



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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Letter from Amanda McLaren, BPL Director

Hello friends!

Great news, we are taking the next step in our phased reopening plan! Beginning July 6th we will open a Computer Lab on the lower level (see page 3 for more information) and in person visits to the Library will begin by appointment only (see page 2 for more information). Curbside services will continue. All these services will be available Mondays 11am-2pm, Wednesdays 4pm-7pm and Fridays 11am-2pm.

The library is taking a slow and steady approach due to challenges we face in the layout of our building. It is very difficult to social distance within the library due to small rooms and several bottleneck areas. The safety of our staff and community continues to be our top priority.

Computer Services: There is a great need in the community for computer services.

Whether applying for work or unemployment benefits, filing taxes, or printing items, we are implementing a solution to meet those needs. Thanks to a partnership with the Mills Community House, we will provide computer access in a safe, socially distanced space on the lower level.

BPL by Appointment: During appointment-only visits, you will have an opportunity to browse for materials within the library. Staff will frequently clean high touch surfaces and will follow all suggested guidelines to keep you safe. Also, we will continue to quarantine all returned materials for 72 hours and will clean each item as it is returned.

Curbside Pick Up: Many patrons enjoy curbside service and this program will continue. Please see page 4 for more information regarding Curbside Pick Up.

Summer Reading Program: SRP is in full swing! Please see page 6 for more information regarding registration, reading challenges, and virtual programs. Be sure to check our website for the puppet show videos! Summer Reading Bag Pick Up is available curbside. Just give us a call when you arrive and we will run your bag out to you!

I would like to close with a huge THANK YOU to our amazing patrons! We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work all of this out. We are grateful that many are taking advantage of curbside and thankful for the encouraging words we hear from you! If you have any questions, comments or concerns, I encourage you to contact me at benzonialibrary@gmail.com.

Amanda McLaren, Director
Benzonia Public Library



Join Our Mailing List for Updates & Information About BPL

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!



Stay Up To Date! Notices about what's happening at BPL will be sent via our Mailing List & Facebook. Information also at www.benzonialibrary.org.

This is where you'll hear the latest about what's happening at BPL and when. Digital newsletters will be sent monthly with updates as we have the details.

Let all your friends know they can sign-up too!

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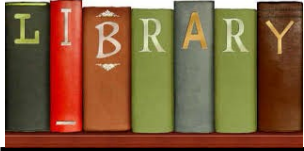
BPL by Appointment

Beginning July 6, 2020

Benzonia Public Library

891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



Visit is limited to selecting books, audiobooks, and DVDs.

(No other services available in the library at this time).

Call 231-882-4111 or email benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com to schedule a 20 minute appointment.

Available times are limited to:

Monday, 11-2

Wednesday, 4-7

Friday, 11-2

Important information about using BPL by Appointment:

- Appointments will be limited to 20 minutes.
- Visit is limited to selecting books, audiobooks, and DVDs.
- Only members of same household may enter during the visit.
- Only one household group in the library at a time.
- All patrons will be required to wear a face-covering during their visit*.
- Patrons must maintain 6 feet of distance from staff.
- No other services available in the library at this time.
- No seating or work/reading space available.
- Toys & games will not be available in the children's area.
- Elevator by appointment only for those unable to use the front steps.
- Anyone feeling sick or experiencing any [COVID-19 related symptoms](#), should not enter the building.
- Building will be routinely cleaned by staff.



**Children under the age of 2 are not required to wear a mask.
Alternative arrangements will be made for patrons
unable to wear a mask due to medical reasons.*

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Computer Center @ BPL

Beginning July 6, 2020

Mills Community House-Lower Level

891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



Making computers available for essential business needs.

Some examples include:

- Filing for unemployment
- Completing job applications
- Filing taxes
- Taking care of online transactions

Printing from our computers will be available. Items will be sent to a staff workstation where you will pick-up & pay for them. Cost is \$0.25 per page.

Services not available:

- No Fax service
- No computer assistance

Call 231-882-0591 to schedule an appointment.

Hours of operation are:

Monday, 11-2

Wednesday, 4-7

Friday, 11-2

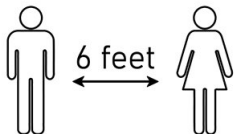
IMPORTANT INFORMATION to use the Computer Center:

Pre-scheduled appointment

Face mask worn correctly

Maintain 6' social distancing

Elevator available by appointment for those who are unable to use front steps to lower level.



PRINTING & COPIES:

Call ahead if you need copies made.

Staff will make your copies, no self service at this time.

Cost is \$0.25 per page (cash or check only).



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231-882-4111

www.benzonialibrary.org



Mills Community House

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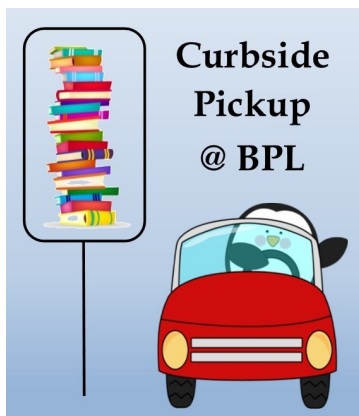
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Curbside @ BPL



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- **Curbside pick-up days/times are:**
 - **11 am-2 pm, Monday and Friday and 4-7 pm, Wednesday**
- Current library cards will work with this service.
- Maximum reserves per library card are: 10 print items and 5 DVDs
- This service is for picking up items only. No other transactions will be handled curbside.
- All returned items should be placed in the outdoor drop box.
- Email benzonia.library@gmail.com with questions regarding your account.
- Visit www.benzonialibrary.org/Curbside for additional information.

Providing safe & efficient curbside service to your vehicle.

Three easy ways to request items for Curbside Pick-up

Visit the [Benzonia Public Library YouTube Channel](#) for a fun Curbside Services video

ONLINE CATALOG REQUEST:

Visit www.benzonialibrary.org Select the Library Catalog icon and login using your library card number. Click the "help" icon in the top left corner for instructions and tips on browsing and placing reserves.



EMAIL REQUEST:

Email benzonia.libraryconnect@gmail.com to request items. Include title and author name. Please indicate if you are requesting a DVD or Audio. Be sure to include your name and phone number in your email.

PHONE REQUEST:

Call 231-882-4111 and either speak with a staff member or leave a message. Be sure to leave your full name and phone number.

Once your request is received, a staff member will contact you to give instructions and schedule your pick-up date/time.

Not sure what you want to read but know you just need something?

Complete our 5for5 Form at www.benzonialibrary.org/Curbside and we'll get a stack of books chosen just for you! Simply tell us 5 books you enjoyed reading and we will find 5 more similar ones.

New Account: Online Sign-up at BPL

Don't have an account at Benzonia Public Library?

No problem, you can now apply online for a card that allows borrowing privileges at the library. You'll have access to BPL materials. Benzie County residents and landowners will also have access to e-books and other electronic resources as soon as the account is activated.

Visit www.benzonialibrary.org, select Library Catalog, select Sign-Up on the far right of the page. Fill out the online application and upload a copy of your driver's license.¹

ONLINE SIGN UP

www.benzonialibrary.org

Recently applied for a Digital Card? You can upgrade to full services by emailing a copy of your driver's license to benzonia.libraryconnect@gmail.com. We'll let you know as soon as your account is updated, your account number will stay the same.

¹ If your driver's license doesn't show your local address, we can discuss other options for proving Benzie County residence or property ownership. Email benzoniaplconnect@gmail.com with questions.

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

YA

Aurora Burning, Amie Kaufman
Burn, Patrick Ness
Seasons Of The Storm, Elle Cosimano
The State Of Us, Shaun David Hutchinson

ADULT—FIC

28 Summers, Elin Hilderbrand
The Bitter And Sweet Of Cherry Season, Molly Fader
The Choice, Gillian McAllister
The Distant Dead, Heather Young
Guests Of August, Gloria Goldreich
The Half Sister, Sandie Jones
Where The Lost Wander, Amy Harmon

ADULT—NON-FIC

The Inner Coast Essays, Donovan Hohn

AUDIO

To Wake The Giant, Jeff Shaara

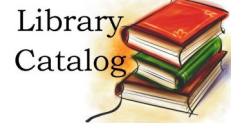
DVD

Just Mercy
The Way Back

DVD SERIES

Schitt's Creek, Seasons 1, 2 & 3

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



Youth: What's New For You!

JUVENILE

Braver: A Wombat's Tale, Suzanne Selfors
Every Missing Piece, Melanie Conklin
A Game Of Fox & Squirrels, Jean Reese

The Lost Fairy Tales, Anna James
The Map Of Stars, Laura Ruby
The Next Great Jane, K.L. Going
One Last Shot, John David Anderson

EARLY READER SERIES

Ada Twist And The Perilous Plants, Andrea Beaty
Iggly Peck And The Mysterious Mansion, Andrea Beaty
Rosie Revere And The Raucous Riveters, Andrea Beaty

PICTURE BOOKS

All Along The River, Magnus Weightman
Brick By Brick, Heidi Woodward Sheffield
Drawn Together, Minh Lê
I Am Enough, Grace Byers
The Raindrop Has A Billion Stories To Tell, Linda Ragsdale
Sandcastle, Einat Tsarfati
Sloth Went, Adam Lehrhaupt
Why Do We Cry?, Fran Pintadera

DVD

Onward

PoWeR Book Bags Now at BPL

Play, Write, and Read

Thanks to a collaborative effort by the Advocates for Benzie County's Education Task Force along with the four public libraries of the county, PoWeR Book Bags are going out this summer to Benzie County children from pre-school on up. PoWeR stands for Play, Write, and Read with each bag containing books, writing materials, and a finger puppet to encourage play.



If your child(ren) would like to receive a bag and up to SIX free books for their home library, simply visit www.benzonialibrary.org/power-book-bags to sign up, or call 231-882-4111 for more information.

You and your child decide the reading level you are most comfortable with, regardless of age. Bags containing picture books and early readers will have six pre-selected books. Elementary and up kids will have the opportunity to select their own books by visiting www.benzonialibrary.org/power-book-bags. Books and bags are handed out on a first come, first serve basis, so select your books TODAY! After signing up to receive a bag, you will be contacted to schedule pick up.

PoWeR Book Bags is a non-profit started in Suttons Bay in 2016, with a two-fold mission: to increase children's language and literacy experiences AND to grow the number of books in their personal collections. The focus is on giving literacy materials to underserved children in Northern Michigan. To learn more about PoWeR Book Bags, please visit their website at www.powerbookbags.org

BPL YOUTH



Summer Reading 2020

Imagine your Story @ BPL

Registration Now Open

Deadline for prize drawings is August 15!

Must be registered at BPL to win a prize.

REGISTER at www.benzonialibrary.org or call 231-882-4111 and leave a message. We'll call you back to take your registration.

So much fun! Two activities; both offer chances to win prizes.

Summer Reading Challenge:

The Summer Reading Challenge begins June 1st and runs through August 15th.

Complete a Summer Reading Challenge Log for a chance to win a Grand Prize!

There are two (2) choices of logs: ages 4-7 and ages 8-18. These age ranges are just suggestions, feel free to pick the one you think you'll enjoy the most.

All forms are available on our website at www.benzonialibrary.org

Ten Grand Prize winners will each receive a \$50 Gift Certificate to a local business!

Ultimate Summer Read:

The Ultimate Summer Read begins June 1st and runs through August 15th.

An opportunity for kids ages 8-18 to win a prize and ultimate bragging rights!

Track all your minutes spent reading throughout the summer. You can use your own log or the one available at www.benzonialibrary.org.

Just be sure to keep track of your minutes.

Our top 3 readers will each receive a \$50 gift certificate, bragging rights, and the opportunity to be featured in our newsletter!

Deadline for Grand Prize Drawing is August 15, 2020.

Must be registered at BPL to win a prize. You can drop form(s) in BPL drop box, email to benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com or upload to www.benzonialibrary.org

Help Dr. Fizz and Boomer discover the magic of the library and share their adventures as they journey through the world of fantasy.

Online broadcasts at 3 pm on dates listed, the links for Facebook and YouTube programs will be available at www.benzonialibrary.org

July 9 - **VILLAINS? Oh My!** Many of our favorite stories wouldn't be interesting without trouble from villains. Join the BPL puppets for a good time about bad guys!

July 16 - **Bring Fizz and Boomer Back Home!** It's time to help bring Dr. Fizz and Boomer back to the library. Help focus our imaginations and get those puppets home. Then, we can share their stories about our summer adventures.

July 23 - **BPL Storybook Celebration** Dress as your favorite character as we celebrate books and imaginations. Join us for an online Creating Stories with Puppets workshop to help make your own storytelling more exciting!

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Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees meeting will be at 4 pm, July 15th on the upper level of the Mills Community House, 891 Michigan Ave. Benzonia. Meetings are open to the public.

Five New eResources Available Free at Benzonia Public Library

www.benzonialibrary.org



TumbleBooks

Includes eBooks, animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, Graphic Novels, and more. Teach children the joy of reading. Grades K-6.



TumbleMath

Math picture books, lesson plans, and quizzes. These math stories combine animation, narration, and sound to create enticing stories for all ages.



TeenBookCloud

Includes student-favorite Graphic Novels, enhanced e-books with full audio narration and highlighted text, classic literature, and more. Grades 7-12.



AudioBookCloud

Streaming access to online audiobook collection featuring over 1200 titles, including dozens of genres and interest levels. For adults and children.



RomanceBookCloud

Romance novels including contemporary, historical, time travel, paranormal and inspirational. Over 1800 titles, including award winners and best sellers.

There are no wait lists or due dates on these collections.

Tumblebooks has allowed libraries free access to five e-Resources (until August 31, 2020). These have now been added to our Apollo Catalog.

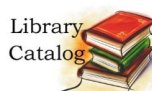
Check out these great resources available at www.benzonialibrary.org.

Just click on the Library Catalog icon and scroll down to make your selection.



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Five New eResources Available Free at Benzonia Public Library



FREE WI-FI 24/7

The library provides wireless connectivity 24/7. Even when the library is closed, you are welcome to use your laptop or device to connect to our WI-FI from the porch or parking lot.

There are no time limits for wireless users and no password.

Wireless users do not have access to library printers.

NOTE: US-31 entrance closed for construction. Enter at Walker Street entrance.

**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 37,000 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.

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