

# NEWS & EVENTS



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# MELANIE BENJAMIN

*New York Times*  
bestselling author

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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May  
14,  
2024

7:00 PM FREE  
Garber High  
School Auditorium

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## GIVE LOCAL BAY 2024

Give Local Bay is a 24-hour community wide effort to raise donations for your favorite nonprofits, agencies, and parks in Bay and Arenac counties. Your donations help nonprofits like the Bay County Library System build their endowment funds at Bay Area Community Foundation, so that they are able to provide for many generations to come. Donate on May 7 and your gift will be increased by an incentive pool and prizes!

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Drop off a check (\$10 minimum) at any library branch made payable to "Bay Area Community Foundation" with "LIBRARY" on the memo line OR donate online at [givelocalbay.org](http://givelocalbay.org).

# 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)**  
The Public House: May 1, 7-8:30 pm  
May Title: *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

**Painterly Pottery for Adults®**  
Wirt: Thu, May 2, 6-7:30 pm  
Sage: Wed, May 22, 4-5:30 pm OR 6-7:30 pm  
Choose from a flower dish, small succulent planter or plain piece. Items will be fired in the store's kiln and returned to the library for pick-up at a later date. This is a high demand program – please only register at one branch.

**Chair Yoga®**  
Wirt: Thu, May 16, 6-7 pm  
Join us for a rejuvenating chair yoga class, where we blend the benefits of yoga with the accessibility of seated poses. In this gentle yet invigorating session, participants will explore a series of mindful movements, stretches, and breathing exercises—all performed from the comfort of a chair. Led by certified yoga instructor, Katie Volk, this class is perfect for individuals of all ages and fitness levels.

**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.

**Living Library® (Everyone)**  
Wirt: Mon, May 20, 5-7 pm  
Every person has a story to tell, crafted from life experience. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and discover shared experiences with storytellers. Curiosity and inquiry are welcome! Everyone is welcome, but some topics may include discussion of sensitive topics. Registration is recommended, but not required.

**I ♥ YA: Book Club®**  
Lolobee's: May 20, 6-7 pm  
May Title: *Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman

**Romance & Rosé® (Adults)**  
River Rock Cafe: May 21, 5:30-6:30 pm  
Are you a romance reader with no one to talk about your latest read? 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.

**Great Lakes Beach Rocks Basic Identification®**  
Wirt: Wed, May 29, 6-7 pm  
Join Randy Kursinsky, vice-president of Mid-Michigan Rock Club and an amateur rock and fossil collector. Learn a beginner's guide to identifying rocks, fossils and rock like/man made materials that could be confused with natural rocks on Michigan beaches. Tips on collecting techniques, where and when to collect and laws regarding collecting on different types of properties will be shared. Those in attendance are welcome to bring a small amount of items for Randy to help identify after if there is time!

**An ACOTAR Gathering®**  
Sage: Wed, May 29, 6-7:30 pm  
Fans of Sarah J. Maas's *A Court of Thorns and Roses* series are invited to join us for a craft, trivia, and fun.

**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](mailto:wpeglow@baycountylibrary.org) to set up a day/time.

**Adult Book Clubs®**  
Wirt: Thu, May 2, 6:00 pm  
Sage: Mon, May 13, 2:00 pm  
Auburn: Thu, May 23, 6:00 pm  
Pinconning: Tue, May 21, 2:30 pm  
**Nonfiction Book Club - Wirt: Wed, May 1, 6:00 pm**  
Join a book club at your library! Copies of this month's book will be available at each respective branch.

**BCLS Seed Library is Open!**  
Seeds are available for many vegetables, herbs, fruits and flowers. Check seeds out the same way 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



## Michigan Oddities and Rarities

Wed, May 15, 2024  
6:00 PM



Journey across the state to visit small towns that hide unique objects and mysteries with author and outdoorsman Ron Rademacher. Learn about the unexplained artifact in Ontonagon from the old Superior Mine, the ancient artifact in Nahma, the Tomb of the Cow, the Sanilac Petroglyphs, and more.

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



## TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS AND FALL PREVENTION

Pershing Park at Sage Branch Library:  
Tuesdays May 7-Aug 24, 11 am-12 pm

Led by a certified instructor,  
with each session including:

- Warm-up and cool-down exercises
- Breathing techniques
- One or two movements per lesson, progressively leading to completing six basic core movements and six advanced extension movements
- Tai chi principles relating to improving physical and mental balance



## Tips and Tricks for First Time Home Buyers

Wirt: Tue, May 21, 6:00 pm

Join our first-time home buyer class led by MacKenzie Steinbauer from RE/MAX Results! Learn essential tips and tricks for buying a home in the Great Lakes Bay Region, including what to look for during showings, getting pre-approved for a mortgage, and navigating the homebuying process with confidence. Gain valuable insights into preparing for the process, working with a real estate agent, and ensuring a smooth transition into homeownership.

RE/MAX RESULTS BCLS Bay County Library System Registration is available at [baycountylibrary.org](http://baycountylibrary.org)



## TRUE CRIME AUTHOR CHEYNA ROTH

Bay City native and true crime author Cheyna Roth, will be discussing her newest book, *Between the Wars: Mysterious Disappearances, High Profile Heists, Baffling Murders and More.*

WIRT: SAT, MAY 11, 11 AM



# 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

Pinconning Branch Library

Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library

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## Chess at the Library ®

Auburn: Thu, May 2, 6-7:30 pm

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

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

## Wine Cork Flag Craft ®

Pinconning: Sat, May 4, 10-11:30 am

## Painterly Pottery for Teens and Adults ®

Pinconning: Tue, May 7, 6-7:30 pm

Auburn: Thu, May 16, 6-7:30 pm

Choose from a flower dish, small succulent planter, or plain piece. Items will be fired in the store's kiln and returned to the library for pick-up at a later date. This is a high demand program – please only register at one branch.

## Needle Crafters Club

Auburn: Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm

All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

## Mod Podge Tiered Platter Craft ®

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

## Flower Shadow Box Craft ®

Pinconning: Tue, May 14, 6-7 pm

**BCLS MEMORY LAB**  
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](http://www.baycountylibrary.org/memory-lab).

## FREE COMIC BOOK DAY

Celebrate and discover the amazing world of comic books! Anyone who comes into a BCLS library branch will receive an absolutely free comic book (while supplies last). From super-heroes and science fiction to action/adventure and manga, Free Comic Book Day has a free comic for everyone!

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024**  
ALL BRANCHES WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

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

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## TEEN BOOK BOXES

**Middle Pages Loot Box ®**  
(Grades 6-8)  
Pick up May 20-24

**Teen LitLoot Box ®**  
(Grades 9-12)  
Pick up May 6-11

### May Theme: #1 IN THE SERIES

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!*

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2. Enter your library card number.
3. Start enjoying content!



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## Dungeons and Dragons Club ® (Grades 6-12)

Sage: Wed, May 8, 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!

## Stress Pets Craft ®

Wirt: Thu, May 16, 4-5 pm

If you are feeling stressed, cuddle up with a cute fluffy creature and remember, you've got this. Enjoy a dirty soda while you are crafting!

# FILM CREW CLUB SAGE: TUE, MAY 14, 3:30-4:30 PM

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



# CHILDREN & FAMILY

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

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## SMOKEY BEAR READING CHALLENGE



Join Smokey in learning about wildfires and the environment. Read books, take action, and have fun! And remember: only you can prevent wildfires.

**May 1 through May 31, 2024**  
Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library

Adventure Begins @ Your Library - Help Smokey celebrate his 80th birthday this year by learning how to prevent wildfires and help the environment! Read just 3 books and earn 4 badges by completing activities during the month of May to finish the challenge and earn your prize! Challenge sheet and completion of the program is available only at the Wirt Branch Children's Department. This challenge is geared toward ages 4-10, but ages 0-12 are welcome to participate.



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Thank you to for helping to develop this program.

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IN CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK, WE WILL BE OFFERING SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES! REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH PROGRAM.

### REPCO WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS: PICK YOUR POISON

(FAMILY)  
AUBURN: TUE, MAY 7,  
4:30-5:30 PM

Meet a variety of live animals, including toads, snakes, and scorpions, and learn all about how beneficial these "poisonous" animals can be!

### BAFFLING BILL THE MAGICIAN

(AGES 3-12)  
SAGE: WED, MAY 8,  
6:00-7:00 PM

Family magic at its best! Join Baffling Bill for a magic show featuring audience participation and astounding tricks with magic doves and Gus the Bunny!



### ALEX THOMAS & FRIENDS: SHADOW PUPPETRY WORKSHOP

(AGES 3-12)  
PINCONNING:  
THU, MAY 9, 5:30-7:00 PM

Learn the art of designing and crafting your own shadow puppets, and then bring them to life!

### CAMERON ZVARA'S COMEDY MAGIC SHOW

(FAMILY)  
WIRT: THU, MAY 9,  
6:00-7:00 PM

Get ready for mind-blowing magic, family comedy, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation!



FREE ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration opens one month before each program.

## 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

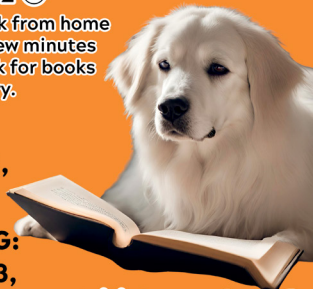
### May Dates

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

AUBURN:  
SAT, MAY 18,  
11 AM-12 PM

WIRT:  
SAT, MAY 18,  
2-3 PM

PINCONNING:  
THU, MAY 23,  
6-7 PM



## SPRING STORYTIMES

THROUGH 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



## 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

## Baby Book Club ® (Ages 0-3)

**Sage: Wed, May 1, 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.

## Storytime @ POPULACE Coffee (Family)

**Populace Coffee: Mon, May 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, play and sing about hot air balloons. No registration required.

## Story & Activity ® (Ages 3-12)

**Sage: Tue, May 7, 1:30-2:30 pm**

Make a rubber band bound book! Use our picture bag to brainstorm stories to fill it.

## Gift for a Gal ® (Ages 12 and under)

**Sage: Thu, May 9, 4:30, 5:00, OR 5:30 pm**

2 different crafts, gift bags and card stations will be available for the kids to create. The crafts can be wrapped in one gift bag for a single lucky lady or wrapped separately for two great gals.

## PLAYDATE @ WIRT (Ages 4 and under + Adult)

**Wirt: Fri, May 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: Sink or Float ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

**Sage: Fri, May 10, 10:30-11:30 am**

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

## Breakfast & Board Games ® (Family)

**Pinconning: Sat, May 11, 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!

## Mermaid Matinee & More! ® (Ages 3-12)

**Pinconning: Sat, May 11, 1:30-4 pm**

Join us for an afternoon of mermaid magic: we will be watching the live-action version of "The Little Mermaid," making under-the-sea trail mix and coloring mermaid tail drawstring bags!

## Adventure Begins @ Your Library Art (Family)

**Wirt: Mon, May 13, 2-4 pm**

S'mores by the campfire! Families are invited to make & snack on a s'more treat while creating a masterpiece to be displayed on our art wall in the Children's Department for our summer reading program. No registration required.

## Terracotta Clay Cactus ® (Ages 6-12)

**Auburn: Tue, May 14, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Use air dry clay to sculpt your own cactus and decorate a flower pot to put it in!

## Mad Scientists: Lava Lamp ® (Ages 6-12)

**Sage: Thu, May 16, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Experiment with density!

## Make It!: Dinosaur Succulent Garden ® (Ages 8-12)

**Pinconning: Thu, May 16, 6-7 pm**

Learn the basics of potting and caring for succulents by making a dinosaur-themed succulent garden to take home and care for!

## A is for Art: Color a Storybook ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

**Auburn: Fri, May 17, 10:30-11:30 am**

Join us for a morning of coloring fun! Color your own storybook to take home!

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

**Bay City State Park: Fri, May 17, 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 the 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.

## Storytime at Iron Grind Coffee House (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

**Iron Grind Coffee House: Sat, May 18, 9:30-10 am**

Join Ms. Ashley or Ms. Miranda from the Auburn Branch for a special offsite storytime at Iron Grind Coffee House in Auburn!

## Movie Maker Club ® (Ages 9-12)

**Wirt: Sat, May 18, 3-4:30 pm**

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

## Busy Book Café ® (Ages 0-3 + Adult)

**Sage: Mon, May 20, 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 to children to play with while adults craft and visit.

## Perler Bead Party ® (Ages 6-12)

**Auburn: Tue, May 21, 4:30-5:30 pm**

Let's party with perler beads! Join us to create some of your favorite characters or make your own design.

## Tween Hang Out: Break the Record ® (Ages 8-12)

**Sage: Thu, May 23, 5:30-6:30 pm**

Do you have what it takes to be in the Guinness Book of World Records? In this program we will provide the supplies you provide the skills. See how many M&Ms you can eat in a min, how many sticky notes you can put on your face, test your texting skills, and so much more!

## Friday Fun: Gnome Home ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

**Sage: Fri, May 24, 10:30-11:30 am**

Dance, sing and celebrate gnomes. Color a wooden Gnome to take home.

## Recycled Robots ® (Ages 6-12)

**Auburn: Tue, May 28, 4:30-5:30 pm**

Join us in making recycled robots out of clear plastic jars and recycled materials!

## Awkward Family Photos ® (Family)

**Sage: Thu, May 30, 5-6:30 pm**

It's time to tease your bangs and pull out the windbreakers! The library has hired All Things in Focus photography studio so you can create an awkward family masterpiece! Registered families will be called to schedule a 10 min photo session. Patrons will be emailed a high resolution image taken by the photographer after the program. Sorry, no pets.

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 branches will be closed May 25-27, 2024  
in honor of Memorial Day.**

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