



# Superior News

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## Bayliss Public Library Receives Grant Award From the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs



Bayliss Public Library—an affiliate of Superior District Library—has been awarded a grant of \$13,000 from the State of Michigan

Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) to provide improved handicapped accessibility to the library building. The grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process and was one of 559 applications to compete for MCACA fiscal year 2016 funding.

According to Mayor Anthony Bosbous, “the services Bayliss Public Library provides to the community of Sault Ste. Marie are heavily used by a steady stream of community patrons and visitors, including many families. The library provides award-winning programming to the community with their author, movie, and poetry series; and hosts workshops and meetings to promote professional development for area professionals. This project to make the library more handicapped accessible is a fantastic use of state funding because it impacts so many lives in our area.”

Organizations receiving a MCACA grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars. Local support for the project included the Downtown Development Association, the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the Chippewa County Historical Society, Lake Superior State University, the *Sault News*, and the Lions Club. Bayliss Public Library also receives significant volunteer support from the community, including their Friends of the Library, the VIP

Group, Avery Square, the City Manager, and MSU Extension.

The project will be done in two phases over the next year and a half. Phase One will include equipping the front entrance and the Children’s Room entrance with automatic doors, updating the lighting in the public restrooms to a more energy efficient and brighter version, and changing the doors on the restrooms to better accommodate individuals trying to enter the facilities. The work is planned for late February or early March. In Phase Two, the restrooms will be redesigned with larger stalls for better handicapped accessibility, new toilet and sink fixtures that will meet current ADA guidelines, and the installation of changing stations in both the men’s and women’s public restrooms, and the third entrance on Dawson Street will be equipped with an automatic opener.

The MCACA peer review process allows for each grant application to be competitively considered by a panel of in state and out-of-state arts and culture professionals. This ensures the taxpayers, who support this project through legislative appropriations, and all other visitors or residents of Michigan will have access to the highest quality arts, educational and cultural experiences. A complete list of grant recipients is available on the MCACA website at <http://michiganbusiness.org/cm/Files/MCACA/2016-Funded-Grant-List-by-County.pdf>.

### 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



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## Great Michigan Read

Two Superior District Libraries are pleased to be selected to host Emily St. John Mandel, the 2015-16 Great Michigan Read author, in April.

Her novel, *Station Eleven*, is the story of the Traveling Symphony, a troupe of Shakespearean actors and musicians traveling the shores of the Great Lakes in a post-apocalyptic Michigan. 99% of the population have died from a flu pandemic. The book is the story of the survival of those left behind who strive to make to remake their lives by preserving the qualities

that make us human: culture, art and humanities.

Bayliss Public Library will host her on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. Book World will provide books for sale and signing.

Engadine Library will host Emily on Wednesday, April 6 at 10 a.m.

The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council with support from Meijer, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and a host of other sponsors.

## Great Michigan Read Programming

In March, in preparation for the April visit by author Emily St. John Mandel, a display and several events related to her book's themes will be featured at Bayliss Public Library.

On March 10, at 4 p.m., Cindy Ockenfels, a nurse with the Chippewa County Health Department, will share "Know More about Your Vaccines." Her talk may touch on the Zika virus that has been in the news lately.

From March 15 through April 6, there will be a lobby display about the EUP's connection with various epidemics along with artifacts and photos associated with the medical field in the area. It will be a collaboration with the Chippewa County Historical Society, with special thanks to Carolyn Person, Deidre Stevens, and Jim Dwyer.

Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday,

March 22 for "Superior Shakespeare—Sonnets and Soliloquies." This program will be presented by Lake Superior State University Assistant Professor of Theatre Spencer D. Christensen and his students: Benjamin Bryer, Hannah Conner, Benjamin Eisenman, Samantha Holloway, Paige King, Susan Kirkman, and Tomantha Sylvester.

Deidre Stevens will give a historical talk called "Myth, Medicine and Miasma: Northern Michigan in the Time of Plague" on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. See separate article at right for more information on this presentation.

And at 7 p.m. on March 31, the Bayliss Book Club will be discussing *Station Eleven*. If you would like to join in the discussion, please contact Susan about borrowing a book club copy.

Bayliss Public Library's fundraiser to purchase a microfilm reader/scanner is progressing. So far the library has raised \$6,700 from area banks, credit unions, the City's Osborn Trust, the Hudson Foundation, the Friends of Bayliss Library, and various individuals. \$9,000 is needed to purchase a state-of-the-art machine. Library manager Susan James is pleased by the support we have been getting from the community. "We look forward to replacing one of our old machines and improving access to and usage of our microfilm collection of historical materials," she remarked.

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

## VIPs Meet at Bayliss

The VIPs meet at Bayliss Public Library on the first Thursday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. The next meetings will be held on March 3 and April 7.

You can contact Elgie Dow by calling 906-643-7487, 906-235-1899, or emailing [sailordow@gmail.com](mailto:sailordow@gmail.com).

## "Myth, Medicine and Miasma: Northern Michigan in the Time of Plague"

Local author and historian, Deidre Stevens, will present a Great Michigan Read program on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

The program ties into the themes of this year's Great Michigan Read title, *Station Eleven*.

Though isolated, the EUP has not escaped the ravages of epidemics over the centuries. In her talk, Deidre will look at the effects of widespread bouts of illness on Chippewa, Mackinac, and Luce Counties. This will include smallpox, cholera, the 1918 Spanish flu outbreak, tuberculosis, and polio.

Advancements in treatment and our understanding of sanitary conditions have made widespread disease seem like a thing of the past in North America. But is it?

This project is funded in part by Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



## Sault Naturalists Club

The Sault Naturalists Club of Ontario and Michigan is planning two upcoming programs at Bayliss Public Library.

On Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m., Kathy Evoy and Jean Hershey will present "Experience Bathurst Inlet."

They share an interest in travel, history, wildflowers, birds, and land formations. All of these were combined in their recent trip to Bathurst Inlet, in the Nunavut Territory of northern Canada. With its history rooted in Canada's Inuit and early explorers, Bathurst Inlet is a good home base from which to explore the Canadian arctic.

Come to the library to learn about the land and its people, flora and fauna.

"Orchids of the North Woods" will be the topic of the April 12 meeting at 7 p.m.

The documentary *Painted Land: In Search of the Group of Seven* will be shown at Bayliss Library free of charge on Thursday, March 3 at 6 p.m.

Past meets present in a film that is evocative in approach with breathtaking cinematography and an uplifting musical score which offers a new voice to the Canadian artists who were the Group of Seven.

Ruth O'Gawa of the Lake Superior Watershed Conservancy will introduce the film.

## 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. Led by Marc Boucher, Library Director at Lake Superior State University, the next sessions will be March 1 and April 5.

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." Consider writing your memoirs for posterity.

Adults of all ages are invited to join the group.

## Friends of Bayliss

We've begun the New Year with another successful Sweet Sale. The Sale was held on February 12 so that everyone could purchase treats for their sweethearts or even their co-workers before the holiday. We are fortunate to have many wonderful bakers and Friends members to assist with this event, under the direction of Co-Chairpersons Jeanne Cooper, Gay Kornmueller, and Audrey Morley. All the money raised from this event will help us help Bayliss Library purchase more "Wish List" items. Thank you to all the bakers, workers, and shoppers!

Look out for our table each Saturday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Winter Farmers' Market in the Community Room at Bayliss Public Library. We usually have gardening books, cookbooks, and puzzles for sale. And while you're there check out all the other wonderful offerings by the other vendors—everything from eggs and maple syrup to cozy knitted mittens and hats to baked bread,

homemade cards, jewelry, artwork, and much more.

In April we are planning to have a "Mini Book Sale" every Saturday with different categories (Westerns and Science Fiction, Mystery, Biography/History, General Fiction, and Romance) featured each week.

If you are interested in helping with the Winter Farmers' Market or any of our other events, please call Friends Treasurer Jeanne Wellington at 906-632-1836 to volunteer.

On April 1, we will be sponsoring Puzzle Challenge II. See page 4 for more information about the Puzzle Challenge.

We would like to say thank you to the many Friends members who have renewed their membership for 2016 and to the new members of our group! We would also like to encourage anyone else who would like to join to do so. It's never too late to become a Friend! You make it possible for us to help Bayliss Public Library in so many ways.

Sault City Manager Oliver Turner will hold office hours at Bayliss Public Library on Thursday, April 28 from 7-8:30 p.m.

## Superior Poetry Café

Local musician and poet, Zac Crook, will be the featured poet at Bayliss Library's next Superior Poetry Café, on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Zac will perform his original songs and poetry at the event. "It's difficult to remember my start in writing," Zac states, "but that may be due to repressed memories of the lackluster material I was producing at the time. I do recall being engrossed by aesthetically significant

lyrics I had heard in some songs. The kind in which syllables are impeccably placed and rhymes are tastefully juxtaposed. I decided to try my hand at this enigmatic craft and have enjoyed every step thus far."

After his performance there will be an Open Mic where the public may read or perform their own work. The Friends of Bayliss will provide refreshments.



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.

Bayliss Public Library would like to welcome Kathleen Myers as our newest staff member. She will be working as our Human Resources Assistant and at the Circulation Desk.

Kathleen attended Black Hill State University in South Dakota where she majored in business. She has spent almost 15 years working in the property management field. She also worked in Human Resources for three years at the municipality of Necedah, Wisconsin. She brings a strong customer service background with her.

Kathleen is happily married with four children. She loves reading psychological thrillers and mysteries including the works of Iris Johansen and Lisa Jackson. She is looking forward to the arrival of spring so as to return to an outdoor and athletic lifestyle.



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.

On March 15 at 7 p.m., historian and author Deidre Stevens will speak about "Make the Best Treaty You Can: Advice to a Young Aboriginal in 1836" at the Chippewa County Genealogical Society meeting.

There will be a research and work session on April 19 at 7 p.m.

The public is welcome.

## EUP Reads—Family Reading Night

Save the Date! JKL Bahweting, Sault Area Schools, Lake Superior State University, Sault Tribe, Bayliss Public Library, and family agencies from Sault Ste. Marie and surrounding communities will come together for EUP Reads: Read and Imagine on Monday, March 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

All ages are invited to a carnival-like atmosphere on the campus of Lake Superior State University. The Cisler Center at LSSU will come alive with free resources for parents,

hands-on activities and free books for the kids, prizes and refreshments.

Bayliss Public Library will be there taking applications for children's library cards.

JKL Bahweting's Theresa Kallstrom and Lori Jodoin are heading up this reading forum for the third year. For more information call Debbie Lehman at 906-632-9331.

Join us for this event that promises to be fun for the whole family.

## Spring Break at Bayliss

If you're looking for something to do over Spring Break come to the library. We will be offering some extra LEGO Days on Tuesday, March 29 and Thursday, March 31 from 1-4 p.m. both days.

Come. Build. We'd love to see what you can do.

The Friends of Bayliss are getting ready for another puzzle challenge. Puzzle Challenge II will take place on Friday, April 1 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Puzzle Challenge is open to students and adults, ages 8-108, and pre-registration is required. We'll have teams of 3-4; sign up your own team or we'll put together

a team from the registrants. Students ages 8-16 will work on 500-piece puzzles; those over 16 will work on 1,000-piece puzzles. At the end of four hours, the most complete puzzle in each category wins! Puzzles will be provided from the Bayliss Public Library collection.

The Friends of Bayliss will provide a light snack around 2:30 p.m. and small prizes for the winning teams.

Watch for posters at Bayliss Library, and information on the Bayliss website and Facebook page.

## Brown Bag Book Club Meets at Bayliss



The Brown Bag Book Club is for 8-12 year olds who love to read. The book club meets one Saturday a month at noon to discuss the current book selection and eat a sack lunch.

We will meet on Saturday, March 19 at noon to discuss *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, winner of the Newbery Honor Award.

*The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin will be our April 23 selection.

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.

Please join us for these two book discussions and don't forget to bring your lunch!

Bayliss Public Library does have the basic Federal and Michigan tax forms and booklets, despite what we were told earlier. Should you need additional forms, Bayliss staff can assist with printing them.

## AARP Tax Aide

On Fridays through April 8, free tax preparation assistance will be offered at Bayliss Public Library by AARP Tax-Aide counselors.

This service is for everyone, especially if you are 50 and older and cannot afford a tax preparation service. You must make an appointment in advance by calling Kathy Fox, Local Coordinator, at 906-647-7362. Please leave a message. For other locations you may call 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669) or visit the [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide) and enter your zip code.



## Chippewa County Historical Society Program at Bayliss

The Chippewa County Historical Society will host its annual meeting at Bayliss Public Library on Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

Christian Holmes, author of *Company Towns of Michigan's Upper Peninsula*, will speak about his new book.

Amongst the company towns he writes about are Sault St. Marie and Newberry. CCHS and Bayliss Library assisted Christian with his efforts.

Christian is a former resident of Alpena and Detroit, who has lived in Escanaba for the past 40 years. He graduated from Wayne State University with degrees in English composition, philosophy, and library science. He has a strong interest in research, writing, and Michigan history.

Please enter by the library's main entrance as the rest of the library will be closed that evening.

## Savvy Social Security Planning Workshop

Thrivent Financial is offering a free workshop on Social Security options for those in or nearing retirement. It will be held on Tuesday, March 1 at 1 p.m., at Bayliss Public Library.

The speakers will provide updates on recent legislation and provide strategies for maximizing your benefits.

To register for this workshop, please call 989-356-1330 or email Linda Smith at [linda.smith@thrivent.com](mailto:linda.smith@thrivent.com). You may also register online at [Thrivent.com/findaworkshop](http://Thrivent.com/findaworkshop).

Refreshments will be provided. No products will be sold at this event.

## Severe Weather Spotter Training

Each year the National Weather Service in Gaylord presents Severe Weather Spotter Safety Courses across Northern and Eastern Upper Michigan. Bayliss Public Library will host one of these courses on Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The presentation will be free, open to the public and last about 1 1/2 hours. There is no need to pre-register. If you are interested in learning more about storm spotting and severe weather, you are encouraged to attend one of these presentations. A complete schedule for upcoming training sessions may be found on the NSW Gaylord website at [www.weather.gov/gaylord](http://www.weather.gov/gaylord). If you have additional questions, please call the National Weather Service in Gaylord at 989-731-3384.

## Adult Coloring



Our Adult Coloring events will continue at Bayliss Public Library through the winter on Thursdays, March 10 and April 14 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

***The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto*** by

Mitch Albom

***The Guilty*** by

David Baldacci

***Tricky Twenty-two*** by

Janet Evanovich

***Career of Evil*** by Robert

Galbraith

***Banquet of***

***Consequences*** by

Elizabeth George

***Warheart*** by

Terry Goodkind

***Shadow Play*** by

Iris Johansen

***After Alice*** by

Gregory McGuire

### Non-Fiction

***Wildflower*** by

Drew Barrymore

***Notorious RBG*** by

Irin Carmon

***Lights Out: a Cyber***

***Attack, a Nation***

***Unprepared,***

***Surviving the***

***Aftermath*** by

Ted Koppel

***Destiny and Power:***

***The American***

***Odyssey of George***

***Herbert Walker***

***Bush*** by

Jon Meacham

***The Witches: Salem, 1692*** by Stacy Schiff

***Boys in Trees*** by Carly Simon

***The Last of the President's Men*** by

Bob Woodward

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## New DVDs

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

*Ant-Man**Jurassic World**Learning to Drive**Minions**Mr. Holmes**A Walk in the Woods**War Room*

Thanks to an anonymous donor, the Community Room at Bayliss Public Library was recently outfitted with a Blu-ray Disc/DVD player. This will increase the viewing pleasure for those who attend our movie matinees and other programs.

## New Children's and Young Adult Books

*My Bike* by Byron Barton  
*The Princess and the Pony*  
by Kate Beaton  
*Stella by Starlight* by  
Sharon M. Draper  
*Old School* by Jeff Kinney  
*Switch* by Ingrid Law  
*FDR and the American*  
*Crisis* by Albert Marrin  
*Finding Winnie* by  
Lindsay Mattick  
*The Sword of Summer* by  
Rick Riordan  
*X* by Ilyasah Shabazz  
*Drama* by Raina Telgemeier

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## Three Lakes Group Sierra Club Programs

The local chapter of the Sierra Club will meet at Bayliss Public Library twice in the coming months with free programming for the public. Both events will begin at 6:30 p.m.

On Thursday, March 17, a talk will focus on "Echoes of the Past, Warnings for the Future: a Look at Extinction in North America." This talk will look at the major extinctions North America has seen over the past 20,000 years, what the role of humanity has

been (and is) in shaping the biodiversity of our continent. Special attention will be given to the pattern of extinctions that have played out here in Michigan.

On Thursday, April 21, there will be a discussion of the history and basic science dealing with climate change, major concerns of climate scientists and how climate scientists view the recent Paris climate agreement.

## Masterpiece Film Series

Due to the success of last year's showing of the Masterpiece series *Foyle's War* and the popularity of the current television series *Downton Abbey*, we are continuing along the same vein and showing *Upstairs Downstairs* this year at Bayliss Public Library.

Two episodes will air every Tuesday through at least the next few months from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at Bayliss Library.

*Upstairs Downstairs* is set in Lon-

don, England around the turn of the 20th century, during the Edwardian period, through World War I. The award-winning series recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. It has been called the most popular and successful British drama series in television history and *The New York Times* has described it as "delightful."

Join us for some fun afternoon entertainment. Donations are welcome. Light refreshments will be available.

## Now Showing at Bayliss

March 1 at 2 p.m.—*Upstairs Downstairs*  
March 3 at 6 p.m.—*Painted Land: In Search of the Group of Seven*  
March 8 at 2 p.m.—*Upstairs Downstairs*  
March 15 at 2 p.m.—*Upstairs Downstairs*  
March 22 at 2 p.m.—*Upstairs Downstairs*  
March 26 at 1 p.m.—Family Movie  
March 29 at 2 p.m.—*Upstairs Downstairs*  
April 5 at 2 p.m.—*Upstairs Downstairs*  
April 12 at 2 p.m.—*Upstairs Downstairs*  
April 19 at 2 p.m.—*Upstairs Downstairs*  
April 26 at 2 p.m.—*Upstairs Downstairs*  
April 30 at 1 p.m.—Family Movie—Sponsored by the Soo Co-op Credit Union for Money Smart Week



Free movies; refreshments by donation.  
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