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### **CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

(Panama City, Fla.) Celebrate **National Library Week** (April 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>) with the Bay County Public Library. “Libraries = Strong Communities” is the theme for this year’s National Library Week, reminding the public that libraries of all types serve as change agents that strengthen communities by supporting community engagement and providing services that connect closely with patrons’ needs. Building strong communities has been especially important post-Hurricane Michael. Libraries provide access to the internet, faxing services, materials for checkout, and programming for all ages.

#### **National Library Week Programs:**

##### **Newspaper Garden Planters (School Aged Children’s Program)**

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 p.m.

Help plant communities and learn how to recycle by making newspaper planters! Program led by UF IFAS Cooperative Extension Office.

##### **Author Talk with Robert Buccellato (Adult Program)**

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.

Historian and author, Robert Buccellato, will present on his latest book: *Rum Runners & Moonshiners of Old Florida*. Learn about crooked sheriffs, period cocktails, rumrunners vs the coast guard, and Al Capone's visits to the Panhandle. Copies of Buccellato’s book will be available for purchase.

##### **Anime Afternoon: Howl's Moving Castle (Teen and Families Program)**

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate National Libraries Week by joining us for a special viewing of Studio Ghibli's film, *Howl's Moving Castle* (2004) PG. It is based on Diana Wynne Jones's classic children's novel.

##### **Friends Presents Concert Series: The Wabi Sabis**

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

The Wabi Sabis concert is themed to celebrate National Library Week. Free admission and no reservations required for this family-friendly, after hours concert! Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries.

**Build Bridges (School Aged Children's Program)**

Friday, April 12th @ 3:30 p.m.

Bridges bring people together in more ways than one. Join us for a captivating story about communities working together then let's see who can build the strongest bridges using various materials. Program led by UF IFAS Cooperative Extension Office.

Library cards are free to residents of Bay, Gulf and Liberty counties and are valid at any of the 7 libraries in the Northwest Regional Library System. Photo identification and verification of residency required. A parent or guardian must sponsor children under age 16. You can check out up to 20 items for three weeks at a time including books, audiobooks, DVDs, downloadable eBooks, ukuleles, dulcimers, cake pans, and the newly added telescopes!

Looking for a way to give back to the library during National Library Week? You can join the Friends of the Bay County Public Library (<http://www.friendsofbaycounty.org/>), donate your gently used books and DVDs to the library's Read Again Bookstore, or contribute to the NWRLS Library Wish List on Amazon. The wish list includes donation items that the Northwest Regional Library System would love to receive and will go to the library branch with the most need. The NWRLS Library Wish List can be found at <https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/10EQTJARGVBTY>. Even the smallest contributions are greatly appreciated!

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Panama City FL 32401. For additional information about library events and programs, visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) or call 850-522-2100.

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