

NEWS & EVENTS



JUNE-AUGUST 2025

SUMMER READING PROGRAM SPECIAL EDITION



READING COLORS OUR WORLD Summer Reading Program 2025

FULL
PROGRAM
GUIDE
INSIDE!



June 9 - August 16, 2025 | www.baycountylibrary.org/SRP

SUMMER FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Log 8 hours of reading between June 9 and August 16 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 also offers READsquared for online tracking! Download the app on your mobile device or visit baycountylibrary.readsquared.com to join the program 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

Reading colors our world! Pick up a paper reading log at any library branch or participate online using READSquared! Complete the program by reading or listening for 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 16.

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

SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICKOFF PARTIES:



AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY (AT AUBURN CITY PARK): TUE, JUNE 10, 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, and more.

PINCONNING BRANCH LIBRARY (HELD AT DOC LETCHFIELD PARK): WED, JUNE 11, 5-7 PM

Celebrate the Pinconning Branch's Summer Reading Program kickoff with free fun for the whole family. Enjoy live music at the band shell, along with games, a touch-a-truck event, activities, and information from community organizations. Rain venue: Pinconning Community Center

SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY: THU, JUNE 12, 4:30-6 PM

Celebrate Summer Reading Program at our kickoff party! Enjoy an inflatable obstacle course, lawn games, balloon animals, snacks, face painting, and mini canvas art.

ALICE AND JACK WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY: THU, JUNE 19, 11 AM-12:30 PM

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program & enjoy the festivities at our Kickoff Party on the lawn at Wirt. Enjoy a bounce obstacle course, crafts, games, face painting, snacks, & so much more! A food truck will be on site if you wish to purchase lunch. Support generously provided by The Bay City Noon Optimist Club & Thumb National Bank.

Join us for summer reading fun at your library! Our calendar is 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

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).
6. Click Add Reader or Program for additional family members.

HOW TO USE THE APP

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.

baycountylibrary.readsquared.com

ADULTS Age 18 & 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
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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.

Books and Brews ® (Adults)

Offsite: Wed, Jun 4, Jul 2, & Aug 6, 7-8:30 pm

Check our website for upcoming titles and locations!

Romance & Rosé ® (Adults)

Offsite: Tue, Jun 17, Jul 22, & Aug 19, 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.

Cribbage Night

Wirt: Wed, Jun 11, Jul 9 & Aug 13, 6-7 pm

Drop in to play cribbage with others. All supplies provided.

Legendary Lit: A Fantasy Book Club ®

Wirt: Sat, Jun 14 & Jul 26, 10:30 am

June & July titles to be announced

A book club for Fantasy Readers. Join us every six weeks to discuss a different book from the Fantasy section.

Pirate Cutlass Class ®

Sage: Wed, Jun 18 4-5:30 pm

Join Jerry Berg from the Swordsmanship Museum & Academy as he leads a class on the historical techniques used by swordsmen of the Golden Age of Piracy as recorded in a combat manual from 1711.

Thrift Store Masterpiece ®

Sage: Wed, Jun 25, 4-5 pm OR 6-7 pm

We will be taking thrifted art, and improving on it, with all kinds of art supplies!

Name That Tune Bingo ®

Wirt: Sat, Jul 5, 2-3 pm

A cross between "Name That Song" and bingo. Play along as we listen to classic songs and try to get a bingo!

Impressionism & the City of Light ®

Sage: Wed, Jul 9, 6-7 pm

Join Meg Koch, executive director of Studio 23 and explore how the sweeping modernization of 19th-century Paris transformed not only the city's boulevards but also its art.

Painterly Pottery ®

Sage: Wed, Jul 23, 4-5:30 pm OR 6-7:30 pm

Mosaic Art Design with Painterly Pottery ®

Auburn: Sat, Jul 26, 2-3 pm

Participants will choose from dozens of colorful tiles to arrange and design on a hanging wall plaque.

Book Boxes for Adults ®

All branches: July 28-August 2

July's theme is Reading Colors Our World!

Boxes will be available to pick up the week of July 28. Any boxes not picked up by Sat, Aug 2 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.*

Greg Nagy Solo Acoustic Performance ®

Sage: Wed, Aug 13, 6-7:30 pm

Coffee, Coloring, and Donna Summer ®

Wirt: Sat, Aug 16, 2-3 pm

We will be hosting a relaxing afternoon with fun beverages & coloring while listening to Donna Summer albums on vinyl. There will be coloring sheets and supplies available (or you can bring your own) and an assortment of drinks (coffee, tea, & hot chocolate).

Puzzle Challenge ®

Wirt: Tue, Aug 26, 6-7 pm

Adults, register 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!

Parks and Rec & Waffles ®

Sage: Wed, Aug 27, 6-7 pm

Join us as we watch a couple classic clips, play some Parks and Recreation trivia, and have some waffle-inspired snacks!

Adult Book Clubs ®

A full list of monthly adult Book Club dates and locations can be found at:

www.baycountylibrary.org/book-clubs.

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



LEARN TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW!

Adult Art Workshops

Watercolor Class ®

Wirt: Tue, Jun 24, 6-7 pm

Join Rachel Leipprandt for a step by step watercolor class. All supplies provided.

Illustrative Landscapes with Corinne Roberts ®

Wirt: Tue, Jul 15, 6-7 pm

Auburn: Thu, Jul 17, 6-7 pm

Using basic shapes and shading, learn the process of developing perspective to create a realistic or imaginary landscape. No prior drawing experience needed. Attendees only need simple paper, pencil and eraser. All supplies provided.

Calligraphy for Beginners ®

Wirt: Tue, Jul 29 & Aug 5, 6-7 pm

Learn the basics of calligraphy. All supplies provided.

Art Journaling ®

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

Join artist Corinne Roberts and learn quick sketching techniques to use in your travels and observe your personal environment in a new way. No prior drawing experience needed. Attendees only need paper, pencil, and eraser.



EVENING SESSIONS SPEAKER SERIES



Registration required. Register here:



Blades of the Caribbean Pirates



Wed, June 18, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Join us as Jerry Berg from the Swordsmanship Museum & Academy presents about the struggles and conflicts in the Atlantic colonies, the unique pirate culture that arose from it, and the various swords and techniques that were utilized. See replicas of the blades that were used.

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



La Compagnie Musical Dance Troupe - A Great Lakes Musical Legacy



Wed, July 16, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Music and lore of the lakes have long been a part of Michigan culture. Join us for a live performance of one of Michigan's top-notch historical performing groups as they bring the authentic sounds of early Michigan music to the Wirt Library.

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM



Public Art Passport: Art Appreciation



Wed, August 13, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Andrea Ondish, SVSU Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum Curator of Education, will present an art appreciation talk about public art and artists in the Great Lakes Bay Region of Bay, Midland, and Saginaw counties that are represented on the Public Art Passport website.

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM & FACEBOOK LIVE



TEEN ZONE

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Teen-only programs (GRADES 6-12)

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

Sage: Wed, Jun 11, Jul 9, & Aug 13, 2-4:30 pm

Seasonal Pottery Painting with Painterly Pottery®

Auburn: Thu, Jun 12, 2-3 pm

This program will offer a selection of items ready for a splash of color! Participants will learn optional techniques for painting these textured designs, see a variety of finished examples, then get creative on their own pottery!

High School Book Club® (Grades 9-12)

Sage: Mon, Jun 16, Jul 7, & Aug 4, 2-3:30 pm

June Title: *Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn
July Title: *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds

August Title: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

A book club just for high schoolers. Read this month's book in advance of the meeting and then join us for discussion and snacks!

Pirate Outlass Class®

Sage: Wed, Jun 18 2-3:30 pm

Join Jerry Berg from the Swordsmanship Museum & Academy as he leads a class on the historical techniques used by swordsmen of the Golden Age of Piracy as recorded in a combat manual from 1711.

Will It Waffle?®

Sage: Mon, Jun 23, 2-3:30 pm

Tie Dye on the Lawn®

Wirt: Tue, Jun 24, 2-3 pm

Beach towels and all other supplies will be provided.

Thrift Store Masterpiece®

Sage: Wed, Jun 25 2-3:30 pm

We will be taking thrifted art, and improving on it, with all kinds of art supplies!

Magazine Collage Art®

Wirt: Thu, Jun 26, 2-3 pm

Film Crew Club: Summer Challenge®

Sage: Wed, Jul 2, 2-5 pm

Can we make a short film in 3 hours? We sure are going to try!

Sip and Paint®

Wirt: Tue, Jul 8, 2-3 pm

Melted Crayon Jewelry®

Wirt: Thu, Jul 10, 2-3 pm

Drawing with Corinne Roberts®

Wirt: Tue, Jul 15, 2-3 pm

Books & Bubble Tea®

Sage: Wed, Jul 16, 2-3:30 pm

Join us to talk about your favorite books while sipping on some bubble tea.

Beaded Wind Chimes Craft®

Wirt: Thu, Jul 17, 2-3 pm

Animal Drawing with Corinne Roberts®

Auburn: Thu, Jul 17, 3-4 pm

Learn the basics of drawing animals while adding emotion and body language for a fun illustrative style! No prior drawing experience needed in this follow-along program.

Special Effects and Stage Makeup with Gals & Ghouls®

Sage: Mon, Jul 21, 2-3 pm

Drip Painting®

Wirt: Tue, Jul 22, 2-3 pm

Painterly Pottery for Teens®

Sage: Wed, Jul 23 2-3:30 pm

Pour Paint®

Wirt: Thu, Jul 24, 2-3 pm

Suncatchers®

Wirt: Tue, Jul 29, 2-3 pm

Illustrative Figure Drawing®

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

Join artist Corinne Roberts and learn the basics of drawing emotion and body language to bring your characters and stories to life! No prior drawing experience needed in this follow-along program.

Bubble Tea and Painting®

Wirt: Thu, Jul 31, 2-3 pm

Enjoy a Boba tea while painting with straws.

Zig Zag Friendship Bracelet®

Wirt: Tue, Aug 5, 2-3 pm

Smoothie Challenge®

Sage: Wed, Aug 6, 2-4 pm

Work with other participants to create the best smoothie ever! All ingredients and supplies provided.

Music Bingo®

Wirt: Thu, Aug 7, 2-3 pm

Alcohol Ink Tiles®

Wirt: Tue, Aug 12, 2-3 pm

Arts & Snacks: Decoupage Notebooks and Popcorn®

Sage: Tue, Aug 12, 3:30-4:30 pm

Snack on some popcorn with fun flavors while adding some flair to a plain notebook!

Geometric Canvas Paint®

Wirt: Thu, Aug 14, 2-3 pm

Film Crew Club®

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

ADULTS & TEENS

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

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Monthly Zine Meetup!

Wirt: Tue, Jun 3, Jul 1 & Aug 5, 5:30-7:30 pm

Wirt: Wed, Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20, 2-4 pm

Join editor of NewPages.com, Denise Hill, to create zines! Pronounced "zeen," a zine is a mini-book made by folding or stapling paper and filling it with fun stuff. Everyone is welcome to these drop-in sessions.

Needle Crafters Club

Auburn: Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm

All hand-sewing crafters welcomed.

Alcohol-Inked Trinket Bowls®

Pinconning: Tue, Jun 3, 6-7 pm

Dinosaur Day with Paleo Joe®

Sage: Wed, Jun 11, 6-7 pm

A look into the world of fossil collecting. Paleo Joe will describe how fossils are formed, as well as modern collecting techniques. Listeners will learn about geological forces that shaped our world and how they affected the development of life on Earth.

Honey Bees and Liquid Gold with Thornapple Woodlands®

Auburn: Thu, Jun 12, 6-7 pm

Find out how bees make honey and how it is harvested, learn the life cycle of the honey bee, and more! Make a hand rolled beeswax candle to take home.

Making Teas, Tinctures, and Oils with Bevin Cohen®

Auburn: Sat, Jun 14, 2-3 pm

Painterly Pottery-Pottery to Go®

Pinconning: Tue, Jun 17, 6-7 pm

Chess Club® (Everyone)

Sage: Mon, Jun 30 & Jul 28, 2-4 pm

Sage: Wed, Aug 20, 3:30-5 pm

Jewelry Making Workshop with Dancing Crane®

Auburn: Thu, Jul 10, 5:30-7:30 pm

Pinconning: Tue, Aug 5, 5:30-7:30 pm

In this class with Dancing Crane, learn how to make a pair of earrings and a drop/pendant.

Sea Glass Art®

Pinconning: Sat, Jul 19, 10-11:30 am

Illustrative Landscapes with Corinne Roberts®

Pinconning: Tue, Jul 22, 6-7 pm

Corinne will show you how to use basic shapes, line techniques and shading, to create realistic or imaginary landscapes. No prior drawing experience needed.

Uniquely Michigan with Dianna Stampfler®

Auburn: Thu, Jul 24, 6-7 pm

Join Dianna Stampfler as she provides a virtual tour of our state to discover what makes it Uniquely Michigan!

Tie Dye® (Everyone)

Sage: Fri, Jul 25, 2-3 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!

Bubble Wrap Flower Art®

Pinconning: Tue, Jul 29, 6-7 pm

Soap Making with Dancing Crane®

Auburn: Thu, Aug 7, 5:30-7:30 pm

In this class you will learn about the scientific processes oils and lye undergo to become soap- everyone will go home with one bar of soap made in a group as well as one bar from a soap cutting demonstration.

Mini Beaded Wire Bonsai Tree Craft®

Pinconning: Sat, Aug 9, 10-11:30 am

Herbal Tea for the Seasons with Small House Farm®

Pinconning: Tue, Aug 12, 6-7 pm

Join herbalist and author Bevin Cohen from Small House Farm for a fun and informative herbal exploration.

TEEN BOOK BOXES

Middle Pages Loot Box®

(Grades 6-8)

Pick up June 16-21

Pick up July 21-26

Pick up August 18-23

Teen LitLoot Box®

(Grades 9-12)

Pick up June 2-7

Pick up July 7-12

Pick up August 18-23

June Theme: **BOOK TO MOVIE**

July Theme: **GRAPHIC NOVELS**

August Theme: **BOOKTOK**

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!

PODCASTING FOR BEGINNERS: A Workshop with Alex the Greek

AGES 9 AND UP

All sessions held at the Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library. Registration required.

Part I: Fundamentals of Podcasting | Tue, Jun 10, 6-8 pm

Part II: Developing Content & Episodes | Tue, Jul 8, 6-8 pm

Part III: Recording & Editing | Tue, Aug 12, 6-8 pm



Join us for a three-part workshop with Alex Alexandrou (Alex the Greek). Sign up for one or all three sessions and start your podcasting journey! Q&A opportunities will be available throughout each session. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to develop, record, and edit your own podcast—right at the library!



CHILDREN & FAMILY

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Stories and Songs in the Park (Family)


PERSHING PARK AT SAGE:
MONDAYS, JUN 16-AUG 4,
12:30-1:00 PM



STOP BY PERSHING PARK (NEXT TO THE SAGE LIBRARY) FOR SOME MUSICAL LITERACY FUN. IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH.

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.



Summer Dates

JUNE:
SAGE: WED, JUN 18, 5:30-6:30 PM
AUBURN: FRI, JUN 20, 11 AM-12 PM
WIRT: SAT, JUN 21, 2-3 PM
PINCONNING: THU, JUN 26, 6-7 PM

JULY:
SAGE: WED, JUL 16, 5:30-6:30 PM
PINCONNING: THU, JUL 17, 6-7 PM
AUBURN: FRI, JUL 18, 11 AM-12 PM
WIRT: SAT, JUL 19, 2-3 PM

AUGUST:
WIRT: SAT, AUG 16, 2-3 PM
SAGE: WED, AUG 20, 5:30-6:30 PM
AUBURN: FRI, AUG 22, 11 AM-12 PM
PINCONNING: THUR, AUG 28, 6-7 PM

Register online

ART CAMP

Ages 6-12

ART CAMP JR.

Ages 2-5 + Adult

AUBURN AREA
BRANCH LIBRARY

TUE, AUG 12-FRI, AUG 15

ART CAMP

Aug 12-15, 2:30-3:30 pm

Join us each afternoon during this special week and learn how cool art can be with projects like collaging and painting with food!



ART CAMP JR.

Aug 12-15, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us each morning during this special week where we will explore a different art activity each day including painting with water balloons and fabric collages!



Registration is required each day/program.

MEET UP, EAT UP, & READ UP



MONDAYS-THURSDAYS, 12-12:45 PM
JUNE 9-AUGUST 7*

*No lunch service on June 10th, 12th, & 19th or July 1st & 3rd, 2025.

SAGE BRANCH LIBRARY WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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



Summer Art Series AGES 7-12

ALICE AND JACK WIRT PUBLIC LIBRARY: MONDAYS FROM 11 AM-12 PM
JOIN US TO CREATE IN THE KANTZLER ROOM! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

JUNE 16	JUNE 23	JUNE 30
Summer Bucket List	Painterly Pottery	Color a Mug
JULY 7	JULY 14	JULY 21
Decoupage Coasters	Neurographic Art (with Studio 23)	Garden Stepping Stones
JULY 28	AUGUST 4	AUGUST 11
Create your own stickers (with Studio 23)	Rock Painting	Homemade Crayons

1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Bay County Library System

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



READsquared

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.

SUMMER STORYTIMES

JUNE 16- AUGUST 8

We offer storytimes for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities and more! The summer session will run from June 17-August 2. Registration for all sessions will open on Friday, May 17.

Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)
Sage: Tuesdays, 11-11:30 am
Auburn: Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 am
Wirt: Thursdays, 11-11:30 am

Toddler Storytime (Ages 18 months-3 years)
Wirt: Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 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: Tuesdays, 12:15-12:45 pm
Wirt: Wednesdays, 6:30-7 pm





Crayon Melting®

Ages 5-12

Auburn: Fri, Jun 27, 10:30-11:30 am
Sage: Thu, Jul 17, 5:30-6:30 pm
Pinconning: Thu, Jul 31, 6-7 pm
Wirt: Mon, Aug 11, 11 am-12 pm

Join us at each branch to learn how to make your own crayons in fun shapes!



ART BUFFET®

Ages 0-12

Wirt: Fri, Jul 18, 11 am-12 pm
Auburn: Fri, Jul 25, 10:30-11:30 am
Sage: Thu, Aug 7, 5:30-6:30 pm
Pinconning: Thu, Aug 14, 6-7 pm

Join us at each branch to try some fun process art activities!



EXOTIC ZOO LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAM

See and touch live animals while learning about animal senses, characteristics and mannerisms for different species, defense mechanisms, and more!

Wirt: Thu, Jul 24, 12:30-1:30 pm
Sage: Thu, Jul 24, 4:30-5:30 OR 6-7 pm
Auburn: Tue, Jul 29, 4-5 pm OR 6-7 pm
Pinconning Community Center:
Tue, Jul 29, 12-1 pm

Families welcome. Registration required for each program date.



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Auburn Area
Branch Library

Sage Branch
Library

Pinconning Branch
Library

Alice and Jack Wirt
Public Library

Multi-branch
or Offsite

Legacy Coffee House Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Legacy Coffee House: Mon, Jun 2, Jul 7, & Aug 4, 9-9:30 am

Families with young children. Join the Wirt library downtown at Legacy Coffee House for storytime.

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

Sage: Mon, Jun 2, 11 am-12 pm

Craft supplies 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.

Duckie Design® (Ages 2-12)

Auburn: Tue, Jun 3, 4:30-5:30 pm

Rubber duckie, you're the one! Join us to decorate and design your own rubber duck!

Make a Salsa Garden® (Ages 12 and Under)

The Trombley House: Wed, Jun 4, 10-11 am

Plant a mini garden of tomatoes, green peppers, and cilantro to take home.

Gamer Club: Kid's Choice® (Grades 4-12)

Auburn: Wed, Jun 4, 3-4:30 pm

Do you love gaming? Come join your fellow gamers in games and snacks! You decide which games we play!

Baby Book Club® (Ages 0-3 + Adult)

Sage: Wed, Jun 4, 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.

Gift for a Guy® (Ages 12 and under)

Sage: Thu, Jun 5, 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 lad or wrapped separately for two great guys.

Tie-Dye on the Lawn (Ages 12 & under)

Pinconning: Thu, Jun 5, 6-7 pm

Bring a shirt to tie-dye and we'll supply the rest! Drop by and join us outside at the Pinconning Branch to make tie-dye masterpieces and play lawn games.

Excited Goat Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Excited Goat Coffee Company: Mon, Jun 9, Jul 14, & Aug 11, 10-10:30 am

Families with young children. Join the Wirt library at Excited Goat Coffee Company in Essexville for storytime.

Adventure by Mail® (Ages 8-12)

Ongoing Event 6/9-6/13

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 win. 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!

Tape Resist Art (Ages 0-12 + Adult)

Wirt: Tue, Jun 10, 2-3 pm

Use tape and paint to create your own unique artwork. Make one to hang on the art wall at the library and one to take home.

Magic for Beginners® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Wed, Jun 11, 4:30-5:30 pm

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

Sunny Babies & Toddlers® (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Jun 13, 10:30-11:30 am

Enjoy the sunny summer season with themed crafts, toys, sensory bins, and refreshments for both the littles and the adults!

Toddler Time! (Ages 4 & Under)

Pinconning: Fridays, Jun 13 & 27, Jul 11, and Aug 8 & 22, 11-11:45 am

Bring your littles to the Pinconning Branch every other week for play and to make new friends! Hot beverages will be provided for adults.

Painterly Pottery® (Ages 5-12)

Pinconning: Tue, Jun 17, 3:30-4:30 pm

Come paint with us! Items will be fired in the store's kiln and returned to the library for pickup at a later date.

Cameron Zvara's Comedy Magic Show® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Jun 17, 4:30-5:30 pm

Sage: Thu, Jul 10, 5:30-6:30 pm

Mind-blowing magic, family-friendly comedy, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation!

Sand Art (Ages 12 and under)

Sage: Wed, Jun 18, 12:30-1:15 pm

Make a sand art bracelet.

Young Scientists: Colorful World® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Jun 20, 10:30-11:30 am

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

Storytime at Risers Kitchen® (Family)

Risers Kitchen: Sat, Jun 21, Jul 12, & Aug 2, 10:30-11:30 am

Join Ms Ashley or Ms Miranda from the Auburn Branch for a special offsite storytime at Risers Kitchen in Auburn!

Kam Komics® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Sat, Jun 21, 1-2:30 pm

Learn the fundamentals of cartooning, including character and background design, lettering, and lots more with comic book artist Kamron Reynolds!

Painterly Pottery® (Ages 7-12)

Wirt: Mon, Jun 23, 11 am-12 pm

Come paint with us! Items will be fired in the store's kiln and returned to the library for pickup at a later date.

Watercolor Class® (Ages 7-12)

Wirt: Tue, Jun 24, 11 am-12 pm

Join artist Rachel Leipprandt for a beginner watercolor class.

Sidewalk Chalk Art® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Jun 24, 4:30-5:30 pm

Color our sidewalks with us using sidewalk chalk!

Story Time at the Trombley House (Family)

The Trombley House: Wed, Jun 25, Jul 30 & Aug 27, 9:30-10 am

Hear stories, sing and dance. Take an eye spy tour of the historic Trombley House.

Foam Party! (Family)

Sage: Wed, Jun 25, 12:30-1:15 pm

Wear your bathing suit and get ready for a dance party in a pile of bubbles! Program will be held in Pershing Park and will be rescheduled for inclement weather.

Summer Movie: How to Train Your Dragon (PG)® (Family)

Auburn: Wed, Jun 25, 1-3 pm

Enjoy a small craft, snacks, and a fun movie for the whole family!

REPCO Wildlife Encounters: Rainforest Species® (Ages 2 to over 18)

Pinconning: Wed, Jun 25, 3-4 pm

Join us at the Pinconning Branch Library to learn and see rainforest animals with REPCO Wildlife Encounters!

Dancing Through Diversity: Princess Dance Class® (Ages 3-7)

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

Join Ms Tracy from Tracy's Dance & Tumbling for a special princess themed dance class. In this class Ms Tracy welcomes all individuals including those with learning and physical disabilities or unconventional circumstances to embrace the transformative power of dance.

The Music Lady: Color Our World with Music® (Family)

Wirt: Thu, Jun 26, 12:30-1:30 pm

Aluminum Reliefs® (Ages 5-12)

Sage: Thu, Jun 26, 5:30-6:30 pm

Make a colorful metallic work of art.

Little Wiggles® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Jun 27, Jul 18, & Aug 15, 10:30-11 am

Move and dance our wiggles out a fun musical program.

Chess Club® (Everyone)

Sage: Mon, Jun 30 & Jul 28, 2-4 pm

Sage: Wed, Aug 20, 3:30-5 pm

Pokemon Trainer Night® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Jul 1, 5:30-6:30 pm

Join us for a fun night where you can bring in your card collection to show off, play, and trade with other trainers while also enjoying Pokemon themed crafts.

Birds of Prey with the Wildlife Recovery Association® (Ages 6-12)

Wirt: Tue, Jul 1, 6-7 pm

Come see rehabilitated hawks, owls, eagles, and falcons.

4th of July Craft (Ages 12 and Under)

Sage: Wed, Jul 2, 12:30-1:15 pm

Craft your own glow necklace and noise maker to take to the fireworks celebration.

Hop, Slither and Crawl with Chippewa Nature Center® (Ages 5-12)

Wirt: Tue, Jul 8, 10:30-11:30 am

Learn to classify reptiles and amphibians and their various adaptations. Plus experience a live animal visit!

Alex Thomas and Friends: Claymation Workshop® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Jul 8, 4:30-5:30 pm

Bring your imagination to life in this hands-on Claymation workshop! Students will learn how to create their own stop-motion animations using clay, and will leave with their own short Claymation video to share with family and friends!

Bedroom Banner Craft (Ages 12 and Under)

Sage: Wed, Jul 9, 12:30-1:15 pm

Decorate a fabric sign to hang outside your bedroom.

Dancing Through Diversity: Gender Neutral Dance Class® (Ages 3-7)

Auburn: Wed, Jul 9, 4:30-5:30 pm

Join Ms Tracy from Tracy's Dance & Tumbling for a special gender neutral themed dance class. In this class Ms Tracy welcomes all individuals including those with learning and physical disabilities or unconventional circumstances to embrace the transformative power of dance.

CHILDREN & FAMILY

® = 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

A2 Magic® (Family)

Wirt: Thu, Jul 10, 12:30-1:30 pm

Color your world MAGICAL with A2 Magic's amazing magic show!

Make It!: Canvas Yarn Art® (Ages 8-12)

Pinconning: Thu, Jul 10, 5:30-7 pm

Spend an evening at the Pinconning Branch making canvas yarn art with many different colors of yarn to choose from!

Beach Babies & Toddlers® (Ages 0-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Jul 11, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us with some themed crafts, toys, sensory bins, and refreshments for both the littles and the adults!

Switch Saturday® (Family)

Auburn: Sat, Jul 12 & Aug 2, 1-2:30 pm

Come join us for a laid back gaming session! We'll have our Switch and Wii set up with a fun selection of games!

B.A.M! Books and More - Reading Colors Our World® (Grades 4th-5th)

Mon, Jul 14-Saturday, Jul 19

Try the BCLS B.A.M! Book Box for 4th-5th graders. Each box will contain one library book related to the box's theme, a book to keep, a treat, and a craft. Check out the box, enjoy the books and treats, then return the library book and box. Open to Bay County resident card holders only.

Rick Kelley (Family)

Sage: Mon, Jul 14, 12:30-1:15 pm

Sing along, dance along, and move along with Rick and his one man band!

Basic Animal Drawing® (Ages 8-12)

Wirt: Tue, Jul 15, 11 am-12 pm

Join artist Corinne Roberts to learn how to draw some of your favorite animals.

Llama-versary Party® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Jul 15, 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!

Rock Painting (Family)

Sage: Wed, Jul 16, 12:30-1:15 pm

Paint rocks to leave in the Sage Word Art Garden. Wear old clothes, this could get messy.

Dr. Slime: Science Demos® (Family)

Wirt: Thu, Jul 17, 12:30-1:30 pm

Mythical Creatures with Corinne Roberts® (Ages 6-12)

Pinconning: Tue, Jul 22, 3-4 pm

Corinne will show you how to use basic shape construction and simple line techniques to create imaginative Mythical Creatures! No prior drawing experience needed in this follow-along program. Supplies needed are simple pencil, paper and eraser.

Volcano Art® (Ages 6-12)

Auburn: Tue, Jul 22, 4:30-5:30 pm

Learn about volcanoes with an eruption demonstration, volcano painting.

Nature's Nightlife with the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum® (Family)

Wirt: Tue, Jul 22, 6-7 pm

Find out what happens after the sun goes down and meet different animals up close to learn why they choose to work in the dark and how they are adapted for life at night.

Make a Pinwheel (Ages 12 and Under)

Sage: Wed, Jul 23, 12:30-1:15 pm

Color and build a pinwheel.

Summer Movie: Tangled (PG)® (Family)

Auburn: Wed, Jul 23, 1-3 pm

Enjoy a small craft, snacks, and a fun movie for the whole family!

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

Sage: Fri, Jul 25, 10:30-11:30 am

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

Tie Dye® (Everyone)

Sage: Fri, Jul 25, 2-3 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!

Incredible Insects with Chippewa Nature Center® (Ages 5-10)

Wirt: Tue, Jul 29, 10:30-11:30 am

Learn basic characteristics and life cycles and try your hand at collecting insects.

Flames 'N Dames Fire Show (Family)

Sage: Wed, Jul 30, 12:30-1:30 pm

An exciting fire dancing show with a variety of amazing performances by Michigan's finest fire performers!

Make It!: Mini Cheesecakes® (Ages 2-5)

Pinconning: Wed, Jul 30, 3-3:45 pm

Enjoy National Cheesecake Day by making miniature cheesecakes with your little(s) and watching Duckling Gets a Cookie by Mo Willems while enjoying them!

Painterly Pottery® (Ages 0-12)

Auburn: Wed, Jul 30, 3:30-4:30 pm OR 5:30-6:30 pm

An experienced studio artist from Painterly Pottery will lead the program and bring a wide variety of glazes to decorate a piece of ceramics. Pottery will go back to the studio for firing and can be picked up at the Auburn Library when ready.

Basic Animal Drawing Workshop with Corinne Roberts® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Wed, Jul 30, 4-5 pm

Using basic shapes and simple line technique, learn to create your favorite animals. No prior drawing experience is needed. Materials needed are: simple paper, pencil and eraser.

Drumcommunity® (Family)

Wirt: Thu, Jul 31, 12:30-1:30 pm

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

Tween Hang Out: PVC Rocket Launchers® (Ages 8-12)

Sage: Thu, Jul 31, 5:30-6:30 pm

Let's build things that launch!

Geology Rocks! with Chippewa Nature Center® (Ages 7-12)

Wirt: Tue, Aug 5, 10:30-11:30 am

Investigate fossils, simulate glaciers and formation in Michigan, and examine rocks and minerals.

REPCO Wildlife Encounters: Endangered Species® (Family)

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

Join REPCO Wildlife to meet a variety of live animals and learn about endangered species!

Touch a Truck (Family)

Sage: Wed, Aug 6, 12:30-1:30 pm

See and touch a variety of large service vehicles driven by community helpers. Program will be outdoors and cancelled for inclement weather.

Summer Movie: Dog Man (PG)® (Family)

Auburn: Wed, Aug 6, 1-3 pm

Enjoy a small craft, snacks, and a fun movie for the whole family!

Chicken Little & Friends with Mellypop! Productions® (All Ages)

Pinconning: Wed, Aug 6, 3-4 pm

Join Aunt Betty, Chicken Little & ALL the barnyard crew for this classic story with a cool twist-YOU get to pick how it ends! This fun, interactive show combines puppets with music and comedy.

Touch-a-Truck (Family)

Wirt: Thu, Aug 7, 10-11 am

Join the Wirt library in getting up close and personal with all your favorite big and small trucks and equipment!

Community Carnival (Family)

Pershing Park at Sage: Fri, Aug 8, 10 am-12 pm

Sage Library will have a Giant Inflatable Slide and community organizations will provide games, crafts and prizes. A perfect opportunity to turn in your Summer Reading Log!

Baby Playground® (Ages 0-2 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Aug 8, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us for sensory play and fun for babies!

The Reptarium® (Family)

Wirt: Thu, Aug 14, 12:30-1:30 pm

The Reptarium brings the zoo to you with a variety of live animals that you touch and hold!

Family Outdoor Movie: Dog Man (All Ages)

Pinconning: Fri, Aug 15, 9-11 pm

Let's celebrate the end of our Summer Reading Program with an outdoor movie at the Pinconning Branch! Please bring your own chair and blanket for this event.

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

Sage: Mon, Aug 18, 11 am-12 pm

Craft supplies 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.

Tween Hang Out: CSI® (Ages 8-12)

Sage: Thu, Aug 21, 5:30-6:30 pm

Dust for fingerprints & make a plaster mold to discover who stole Mrs. Dani's lunch!

Young Scientists: Weather Station® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Sage: Fri, Aug 22, 10:30-11:30 am

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

Decorate a Pencil Pouch® (Ages 6-12)

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

Decorate a pencil pouch to keep all your school supplies in!