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EXPLORE LIFE THROUGH STORYTELLING @ THE LIBRARY

(PANAMA CITY, FL) – The Beyond the Lens: Book and Film Series at the Bay County Public Library is currently reading *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. We will watch the award-winning film based on the book on May 17, 2016 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Bay County Public Library. Before the film, Paul McAuliffe of the Bay Storytellers will entertain us with tales. After the film, there will be an engaging discussion.

In the film, Pi Patel is the teenage son of a zookeeper, and he has an encyclopedic knowledge of animal behavior and a love of stories. His family and their zoo animals board a Japanese cargo ship to relocate from India to their new home in North America. Unfortunately, a storm causes the boat to sink. Pi finds himself alone in a lifeboat with a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and a 450-pound Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. This stunning cinematic portrayal of survival provides two varying stories of what happened while Pi was at sea for 227 days: which one will you prefer?

Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries. The event is free and open to the public.

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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