# NEWS & EVENTS BAY COUNTY LIbrary System

**NOVEMBER 2025** 

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# 38TH ANNUAL Gift of Reading

# Drop off books and monetary donations at any BCLS branch

Please make checks payable to: Bay County Library System Gift of Reading

Drop offs will also be accepted at the Literacy Council of Bay County Headquarters at 1008 S. Wenona Ave., Bay City, MI 48706

For questions and additional information, contact Jolene Faber

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### November 1st-29th, 2025

Presented by the Bay County Library System

Make a difference in your local community this holiday season!

Donate new, unwrapped books to BCLS for our 38th Annual Gift of Reading Program! These donations will be used to gift families and children books to read for the holidays. The library will also use monetary donations to purchase carefully selected titles of books and create holiday gift baskets for those in need at local area organizations.



# REINDEER AT YOUR LIBRARY

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SAVE THE DATE!

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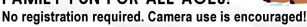
PINCONNING: THU, DEC 11

5-7 PM

SAGE: THU, DEC 18

5-7 PM

SEE LIVE REINDEER OUTSIDE AND MAKE REINDEER CRAFTS INSIDE THE LIBRARY. FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES!





### Ages 18 and up

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

Sage Branch Library

Pinconning Branch Alice and Jack W Library Public Library

or Offsite

### CRAFTS & MORE

### Initting 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

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.

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.

Books & Brews ® (Adults) G's Pizzeria: Wed, Nov 5, 7-8:30 pm November Title: *The Bitter Past* by Bruce Borgos

Coffee, Coloring, & Aerosmith ® Wirt: Sat, Nov 8, 10:30-11:30 am We will be hosting a relaxing afternoon with fun beverages & coloring while listening to Aerosmith 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).

All Together Now Club Auburn: Tue, Nov 11, 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.

Wirt: Wed, Nov 12, 6-7 pm Drop in to play cribbage with others. All supplies provided.

Romance & Rosé ® (Adults)
Beaver's Pub: Nov 18, 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.

### Be Well Series: Plant-Based Living - Nutrition & Behavior Change for a Healthier You ®

Wirt: Thu, Nov 20, 6-7 pm
This discussion is designed to empower individuals with the knowledge and tools to embrace plant-based nutrition for better health and wellbeing. We'll explore the key principles of plant-based eating, its nutritional benefits, and how it supports long-term health goals. Presented by Madiha Zeeshan, MD and Susan Martin, PsyD, Behavioral Health Academic Program Director, McLaren Bay Region Family Medicine Residency

Legendary Lit: A Fantasy Book Club ®
Wirt: Sat, Nov 29, 10:30-11:30 am
November Title: *The Last Wish* by Andrzej Sapkowski

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

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

### **LOCAL AUTHOR EXPO**

### at the Bay County Library System

The Bay County Library System is hosting local authors in an expo-style event at the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library. Participating authors from the Great Lakes Bay Region will have copies of their books available for purchase along with other information to share with attendees

This is a drop-in event and no registration is required. Join us for this opportunity to meet and greet with local talent in our community.

SATURDAY, NOV 1, 2025

II AM-I PM

Kantzler Community Room at the Alice & Jack Wirt Public Library



# Bay County Poetry Contest

Back for US 2025 Theme:

Sol year! "Great Lakes & Waterways"

Calling All Bay County, SVSU, and Delta College Poets! The local library is where you come to read others' writing, but we want to read your writing too! So, 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.



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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Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy: Stabilizing and Restoring Our Urban Tree Canopies



### Wed, November 12, 2025 6:00 PM

Trevor Edmonds, program director for the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy will join us to talk about Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy's tree planting efforts & urban canopy restoration in the Saginaw Bay Watershed. Trevor Edmonds is a Michigan Master Naturalist and International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)-certified arborist. He serves as the on-the-ground daily project manager for SBLC capital projects. He has been a key part of the organization's recent restoration projects over the last decade.

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WIRT LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM

or Offsite

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

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

### Needle Crafters Club

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

### Reversible Holiday Blocks Craft ®

Pinconning: Sat, Nov 1, 10-11:30 am

After Hours Sing Along Movie: Wicked ® (Ages 8 & up) Sage: Fri, Nov 7, 5:15-9 pm
Join us for pizza and a movie as we watch and sing along to Wicked: Part 1.

Sparkling Morning Social ®
Auburn: Sat, Nov 8, 10-11:30 am
Join us for a relaxing morning of diamond art, donuts, and drinks!
Whether you're new to diamond painting or already love it, come enjoy some creative time while snacking on sweet treats and sipping your favorite morning beverages.

Life Booster Series: Sound Bath Experience ® Pinconning: Tue, Nov 11, 6-7 pm
Relax and unwind to the soothing sounds created by crystal singing bowls. Cassandra from the Sun and Moon Shop in Bay City will guide you on a tranquil journey to relieve stress and anxiety.

Autumn Tree Wire Necklace Craft ® Auburn: Thu, Nov 13, 5-7:30 pm Spend an evening at the Auburn branch and make an autumn-themed wire tree necklace.

Podcasting For Beginners ® Pinconning: Tue, Nov 18 & 25, 6-7:30 pm Become a podcaster! In this class, you will learn what goes into creating your very own podcast.

### Chess at the Library ® (Everyone) Sage: Wed, Nov. 19, 3:30-5 pm

Family Puzzle Piece Craft ® Pinconning: Sat, Nov 22, 10-11:30 am

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

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

GRADES 6TH-12TH

NOVEMBER THEME:

New bi-monthly box for teens that will feature your favorite book series, movie heroes, TV shows, and more!

Pickup November 10-15

This high-demand program is for registered Bay County residents only. Register at baycountylibrary.org

Pinconning Branch Alice and Jack Wirt

### Gamer Club ® (Grades 4-12)

Auburn: Wed, Nov 5 & 19, 3-4:30 pm

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

### Teen Library Lounge: Slothapalooza!

Auburn: Thu, Nov 6, 2:30-4 pm

Slow down with us at the Auburn branch for an afternoon of sloth-themed crafts and snacks to celebrate Sid, our new teen mascot! A chill hangout just for teens - no rush, just fun.

### Arts & Snacks! You're My Soda Pop Canvas **Craft** ®

Sage: Tue, Nov 11, 3:30-4:30 pm

Join us as we create a K-Pop Demon Hunters inspired craft and sip some soda pop!

### **Monthly Mug Meals for Teens ®**

Auburn: Wed, Nov 12, 2:30-4 pm

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

### **Dungeons & Dragons ®**

Sage: Wed, Nov. 12, 3:30-5 pm

Use your wit, skill, and some lucky rolls of the dice to create characters, fight bad guys, and maybe even save the world. No experience necessary!

### Autumn Snow Globe Craft ®

Wirt: Thu, Nov 20, 4-5 pm

### Film Crew Club ®

Sage: Tue, Nov 25, 3:30-4:30 pm



Middle Pages Loot Box (Grades 6-8) Pick up November 17-22

LitLoot Box ® (Grades 9-12) Pick up November 3-8

### November Theme: **BLUE BOOKS**

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!

# 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

### THROUGH 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)

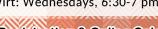
Wirt: Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am

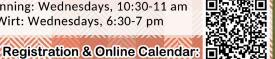
### Preschool Storytime (Ages 2-5)

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





### **WINTER STORYTIMES** January 5-February 20, 2026

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

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Family Storytime (Ages 0-6) Sage: Mondays, 10-10:30 am Pinconning: Wednesdays, 10:30-11 am Wirt: Wednesdays, 6:30-7 pm

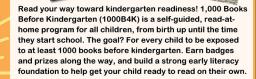
We offer storytimes for a variety of age groups filled with stories, music, activities and more! Registration opens for all sessions December 5th.

Registration & **Online Calendar:** 



**Before Kindergarten** Bay County Library System

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



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### WHAT CAN YOU **DISCOVER ON KANOPY KIDS?**

**UNLIMITED CHILDREN'S CONTENT** 

- 1. Get your parent's OK to use Kanopy Kids
- 2. Go to yourLibraryURL.kanopy.com
- 3. Enter your library card number and, if necessary, your password/PIN
- 4. Create your account
- 5. Start exploring!



### GO EXPLORING TOGETHER.



Read with your kids on Libby, the library reading app.



## \* 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.

**NOVEMBER DATES** PINCONNING: THU, NOV 13, 6=7 PM



**AUBURN: SAT, NOV 15,** 11 AM-12 PM

WIRT: SAT, NOV 15, 2=3 PM

SAGE: WED, NOV 19. 5:30-6:30 PM



### CRAFTS & MORE

Legacy Coffee House Storytime (Ages 0-5 + Adult)
Legacy Coffee House: Mon, Nov 3, 9-9:30 am
Families with young children. Join the Wirt library downtown at Legacy
Coffee House for storytime.

Elsa's Princess Party ® (Ages 2-12)
Auburn: Tue, Nov 4, 4:30-5:30 pm
Elsa is coming to the Auburn Library for a fun Princess Party! Enjoy stories, games, prizes, and a meet and greet with Elsa!

Read. Talk. Create: Decorate a Tote Bag! ® (Ages 9-12) Wirt: Tue, Nov 4, 4:30-5:15 pm
Bring a book you've read or listened to, share your favorite parts, then decorate your own tote bag!

Gamer Club ® (Grades 4-12)
Auburn: Wed, Nov 5 & 19, 3-4:30 pm
Do you love gaming? Come join your fellow gamers for games and snacks!
Games available on the Wii and Switch.

Gamer Club JR ® (Grades 1st-4th)
Auburn: Thu, Nov 6 & 13, 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.

Adopt-a-Stuffie ® (Ages 4-12)
Pinconning: Thu, Nov 6, 5:30-6:30 pm
In celebration of National Animal Shelter Rescue Appreciation Week, we are going to adopt our own plushie critters. When you adopt your plushie pet, you will sign an adoption certificate, give it a home, make it a collar, and most importantly – give it lots of snuggles!

Family Read Aloud Book Club: Fish in a Tree ® (Family) Sage: Thu, Nov 6, 5:30-6:30 pm

After registering, pick up a copy of the book at the Sage Branch library or call Sage to have a copy sent to the branch of your choice. The eBook and audio book are also available on Hoopla. Read the book or listen together as a family. Family can include aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends. Come to the library Nov 6 for a pizza party and book related activities. If you don't completely finish the book, please still come on the 6th. Thanks to the Bay-Arenac Great Start Family Coalition for sponsoring this program.

Playdate @ Wirt (Ages 0-4 + Adult)
Wirt: Fri, Nov 7 & 21, 10-11 am
Little ones can play, discover & meet new friends. Drop in for playtime fun in the Wirt Children's program room.

Toddler Time (Ages 4 & under)
Pinconning: Fridays, Nov 7 & 21, 11-11:45 am
Bring your littles to the Pinconning Branch every other Friday to play and make new friends! Hot beverages will be provided for adults.

After Hours Sing Along Movie: Wicked ® (Ages 8+)
Sage: Fri, Nov 7, 5:15-9 pm
Join us for pizza and a movie as we watch and sing along to Wicked: Part 1.

Thanksgiving Craft ® (Ages 6-9 + Adult)
Wirt: Sat, Nov 8, 2-2:45 pm
Join us for a fun Thanksgiving craft and themed treats!

Nature Fairy Tea Party ® (Ages 5-12)
Pinconning: Sat, Nov 8, 3-4 pm
Embrace the magic of fall with us as we gather for crafts and autumn treats! Create a whimsical nature fairy as we snack on cider, donuts, and more! Although this is a casual tea party, you are welcome to dress as fancy as you wish!

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

Book Dazzling ® (Ages 6-12)
Auburn: Tue, Nov 11, 4:30-5:30 pm
Join us for a sparkly fun time with your favorite book as we transform the cover into a diamond art masterpiece! Participants are encouraged to bring in a copy of your favorite book from home, or choose from our limited selection.

Baby Book Club ® (Ages 0-3 + Adult)
Sage: Wed, Nov 12, 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.

Dino Builders with Joel Tacey (Ages 11 & under)
Sage: Thu, Nov 13, 5:30-6:30 pm
This hands-on STEM activity kicks off with a quick presentation featuring popular dinosaurs made with large, foam-block, dino bones. After choosing colorful dinosaur masks to wear, everyone builds imaginative dinosaurs using ~2,000 large foam fossils; it's a creative way to learn and play!

### Young Scientists: Construction Zone ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult) Sage: Fri, Nov 14, 10:30-11:30 am Fun, scientific exploration through STEAM stations, play and craft.

### Dino Babies & Toddlers ® (Ages 0-5 + Adult) Auburn: Fri, Nov 14 10:30-11:30 am

Celebrate Dino-vember with us with some dinosaur crafts and sensory bins! There will also be toys out to play with and light refreshments.

Storytime at Risers Kitchen (Family)
Risers Kitchen: Sat, Nov 15, 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!

B.A.M! Books & More Box: Read in the Dark ® (Grades 4th-5th) Pickup Mon, Nov 17-Sat, Nov 22
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.

### Disney Sing Along Night ® (Ages 6-12) Auburn: Tue, Nov 18, 4:30pm-5:30 pm

Do you love Disney songs? Come join us for a fun night of singing where you can also decorate your own toy microphone.

### Sensory Play (Ages 1-5 + Adult) Wirt: Wed, Nov 19, 10:30-11:30 am

Drop in for hands-on discovery fun and family time!

Wiggle Worm Wednesday (Ages 0-5 + Adult)
Auburn: Wed, Nov 19, 11 am-12 pm
Wiggle Worm Wednesday is a joyful playdate designed for children 0-5 and their grown-ups! Each session is packed with wiggly fun, playful learning, and social connection.

### Move & Groove (Ages 0-5 + Adult) Wirt: Thu, Nov 20, 10:30-11 am

Join us for a story, music, and dancing! Both kids and their caregivers will enjoy shaking their sillies out in this movement-based program.

Tween Hang Out: Taste Test Challenge ® (Ages 8-12)
Sage: Thu, Nov 20, 5:30-6:30 pm
Let's do blind taste testing for some unique chip and cookie flavors. Please notify library staff of any food allergies.

Little Explorers - Autumn Abundance Adventure ® (Ages 5 & under) Pinconning: Thu, Nov 20, 5:30-6:30 pm
All for one and one for fall! Appreciate the abundance of the fall season during this program, littles are invited to engage their senses in all things autumn. Cozy scents, crisp textures, and more! There will be pumpkin spice, and everything nice!

A is for Art: Totally Turkey ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult)
Auburn: Fri, Nov 21, 10:30-11:30 am
Gobble up some festive turkey themed crafts to keep or give as gifts.

### Little Wigglers ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult) Sage: Fri, Nov 21, 10:30-11 am

Move and dance our wiggles out at our fun musical program.

Wicked Trivia ® (Ages 8-12)
Wirt: Sat, Nov 22, 2-2:45 pm
Celebrate the release of Wicked: Part 2 by testing your knowledge of everyone's favorite new movie musical.

Busy Book Café ® (Ages 0-3 + Adult)
Sage: Mon, Nov 24, 11 am-12 pm
Craft supplies and directions will be available for parents to build a page for a baby busy book. Toys will be out for children to play while adults craft

Sew Creative: Bookmarks ® (Ages 6-12)
Auburn: Tue, Nov 25. 4:30-6:30 pm
Learn the basics of following a pattern, pinning, and using a sewing machine as we create homemade fabric bookmarks!

### Mini Music Makers ® (Ages 2-5 + Adult) Auburn: Fri, Nov 28, 10:30-11:30 am

Join us for songs, dancing, and games as we learn about different musical concepts!

Read & Create! Mossy by Jan Brett ® (Ages 6 & under)
Pinconning: Sat, Nov 29, 3-4 pm
Make stories come alive with creativity! Our theme will be the wonderful picture book Mossy by Jan Brett. Littles will enjoy an engaging story time followed by a craft session where we will create our very own portrait of Mossy! Let your imagination go wild while dressing up your turtle portrait using moss, flowers, tissue paper, and so much more!

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)

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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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All BCLS branches will be closing at 5:00 pm Wednesday. November 26 and closed all day Thursday, November 27.

or drop it off at any branch library.

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