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ART AT THE BAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

(Panama City, Fla.) The Bay County Public Library invites the community to celebrate National Library Week during April 9th – 15th, 2017. Several art-related programs will take place this week to celebrate book-arts and art in the library. All programs are free to attend and do not require reservations.

“Papermaking: Art & Craft” will be held on April 10th from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the library meeting room. Librarian and artist, Lynn Elliott, will provide a demonstration on how you can make beautiful handmade paper at home! For more information on this program, contact the Reference Desk at 850-522-2107.

In the Youth Services department, “Much ado about ART” will take place on April 11th from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to color a paper quilt square or two. The squares will be joined together to create a community art quilt that will be displayed in the Youth Services department. For more information on this program, contact Youth Services at 850-522-2118.

Teens are invited to come to “Bad Art Night” on April 11th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Services department. This program allows you to create art without the pressure of trying to make it perfect. Added bonus is that whoever makes the worst art wins a prize! For more information on this program, contact Youth Services at 850-522-2118.

“Crash Course in Photography” will be presented on April 12th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. by Bonnie Tate, photography instructor and gallery owner of The Light Room. This class will be held in the library meeting room and will teach tips on how to begin taking photography. The program is also part of the *Preserve This! Photograph Digitization Campaign* organized by the Local History Department. For more question on this program, contact Local History at 850-522-2132.

To reflect the long history of book arts, the art exhibition for the month of April in the main lobby is “Modern Marble” by Jenniffer Collier of JC Marbling (Kent, Ohio). Her collection of marbled papers draw from historical patterns from Turkey, France, Italy, and England. Marbling is the act of using watercolor or water thinned paint that has been dispersed on a bed of thickened water with carrageenan to create ornate designs by raking, manipulating, or drawing with a thin tool on the water/paint surface. Marbled papers have been used in bookbinding for centuries, often inside the cover. Collier creates beautiful handmade books with her modern marbles. Her work can also be followed on <https://marblingblog.wordpress.com/>.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401. “Modern Marble” is on display to view during library hours: Monday – Wednesday (9 a.m. – 8 p.m.), Thursday – Saturday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.), and Sunday (1 p.m. – 5 p.m.).

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