



Superior News

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Meredith Sommers Joins the Staff at Bayliss Public Library

The staff at Bayliss Public Library would like to welcome Meredith Sommers. Meredith joined the staff in December as our Reference Librarian and Cataloger.

Meredith holds a Master of Library Information and Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and has worked in public and academic libraries as a page, a clerk, a librarian, and an archivist. During graduate school, she served as an assistant in the University Library System's

Preservation Lab, repairing and building protective cases for damaged books.

Raised downstate, Meredith was excited to return to Michigan last year with her family after sojourns in Pittsburgh and, most recently, northeast Tennessee. When she's not baking, crafting, or exploring the EUP with her husband and three kids, Meredith reads. She loves fiction (with a soft spot for feisty women leads) and pop social science.

Superior District Library Affiliate Libraries

- Bayliss Public Library
- Brevort Township Community Library
- Curtis Library
- Drummond Island Library
- Engadine Library
- Les Cheneaux Community Library
- Mollie R. Kahl Community Library
- Pickford Community Library

Microfilm Scanner/Reader Fundraiser Going on at Bayliss

Bayliss Public Library is holding a fundraiser to purchase an ST Imaging ViewScan III microfilm scanner/reader machine.

The library owns over 130 years of Sault and area newspapers, as well as other genealogical material, on microfilm. Our current machines are old and hard to maintain as supplies are difficult to find and replacement parts are no longer avail-

able.

\$9,000 is needed to purchase the state-of-the-art machine. So far the library has raised \$5,120 from local banks, credit unions, the City's Osborn Trust, the Hudson Foundation, the Friends of Bayliss Library, and individuals.

If you are interested in donating to the library, please make your check out to Bayliss Public Library.

Great Michigan Read Author Visit

Emily St. John Mandel, the Great Michigan Read 2015-16 author, will be at Bayliss Public Library on Tuesday, April 5. Bayliss is one of her four stops in the Upper Peninsula. Come in and grab a copy of her novel *Station Eleven* to prepare for the event.

Station Eleven is the story of the Traveling Symphony, a troupe of Shakespearean actors and orchestral musicians traveling the shores of the Great Lakes in a post-apocalyptic Michigan.

The Great Michigan Read is presented

by the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and is generously supported by Meijer and other businesses and foundations, organizations and individuals.

Planning is underway for some affiliated programming in March.



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Build at Bayliss



Our LEGO Clubs are ongoing with the Homeschool Club meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m.

Another club meets the second Saturday of the month also at 1 p.m.

Come join us! You don't need to bring your own LEGOs as we have plenty for everyone to build.



Mark your Calendars! Our friends, the Hoop Incident, will return to the Children's Room with their amazing hula hooping skills on Saturday, January 16 at 1 p.m.

The Hoop Incident first began their career as street performers in Mackinac City. They have since developed into a circus-style act, exploring object manipulation and the fire arts through dance and free-form movement.

Michael Krueger and Grace Riemer are Lake Superior State University graduates and offer workshops as well as performances.

They have been performing at festivals and events all over the state and we're glad to welcome them back to Bayliss Public Library.



Looking for something to do after school? Our Chess Club meets at 4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month for any young person who needs a little competition. The Chess Club is open to both beginner and experienced players.

We have a few chess sets but would welcome any donations.

Donations to the Children's Room

Over the Christmas holidays you may have noticed the doll tree in the Children's Room.

The doll collection and a tree to display them were donated by Shirley Rucker Sartori.

Mrs. Sartori is a native of Sault Ste. Marie and a life-long collector of Madame Alexander dolls. When she decided to downsize her collection, she asked if the library would display them the way that she always had done. We were happy to do so and many of our patrons, young and old, look forward to the doll tree.

This year we needed to replace the original tree and the Friends of Bayliss offered to pay for it. What would we do without our Friends?!

The Friends of Bayliss are not our only benefactors in the Children's Room. Over the years, Mr. and Mrs. Don McLean have made yearly donations in memory of their daughter Karen who was an avid reader. So far, we have added 151 titles to the children's collection in Karen's name and we haven't even placed this year's order! What a lovely memorial for a loved one.

If You Give a Mouse a...Story

StoryTime resumes at Bayliss Caregivers may stay with their children with "If You Give a Mouse a...Story!" on Wednesday, January 6. Join us for mouse stories and mouse crafts on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. or Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m.

StoryTime is geared for preschool children ages 3-5 but younger siblings are welcome.



StoryTime is free but we ask that you enroll your child so that we are sure we have enough supplies for each child. Children who attended the fall session are automatically enrolled in the

winter session.

Brown Bag Book Club Meets at Bayliss



The Brown Bag Book Club is for 8-12 year olds who love to read. Bring a sack lunch and lots to talk about!

We will meet on Saturday, January 23 at noon to discuss *A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord.

Our selection for our February 27 meeting is *The Marvels* by Brian Selznick.

The library regrets that it doesn't have enough copies of each title but library staff are happy to help children order their books through interlibrary loan.

The Sierra Club Three Lakes Group will be showing a new documentary about the Enbridge oil pipe line in the Straits of Mackinac, at Bayliss Public Library on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Tax Forms

Bayliss Library has been notified by the IRS that there will be very few tax forms available to distribute at the library this year. We expect to have 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ forms, but no schedules or booklets. There will be one booklet available for reference purposes, to use within the library.

Apparently 95% of Americans are e-filing their forms or having others do so for them, so the government has reduced their printing budget.

While Bayliss staff will be able to direct you as to how to print out what forms you need we cannot tell you which forms to use. Forms, schedules and instructions may be printed from the irs.gov or michigan.gov/taxes websites for a small fee.

Sault Ste. Marie City Manager, Oliver Turner, will be holding Office Hours at Bayliss Public Library on Thursday, February 18. He will be available to address your questions and concerns from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Sault Naturalists Club

The Sault Naturalists Club of Ontario and Michigan meets periodically at Bayliss Public Library.

On Tuesday, January 12 at 7 p.m., biologist Derek Goertz will speak about the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Biodiversity Study of Ontario's Far North.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF) conducted a biodiversity study in Ontario's Far North from 2009 to 2014 in support of community-based land use planning. This presentation will provide an overview of the legislative framework, the connection to land-use planning, survey design, preliminary results, and more.

The program is open to the public.

Open House for SDL Director Held

On November 13, Superior District Library held an Open House at Bayliss Public Library to commemorate Lisa Waskin's first year as SDL Director. In that time Lisa helped pass a 10-year millage for Superior District Library, brought Brevort Township Library into an automated circulation system, secured a grant to improve accessibility at Bayliss Public Library, started a Superior District Library Facebook page, and made other improvements for the District.

Along with her family, former director Ken Miller, Sault City Manager Oliver Turner, as well as other community and library-affiliated individuals were in attendance to congratulate Lisa on her first year.

Yarn Workers Guild

The Yarn Workers Guild will again be meeting at Bayliss Public Library on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m., to knit and crochet items for various charity groups.

In 2015, group members donated their creations to various organizations in the Sault, such as War Memorial Hospital and Care Net Pregnancy Center. They also donated yarn to Kinross Correctional Facility that created items for the Department of Social Services which distributed them to families and organizations in the Sault.

Their next meetings will be January 26 and February 23 and they are open to the public.

Adult Coloring



Our Adult Coloring events will continue at Bayliss Public Library through the winter on Thursdays, January 14 and February 11 at 7 p.m. Colored pencils and coloring pages will be provided along with a snack.

Come and enjoy a stress-free, creative experience.

New Books

These titles can be found at one or more of your Superior District Libraries.

Fiction

- Badlands*** by C.J. Box
Friction by Sandra Brown
The Aeronaut's Windlass by Jim Butcher
Nemesis by Catherine Coulter
The Solomon Curse by Clive Cussler
X by Sue Grafton
Dance of the Bones by J.A. Jance
The Naked Eye by Iris Johansen
The Murder House by James Patterson
Code of Conduct by Brad Thor
The Bourbon Kings by J.R. Ward

Non-Fiction

- A Full Life*** by Jimmy Carter
Between the World and Me by Ta-nehisi Coates
Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear by Elizabeth Gilbert
The Billion Dollar Spy: a True Story of Cold War Espionage and Betrayal by David Hoffman
Company Towns of Michigan's Upper Peninsula by Christian Holmes
Dessert for Two by Christina Lane
Killing Reagan by Bill O'Reilly
1944 by Jay Winik

Free Tax Help at EUP Libraries

FREE in-person Tax Preparation Service is being hosted by Bayliss Public Library, in conjunction with the AARP Foundation TAX-AIDE and the IRS. This service is to help everyone, especially if you are 50 and older and can't afford a tax preparation service. FREE Tax-Preparation sites in the EUP are located in Sault Ste. Marie, Cedarville, Pickford, and St. Ignace. All interested persons may phone after January 9 with questions or to set-up appointments. The contact number is listed below. All sites are handicapped accessible and Equal Opportunity.

Tax-Aide Counselors are IRS-trained and certified to assist with the preparation of Form 1040 and its required schedules plus the Michigan return. All returns are then e-filed. There is no charge. When you come to your appointment you must bring your driver's license or State photo ID of taxpayer(s), Social Security cards for all persons to be included on the return, all 2015 information, such as a W-2 from each employer, all forms showing federal income tax

paid, etc. When you call for an appointment, the Counselor will remind you of the information you need to bring.

For Michigan Credits for Property Tax relief and Home Heating relief, you need to determine if you are eligible. A Tax-Aide Counselor can determine your eligibility if you bring your 2015 Property Tax bills and home heating bills with you to your appointment. To contact a site with questions or for an appointment, see the information below. You may also call 1-888-AARP NOW (1-888-227-7669) or visit the website www.aarp.org/taxaide and enter your zip code for other locations.

For the Superior District Library sites: Bayliss Public Library, Les Cheneaux Community Library, and Pickford Community Library, please call Kathy Fox, Local Coordinator, at 906-647-7362 to set up an appointment. Bayliss Library will be hosting appointments on Fridays in February, March, and early April. The other two libraries will host appointments as needed.

Superior Poetry Café

Jillena Rose, Assistant Professor of Composition and Creative Writing at Lake Superior State University, will be the featured author at Bayliss Public Library's Superior Poetry Café on Thursday, January 21 at 7 pm.

She earned her MFA in poetry from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina in 2006. She is the non-fiction editor for the international journal *Border Crossing*.

Jillena's poems have appeared in *Inch*, *Bijou Poetry Review*, *Third Wednesday*, *The Superior Poetry*

Café Anthology, Ted Kooser's *American Life in Poetry*, and *The Other Journal*. Her new book, *Light as Sparrows* will be available for purchase and signing. Poet A. Van Jordan calls it "a rare collection of poems: Jillena Rose brings an acute eye and pitch perfect musicality to both history and adult situations." He describes it as "the most intimate rendering of Alfred Steiglitz and Georgia O'Keeffe you'll ever read..."

An open mic will follow Jillena's reading where the public may read or perform their own work.

Palm of the Hand Workshop

The Palm of the Hand Memoir Writing Workshop is held on the first Tuesday of every month, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., at Bayliss Public Library. It is led by Marc Boucher, Library Director at Lake Superior State University.

The workshop uses the technique of poet Michael Czarnecki that he describes as "a 600-word-or-less memoir that is about one specific memory, or experience, in your life."

The public is invited to join the group; no prior writing experience is required.

The Chippewa County Genealogical Society meets monthly at Bayliss Public Library on the third Tuesday.

On January 19, historian and author Bernie Arbic will speak about "The French Connection or Why is There No Cadotte Street in the Sault?" at 7 p.m.

There will be a research and work session on February 16 at 7 p.m. Computers will be available to use, but you are welcome to bring your own. Experienced researchers will be available to help beginners. The public is welcome.

Join Us at the Sault Winter Farmers' Market

The Sault Winter Farmers' Market is back at Bayliss Library, in the Community Room. The market will run from January 9 through May 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (There will be no market on April 2, when the library is closed.)

You will see some new faces at the market, including Ken Miller, Jon Sommers, Colleen Smith, Pam Lahti, etc., as well as many regulars.

Market vendors will be selling food items such as breads, bagels, and other baked goods of all sorts, fresh and dried produce, eggs, maple syrup, and jams and jellies. There will also be a wide variety of art and craft items.

Stop by for a cup of coffee, a treat, and some social interaction.

The market is supported by the MSU Extension, Greening Michigan Institute.



Small Changes at the Library

Are you having trouble finding the mystery section these days? That's because the staff at Bayliss Library has begun to interfile all of the genre fiction (mystery, science fiction, romance and westerns) in with the regular fiction.

Doing this helps with two issues we see here at the library—one, it saves space as we don't have to leave empty shelves between each genre, and two, all of the titles by an author are shelved together instead of in several places in the library. This is a project that may take a few weeks so please bear with us as we are shifting titles. If you are having trouble finding something, a staff member will be happy to help you locate it.

Another small change we are making is the placement of our red and yellow dots on our new books. We are now placing them on the spine of the book so that they are more easily seen when browsing the New Book shelf.

Visually Impaired Persons Support Group Meets at Bayliss

The VIPs will continue to meet at Bayliss Public Library on the first Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.

Ed Haines, formerly with the Bureau of Services for the Blind, and now with the Hadley School for the Blind, will be available for a video call with the group at one of the early 2016 meetings.

Contact Elgie Dow 906-643-7487, 906-235-1899, or send him an email at sailordow@gmail.com for more information on the schedule of activities. The meetings are open to the public.

Busy Fall for Friends of Bayliss

It was a busy fall for the Friends of Bayliss Library. Our 21st Silent Auction opened on October 20 during National Friends of Libraries Week, and continued until November 7. We had more than three dozen beautiful and interesting items to bid on, and at the end of the three-week auction, we had raised over \$950. That's our second most successful auction! Many thanks to all who donated and bid on the auction items.

Our Holiday Used Book Sale was held on Saturday, November 21, and the book lovers were waiting for the doors to open. It was a busy day and lots of books found new homes for the winter. The total sales topped \$530, more funds we can use to support Bayliss Public Library. Many, many thanks to all who hauled books back and forth, those who set up, sorted, and packed up, and our friendly sales staff. Very special thanks to Mary Lee Schmidt, who organized most

of the preparations and clean-up. And our thanks to all our loyal shoppers. We appreciate your continued support.

It's hard to believe that it's 2016! A new year means a new membership year for the Friends of Bayliss. Our membership donation is only \$10 and all funds directly support Bayliss Library. Join or renew today and Be a Friend to Bayliss!

It also means that our Annual Valentine's Day Sweets Sale is just around the corner. This year's Sweets Sale will be held on Friday, February 12 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., if the sweets hold out that long! There will be tables full of sweet treats for you and your special Valentine. Come early for the best selection.

Happy New Year to All! May 2016 be a healthy, happy, safe New Year for everyone.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

—Sir Richard Steel

Chippewa County Historical Society

The Chippewa County Historical Society will hold its January general meeting at Bayliss Library on Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m.

Thomas Tocco, a Historical Reenactor, Amateur Historian, and CCHS Board member, will speak about "On to Quebec!: 1775 Politics, Religion and the Military Expedition to make Canada the 14th State." He will tell the story of the Continental Congress and the fledgling Continental Army's attempt to bring Canada (Province of Quebec) into the Revolutionary cause

against the most powerful country in the world, Great Britain. From brilliant military maneuvers to forces hopelessly lost in wilderness swamps, Thomas will tell stories of heroism, cowardice, political and religious turmoil, along with the what-ifs and what actually happened during the 1775 campaign in Canada.

The program is free and open to the public. Please enter by the main entrance as the rest of the library will be closed that evening.

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New DVDs

These titles can be found at one or more of your Superior District Libraries.

Avengers: Age of Ultron

Descendants

5 Flights Up

Inside Out

The Lost World

Love & Mercy

Mad Max: Fury Road

McFarland USA

Mostly Ghostly

Paper Towns

Pitch Perfect 2

'71

Shaun the Sheep

Movie

Testament of Youth

Wild Tales

Woman in Gold

"Movie-making is telling a story with the best technology at your disposal."

—Tom Hanks

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Retirement Seminar Offered at Bayliss

Thrivent Financial is providing a free Retirement Seminar at Bayliss Public Library on Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. The company is based in Minneapolis and this is their first seminar offered in the Upper Peninsula.

This is a good opportunity to review your financial strategy so that you can do what you want and live how you want in your retirement.

They can provide assistance with

making the most of your money in retirement, deciding what type of legacy you want to leave, finding ways to share your time and talent, and supporting your loved ones after you're gone.

To sign up, please contact Susan at 906-632-9331 or email her at sjames@baylisslibrary.org.

Do you have a collection you would like to share or information you would like to get out? Our display case in the Bayliss Library lobby is a wonderful resource for showcasing information for the public. When entering the library, it is one of the first things patrons notice. Thus, it is an excellent means of presenting information.

The display case can be used for up to three weeks for non-profit organizations, schools, or those with a collection they'd like to share. If you are interested in booking the display case please contact Jennifer Lucas at 906-632-9331 to reserve your time.

Now Showing at Bayliss

January 23 at 1 p.m.—Family Movie
January 30 at 1 p.m.—Saturday Matinee
February 29 at 1 p.m.—Family Movie
February 27 at 1 p.m.—Saturday Matinee

Free movies; popcorn by donation.

Movies are shown through Movie Licensing USA.