craft.

Science Club Jr: Marble Race Track® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Mar 29, 10:30-11:30 am

Do you have the fastest marble? Learn about energy and motion as we build our own marble race tracks.

Yoga Storytime® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Wirt: Fri, Mar 29, 10:30-11 am

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

Breakfast & Board Games® (Family)

Pinconning: Sat, Mar. 30, 10-11:30 am

Enjoy a provided breakfast with family and play a board game afterwards-choose from one of the library's or bring in a family-favorite!

Pokemon Family Fun (Family)

Wirt: Sat, Mar 30, 10:30-11:30 am

Have you got what it takes to be a Pokémon Master? Join us to celebrate Pokemon! Families are invited to drop-in to the Wirt branch to visit stations with activities, crafts, snacks and more.

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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or drop it off at any branch library.

PI CONTEST

ALL AGES MARCH 1-14

VOTE ONLINE OR IN PERSON FOR YOUR

FAVORITE PIE. FAVORITE PIE WILL BE ANNOUNCED

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 14, PI DAY. WINNER FROM
EACH BRANCH WILL BE DRAWN AND WILL WIN A PIE.



**WIRT is
closed Sunday,
March 17 for
the Bay City St.
Patrick's Day
Parade.**

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