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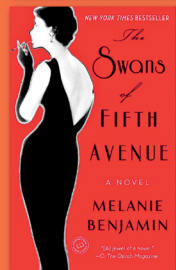
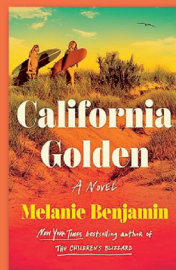
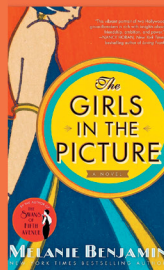
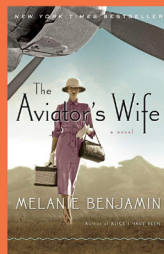
Presented by the Friends of the Bay County Library System

Join us for a presentation with *New York Times* bestselling author Melanie Benjamin! Melanie is the author of nine historical novels, including *The Swans of Fifth Avenue*, about Truman Capote and his society swans, *The Aviator's Wife*, a novel about Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and *Mistress of the Ritz*, based on the true story of the American woman who ran the Ritz during World War II, catering to the Nazi occupiers by day while working for the Resistance by night. A Q&A and book signing will follow the presentation. Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Leopard Print Books.

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7:00 PM FREE
Garber High
School Auditorium



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 7-13, 2024

Stop in to your favorite branch between April 7-13 to enter a drawing for a \$25 gift card and share a favorite library memory to celebrate BCLS's 50th anniversary. Additionally, the sucker tree will be out all week for a chance to win a \$10 gift card.



ENJOY 50% OFF THE FRIENDS
OF THE BAY COUNTY LIBRARY
SYSTEM BOOK SALE DURING
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

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NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK

April 7-13, 2024



ADULTS

Ages 18 and up

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

BCLS SEED LIBRARY IS OPEN!

Seeds are 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



BCLS PUZZLE SWAP

WIRT: SAT, MAY 18, 11 AM-1 PM

DROP OFF PUZZLES FOR ALL AGES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SWAP THROUGHOUT APRIL AND UP TO THE DAY OF THE EVENT. RECEIVE ONE VOUCHER FOR EACH PUZZLE YOU DONATE. ANYONE WITH VOUCHERS CAN CHOOSE PUZZLES FROM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, THEN FROM 12:00-1:00 PM THE SWAP WILL BE OPEN TO ALL.



CRAFTS & MORE

Books and Brews® (Adults)

G's Pizzeria: Apr 3, 7-8:30 pm

April Title: *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch

Discover Your Roots: Family History Research for Beginners®

Wirt: Sat, Apr 6, 9:30-11:30 am

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

Sponsored by BCLS and the Bay County Genealogical Society

Spring Card Making®

Wirt: Thu, Apr 11, 6-7 pm

Sage Stitches

Sage: Fri, Apr 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.

Intro to Genealogy Databases at the Library®

Wirt: Sat, Apr 13, 9:30-11:30 am

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

Sponsored by BCLS and the Bay County Genealogical Society

Romance & Rosé® (Adults)

Prost: Apr 16, 5:30-6:30 pm

Are you a romance reader with no one to talk about your latest read with? Join us to dish on your favorite reads and tropes and to get recs from fellow romance readers. There is no assigned reading, instead bring what titles you've read recently to share.

Green Burial®

Sage: Thu, Apr 18, 6-7 pm

Since 2015, cremation has surpassed traditional burial in the USA. Traditional burials usually require that the body is embalmed, and cemeteries require cement or metal vaults that surround the casket. And although cremation has a smaller impact on the environment, the process still requires considerable energy usage. Cremation and traditional burial are not the only choices that are available to consumers. In this program we will look at additional options such as human composting, natural burial and aquamation and compare their environmental impact. Green burial grounds in Michigan will be discussed.

Home Solar 101: Learn How Solar Can Work for You®

Wirt: Sat, Apr 20, 11 am-12 pm

Local Solar expert Blake Alexander goes over the basics of solar energy and its many money-saving uses for Michigan homes.

BCLS EVENING SESSIONS

SPEAKER SERIES

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Chasing the Aurora Below the 45th Parallel



Wed, April 17, 2024
6:30 pm

Realize your dream of viewing the Northern Lights, getting the tools and advice you need to finally catch an Aurora display near your home. With a deeply felt passion for the Aurora, Melissa F. Kaelin has helped hundreds of people see the Northern Lights for the first time. She is the Founder of the Michigan Aurora Chasers and the author of *Below the 45th Parallel: The Beginner's Guide to Chasing the Aurora in the Great Lakes Region*.

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



BOOK BOX FOR ADULTS

APRIL THEME:

We've Got Your Number



Boxes will be available to pick up the week of April 22. Any boxes not picked up by Sat, Apr 27 will be made available to the next patron on the waitlist.

**This high demand special collection/program is limited exclusively to Bay County resident cardholders only.

Auburn Area
Branch Library

Sage Branch
Library

Pinconning Branch
Library

Alice and Jack Wirt
Public Library

Multi-branch
or Offsite

Coloring at the Coffeeshop

Lolobees: Saturday, April 20, 3-5 pm

Join us in a cozy afternoon of coloring. Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Drop in any time between 3 and 5 to participate.

Shred It!

All branches week of April 22-27

A Shred Experts locked tote will be available at all branches for you to insert your documents for shredding. Limit of 2 grocery bags or boxes per household. For residential use only.

I ♥ YA: Book Club®

Lolobee's: Apr 22, 6-7 pm

April Title: *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson

Cooking with & Caring for Cast Iron®

Sage: Wed, Apr 24, 6-7 pm

Do you want to try cooking with cast iron, but find the process overwhelming? Did you give it a try but burned your dinner? Were you yelled at for washing a cast iron pan incorrectly? Let's come together in a judgement free space. We'll learn all of the amazing benefits to using cast iron and how user friendly cast iron cookware really is.

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, Apr 4, 6:00 pm

Sage: Mon, Apr 8, 2:00 pm

Auburn: Thu, Apr 25, 6:00 pm

Pinconning: Tue, Apr 16, 2:30 pm

Nonfiction Book Club

Wirt: Wed, Apr 3, 6:00 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)

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Chess at the Library ®

Auburn: Thu, Apr 4, 6-7:30 pm

Sage: Wed, Apr 17, 3:30-5:00 pm

Chess players of any age are welcome to compete against others in a friendly environment.

Needle Crafters Club

Auburn: Wed, Apr 10 & 24, 6-7:30 pm

All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Button Tree Art Craft ®

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

DIY Cleaning Products ®

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

Join us at the Pinconning Branch to make homemade cleaning products.

Decoupage Birdhouses Craft ®

Pinconning: Tue, Apr 23, 6-7 pm

DEAF-FRIENDLY: HOW TO MAKE SPACE FOR THE SIGN LANGUAGE COMMUNITY

Deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing people are all around but often go unnoticed. Many still experience discrimination and exclusion. You can make a difference. In this talk, you'll hear from a professional sign language interpreter and get tips to create a more welcoming environment at your workplace, business, or community events. Practice essential words and phrases in sign language. Finally, learn about classes, volunteer opportunities, and jobs related to sign language.

PINCONNING: TUE, APR 9, 6 PM

SAGE: WED, APR 10, 6 PM

WIRT: TUE, APR 16, 6 PM

AUBURN: THU, APR 18, 6 PM

Registration required and available
at baycountylibrary.org



BLOOD DRIVE

SAGE: FRI, APR 5, 10:30 AM-3 PM

AUBURN: WED, APR 17, 1:30-6 PM

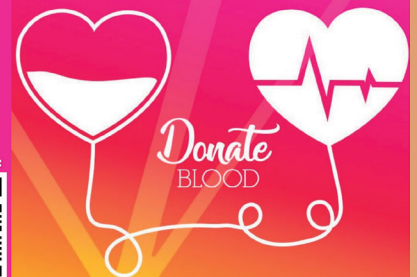
Give the gift of life! Sage and Auburn Branch Libraries are hosting blood drives with Versiti Blood Centers in our Community Rooms.

SAGE 4/5:



SCHEDULE YOUR TIME ONLINE
USING THE QR CODES

AUBURN 4/17:



TEEN ZONE

Teen-only programs
(Grades 6-12)

® = Registration required.

Registration opens 1 month before each program at 9 am.

FILM CREW CLUB

SAGE: TUE, APR 16, 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!



TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages
Loot Box ®

(Grades 6-8)

Pick up April 15-20

Teen
LitLoot Box ®

(Grades 9-12)

Pick up April 1-6

April Theme: NOVELS IN VERSE

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!

Afterschool Wondermedia ®

Sage: Tue, Apr 2, 3:30-4:30 pm

Put your digital literacy skills to the test with a mini breakout room, meme-building, and more!

Dungeons and Dragons Club ®

Sage: Wed, Apr 10, 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!

Buttons & Bubbles ®

Wirt: Thu, Apr 18, 4-5 pm

Enjoy a bubbly drink while creating a flower button craft.

Cryptid Terrarium ®

Sage: Wed, Apr 24, 3:30-5 pm

Make a spooky tableau starring your favorite cryptid.

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.

SPRING STORYTIMES

APRIL 1 - MAY 17

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

Registration & Online Calendar:



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

SMART MONEY MI KIDS: BANANA SPLITS ON A BUDGET (GRADES K-5)

Celebrate Michigan Financial Wellness Month at each of our branches with a special storytime about saving, budgeting, and using math to spend money. Then, use your smart money skills to budget and build your own banana split. Each child will receive a free copy of the book *Owl and Otter and the Big Talent Show*, provided by the Michigan Financial Wellness Network, and other prizes provided by our partners at Jolt and United Financial Credit Unions.

SAGE: THU, APRIL 4, 5:30-6:30 PM

AUBURN: TUE, APRIL 9, 4:30-5:30 PM

WIRT: SAT, APRIL 13, 1:30-2:30 PM

PINCONNING: THU, APRIL 18, 5:30-6:30 PM

Registration required and available at baycountylibrary.org. Scan QR code to register:



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

April Dates

WIRT: SAT, APRIL 13, 1:30-2:30 PM

SAGE: WED, APRIL 17, 5:30-6:30 PM

AUBURN: SAT, APRIL 27, 11 AM-12 PM



B.A.M. BOOKS AND MORE!

Subscription Box for 4th and 5th Graders ®

Boxes picked up between Apr 8-13
April's theme is **Can you Survive?**

Each box will contain one library book related to the box's theme, a book to keep and a few treats or a craft to go along with the theme. Check out the box, enjoy the books and treats, then return the library book and box.

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PEEP PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all

Peep Birdhouse ®

(Ages 0-12)

Auburn: Sat, Apr 6, 1-2 pm OR 3-4 pm

Celebrate spring by creating your own edible Peep birdhouse.

Peep's the Word Diorama Contest ®

(Ages 4-12)

Pinconning: Beginning Tuesday, Apr. 9th

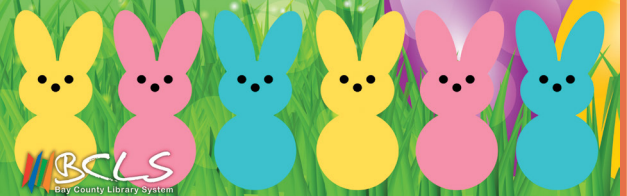
Patrons between 4 and 12 can pick up diorama supplies for their book-themed Peeps display beginning April 9th until the 19th after online or in-person registration. A diorama box, craft supplies, and Peeps will be given to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece along with any other materials from home that would like to be used. Finished dioramas must be turned in by the 20th. To vote for your favorite diorama stop by the branch between the 23rd and 27th!

A is for Art: Painting with Peeps ®

(Ages 2-5 + Adult)

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

Hop on over to create your own work of art using Peeps!



1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Bay County Library System

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.

Ready to start? Join now online using **READsquared**, or visit the Children's Desk at any BCLS branch location to receive your Tracking Log and starting prizes.



CRAFTS & MORE

Embryology with 4H - Chick Incubator

Visit the Children's Department at the Wirt library during the month of April to peek at our chick incubator. It will take 21 days for our chick eggs to hatch!

Storytime @ POPULACE Coffee (Family)

Populace Coffee: Mon, April 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 April showers and spring flowers. No registration required.

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

Sage: Mon, Apr 1, 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, Apr 2, 1:30-2:30 pm

Make an upcycled succulent planter.

LEGO Brick Build (Family)

Wirt: Tue, Apr 2, 2-3 pm

Spring break fun at the library. We provide the bricks for you to construct creations of your own. No registration required.

Sew Creative: Love Bug® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Apr 2, 4:30-6:30 pm

Make your own adorable love bug in this hands on sewing program! Learn the basics of following a pattern, pinning, and using a sewing machine!

Baby Book Club® (Ages 0-3 + Adult)

Sage: Wed, Apr 3, 5:30-6 pm

Bring your baby to sing, rhyme, dance and take home a new book to keep. Stay to play and chat with other parents.

From Egg to Chicken Storytime

Wirt: Fri, April 5, 11-11:30 am

Drop in during spring break for eggs-tra fun! Hear a special story from our 4-H Partner at MSU Extension, make a small project and check on the eggs in our incubator. No registration required.

ECLIPSE Viewing Party (Family)

Wirt: Mon, Apr 8, 2:30-3:30 pm

Join us for a Solar Eclipse Viewing Party at the Wirt branch. Watch the solar eclipse with us! You can watch it inside the library as NASA broadcasts the event. Or outdoors, using free (while supplies last) eclipse glasses to safely watch the eclipse in the sky. We will have fun crafts to celebrate. No registration required.

Pages & Pizza Explorers® (Ages 9-12)

Wenonah Park Pavilion: Wed, Apr 10, 4:30-5:30 pm

We are discussing pages and enjoying pizza! In April, weather permitting, we will meet at the Wenonah Park Pavilion. This month we will discuss Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper with books provided by Jolt Credit Union. 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.

Mad Scientists: Fly, Fling and Soar® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Apr 11, 5:30-6:30 pm

Create launching butterflies, and see how they handle Sage's fire escape!

Spring Cleaning: Ceramics Edition® (Ages 3-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Apr. 11, 6-7 pm

Choose from one of many different ceramic pieces to paint!

PLAYDATE @ WIRT (Ages 4 and under + Adult)

Wirt: Fri, Apr 12 & 26, 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, Apr 12, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us for sensory play and fun for babies!

Friday Fun: Earth Day® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Apr 12, 10:30-11:30 am

Hear a story, dance, and make some plantable seed paper.

Bake!® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Wirt: Tue, Apr 16, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us at the library for a cooking literacy program with your little person based on the Little Bakers Cookie Truck book. We will use our mobile kitchen to bake a batch of sugar cookies to enjoy at the library and take a batch home to bake.

Stained Glass® (Ages 6-12)

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

Learn how stained glass is created and make your own masterpiece using a technique that mimics the real thing!

Yoga Storytime® (Ages 2-4 + Adult)

Wirt: Fri, Apr 19, 10:30-11 am

Join us at the library for Yoga Adventure storytime. Please bring a mat or towel and dress comfortably.

Young Scientists: Nature Walk in the Park® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Apr 19, 10:30-11:30 am

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

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

Bay City State Park: Fri, Apr 19, 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.

Breakfast & Board Games® (Family)

Pinconning: Sat, Apr. 20, 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!

Earth Day: Recycle with Crafts® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Tue, Apr 23, 4:30-5:30 pm

Celebrate Earth Day by doing some recycled crafts with us!

Tween Hang Out: Pop Tart Party® (Ages 8-12)

Sage: Thu, Apr 25, 5:30-6:30 pm

Eat some Pop Tarts and make a Pop Tart pillow.

Every Day is Earth Day Party® (Ages 6-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Apr. 25th, 6-7 pm

Earth Day is the 22nd and we're going to celebrate our planet! We will be making seed bombs and an edible dirt cup treat.

Movie Maker Club® (Ages 9-12)

Wirt: Sat, April 27, 3-4:30 pm

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

Dia Day Storytime (Family)

Wirt: Tue, Apr 30, 10:30-11 am

Each Story Matters, Every Child Counts! El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day). Join us for a special storytime celebration of cultural backgrounds. This program is geared toward pre-school age children. No registration required.

Train Painting® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Apr 30, 5:30-6:30 pm

Some of our trains for the train table could use a new paint job, come paint one and paint a train to take home too!

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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