

NEWS & EVENTS



JUNE-JULY 2024

SUMMER READING PROGRAM SPECIAL EDITION



ADVENTURE

FULL
PROGRAM
GUIDE
INSIDE!

Begins at Your Library



Summer
Reading Program **June 3-August 3, 2024**

SUMMER FUN
FOR ALL AGES!

Log 8 hours of
reading between
June 3 and August 3
to earn entries into
our prize drawings!



HOW TO LOG YOUR READING:

- **Paper:** Paper logs can be picked up at any BCLS branch. Use your log to track how long you've read and then turn it back into your library.
- **Online:** BCLS now offers READsquared! Visit baycountylibrary.readsquared.com or download the app on your mobile device to join the program and log your reading digitally.



Get links, printable logs, and more information at www.baycountylibrary.org/SRP.

CHILDREN
Birth-Grade 5

TEENS
Grades 6-12

ADULTS
Ages 18 and Up

Adventure begins at your library! Pick up a paper reading log at any library branch or participate online using READsquared! Complete the program by reading or listening 8 hours, then return your log for a chance to win prizes! Additional logs will also be entered into a prize drawing. All logs must be returned by August 3.

Check out a full list of prize drawings available for each age group at www.baycountylibrary.org/SRP.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICKOFF PARTIES:

SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY: THU, JUNE 6, 4:30-6 PM

Join us in Pershing Park for a Bounce House, lawn games, balloon animals, snacks, face painting, and crafts!

PINCONNING BRANCH LIBRARY (AT THE PINCONNING COMMUNITY CENTER): WED, JUNE 12, 4:30-6:15 PM

Join the Pinconning Branch as we celebrate the beginning of our Summer Reading Program! Food and fun begins at 4:30 pm with a magic show featuring Baffling Bill the Magician at 5:30 pm.

ALICE AND JACK WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY: THU, JUNE 13, 11 AM-12:30 PM

Join us at our party on the lawn with a bounce obstacle course, crafts, games, face painting, snacks, and more! Food Truck will be onsite if you would like to purchase lunch. Support generously provided by Bay City Noon Optimist Club and Thumb National Bank

AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY (AT AUBURN CITY PARK): THU, JUNE 13, 4-6 PM

Let's kick off our Summer Reading Program with a party at the Auburn City Park! Sign up for the Summer Reading Program and enjoy an inflatable obstacle course, a truck touch, games, balloon twisting, ice cream, and more. Thank you to the city of Auburn and the Auburn Farmer's Market!

Join us for summer reading fun at your library! Our calendar is chock full of free and fun activities for all ages at each of our branches. Find entertainment, workshops, crafting, movies, and so much more at your library as you read your way through the program!



Links available online at:
www.baycountylibrary.org/SRP

HOW TO USE THE WEBSITE baycountylibrary.readsquared.com

1. Click Register and choose Myself OR Myself + Other Readers.
2. Choose your age from the list and click Continue.
3. Select the challenge(s) you are interested in and register.
4. Create your username and password.
5. Start logging your reading (+ button) or submitting reviews.
6. Click Add Reader or Program for additional family members.

HOW TO USE THE APP READsquared

1. Download the free READsquared App from Google Play or the App Store.
2. Begin typing Bay County Library System in the Find Your Library or School box.
3. Log in if you already have a READsquared account or register.
4. Follow the prompts to complete the registration for yourself.
5. Touch Add Reader or Program for additional family members.
6. Touch the + to log your reading.

TEEN ZONE

Teen-only programs (GRADES 6-12)

® = 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

Spray Cheese Architecture ®

Sage: Wed, Jun 5, 3:30-5 pm
Use crackers, spray cheese and pretzels to build the best structures!

Painterly Pottery for Teens ® (Grades 6-12 only)

Auburn: Thu, Jun 6, 6-7 pm
Sage: Wed, Jun 26 2-3:30 pm
Wirt: Tue, Jul 16, 2-3 pm

Film Crew Club ®

Sage: Mon, Jun 10, 2-3:30 pm
& Mon, Jul 8, 2-3:30 pm
All about making movies and other video-based media, with equipment provided by the Michigan Learning Channel!

Dungeons & Dragons ®

Sage: Wed, Jun 12 2-4:30 pm
& Wed, Jul 10 2-4:30 pm

Books & Bubble Tea ®

Sage: Mon, Jun 17, 2-3:30 pm
Join us to talk about your favorite books while sipping on some bubble tea.

Squeegie Painting Craft ®

Wirt: Tue, Jun 18, 2-3 pm

Diamond Art Craft ®

Wirt: Thu, Jun 20, 2-3 pm

Make an R2-D2 Inspired Apron ®

Sage: Mon, Jun 24, 2-4 pm

Tie Dye! ®

Wirt: Tue, Jun 25, 2-3 pm

Chopped: Ramen Noodle Edition ®

Wirt: Thu, Jun 27, 2-3 pm

Smoothie Challenge ®

Sage: Mon, Jul 1, 2-3:30 pm
Work with other participants to create the best smoothie ever! All ingredients and supplies provided.

Thrifty Store Masterpiece ®

Sage: Wed, Jul 3, 2-4 pm
We will be taking thrifty art, and improving on it, with all kinds of art supplies!

Sand Art Terrariums with Felt Succulents ®

Wirt: Tue, Jul 9, 2-3 pm

Henna with Anshu ®

Wirt: Thu, Jul 11, 2-4 pm
Join Anshu Varma as she teaches how to create your own Henna tattoo. An all-natural ingredient Henna applicator, a variety of traditional and contemporary designs are provided along with personalized instruction.

Anime & Manga Meet-up ®

Sage: Mon, Jul 15, 2-3:30 pm

Food Challenge ®

Wirt: Thu, Jul 18, 2-3 pm

Buttercream Cookie Decorating with Simple Roots ®

Sage: Mon, Jul 22, 2-3:30 pm

Paint & Sip (Iced Drinks) ®

Wirt: Tue, Jul 23, 2-3 pm

Kam Komiks ®

Sage: Wed, Jul 24, 2-3:30 pm

Hobbit Doors Craft ®

Wirt: Thu, Jul 25, 2-3 pm

Make Something Sweet with Sarah ®

Sage: Mon, Jul 29, 2-3 pm
Join Sarah from Sarah's Sweet Escapes as she teaches us how to make a summery treat!

Black Light Painting ®

Wirt: Tue, Jul 30, 2-3 pm

Needle Felting with Katie ®

Sage: Wed, Jul 31, 2-4 pm

Pressed Flower Jars ®

Wirt: Thu, Aug 1, 2-3 pm

Will It Waffle? ®

Sage: Mon, Aug 5, 2-3:30 pm

Pin Banner Craft ®

Sage: Wed, Aug 7, 2-3:30 pm

ADULTS & TEENS

Both Adults and Teens welcome (6th Grade - Age 18 & up!)

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Midland Saxophone Quartet Performance ®

Wirt: Sat, Jun 8, 2-3:30 pm
Outdoor performance - please bring a chair or blanket. Program will be moved indoors in case of inclement weather.

Needle Crafters Club

Auburn: Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm
All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Chess Club ®

Sage: Wed, Jun 19, 2-4 pm
& Wed, Jul 17, 2-4 pm
Chess players are welcome to compete against others in a friendly environment.

Coffee, Coloring, and Dolly Parton ®

Wirt: Sat, Jun 22, 2-3:30 pm
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with hot beverages & coloring while listening to Dolly Parton albums on vinyl. There will be coloring sheets and supplies available.

Body Butter Workshop with Dancing Crane ®

Pinconning: Tue, Jun 25, 5:30-7 pm

Art of Herbal Tea with Bevin Cohen ®

Pinconning: Tue, Jul 9, 6-7 pm
Blend, brew and enjoy an irresistible selection of herbal teas while Bevin shares his knowledge of the history and folklore of the various herbal ingredients.

Temporary Body Art from India ®

Auburn: Fri, Jul 12, 2-3 pm
Presented by Anshu Varma

Life is an Adventure Plaque ®

Pinconning: Sat, Jul 27, 10-11:30 am

Painterly Pottery ®

Pinconning: Tue, Jul 30, 6-7 pm
Pottery for adults and teens to paint!

TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages Loot Box ®

(Grades 6-8)
Pick up June 17-22
Pick up July 15-20
Pick up August 19-24

Teen LitLoot Box ®

(Grades 9-12)
Pick up June 3-8
Pick up July 1-6
Pick up August 5-10

June Theme: **HISTORICAL FICTION**

July Theme: **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

August Theme: **MYSTERY/THRILLERS**

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!



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!

REGISTER NOW

WWW.BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG

TEENS AND ADULTS WELCOME

AUBURN: SAT, JUN 1, 2-4 PM

SAGE: WED, JUN 5, 6:00-7:30 PM

PINCONNING: SAT, JUN 15, 10:00-11:30 AM

WIRT: TUE, JUN 25, 6:00-7:30 PM

LADIES OF THE LIGHTS

with DIANNA STAMPFLER
Michigan Expert

Michigan lighthouse historian and author Dianna Stampfler will present readings from newspapers and autobiographies, as well as countless historic photos, shedding light on the dedicated women who served at lights around the state dating back as early as the 1830s.

Auburn Area Thu, Aug 1,
Branch Library 6:00-7:00 PM

Register at baycountylibrary.org



MAKE A ZINE!

WED, JUN 12, JUL 10,

& AUG 14, 2:00 PM

All sessions held at Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library

Pronounced "zeen," a zine is a mini-book made by folding or stapling paper and filling it with fun stuff. These three sessions will each introduce a different method for building a zine. Registration required.

Session 1: Friendship Zine - a zine with fun tidbits about you or someone you like.

Session 2: My Obsession - a collage zine about something you're seriously into.

Session 3: Be the Change - an info zine to promote positive change in the world.

No special skills are required! All materials will be provided. You only need to bring good vibes!



ADULTS Age 18 & up

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

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.

Sage Stitches

Sage: 2nd & 4th Fridays, 10-11 am

Bring your knitting or crochet projects and join others around our second floor fireplace. This program will be held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

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.

Books and Brews ® (Adults)

Summer Dates: Wednesday, June 5, July 3, & August 7, 7-8:30 pm

Check our website for upcoming titles and locations!

Blood Drive with Versiti Blood Centers (Ages 16 and older)

Sage: Fri, Jun 7, 10:30 am-3 pm

Auburn: Wed, Jun 26, 1:30-6 pm

Sage: Fri, Aug 2, 10:30 am-3 pm

Discover Your Roots: Family History Research for Beginners ®

Wirt: Sat, Jun 15, 9:30-11:30 am

Find your family in the census using Ancestry Library Edition and how to find vital records and organize your research. Sponsored by BCLS and the Bay County Genealogical Society

Romance & Rosé ® (Adults)

Tue, Jun 18, 5:30-6:30 pm

Tue, Jul 23, 5:30-6:30 pm

Tue, Aug 20, 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. Check our website for upcoming locations.

Temporary Body Art from India with Anshu Varma ®

Wirt: Thu, Jul 11, 6-7 pm

Join Anshu Varma as she teaches how to create your own Henna tattoo. An all-natural ingredient Henna applicator, a variety of traditional and contemporary designs are provided along with personalized instruction. Anshu will also talk about the traditional and cultural origins of henna.

Intro to Genealogy Databases at the Library ®

Wirt: Sat, Jun 22, 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

I ♥ YA: Book Club ®

Lolobee's: Jun 24, 6-7 pm

June Title: *The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater

Lolobee's: Jul 22, 6-7 pm

July Title: *Raybearer* by Jordan Ifueko

Lolobee's: Aug 26, 6-7 pm

August Title: *Alanna: The First Adventure* by Tamora Pierce

Painterly Pottery ®

Sage: Wed, Jun 26, 4-5 pm OR 6-7 pm

Wirt: Tue, Jul 16, 6-7 pm

Painterly Pottery will have pottery for adults to paint. 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.

Making Teas, Tinctures, & Oils ®

Sage: Wed, Jul 10, 6-7:30 pm

Mosaic Art Design ®

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

Presented by Painterly Pottery

Backyard Birds and Beyond: Bird Watching vs. Birding ®

Auburn: Thu, Jul 18, 6-7 pm

Presented by Greg Bodker

Pin Banner Craft ®

Sage: Wed, Jul 24, 6-7:30 pm

Make Something Sweet with Sarah ®

Wirt: Tue, Jul 30, 6-7 pm

Sage: Wed, Jul 31, 6-7 pm

Join Sarah from Sarah's Sweet Escapes as she teaches us how to make a summery treat! *High Demand – please only register at 1 branch.*

BCLS SEED LIBRARY IS OPEN!

Seeds are available for many vegetables, some 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



artigliano CHEESE SHOPPE BUILDING A CHARCUTERIE BOARD

DEMONSTRATION AND PROGRAM (ADULTS)

WIRT: TUE. JUN 11, 6:00 PM

SAGE: WED. JUN 12, 6:00 PM

PINCONNING: TUE. JUN 18, 6:00 PM

AUBURN: THU. JUN 20, 6:00 PM

Create your own Instagram-worthy cheese board! Learn simple techniques for cutting and plating, how to select the perfect cheeses and charcuterie, and how to select accompaniments to pull it all together. In this demonstration, Kevin Parker will demonstrate tricks and techniques that you can recreate at home to add some extra wow to your next charcuterie board!



Registration is required and opens one month before each program

Author visit:

ERIN BARTELS

ERIN BARTELS writes character-driven fiction for curious people. Her readers know to expect that each of her novels will tell a unique story about fallible characters so tangible that it's hard to believe they are not real people. Whether urban, rural, or somewhere in between, her settings come alive with carefully crafted details that engage all the senses and transport the reader to a singular time and place. And her themes of reckoning with the past, improving the present, and looking with hope to the future leave her readers with a sense of peace and possibility.

Erin is the award-winning author of *We Hope for Better Things*, *The Words between Us*, *All That We Carried*, *The Girl Who Could Breathe Under Water*, *Everything Is Just Beginning*, and *The Lady with the Dark Hair* (March 2024). A two-time Christy finalist and winner of two WFWA Star Awards and two Michigan Notable Book Awards, Erin has been a publishing professional for more than twenty years.

ALICE AND JACK WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY:

SAT, AUGUST 3, 2:00 PM

New release!



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



EVENING SESSIONS SPEAKER SERIES

Manitou Mysteries Shipwreck Adventure ®

Wirt: Wed, Jun 19, 6:00 pm

In-person

Journey to the waters off the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Northern Lake Michigan and join author and shipwreck hunter Ross Richardson in exploring the histories and mysteries of the Manitou Passage, one of the deadliest areas on the great lakes.

The Purple Gang: Detroit's Own Prohibition Era Gang ®

Wirt: Wed, Jul 17, 6:00 pm

Zoom & Watch in Community Room

Join Joe Oldenberg as he presents on the all-Jewish gang that ruled Detroit's illegal booze market for less than a decade during Prohibition. The Purples were said to be responsible for hundreds of gangland slayings plus the death of a Michigan state senator.

The Hollywood Blockbuster: How Steven Spielberg and George Lucas Changed the Movies ®

Wirt: Wed, Aug 21, 6:00 pm

Zoom & Watch in Community Room

Hollywood is an industry that has always depended on blockbusters. But beginning in 1974, two young filmmakers, Steven Spielberg and George Lucas, would together change the way the movie industry made movies. This presentation will look at their four decades of filmmaking and discuss how they changed the movies.

ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Join a book club at your library!

The Bay County Library System offers book clubs that include lively discussions, engaging reads, and a welcoming community of book lovers!

See all upcoming book clubs and dates at baycountylibrary.org/book-clubs or scan the QR code anytime.



BOOK BOX FOR ADULTS

Boxes will be available to pick up the week of July 22. Any boxes not picked up by Sat, Jul 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.*

JULY THEME: Adventure Begins at Your Library!

CHILDREN & FAMILY

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Stories and Songs in the Park® (Family)

Pershing Park at Sage:

Mondays, Jun 17-Jul 29, 12:30-1:00 pm

Story time fun in Pershing Park! The program will be canceled for inclement weather.



Read your way toward kindergarten readiness! 1000 Books Before Kindergarten (1000BBK) 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. 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.

Sign up at 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



YOGA MINDFULNESS & MOVEMENT STORYTIME

Saginaw Street Turf - Downtown Bay City Feet on the Street Area:

Tue, Jun 25, 11-11:30 am

Tue, July 30, 11-11:30 am

Tue, Aug 13, 11-11:30 am

Join the Wirt library downtown on the street for yoga storytime (weather permitting). Please bring a mat or towel and dress comfortably. No 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

Summer Dates

WIRT:

SAT, JUNE 15, 2-3 PM

SAT, JULY 20, 2-3 PM

SAGE:

WED, JUNE 19, 5:30-6:30 PM

WED JULY 17, 5:30-6:30 PM

PINCONNING:

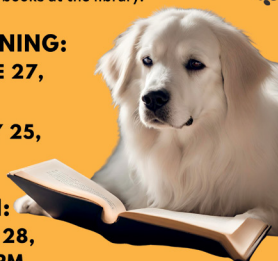
THU, JUNE 27, 6-7 PM

THU, JULY 25, 6-7 PM

AUBURN:

FRI, JUNE 28, 11 AM-12 PM

FRI, JULY 19, 11 AM-12 PM



EXOTIC ZOO: LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAM

FAMILY PROGRAM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED AND AVAILABLE AT BAYCOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG

WIRT:

THU, JUL 11 12:30-1:30 PM

SAGE:

THU, JUL 11 4:30-5:30 PM

AND 6:00-7:00 PM

PINCONNING:

WED, JUL 24 1:00-2:00 PM

@ BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, 201 NORTH ST., PINCONNING

AUBURN:

WED, JUL 24 5:00-6:00 PM

SEE AND TOUCH LIVE ANIMALS AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR HABITATS, DIET, AND MORE!

Reading Buddies

New readers grades 2-3

Young readers grades 2-3 will have the opportunity to engage with a tween Buddy from our T.W.I.G. group, building relationships and practicing literacy skills. Children must have some reading ability already as this program does not teach them how to read.

Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library

Wed, June 26, 2-2:30 pm

Wed, July 24, 2-2:30 pm

Wed, August 14, 2-2:30 pm



Registration is required and available at baycountylibrary.org

SUMMER STORYTIMES June 17-August 2

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, 12:30-1 pm (Stories & Songs)

Pinconning: Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am

Wirt: Wednesdays, 6:30-7 pm



Registration & Online Calendar:



SUMMER ART SERIES

Join us to create in the Kantzler Community Room. Registration is required. Please note the ages for each event.



ALICE AND JACK WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER MONDAYS

METALLIC PAPER

WITH STUDIO 23

(AGES 10-12)

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 11 AM-12 PM

HELLO YELLOW CELLO

WITH MIDLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

(AGES 3-8)

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 11 AM-12 PM

AUTHOR TO ARTIST

WITH MIDLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

(AGES 8-12)

MONDAY, JULY 15, 11 AM-12 PM

FOAM PLATE PRINTMAKING

WITH STUDIO 23

(AGES 7-12)

MONDAY, JULY 22, 11 AM-12 PM

PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY

WITH PAINTERLY POTTERY

(AGES 5-12)

MONDAY, JULY 29, 11 AM-12 PM

PICTURE BOOK ART

WITH DELTA KIDS

(AGES 3-8)

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 11 AM-12 PM

EXPLORERS OF THE SEA

WITH MIDLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

(AGES 3-8)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 11 AM-12 PM

PARK HOPPIN'

WITH MIDLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

(AGES 9-12)

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1 PM-2 PM

MEET UP, EAT UP, & READ UP



SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

JUN 17-AUG 7 12-12:45 PM

WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

JUN 18-AUG 8* 12-12:30 PM

*NO LUNCH SERVICE ON JULY 2 OR 4

Kids and teens ages 0-18 can enjoy a free lunch on the lawn! Please RSVP at your branch. Drop-ins are welcome, registration is encouraged. Don't miss lunchtime activities, stories, performers, free books, and more! For details, please visit our online Calendar of Events.

B.A.M. BOOKS AND MORE!

Subscription Box for 4th and 5th Graders®

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.

Box pick-up between July 8-13 July's theme is "Road Trip!"

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Busy Book Café® (Ages 0-3 + Adult)

Sage: Mon, Jun 3, 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.

Storytime @ POPULACE Coffee

Populace Coffee: Monday, June 10, July 1, & August 5, 9-9:30 am

Join the Wirt library downtown at Populace Coffee House on the patio for storytime - (indoors during inclement weather). No registration required.

Stuffed Puppy Adoption® (Ages 2-12)

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

Come pick a stuffed animal puppy to adopt and take home!

Tween Bad Art Night® (Ages 9-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Jun 6, 5:30-7 pm

Make something truly horrendous at this freestyle craft event for tweens. Crazy craft and art materials along with a canvas will be provided to make the worst piece of art possible.

Baby Playground® (Ages 0-2 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Jun 7, 10:30 am-11:30 am

Join us for sensory play and fun for babies!

Shared Reading Storytime (Family)

Wirt: Fri, Jun 7, 10:30-11 am

Encouraging communication during story time. Join Katie Butzu, BAISD Assistive Technology and AAC Specialist, at the Wirt branch to experience a special shared reading storytime where we will learn more about Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) boards. AAC boards will soon be utilized at each of our library branches! No registration required.

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

Auburn: Sat, Jun 8, 9:30-10 am

Sat, Jul 20, 9:30-10 am

Sat, Aug 3, 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!

Clay Create® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Sat, Jun 8, 2-3 pm

Come sculpt away with air dry clay!

Adventure by Mail® (Ages 8-12)

Ongoing Event 6/10-6/14

Can you escape from the sinking Titanic? Registered patrons ages 8-12 will have an escape room sent to an address of their choice. It will contain 3 artifact challenges to complete in order to survive. Bring the completed artifacts proving you escaped into the library of your choice and receive a free book to keep as well as a mystery prize!

Adventure Sand Art® (Ages 4-12)

Sage: Tue, Jun 11, 11 am-12 pm

Hear a story and make sand art.

Magic for Beginners® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Jun 11, 5:30-6:30 pm

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

Make a Pizza Garden® (Ages 12 and Under)

Trombley House: Wed, Jun 12, 10-11 am

Plant a mini garden of tomatoes, basil and oregano to take home. Thanks to the Old Thyme Herb Club for supporting this program!

Gift for a Guy® (Ages 12 and under)

Sage: Thu, Jun 13, 4:30, 5:00, OR 5:30 pm

2 different crafts, gift bags and card stations will be available for kids to create.

Paint Your Own Bird Feeder® (Ages 3-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Jun 13, 6-7 pm

Stop by the Pinconning Branch to paint a bird feeder for your bird friends to enjoy all summer long.

Friday Fun: Carle Celebration® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Jun 14, 10:30-11:30 am

Celebrate Eric Carle's birthday with stories, songs, and a craft.

Movie Maker Club® (Ages 9-12)

Wirt: Fridays, June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, 1-2:30 pm

Our club for tweens continues as we explore our community and learn about making movies, with equipment provided by the Michigan Learning Channel!

Cameron Zvara's Comedy Magic Show® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Jun 18, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join Cameron Zvara for mind-blowing magic, family friendly comedy, juggling, music, and tons of audience participation!

Super Science Festival w/the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum (Family)

Wirt: Tue, Jun 18, 5:30-7 pm

Science Festival will offer a variety of interactive, tabletop S.T.E.M. activities for the family. No registration required.

Juneteenth Freedom Celebration with Rae Chesny® (Family)

Sage: Wed, Jun 19, 12:30-1:15 pm

Hear stories & make a craft.

Alex Thomas and Friends Shadow Puppetry Workshop® (Ages 3-12)

Auburn: Wed, Jun 19, 1-2:30 pm

Learn the art of designing, crafting, and manipulating your own shadow puppet!

Karaoke on the Lawn

Wirt: Thu, Jun 20, 12:30-1:30 pm

Join us to sing karaoke on the lawn at Wirt!

ARK Animal Encounters® (Ages 5 and up)

Pinconning: Thu, Jun 20, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sage: Thu, Jun 27, 4:30 & 6:00 pm

Educational and hands-on animal encounters that blend both education and entertainment in a show and tell style.

Tween Hang Out: Para-chord Compass® (Ages 8-12)

Sage: Thu, Jun 20, 5:30-6:30 pm

Have a snack and build a para-chord compass.

Adventure Patches and Binoculars® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Jun 21, 10:30-11:30 am

Are you an adventurer? Come color some adventure patches and decorate some binoculars for your next adventure.

Young Scientists: Animal Adventure® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Jun 21, 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, Jun 21, 1:30-2:30 pm

Get outdoors! Join our last session of the season at Pavilion 1 at the Bay City State Park, along with Great Start Collaborative of Bay-Arenac Counties, to explore nature. Free books and snacks provided. A state recreation pass is necessary to enter the park. No registration required.

Breakfast & Board Games® (Family)

Pinconning: Sat, Jun 22, 10-11:30 am & Sat, Jul 13, 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!

Make a Shield® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Tue, Jun 25, 4:30-5:30 pm

Get ready for a summer full of adventure by designing and building your own shield.

Story Time at the Trombley House (Family)

The Trombley House: Wed, Jun 26, 9:30-10 am

Wed, Jul 31, 9:30-10 am

Wed, Aug 28, 9:30-10 am

Hear stories, sing and dance. A different theme and activities for each program.

Alex Thomas and Friends Puppet Show® (Family)

Sage: Wed, Jun 26, 12:30-1:15 pm

Jokes, prizes, stories, silliness, and all-around fun with zany Muppet-style puppets!

Drumunity (Family)

Wirt: Thu, Jun 27, 12:30-1:30 pm

Use hand drums and percussion instruments in this fun, hands-on, and energizing experience!

Baby Sandal Keepsake® (Ages 0-3 + Adult)

Auburn: Sat, Jun 29, 10:30-11:30 am

Come and make a keepsake paper craft of your baby/toddler! We will be tracing their foot/feet to make keepsake flip-flops.

Ice Cream Flower Pots® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Jul 2, 5:30-6:30 pm

Celebrate national ice cream month by painting your own ice cream themed flower pot!

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

CHILDREN & FAMILY (CONT.)

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

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Auburn Area Branch Library	Sage Branch Library	Pinconning Branch Library	Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library	Offsite Location
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4th of July Craft ® (Ages 12 and under)

Sage: Wed, Jul 3, 12:30-1:30 pm
Craft your own hat and shaker to take to the fireworks celebration.

Tie Dye ® (Family/All Ages)

Sage: Fri, Jul 5, 2-3 pm OR 3-4 pm
Come Tie dye in the park. An item will be provided for each participant. You may also bring one additional cotton item to dye. Wear old clothes!

The Storytellers: World Music & Stories (Family)

Sage: Mon, Jul 8, 12:30-1:30 pm
Enjoy captivating stories and hands-on fun with musical instruments from around the world.

Winter in July Ornaments ® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Tue, Jul 9, 2-3:30 pm
Start making decorations early by creating summer-themed ornaments for winter holidays.

Llama-versary Party ® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Jul 9, 4:30-5:30 pm
Put on your party hat and get ready to celebrate all things llama! Join us for crafts, games, and cake to celebrate Auburn's favorite furry mascot, Carl!

Bubblemania ® (Age 12 and Under)

Sage: Wed, Jul 10, 12:30-1:30 pm
Use experimental supplies to build your own bubble wand. What bubble masterpiece will you create? Program will be outdoors and canceled for inclement weather.

Painterly Pottery: Ceramic Painting ® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Jul 11, 3:30-4:30 pm
Wirt: Mon, Jul 29, 11 am-12 pm
Supplies will be provided for this paint-your-own pottery workshop. Items will be fired in the store's kiln and returned to your branch for pick-up at a later date. High Demand – please only register at 1 branch.

A is for Art: Fireworks ® (Family)

Auburn: Fri, Jul 12, 10:30-11:30 am
Explore a fun art technique to create your own firework display!

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

Sage: Fri, Jul 12, 10:30-11:30 am
Create a mini campsite. Hear camp stories and songs to repeat at home!

The Bubbleman ® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Jul 16, 4:30-5:30 pm
The Bubbleman uses ordinary soap bubble solution to demonstrate the art and science of the soap bubble. See volcano bubbles, tornado bubbles, kaleidoscope bubbles, square bubbles, merry-go-round bubbles, and much more!

Cold Blooded Classification w/the Leslie Science & Nature Center ® (Ages 6-12)

Wirt: Tue, Jul 16, 6-7 pm
Engage in the world of classification as we focus on a particular cold-blooded animal group: reptiles! By meeting live reptiles, and through hands-on activities, participants will explore the adaptations that make them successful, and how scientists compare and contrast these particular cold-blooded creatures.

Rock Painting ® (Family)

Sage: Wed, Jul 17, 12:30-1:30 pm
Paint rocks to leave in the Sage Word Art Garden. Wear old clothes, this could get messy.

Rick Kelley (Family)

Wirt: Thu, Jul 18, 12:30-1:30 pm
Sing along, dance along, and move along with Rick and his one man band!

Indiana Joel's Magic Show ® (Ages 5 and up)

Pinconning: Thu, Jul 18, 3:30-4:30 pm
Climb, run, and leap into reading with Indiana Joel's Magic Show! Adventure books of all sorts are brought to life with amazing magic, wacky stunts, upbeat music, and LOTS of audience participation.

Marble Paint ® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Jul 18, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, OR 6:00 pm
Learn to marble paint a canvas passport bag and travel journal.

Young Scientists: Fizzy Fun ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Jul 19, 10:30-11:30 am
Fun, scientific exploration through STEAM stations, play and craft.

Saturday Cinema: Wish ® (Family)

Auburn: Sat, Jul 20, 1-3 pm
Enjoy a movie and a snack! This month we'll be watching Disney's *Wish* (PG).

Rock Painting ® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Tue, Jul 23, 4:30-5:30 pm
Have you ever found a painted rock somewhere? Come and paint some with us!
You can take them home or to leave in a fun spot for someone to find!

Sage Library Olympics ® (Age 12 and Under)

Sage: Wed, Jul 24, 12:30-1:30 pm
Navigate our obstacle course and play yard games. Program will be outdoors and canceled for inclement weather.

Kam Komiks ® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Wed, Jul 24, 4-5:30 pm
Learn the fundamentals of cartooning, including character and background design, lettering, and lots more with comic book artist Kamron Reynolds!

Gemini Family Concert (Family)

Wirt: Thu, Jul 25, 12:30-1:30 pm
Original songs, traditional storytelling, and sing-along stories.

Make It!: Cactus Sun Catcher (Ages 4-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Jul 25, 3:30-4:30 pm
Drop in at the Pinconning Branch to create a standing cactus sun catcher.

Tween Hang Out: Fly Fishing ® (Ages 8-12)

Sage: Thu, Jul 25, 5:30-6:30 pm
Let's learn a new hobby! Mershon-Neumann Heritage Chapter of Trout Unlimited will teach you how to cast a fly fishing rod, and each participant will tie a fly pin!

Nat Spinz Intro to Flow Arts ® (All Ages)

Sage: Mon, Jul 29, 12:30-1:30 pm
Join hula hoop artist Nat Spinz for an interactive hoop dancing workshop!

Cirque Amongus ® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Jul 30, 4:30-5:30 pm
Join Cirque Amongus for an amazing vaudeville show full of circus acts that will amaze and inspire!

Touch a Truck ® (Family)

Sage: Wed, Jul 31, 12:30-1:30 pm
See and touch a variety of large service vehicles driven by community helpers. Program will be outdoors and canceled for inclement weather.

Jenifer Strauss: Adventures in Story (Family)

Wirt: Thu, Aug 1, 12:30-1:30 pm
Come listen, sing, act, and play your way through exciting story adventures we create together!

Community Carnival ® (Family/All Ages)

Pershing Park at Sage: Thu, Aug 1, 4:30-6 pm
Community organizations will provide games, crafts and prizes. A perfect opportunity to turn in your Summer Reading Log!

Bounce House Extravaganza

Sage: Fri, Aug 2, 10 am-12 pm
Bounce and slide the morning away at Sage Library! We will also have ice treats & giant bubbles.

Summer Reading Ice Cream Social

Wirt: Mon, Aug 5, 12-12:30 pm
Join us at the Wirt library on Monday, August 5 to celebrate the end of our reading adventure for 2024 with ice cream sundaes generously funded by The Bay City Noon Optimist Club. No registration required.