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### Adult Programs at the Libraries

Looking for something to engage your mind? Want to learn more about local history and genealogy? Want to learn more about gardening? We can help with that and more!

The Bay County Public Library and the Panama City Beach Public Library are offering a series of programs for adults. All residents and visitors are welcome to attend these free programs.

*Tuesdays @ 2 at the Bay County Public Library, 898 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Panama City:*

- January 19 @ 2 p.m. *Pioneer Life in Bay County* with local historian Ann Robbins. Learn about life during the earliest days of Bay County, and about the families who settled here. Program will include antiques and other displays of pioneer life.
- January 26 @ 2 p.m. *Introduction to 3D Printing* with engineer Jason Scott. Jason will discuss and demonstrate 3D printing, which is a process of making three dimensional solid objects from a digital file.
- February 2 @ 2 p.m. *My Genealogy Experience* with Jackie Papke. Jackie will discuss her genealogy research, including the interesting and unexpected facts she learned about her ancestors.
- February 9 @ 2 p.m. *Evolution of Sculpture* with Sarah Burris. Sarah will show us the evolution of sculpture from working strictly with marble and bronze to the 20th century when big changes happened in materials. Participants will also have the opportunity to create their own works inspired by Erwin Wurm's "One Minute Sculptures," which use found objects.
- February 16 @ 2 p.m. *Bone Mizell: Florida Cow Hunter* with local historian Ann Robbins. Bone Mizell, a cattle ranch foreman during the late 1800s in Florida, was an uneducated, hard-drinking and fun-loving cowman who made the front page of a New York newspaper and had a ballad written about him. He certainly left his mark on Florida's history! This presentation will include antiques and displays from his era.
- February 23 @ 2 p.m. *Restoring Furniture and Other Home Decor*. Rebecca Snow from The Little Mustard Seed will show us how to restore objects to beautify our homes.

- March 8 @ 2 p.m. *Know Your Natives* with Master Gardener Janet Psikogios. Native plants are not often considered for home landscapes, so why would you want them in your landscape? This class will introduce participants to the advantages of using native plants and identify some for our area.
- March 22 @ 2 p.m. *Archaeology of Northwest Florida: A Tour through our Heritage* with the Florida Public Archaeology Network and the University of West Florida. This presentation features a virtual tour of the major archaeological discoveries in the Panhandle of Florida. You'll learn about 16<sup>th</sup>-century shipwrecks, Native American encampments and ceremonial centers, a Civil War gun battery, a Spanish fort and mission, historic cemeteries, and the nation's oldest battleship!
- March 29 @ 2 p.m. *Exotic Invaders – Recognizing Invasive Plants* with Julie McConnell. Julie, who is with our local Extension Office, will introduce participants to some of the exotic invasive plants found in our area, and the management methods that have proven most effective.
- April 5 @ 2 p.m. *Memory and Aging* with Anna Taylor. As we age, some changes in memory are normal. It is important for older adults to be able to distinguish these normal changes in memory from the kinds of memory loss that result from disease or other medical issues. Based on the research of cognitive psychologists, this program will discuss how different types of memory are affected as we age, warning signs that memory changes may be abnormal, and tips for improving your memory.

For information on these and other programs at the Bay County Public Library, please call 522-2100 or visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com).

*Beach Boomers at the Panama City Beach Public Library, 12500 Hutchison Boulevard:*

- January 19 @ 2 p.m. *Can you write better than that? Then PROVE IT!!!* Mystery Writers Live @ Your Library. Four local authors challenge the audience to help them write the next chapter of their latest book!
- January 26 @ 2 p.m. *Panama City Beach Police K9 Unit.* A visit with the amazing Beach Police Dogs and their expert human partners.
- February 2 @ 2 p.m. *History of the World in Mythology* will Bill Renski. A brief history of time through the shared mythologies that define our culture.
- March 1 @ 2 p.m. *Growing Up with John Lennon: A Conversation with Julia Baird.* Joining the debut tour of Mersey Beatles, philanthropist, author, and teacher Julia Baird will discuss her book *Imagine this: Growing up with My Brother John Lennon.*
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Beach Boomers will also present programs on February 9, February 16, February 23, and March 15; topics are still to be determined. Please call 233-5055 or visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) for information on these and other programs at the Panama City Beach Public Library.

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