



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Preserving yesterday, enriching today,
inspiring tomorrow in our community.*

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Library Hours & Info:

Monday & Wednesday

10am -7pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

10am -5pm

Saturday

10am -3pm

231-882-4111

www.benzonialibrary.org

891 Michigan Ave., PO Box 445

Benzonia, MI 49616



**FREE
Wi-Fi
24/7**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT BPL



January 2020

- 1 CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 2 Friends of BPL meeting
- 9 Trustees Meeting
- 13 Computer Help Desk with Dustin
- 13 Marvelous Art with Mrs. McLaren
- 20 Computer Help Desk with Dustin
- 23 Great Benzie Read
- 27 Computer Help Desk with Dustin
- 27 Marvelous Art with Mrs. McLaren

February 2020

- 3 Computer Help Desk with Dustin
- 6 Friends of BPL meeting
- 10 Computer Help Desk with Dustin
- 10 Marvelous Art with Mrs. McLaren
- 12 Trustee Meeting
- 12 Lincoln by Maureen Esther
- 15 LEGO Saturday
- 17 Computer Help Desk with Dustin
- 24 Computer Help Desk with Dustin
- 24 Marvelous Art with Mrs. McLaren

**Story Time with
Miss Désirée
Fridays (except Jan. 3rd)**

**Knit 2 Together Group
Tuesdays**

Abraham Lincoln

By Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Wednesday, February 12th

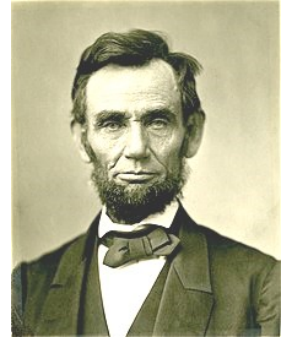
7:00-8:30 pm

Mills Community House-Upper Level

Home of Benzonia Public Library

891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Two-hundred years ago Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. Destined for the White House, this honorable, gentle man would resolve to keep the nation together, against all odds. Join us on his birthday to learn more about this fascinating man.



Lincoln in November 1863

Information: 231-882-4111 or
www.benzonialibrary.org.



A hospitality period concludes the program.

Free event, just come and enjoy.

Sponsored by Friends of BPL.



Great Benzie Read

presented by the Libraries of Benzie County



Thursday, January 23, 2020 @ 6 p.m.
at the Benzie Shores District Library

JOIN THE DISCUSSION!
Read the book "What the Eyes Don't See" by
Mona Hanna-Attisha and meet up to discuss
with readers from around the county.

Refreshments provided by the Friends of
Benzie Shores District Library

Betsie Valley District Library
14744 Thompson Ave.
Thompsonville, MI
(231) 378-2716

Benzie Shores District Library
630 Main St.
Frankfort, MI
(231) 352-4671

Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave.
Benzonia, MI
(231) 882-4111

Darcy Library of Beulah
7238 Commercial Ave
Beulah, MI
(231) 882-4037

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2019 has been a great year at the Benzonia Public Library!

With the help of an amazing staff, incredible patrons, wonderful board, and the best volunteers we could hope for, Benzonia Public Library has had an awesome year!!!

Thanks to generous donors and the fundraising efforts of our Friends group, we were able to continue popular programs as well as adding many new programs.

Here is a quick look back at what was offered at the Benzonia Public Library in 2019!

- ◆ Ongoing programs include: Computer Help Desk with Dustin, Knitting Group, and Kids Craft of the Month kits
- ◆ Story Time with Miss Désirée: weekly stories and craft activities for the pre-school set
- ◆ Lego Saturdays: Creative fun for the whole family
- ◆ Marvelous Art with Mrs. McLaren: Fun art classes with local favorite Connie McLaren
- ◆ Great Benzie Read, 4 programs in partnership with Benzie Shores District Library, Betsie Valley District Library, and Darcy Library of Beulah.
- ◆ Needle Felting classes by the Repurposeful Librarians
- ◆ Community Board Game Design Night with Friends from the University of Michigan School of Information
- ◆ Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: Registration and Kick-off with Advocates for Benzie County's Education Task Force
- ◆ Kids Fun Day Carnival presented by BPL, Betsie Valley District Library, and Benzie Central Student Athletes
- ◆ Money Smart Kids presented with the Frankfort Community Federal Credit Union
- ◆ National Library Week: a week long celebration that included refreshments and special programs:
 - ◆ *Michigan Rediscovered* with author Ron Rademacher
 - ◆ LEGO Extravaganza at BPL. Family fun, competitions, prizes, and pizza
 - ◆ LEGO Movie at Garden Theater
- ◆ *Titanic Remembered* presented by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller
- ◆ Wine Library Month at St. Ambrose Cellars. Library fundraiser courtesy of St. Ambrose Cellars
- ◆ Plant Diagnostic clinics offered by Master Gardeners from the MSU Extension
- ◆ Making Your Medical Wishes Known: Advanced care planning workshop by Munson Healthcare
- ◆ *Building the Modern World* with Michigan Notable Book author Michael H. Hodges. Partnership with Darcy Library of Beulah
- ◆ Prime Time Family Reading Time. Grants provided by Michigan Humanities Council and Benzie County Community Chest
- ◆ Cook Once, Eat Twice food demos with Anna and Audrey
- ◆ Wire Bonsai Tree class with Anna
- ◆ *101 Things That Happened on the Mackinac Bridge*, a fun presentation by author Mike Fornes
- ◆ Summer Reading: *A Universe of Stories*, another awesome summer with 200 readers registered and many family programs in June & July. Prizes for the summer reading drawing were generously donated by local businesses.
- ◆ *Galileo and His Universe* presented by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller
- ◆ An Afternoon with author Joseph Heywood. In partnership with Benzie Shores District Library, Betsie Valley District Library, and Darcy Library of Beulah.
- ◆ Annual Holiday Party with crafts, puppet show, treats, and photo booth
- ◆ Mentoring partnership with Crystal Lake Elementary
- ◆ Special guest appearances by our friend Pete the Cat
- ◆ Summer used book sales, used jigsaw puzzle sale, holiday book sale, and Little Corner Book Shoppe in BPL
- ◆ Craft classes and craft sale fundraising by Repurposeful Librarians led to many new programs
- ◆ Remembering Benzie: An Oral History Project. BPL received a \$50,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for this 2 year project. See page 3 for additional information.
- ◆ Provided copies of the Great Michigan Read to Benzie Central High School AP & Honors English classes thanks to a grant through the Michigan Humanities Council,

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REMEMBERING BENZIE: An Oral History Project Winter 2020 Update

The Remembering Benzie Project interns have been hard at work the past few months. In early November, the interns finished their Veterans History Project videos. Eight fabulous videos went to the Library of Congress archives. These consisted of over 7 hours of veterans sharing their stories and experiences. The interns were so excited to complete their videos!

The interns also participated in their second workshop with the UofM School of Information in preparation for their second project during Christmas Magic. The interns learned more about interview protocols, follow-up questioning, and how to get families comfortable in front of the camera.

As part of Benzie County's Christmas Magic Program the interns used the Story Corp model to record family interviews of holiday memories during the Holiday Party at the Benzonian Public Library. The interns recorded memories for 32 participants in 9 families. Interns made their own interview questions, set-up their own staging, and conducted their own interviews. These videos will be edited and included in their final Remembering Benzie Project.

Press coverage for the Remembering Benzie Project has been outstanding. The interns were interviewed by the Benzie Record Patriot. The program was also featured on TV 9&10's "The Four". The news crew visited the Benzonian Public Library and taped segments of the interns interviewing a veteran and also included interviews with the interns and the Director, Amanda McLaren. The article and segment can be found on the Remembering Benzie page at www.benzonialibrary.org.

The interns will be using the holiday break to continue working on their interviewing skills by taping several interviews of their choice. In January they will participate in another workshop with the UofM School of information. Then begins the next Remembering Project: The Legacies Project, which will consist of interviews with local community members including agricultural people, artisans, and others that make this community so great.

Please watch for the group's updates in newsletters, the Benzonian Public Library website, and their YouTube channel. Please email them at rememberingbenzie@gmail.com for any questions.



AuSable, Reeve, Finn & Melia



Melia, Finn, Reeve, AuSable & Amanda McLaren



Reeve testing video equipment with Finn, Melia & AuSable



TV 9&10 news taping segment with Melia, Finn & AuSable

Knit 2 Together Group at BPL

**Tuesdays,
1-3 pm**

Bring your projects
& join us.

We'd love your company.

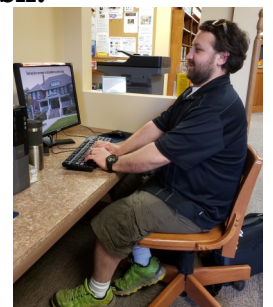


Computer Help Desk with Dustin

Bring your Tech Troubles to BPL and visit
Dustin at our Help Desk.

Mondays as listed:
11 am-1 pm
Jan. 13, 20 & 27
Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24

You may bring your own or use
one of our public computers.



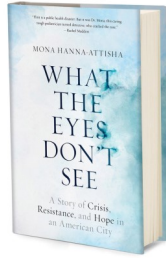
BPL & FRIENDS OF BPL



WHAT THE EYES DON'T SEE

with author **Mona Hann-Attisha**

Join the author as she discusses her story of **Crisis, Resistance,** and **Hope** in an American City.
2020 GREAT MICHIGAN READ



Sunday, April 19th

4:00 pm

Benzonia Public Library

Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

Sponsored by BPL with a grant from Michigan Humanities Council.

Thank You to everyone who helped make 2019 so successful for the Friends of BPL.

YOU can help us make 2020 even BETTER!

How We Raised Money To Help BPL:

- Repurposeful Librarians Craft Sales
- Little Corner Book Shoppe in BPL
- Annual Appeal letter
- Mural Card sales in BPL
- Used Book Sale: Holiday
- Used Book Sales: Summer
- Used Jigsaw Puzzle Sale



We couldn't do this without YOU!

Thank You for:

- Donating to Friends of BPL
- Purchasing items at our sales
- Volunteering to help at our sales
- Volunteering to help with activities
- Volunteering to bring refreshments
- Joining the Friends of BPL

YOU ARE AWESOME!

Friends of BPL contributed over \$20,000 to support BPL in 2019

What We Funded and/or Helped With In 2019:

- Up North Digital Services-OverDrive
- 4 New computers for public use
- Tech Support & equipment
- Collection Development
- Lighting upgrades
- Book cases
- DVD repair equipment
- Drop box powder coating
- General support of \$7,000
- Cleaning carpets & windows

Art Classes

- Author Programs
- Born to Read program
- Board Game Design Night
- Craft Workshops
- Great Benzie Read
- Holiday Party
- Imagination Station
- Kids Fun Day
- LEGO Movie: Garden Theater

LEGO Saturdays

- Money Smart Kids
- National Library Week
- Newsletter-paper & digital
- Prime Time Reading
- Remembering Benzie
- Story Time
- Summer Reading Programs
- Website maintenance
- Numerous Special Programs

Corner Book Shoppe @BPL

Offering a large selection of excellent quality used books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles year-round.



Operated by the Friends of BPL. Proceeds benefit BPL.

Will You Be Our Friend?

Friends' membership dues, donations, and fundraising proceeds help support Benzonia Public Library.

Membership start as low as \$5.00. Forms are available at BPL and ww.benzonialibrary.org.



Friends of Benzonia Public Library Board Members

Roger Dewey, President * Flint Watt, Vice President * Michelle Leines, Treasurer
Kathy Johnson, Secretary * Ruth Catton, Director * Jimmy McLaren, Director

Board meetings are held at 5:15 pm the 1st Thursday of each month at BPL.
Everyone welcome. **Next meetings: Jan. 2 & Feb. 6**

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Adult & Young Adult: What's New For You!

YA

The Boy And Girl Who Broke The World, Amy Lynn Reed
Call Down The Hawk, Maggie Stiefvater
Here There Are Monsters, Amelinda Berube
How We Became Wicked, Alex Yates
The Liars Of Mariposa Island, Jennifer Mathieu
Loki: Where Mischief Lies, Mackenzie Lee
Pumpkinheads, Rainbow Rowell
Sisters Of Shadow And Light, Sara B. Larson
Starsight, Brandon Sanderson
Thirteen Doorways, Wolves Behind Them All, Laura Ruby
The Toll, Neal Shusterman
Two Dark Reigns, Kendare Blake
Verify, Joelle Charbonneau
Winterwood, Shea Williams

ADULT—FIC

The 19th Christmas, James Patterson
Agent Running In The Field, John Le Carre
The Andromeda Evolution, Michael Crichton
Blue Moon, Lee Child
The Book Of Science And Antiquities, Thomas Keneally
The Confession Club, Elizabeth Berg
Criss Cross, James Patterson
The Deserter, Nelson DeMille
The Family Upstairs, Lisa Jewell
Final Option, Clive Cussler
Guilty Not Guilty, Felix Francis
The House Of Brides, Jane Cockram
The Innocents, Michael Crummey
Invented Lives, Andrea Goldsmith
Just Watch Me, Jeffrey Lindsay
A Madness Of Sunshine, Nalini Singh
A Minute To Midnight, David Baldacci
The Night Fire, Michael Connelly
Robert B. Parker's Angel Eyes, Ace Atkins
The Second Sleep, Robert Harris
The Starless Sea, Erin Morgenstern
This Is Happiness, Niall Williams
To The Land Of Long Lost Friends, Alexander McCall Smith
Twisted Twenty-Six, Janet Evanovich



ADULT—NON-FIC

The Body: A Guide For Occupants, Bill Bryson
Braving The Wilderness: The Quest For True Belonging And The Courage To Stand Alone, Brené Brown
Cannabis Jobs: How To Make A Living And Have A Career In The World Of Legalized Marijuana, Andrew Ward
Dreams Of El Dorado: A History Of The American West, H. W. Brands
The Education Of An Idealist, Samantha Power
Exposure: Poisoned Water, Corporate Greed, And One Lawyer's Twenty-year Battle Against DuPont, Robert Bilott
Finding Chika: A Little Girl, An Earthquake, And The Making Of A Family, Mitch Albom
Hymns Of The Republic: The Story Of The Final Year Of The American Civil War, S. C. Gwynne
Letters From An Astrophysicist, Neil deGrasse Tyson
Morbituaries: Great Lives Worth Reliving, Mo Rocca
The Ship Of Dreams, Gareth Russell
We Adopted Five Special-Needs Kids: The Inspiring Story Of How An Absolutely Crazy Idea Led To One Very Big, Happy Family, Ann Ellsworth
Welcome To Replica Dodge, Natalie Ruth Joynton

ADULT—LARGE PRINT

The Deserter, Nelson DeMille
The Girl Behind The Red Rope, Ted Dekker
A Single Thread, Tracy Chevalier
Summerlings, Lisa Howorth

AUDIO

The Deserter, Nelson DeMille
A Dog's Promise, W. Bruce Cameron
The Family Upstairs, Lisa Jewell
The Guardians, John Grisham
Olive, Again, Elizabeth Strout
What Rose Forgot, Nevada Barr
When Life Gives You Pears, Jeannie Gaffigan

DVD

Ad Astra
The Art Of Racing In The Rain
Blinded By The Light
Downton Abbey
The Goldfinch
It-Chapter Two
Once Upon A Time In Hollywood
The Peanut Butter Falcon
Where'd You Go, Bernadette

DVD SERIES

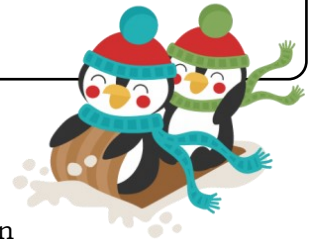
Game Of Thrones, Season 8
The Handmaid's Tale, Season 3
Veep, Season 6

Library
Catalog



Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items in our Library Catalog at www.benzonialibrary.org

YOUTH SERVICES



Youth: What's New for You!

JUVENILE

The 1,000-Year Old Boy, Ross Welford
Allies, Alan Gratz
The Beast, Ally Condie
The Class, Frances O'Roark Dowell
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball, Jeff Kinney
Dork Diaries: Tales From A Not-So-Best Friend Forever, Rachel Russell
Key To The Extraordinary, Natalie Lloyd
Night Of Dangers, Zack Clark
A Talent For Trouble, Natasha Farrant
The Year We Fell From Space, A. S. King
Yours Truly, Heather Frederick

GRAPHIC NOVELS:

Dognam: Fetch-22, Dave Pilkey

NON-FICTION:

20 Recipes Kids Should Know, Esme Washburn
Little Legends, Vashti Harrison
Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, And Science Behind Your Favorite Monsters, Carlyn Beccia
The Wonders Of Nature, Ben Hoare

EARLY READER SERIES

The Princess In Black And The Bathtime Battle, Shannon Hale

PICTURE BOOKS

A Big Bed For Little Snow, Grace Lin
Can I Keep It?, Lisa Jobe
The Cool Bean, Jory John
The Crayon's Christmas, Drew Daywalt
The Farmer, Ximo Abadia
Fix That Clock!, Kurt Cyrus
Fly!, Mark Teague
Greta And The Giants, Zoe Tucker
Just Because, Mac Barnett
Maybe Dying Is Like Becoming A Butterfly, Pimm van Hest
Monkey On The Run, Leo Timmers
A Mustache Baby Christmas, Bridget Heos
One Dark Bird, Elizabeth Garton Scanlon
Pluto Gets The Call, Adam Rex
Pokko And The Drum, Matthew Forsythe
The Scarecrow, Beth Ferry
Small In The City, Sydney Smith
Sofia Valdez, Future Prez, Andrea Beaty
Squeak!, Laura Kvasnosky
Stretchy McHandsome, Judith Schachner
This Book Is Gray, Lindsay Ward
Who Is The Mystery Reader?, Mo Willems

DVD

Abominable
The Angry Birds 2

Dora And The Lost City Of Gold
Toy Story 4

LEGO Saturday

Build Your Own Boat,
Watercraft, or Sea Creature
February 15, 2020, Noon-2:30 pm
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Lower Level
891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzonia, MI

IMAGINE IT! CREATE IT!

Bring your creativity and use our LEGOS to create an awesome project during this event.
(LEGOs are for use at this event & stay at library)
For boys & girls ages 6 to 106.
Hosted by Benzie County Water Festival and Benzonia Public Library
Information: 231-882-4111 or www.benzonialibrary.org

Craft Corner

Craft of the Month

Pre-School
Hands-On Activity

Ask the librarian for a craft pack, find a comfortable space, and enjoy creating the project at the library.

An adult who can help must accompany young crafters.

Samples of current monthly project are displayed in Children's Room at BPL.

YOUTH SERVICES

Pre-School Story Time with Miss Désirée

Fridays at 10:30 am

@ **Benzonia Public Library**
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Join us to enjoy exciting stories followed by a fun craft.

*A time to socialize, make new friends,
and hear great stories.*

Info: www.benzonialibrary.org or 231-882-4111.

Another story, please.

NOTE: SORRY, NO STORYTIME ON JAN 3rd



Marvelous Art with Mrs. McLaren

@ **Benzonia Public Library**
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Artist Connie McLaren, a local favorite, teaches these FUN classes for KIDS.

FREE! All supplies included, sponsored by Friends of BPL.

Info: www.benzonialibrary.org or 231-882-4111.

GRADES 1-3

4:00-5:30 pm
Monday, Jan. 13
Monday, Feb. 10



Jan. 13



Feb. 10

GRADES 4-6

4:00-5:30 pm
Monday, Jan. 27
Monday, Feb. 24



Jan. 27



Feb. 24

Aquatic theme to celebrate the Benzie County Water Festival in February

Looking Forward...

Watch for information coming soon.

- ◆ Kids Fun Day: March
- ◆ What The Eyes Don't See: April 19
- ◆ Money Smart Kids: April
- ◆ National Library Week, April

- ◆ Summer Reading Program: June/July
- ◆ Even more activities are in the works

dates
to Remember

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Board of Trustees

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Paula Lake, VP
Helen Dewey, Treasurer

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Audrey Pittinos, Trustee
Judy Caris, Trustee

Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the library.
NOTE: Jan. meeting is Thursday, Jan. 9th at 4:30 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

Finn McLaren: True spirit of volunteering

Finn has always lived in Benzie County and has loved every second of it. He is a senior at Benzie Central High School and has been involved in the Boy Scouts of America, the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, plays, musicals, and many community service projects. He plans to go to Michigan Technological University and major in Ecology and Environmental Science. From there he plans to travel a bit and then come back to Michigan and get a job as a biological field researcher.

Finn has been a member of the Friends of the Benzonia Public Library for 5 years. During that time Finn has been an active volunteer at the library in various roles including: Founder of the Guild of Makers, puppeteering Boomer the Rat in puppet shows, assisting with Pete the Cat visits at many events, Lego master, craft helper, child wrangler, and student intern in the Remembering Benzie Oral History Project.

Finn's biggest library project to date was his selection for his Eagle Scout Project. Finn decided to build and place 2 Little Free Libraries in the community, collaborating with the Friends to ensure that the libraries stay well stocked. The Little Free Libraries can be found at the Benzonia Dog Park and at Honor Building Supply.



Finn has been a wonderful Friend to BPL. Giving generously of his time and talents, he is always happy to help with whatever needs doing.

Congratulations to Finn on completing his Eagle Scout project.

We wish him well in his adventures at Michigan Technological University.

**RB DIGITAL:
Audiobooks**



**Transparent
Language**



The Mid-Michigan Library League (BPL is a proud member!) is providing free access to RBDigital's collection of over 33,000 downloadable audiobooks plus a language learning resource called Transparent Language Online.

To access these collections, visit www.benzonialibrary.org

Detailed instructions are on our RBDigital page. With your library card, you may sign up for an account to access these resources at any time via a computer or mobile device.

**Up North Digital Collection-
powered by
OverDrive.**



Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and videos on your personal device 24-7.

Visit benzonialibrary.org and click on the OverDrive image.

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