



# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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## STEM KITS NOW AVAILABLE

- ◆ Kits can be checked out for one (1) week with a one (1) week renewal possible.
- ◆ To view kit information and availability visit [www.benzonialibrary.org/stem-kits](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/stem-kits) and click on the Library Catalog icon. Type stem kit in the search box to see the list of kits.
- ◆ Click on the title you are interested in to see more information about the kit.
- ◆ **NOTE:** To place a reserve you must log into your BPL account. In the upper right corner enter your library card number and your password then click on Log in.
- ◆ To reserve items, you will need to click the title and then click Reserve this item
- ◆ **HINT:** Green highlighted items are available now, Red highlighted items are checked out.
- ◆ You will be called to schedule Curbside Pick up when your reserved items are available.



**Kits ready for check out**

**IMPORTANT:** Kits must be returned via Curbside. DO NOT place in or on top of the drop box. During Curbside hours you may bring them to the front door or call when you arrive & we will come out to get them.

Contact us at [benzoniaibrayconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzoniaibrayconnect@gmail.com) or 231-882-4111 with questions.

Thanks to a collaborative effort between the Traverse Area District Library and Newton's Road, STEM kits are NOW AVAILABLE at Benzonia Public Library! The two organizations obtained a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services which will put STEM kits in all of the libraries in our region!

The STEM kits vary from hands-on tactile learning, to coding, to a digital microscope, and lots of fun stuff in between. These will be a great resource for homeschool, in person, or virtual students! Kits will be available for a one week checkout with renewal allowed.

**Many thanks to Traverse Area District Library and Newton's Road.**



This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AT BPL

*Remember to stock up on LOTS of reading materials.*

### Christmas:

Closed Thursday & Friday,  
Dec. 24th & 25th.

### New Year's Eve:

Closed Thursday & Friday,  
Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st.

**Wishing you a Safe and Joyful Holiday Season**



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## ANNOUNCEMENT: CHANGES TO SERVICES & HOURS

**BPL has temporarily suspended visits for both in-library & computer center use.**

These services will remain closed through at least the end of the year. Status will be reviewed after the holidays.

**The GOOD NEWS is that CURBSIDE SERVICES WILL CONTINUE 5 days a week.**  
See schedule at right.

### **CURBSIDE SERVICES**

231-882-4111

Monday, 11-2  
Tuesday, 2-5  
Wednesday, 4-7  
Thursday, 2-5  
Friday, 11-2

### **DIGITAL SERVICES**

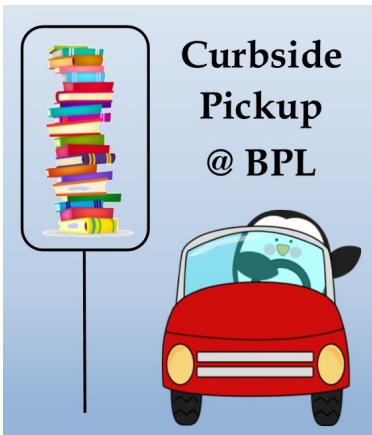
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via OverDrive  
Up North  
Digital Collection

**FREE  
Wi-Fi  
24/7**



## Curbside Service @ BPL



Curbside  
Pickup  
@ BPL

**Curbside  
pick-up days  
& times:**

**Monday 11-2  
Tuesday 2-5  
Wednesday 4-7  
Thursday 2-5  
Friday 11-2**

- 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 (EXCEPT STEM Kits) should be placed in the outdoor drop box.
- Email [benzonialibrary@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibrary@gmail.com) with questions regarding your account.
- Visit [www.benzonialibrary.org/Curbside](http://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

#### ONLINE CATALOG REQUEST:

Visit [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://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 [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@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.**

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## REMEMBERING BENZIE:

### An Oral History Project

### December 2020 Update



Year Two of the Remembering Benzie project is under way and it is going to be a GREAT year! We have hired three talented and energetic individuals as our student interns. This year's team includes Benzie Central High School students Olivia Bailey, Leola Richard, and Liam Jones. They will work under the guidance of Benzie Central High School teacher Ferdinand de Guia and library director Amanda McLaren. Congratulations to the Leola, Olivia, and Liam, welcome to the team!

The student interns have already been hard at work! They have attended their first training workshop led by our professional trainers from the University of Michigan School of Information and Michigan State University. They are learning how to use their video equipment and skills for interviewing. Each intern was issued a MacBook, a Canon DSLR camera, a tripod, and other video equipment for this year-long project. The interns are practicing with their new equipment, becoming familiar with the features, and learning how to properly setup the audio.

The students are also in the process of starting the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Each intern will be interviewing two local veterans and videotaping their stories. These interviews will then be sent to the Library of Congress for their national archives where anyone can watch them. These interviews will also be included on the Remembering Benzie YouTube page.

This year will look a little different for the students (and all of us!) with some slight adjustments to the program. Check ins with student interns will now be virtual and all safety precautions are being taken during any in-person interviews.

We are excited to be moving forward with Year Two of the Remembering Benzie project and we cannot wait to see the year unfold!

We thank you all for your continued support and excitement for this wonderful program! Please subscribe to our Remembering Benzie YouTube page to watch past interviews recorded by our interns last year and click on notification settings to be notified as new videos are posted.



Olivia Bailey



Leola Richard



Liam Jones

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To be notified of new videos posted, please subscribe to the [Remembering Benzie YouTube page](#) and set up your account for notifications.

Stay tuned for updates in future newsletters and at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org)

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

### YA

*Dear Evan Hansen*, Val Emmich  
*Disclose*, Joelle Charbonneau  
*Instant Karma*, Marissa Meyer  
*The Ravens*, Kass Morgan  
*Ready Player Two*, Ernest Cline

### YA—NON-FIC

*Freedom Summer For Young People: The Savage Season Of 1964 That Made Mississippi Burn And Made America A Democracy*, Bruce Watson

### ADULT—FIC

*Dear Child*, Romy Hausmann  
*The Forgotten Daughter*, Joanna Goodman  
*Fortune And Glory*, Janet Evanovich  
*Hidden In Plain Sight*, Jeffrey Archer  
*How To Raise An Elephant*, Alexander McCall Smith  
*Jack*, Marilynne Robinson  
*Moonflower Murders*, Anthony Horowitz  
*Never Turn Back*, Christopher Swann  
*The Orphan Collector*, Ellen Marie Wiseman  
*The Right Kind Of Fool*, Sarah Thomas Loudin  
*The Sun Collective*, Charles Baxter  
*V2: A Novel Of World War II*, Robert Harris

### ADULT—NON-FIC

*Once A Warrior: How One Veteran Found A New Mission Closer To Home*, Jake Wood  
*Oak Flat: A Fight For Sacred Land In The American West*, Lauren Redniss  
*Overstated: A Coast-To-Coast Roast Of The 50 States*, Colin Quinn  
*A Promised Land*, Barack Obama

### AUDIO

*The Forgotten Daughter*, Joanna Goodman  
*A Time For Mercy*, John Grisham  
*You Betrayed Me*, Lisa Jackson  
*V2: A Novel Of World War II*, Robert Harris

### DVD SERIES

*The Crown, Season 3*  
*Westworld, Season 3*  
*Yellowstone, Seasons 1 & 2*

Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items in our Library Catalog at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org)

Library Catalog



With our newsletters being published more frequently, the New Items list may seem shorter. **Don't worry, we are still adding LOTS of new items plus you get to see the details sooner!**

## Youth: What's New For You!

### JUVENILE

*Hollowpox: The Hunt For Morrigan Crow*, Jessica Townsend  
*The Mystwick School Of Musicraft*, Jessica Khoury



### PICTURE BOOKS

*5 More Sleeps 'Till Christmas*. Jimmy Fallon  
*The Great Big book Of Families*, Mary Hoffman  
*The Family Book*, Todd Parr  
*Heather Has Two Mommies*, Leslea Newman  
*Over The River And Through The Wood*, Linda Ashman  
*The Paper Boat*, Thao Lam  
*RoboBaby*, David Wiesner  
*Stella Brings The Family: A Tale Of Two Dads On Mother's Day*, Miriam B. Schiffer  
*This Old Dog*, Martha Brockenbrough  
*We Belong Together: A Book About Adoption And Families*, Todd Parr

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## Online Pre-School Story Time with Miss Désirée

Videos drop Fridays at 10:30 am

[www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-with-miss-desiree](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-with-miss-desiree)



Another story, please!

### Story, Craft, and Activity Videos!

- Weekly Video:** Enjoy an exciting story
- Monthly Video:** Participate in fun songs & activities
- Dec 4th Video:** Explains our special December project
- Fun craft kits:** A limited number of fun craft kits will be available for curbside pick-up the beginning Dec. 4th while supplies last. Kits include stickers plus a letter to Santa you can fill out & return to BPL in our Book Drop Box. We have a special Santa Mailbox to put them in so they arrive safely at the North Pole.

**Programs:** Previous programs will be available on the [Benzonia Public Library YouTube Channel](#)



December craft kit & North Pole mailbox.

Kits are first come, 1st serve, but you can write your own letter to Santa at home with what you have. Just drop it in the drop box and we will make sure to get it to Santa!

## LEGO-rama Winners

We are so excited to announce the winners of our LEGO-rama Building Competition!

We had 21 builds and a total of 106 votes!

Prizes go to the top 2 vote getters in the ages 5-8 and 9-12 categories and to the top vote getter in the 18+ category.

Here are your selected winners!

**Age 5-8: Maverick S. & Evelyn K.**

**Ages 9-12: Finnigan R. & Brady G.**

**Ages 18+: Jimmy M.**

Congratulations to our winners and to ALL of our participants! We hope you enjoyed this challenge as much as we did!



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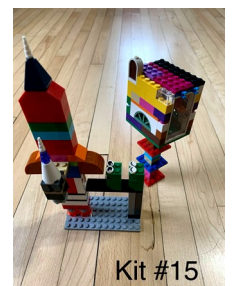
Evelyn K, Age 5-8



Brady G., Age 9-12



Maverick S., Age 5-8



Finnigan R., Age 9-12



Jimmy M.  
Age 18+

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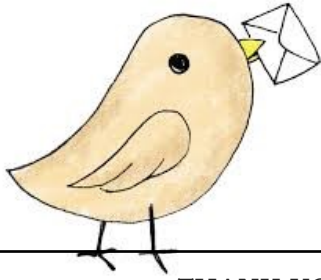
## Board of Trustees

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Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees are usually held at 4 pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the library building. Meetings are open to the public.

If meetings are shifted to online, information will be posted at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org)



## Annual Letter of Appeal

2020 fundraising campaign has been launched.

Any and all contributions are  
Greatly Appreciated!!!

*Working to ensure adequate funds for the Benzonia Public Library through advocacy, fund raising, and promotion.*

THANK YOU to all the wonderful supporters who donate time, talent, and funds to help the Friends of BPL make a difference at the Benzonia Public Library.

The Letter of Appeal is available at BPL or visit [www.benzonialibrary.org/annual-appeal-friends-of-bpl](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/annual-appeal-friends-of-bpl)

Please take a few minutes to read how the Friends, with the help of generous supporters, provide many of the little and not so little extras that make BPL a vibrant part of our community.

## Up North Digital Collection- powered by OverDrive.



Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and videos on your personal device 24-7. Visit [benzonialibrary.org](http://benzonialibrary.org) and click on the OverDrive image.

**Funded by Friends of BPL.**

## New Account: Sign-up Online at BPL Don't have an account at BPL?

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 [benzonia.biblionix.com/catalog](http://benzonia.biblionix.com/catalog) & select SIGN UP on the far the far right of the page. Fill out the online application and upload a copy of your driver's license. Read more about new account requirements & policies at [www.benzonialibrary.org/services](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/services).

## Transparent Language Online



The Mid-Michigan Library League (BPL is a proud member!) is providing free access to this wonderful language learning resource. Visit [benzonialibrary.org](http://benzonialibrary.org) and click on the OverDrive image.

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