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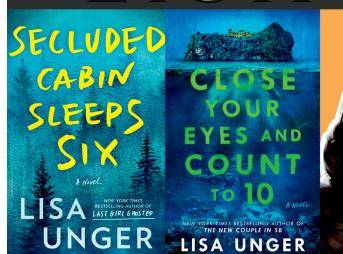
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AN EVENING WITH NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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Tue, Oct 7, 2025
7:00 PM | Free Event
The State Theatre
Bay City

JOIN US FOR AN AUTHOR TALK, Q & A SESSION, AND BOOK SIGNING

Presented by the Friends of the Bay County Library System



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Ages 18 and up

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Sage Branch Library

Library

or Offsite

#### CRAFTS & MORE

#### 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 OR 2-3 pm

Reserve a spot with Walt, our Technology Supervisor, for help with your device or any tech questions you may have.

#### Books & Brews ®

H2O's Waterside Grill: Wed, Oct 1, 7-8:30 pm

October Title: How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin

#### Begin with a Breath ®

Sage: Fri, Oct 3, 11 am-12 pm

Join Tanner Derror from MSU Extension as he leads us in a wellness program. Begin with a Breath introduces participants to the experience and practice of mindfulness, with a goal of reducing stress. During this lesson you will learn the practices of mindful breathing and mindful movement.

#### Vikings: Fearsome Raiders and Adventurous Traders ®

Wirt: Sat, Oct 4, 1-2 pm

Vikings are best known for being fearsome raiders, but they were also adventurous traders who established a vast trade network that spanned from Byzantium to Dublin to Newfoundland to Greenland. Join archaeologist Ellen Green in looking at the evidence the Vikings left in their far reaching voyages of plunder and trade. This will be presented on Zoom and livestreamed in the Kantzler Community Room.

#### **All Together Now Club**

Auburn: Tue, Oct 7, 12:30-1:30 pm

The library isn't just a place that has books- it's also a place for everyone of all abilities to connect, learn, and create! We welcome adults with disabilities, their caregivers, and any adults who like to craft, play games, explore the library, and everything else in-between.

#### Cribbage Night

Wirt: Wed, Oct 8, 6-7 pm

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

#### Foam Plate Printmaking ®

Wirt: Thu, Oct 9, 6-7 pm

Create a handmade print by etching a design into a foam plate, applying paint, and pressing it onto paper.

#### Be Well Series: Stress Less: Practical Tools for a Calmer Life

Wirt: Thu, Oct 16, 6-7 pm

Discover simple, effective stress management techniques you can use every day. Whether you're managing daily pressures or navigating a major life change, this program offers practical tools to help you feel more in control and at peace. Presented by Sean Stephens, DO and Susan Martin, PsyD, Behavioral Health Academic Program Director, McLaren Bay Region Family Medicine Residency

### Legendary Lit: A Fantasy Book Club ® Wirt: Sat, Oct 18, 10:30-11:30 am

October Title: Gideon the Ninth by Tamsyn Muir

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

#### Computers for Absolute Beginners ®

Wirt: Mon, Oct 20, 6-7 pm

Wirt: Wed, Oct 29, 2-3 pm

Do you have little to no experience with computers? Great! This class will familiarize you with the basic components and functions of computers. We'll cover everything from turning on and shutting off your machine to using an email account to simple Google searching and more. You are welcome to bring your own laptop, but a personal computer is not required to attend this class. Self-help resources will be provided so you can continue learning on your own at home.

#### Romance & Rosé ®

River Rock Cafe: Tue, Oct 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.

#### **Book Bedazzling ®**

Sage: Wed, Oct 22, 4-5 pm OR 6-7 pm

Bring your own book or choose from our selection of donated titles. Use gems to upgrade your copy into something dazzling.

#### Author Jeff Vande Zande ®

Wirt:Wed. Oct 29, 6-7 pm

Ring in the Halloween season with Jeff Vande Zande, Delta College professor and author, as he discusses his newest book, Blood of the Witness Tree.

### Name that Tune Bingo ® Sage: Wed, Oct 29, 6-7:30 pm

#### **Book Boxes for Adults ®** October's theme is Historical Fiction

Boxes will be available to pick up the week of October 27. Any boxes not picked up by Sat, Nov 1 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.

#### **Building a Charcuterie Board Demonstration with Artigiano ®**

Wirt: Thu, Oct. 30, 6-7 pm Pinconning: Tue, Nov 4, 6-7 pm Sage: Wed, Nov 5, 6-7 pm Auburn: Thu, Nov 6, 6-7 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.

A full list of monthly adult Book Club dates and locations can be found at: www.baycountylibrary.org/book-clubs.

#### Bay County Poetry Contest Back for the grant grant Calling All Bay County, SVSU, and Delta College Poets! Send us 2025 Theme:



Calling All Bay County, SVSU, and Delta College Poets! Send us your most inspired poems for the theme "Great Lakes & Waterways." Poems must include a reference to water or the Great Lakes, although this does not need to be the main focus of the poem. Cash prizes will be awarded. Winners will be announced in the spring, and winners' work may be published in online or print venues. Entries will be judged by SVSU staff and volunteers. You must be at least 16 years old to participate. To view the submission form and access the full list of rules and guidelines, visit https://tinyurl.com/bdcwcbyu or scan the QR code below.

Submissions due 12/1/25



Stop into any branch to pick up your passport. Read 12 books from at least 3 different continents and your name will be entered into a drawing for a basket filled with goodies from around the world!

You must be a Bay County Resident to be eligible for the prize drawing. Passports are valid October 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026.

### **EVENING SESSIONS** SPEAKER SERIES

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Michigan's Dark Ties: Serial Killers with a **Local Connection** 



#### Wed, October 15, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Candice Smith from Tours Around Michigan will uncover the chilling connections between Michigan and some of the nation's most infamous serial killers. Learn how these dark figures are tied to the state, with fascinating insights and stories that reveal Michigan's lesser-known criminal history. Candice will delve into cases that bring a haunting dimension to local lore.

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

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

#### **Needle Crafters Club**

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

#### Taylor Swift Celebration ® (Everyone)

Sage: Thu, Oct 2, 3:30-5 pm

Let's get ready for the new album together! TS themed bracelet making, coloring sheets, & more!

Life Booster Series: Yoga with Laura ® Pinconning: Sat, Oct 4, 9:30-10:30 am

#### Life Booster Series: Crystals with Cassandra ®

Pinconning: Tue, Oct 7, 6-7 pm

Curious about crystals? Discover their meaning, uses, and purported healing properties with Cassandra of the Sun & Moon Shop.

#### **Fall Candle Mat Craft ®**

Auburn: Thu, Oct 9, 5:30-7 pm

Join us at the Auburn Branch to make a fallthemed candle mat.

#### **Fairy Light Lanterns ®**

Pinconning: Sat, Oct 11, 10-11:30 am

#### Calligraphy Classes ® (Ages 16 & up)

Wirt: Tue, Oct 14 & 21, 6-7 pm

Join us to learn calligraphy! In the first session, you'll learn basic strokes of calligraphy, and in the second session, you'll learn how to write the alphabet in calligraphy.

#### Chess at the Library ®

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

#### **Painterly Pottery ®**

Auburn: Thu, Oct 16, 6-7 pm

Please join us for a fall-themed Painterly Pottery session; items will be fired in the store's kiln and returned to the library for pick-up at a later date.

#### **Boo! Decorative Sign Craft ®**

Auburn: Sat, October 18, 10-11:30 am Spend a Saturday morning at the Auburn Branch creating a ~terrifying~ decoration for Halloween.

#### Reversible Sign Craft ®

Pinconning: Tue, Oct 28, 6-7 pm

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

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Pinconning Branch Alice and Jack Wir





Stop at any branch to pick up your skeleton, take it home, decorate it, and then return your decorated skeleton to your branch by Friday, October 17. Voting for the best skeleton will occur October 20-31.

While skeletons last. Grades 6-12 only.

Middle Pages Loot Box ® (Grades 6-8) Pick up October 20-25

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

### October Theme: HAUNTING READS

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!

#### Gamer Club ® (Grades 4-12)

Auburn: Wed, Oct 1, 15, & 29, 3-4:30 pm

Do you love gaming? Come join your fellow gamers in games and snacks! Games available on the Wii and Switch.

#### **Taylor Swift Album Release Party ®**

Wirt: Thu, Oct 2, 4-5 pm

Bracelets, coloring sheets, trivia and more.

#### **Dungeons & Dragons ®**

Sage: Wed, Oct 8, 3:30-5:30 pm

#### Teen Library Lounge: Spooky Sip & Swirl

Auburn: Wed, Oct 8, 2:30-4 pm

Hang out at the Auburn Branch after school, where we will be creating spooky drinks and painting spooky

#### Arts & Snacks! Geode Skulls and Apple Cider ®

Sage: Tue, Oct 14, 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us as we create geode skulls and sip on some apple cider.

#### **Skull Planter Craft ®**

Wirt: Thu, Oct 16, 4-5 pm Create a spooky planter.

#### **Monthly Mug Meals for Teens ®**

Auburn: Wed, Oct 22, 2:30-4 pm

Learn how to make a new meal each month with just a microwave! This month we will be making omelets.

#### Film Crew Club ®

Sage: Tue, Oct 28, 3:30-4:30 pm

## CHILDREN & FAMILY

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

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## FALL STORYTIMES

### SEPTEMBER 29 - NOVEMBER 14

We offer storytimes for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities, and more! Registration is required and is open for all sessions. A full schedule and online registration is available on our website.

#### Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)

Wirt: Mondays, 10:30-11 am Sage: Tuesdays, 11-11:30 am Auburn: Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 am

#### **Toddler Storytime** (Ages 18 months-3 years)

Wirt: Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am

#### Preschool Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Sage: Tuesdays, 10-10:30 am Auburn: Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 am Wirt: Wednesdays, 11:30 am-12 pm Auburn: Thursdays, 11:15-11:45 am Wirt: Thursdays, 11:30 am-12 pm

#### Family Storytime (Ages 0-6)

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



Registration & Online Calendar:

OBOOKS

## Fire prevention Month Storytime

JOIN US AT EACH LIBRARY **BRANCH FOR A MEET AND GREET WITH LOCAL** FIREFIGHTERS! HEAR A

STORY, LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY, AND CLIMB ON **BOARD A REAL FIRE TRUCK.** 

Auburn: Fri, Oct 3 IO:30-II:30 am (Registration required)

> Wirt: Tue, Oct 14 10:30-11:30 am (drop in)

Sage: Fri, Oct 17 IO:30-II:30 am (Registration required)

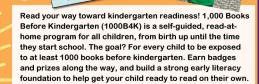
> Pinconning: Tue, Oct 21 10:30-11:30 am (drop in)

## 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.





## DECORATE IC PUMPKI

AGES 12 & UNDER

**PINCONNING:** 

THU, OCT 9, 6-7 PM

SAGE: THU, OCT 16.

4:30-5:30 OR 6-7 PM

**AUBURN: TUE, OCT 21,** 4:30-5:30 PM OR 6-7 PM

WIRT: TUE, OCT 28,

4:30-5:30 PM OR 6-7 PM

Children ages 12 and under are invited to join us to paint a ceramic pumpkin and take it home right away!



## 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.

**OCTOBER DATES** 

SAGE: WED, OCT 15. 5:30-6:30 PM

**WIRT: SAT, OCT 18,** 2=3 PM

**PINCONNING:** THU, OCT 23, 6-7 PM

**AUBURN: SAT, OCT 25,** 

11 AM-12 PM







### CRAFTS & MORE

Gamer Club ® (Grades 4-12)
Auburn: Wed, Oct 1, 15, & 29, 3-4:30 pm
Do you love gaming? Come join your fellow gamers for games and snacks! Games available on the Wii and Switch.

Baby Book Club
Sage: Wed, Oct 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.

Taylor Swift Celebration ® (Everyone) Sage: Thu, Oct 2, 3:30-5 pm

Let's get ready for the new album together! TS themed bracelet making, coloring sheets and more! • •

Taylor Swift Listening Party ® (Ages 7-12)

Wirt: Thu, Oct 2, 4-5 pm Listen to your favorite Taylor Swift songs while making friendship bracelets and enjoying treats in anticipation of her brand new album!

Playdate @ Wirt (Ages 0-4 + Adult)
Wirt: Fri, Oct 3 & 17, 10-11 am
Little ones can play, discover & meet new friends. Drop in for playtime fun in the Wirt Children's program room.

Storytime at Risers Kitchen ® (Family)
Auburn: Sat, Oct 4, 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!

Ghost Portraits ® (Ages 6-12)
Auburn: Sat, Oct 4, 1-2 pm
Make a fun spooky piece of art featuring an adorable ghost!

Legacy Coffee House Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)
Legacy Coffee House: Mon, Oct 6, 9-9:30 am
Families with young children. Join the Wirt library downtown at Legacy
Coffee House for storytime.

Read. Talk. Create: Donut Stuffies! ® (Ages 9-12)
Wirt: Tue, Oct 7, 4:30-5:15 pm
Bring a book you've read or listened to, share your favorite parts, then create your own donut stuffie!

Pokémon Trainer Night ® (Family)

Auburn: Tue, Oct 7, 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 Pokémon themed crafts.

Gamer Club Jr. ® (Grades 1-4) Auburn: Thu, Oct 9 & 23, 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us for a new after school club where we'll play a variety of video games, make new friends, and explore the world of gaming in a positive and fun environment.

Mad Scientists: Electricity in Action! ® (Ages 6-12)

Sage: Thu, Oct 9, 5:30-6:30 pm
Bay City Electric Company will join us for electrical demonstrations and experiments.

Boo Babies & Toddlers ® (Ages 0-5 + Adult)
Auburn: Fri, Oct 10, 10:30-11:30 am
Bring your babies and toddlers to enjoy a fun morning of spooky themed crafts and sensory bins! There will also be refreshments and toys to play with.

Toddler Time! (Ages 4 & Under)
Pinconning: Fridays, October 10 & 24, 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.

Halloween Costume Swap (Family)
Wirt: Sat, Oct 11, 2-4 pm
Drop off costumes at the children's desk up until October 10. Receive one voucher for each costume you drop off. Anyone with vouchers can choose costumes from 2-3 pm then from 3-4 pm, "shopping" will be open to all.

Excited Goat Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)
Excited Goat Coffee Company: Mon, Oct 13, 10-10:30 am Families with young children. Join the Wirt library at Excited Goat Coffee Company in Essexville for storytime.

Currency Conga ® (Ages 5-10 + Adult)
Wirt: Tue, Oct 14, 4:30-5 pm
Explore real coins and discuss what they are worth, then spin the spinner to test your skills in a Twister-style game. After, decorate your own piggy bank!

Are You Smarter than a Librarian? ® (Ages 6-12) Auburn: Tue, Oct 14, 5:30-6:30 pm

Join us for our fourth annual trivia competition! With the kids in the lead 2-1, who will come out on top? Can you help us defend our title and prove that you're smarter than a librarian?

Little Explorers! Spooky Sensory Play ® (Ages 5 & Under) Pinconning: Thu, Oct 16, 5:30-6:30 pm

Scoop, squish, and discover different textures in a playful (not-too-spooky) sensory experience designed just for them. Little ones can explore a variety of fun, hands-on activities to get into the spirit of the season!

Haunted Terrariums ® (Ages 6-12)

Wirt: Sat, Oct 18, 11-11:45 am

Join us to create your own Halloween terrarium.

Puffy Paint Monster Art ® (Ages 5-12) Pinconning: Sat, Oct 18, 3-4 pm

Bring to life a cupcake-shaped masterpiece all your own during this spooky craft night!

Busy Book Cafe ® (Ages 0-3 yrs + Adult)
Sage: Mon, Oct 20, 11 am-12 pm
Craft supplies and instructions will be available for parents to build a page for a baby busy book. Toys will be out for children to play with while adults cráft and visit.

Tween Hang Out: Haunted Houses ® (Ages 8-12) Sage: Thu, Oct 23, 5:30-6:30 pm
Morph a pretty doll house into a nightmare nightlight.

A is for Art: Scarecrow Sign ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult) Auburn: Fri, Oct 24, 10:30-11:30 am Make an adorable scarecrow sign to keep or give as a gift!

Young Scientists: Coding Creators ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult) Sage: Fri, Oct 24, 10:30-11:30 am Fun, scientific exploration through STEAM stations, play and a craft.

Step into Scotland: An Introduction to Highland Dance ® (Ages 6-12) Auburn: Sat, Oct 25, 2-3 pm

Discover the lively tradition of Scottish Highland dance in this fun and interactive library program! Perfect for beginners, this session will introduce you to the history, music, and movements of Highland dance. Participants will enjoy a short demonstration, learn a few simple steps, and even try a mini dance together. No prior dance experience needed—just bring your curiosity (and maybe a little energy!) for a cultural experience that's both active and entertaining.

Spooky STEM Challenge Night ® (Ages 6-12)
Auburn: Tue, Oct 28, 5:30-6:30 pm
Come for a fun night of STEM challenges made out of simple materials.
The challenges include building a "bone" bridge to hold pumpkin candles, and a "treat toss" where you build a catapult to launch the pumpkin candies.

Monster Mash! ® (Family)

Pinconning: Thu, Oct 30, 6-7 pm

A monstrously fun celebration for the whole family! Wear your most frightfully fun outfit and enjoy stories, games, treats, and make a pocket-sized "Brave Buddy" monster craft!

Little Wigglers Costume Party ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult) Sage: Fri, Oct 31, 10:30-11 am

Move and dance our wiggles out in your favorite costume.

Science Club Jr: Boo Balloons ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)

Auburn: Fri, Oct 31, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us for a fun hands on science program for preschoolers! This month we'll have a spooktacular time with two festive experiments using balloons!

Halloween Move & Groove (Ages 0-5 + Adult) Wirt: Fri, Oct 31, 10:30-11 am

Join us for a spooky twist on everyone's favorite movement program. Don't forget to wear your costume then join us for trick or treating at the library!

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

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Visit us on the web for a current schedule.

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