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EXPLORE THE ART OF FORGERY DURING BEYOND THE LENS: BOOK & FILM SERIES AT THE LIBRARY

The Bay County Public Library has partnered with PBS to showcase films from the award-winning PBS POV (Point-of-View) documentary series. *Art and Craft* is the next film to be featured on October 20, 2015 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Bay County Public Library Meeting Room.

Floriopolis, St. Andrews Arts & Culture Metropolis will host a pop-up makerspace at the library from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. where you can create your own Van Gogh *Starry Night* to take home! After the film, there will be lively discussion about the documentary film and selected book club read, *The Art Forger* by Barbara Shapiro. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Bay County Public Library. The event is free and open to the public.

Sam Cullman and Jennifer Grausman's *Art and Craft* lets us glimpse inside the world of Mark Landis, one of the most prolific art forgers of the modern era. Unlike most art forgers, Landis was never in it for the money. In the last 30 years he's copied hundreds of pieces, from 15th-century icons to works by Picasso and even Dr. Seuss, then donated them to museums across the country. When a tenacious registrar discovers the ruse, Landis must confront his legacy and a chorus of duped professionals intent on stopping him. But Landis is a diagnosed schizophrenic, driven since his teens to escape "the life of a mental patient," and ending the con isn't so simple. *Art and Craft* was an Official Selection of the 2014 Tribeca Film Festival and International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam and was named a Top 5 documentary by the National Board of Review.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 West 11th Street in Panama City. Please call 522-2100 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information on this and other programs.

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