



# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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**June 2021**

## **Benzonia Public Library OPEN to the Public** Beginning Tuesday, June 1st, 2021

Some Limits &  
Requirements

- ◆ 20 Minute Visits
- ◆ Masks Info. page 2
- ◆ Limited Capacity
- ◆ Curbside Continues

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### **NEW BPL HOURS**

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



### **Computer Help with Dustin on the BPL porch**

**Bring your Tech Troubles & Your Device to BPL  
& visit Dustin on the front porch.**

**Mondays** (as listed) 11 am-1 pm

**June 7, 14 & 28**

**July 12, 19 & 26**

**Free**

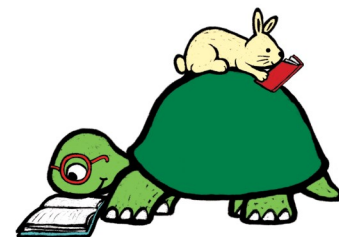


### **Summer Reading Registration Now Open**

Register, Read, Win Prizes!

*The more you read, the more opportunities to win!*

**Details on page 4**



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at Benzonia Academy Park next to the library

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## BPL OPEN to the Public (continued from page 1)

### Library Services During COVID

**BPL is now open with some limits and requirements in place to meet MDHHS restrictions and keep staff and the public safe.**

- In library visits may include:
  - Browsing/borrowing materials
  - Using library computers
  - Corner Book Shoppe purchases.
- Visits are limited to 20 minutes.
- Masks are required for entry unless you are fully vaccinated or under age 2. If this does not meet your needs, please contact us for other options.
- Capacity limit is 20 people (including staff) in the building at one time.
- Curbside pickup will continue.
- Free WiFi Access is accessible 24/7 from the parking lot, porch, and grounds.
- Toys, seating, and meeting space are NOT available at this time.
- Current requirements subject to change as guidelines change.



Free WiFi  
24/7

Visit [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org) for updates, email [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com) or call 231-882-4111.



## REMEMBERING BENZIE:

An Oral History Project

May 2021 Update

Currently our Remembering Benzie student interns are wrapping up their FINAL PROJECT!

The Final Project highlights skills learned throughout the year. The edited piece, approximately 15 minutes long, will include excerpts from interviews, photos, B roll (secondary footage spliced in), and in some cases, a narrative from the student. The student interns can be creative, making this Final Project a reflection of their individual work and personal experience with the Remembering Benzie Project.

Final Projects will be uploaded to the Remembering Benzie YouTube channel in June.

Students have shown impressive determination, perseverance and incredible work! It has not been an easy year, with many uncertainties and changes, but the students took all this in stride without difficulty. We are very proud to showcase their talents!

Please continue to check in for information regarding an in-person event with the student interns, including last year's talented students! And as always, thank you for your support of this amazing program!

Please subscribe to our [Remembering Benzie YouTube page](#) to watch interviews from both years of the project. Click on notification settings to be notified as new videos are posted. Stay tuned for updates in future newsletters and at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org)



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## Jamie Pittinos to host two new series this July-August

Virtual programs will be on the official BPL YouTube Channel  
**Stay tuned for dates to be announced mid June**

### Tech Tutorials with Jamie

Technology tutorials and fun challenges for inquiring minds 12 and up. Jamie's weekly videos will explore using the library's new, high-quality MacBooks and camera equipment. By watching the videos and participating in challenges, you'll learn how to:

- Check-out and use the new MacBooks and other equipment
- Film, edit, and share high-quality, homemade videos
- Manage the ins-and-outs of content creating
- Be a pro at using Apple software and Canon cameras

The classes are perfect for all levels and starting points! Anyone who wants to create is welcome to join the videography challenges which are designed for ages 12 and up. **Equipment will be ready later this summer and may be checked out anytime year round at BPL!** Those under 18 will need a parent to check out the equipment.

Contact [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com) or 231-882-4111 with questions about any of our new online programs!

Go to the Benzonian Public Library YouTube Channel or click [this link](#) and hit the "Subscribe" button to support us, show your interest, and have access to any videos we post! Everything on this channel is free and requires no sign-up.

### Cooking Classes with Jamie

Jamie's teaching cooking and baking classes at the library again - but this time online!

Starting on Tuesday, July 6th, Jamie will host fun, simple, educational cooking videos using under-rated pantry ingredients.

Tune in anytime on the BPL YouTube channel.

## Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) "Check Out Michigan"

Did you know that your library card can be your best travel companion? Discover hundreds of Michigan's cultural destinations and natural attractions with your Michigan library card!

You can "check out" FREE or discounted admission passes (or other exclusive offers) to hundreds of Michigan state parks, campgrounds, museums, trails, arts and cultural destinations.

**MAP passes for 13 Metroparks locations have also been added!**

Mobile passes now available. No need to come to the library for physical passes.

**For passes, brochures, and a step-by-step tutorial on how to check out a MAP Pass visit**

[www.plymouthrockets.com/michiganactivitypass/](http://www.plymouthrockets.com/michiganactivitypass/)



## MICHIGAN LEARNING CHANNEL FREE Live Interactive Online Classes

This initiative is via the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and GetSetup-Michigan to offer Michigan's older adults free, live interactive online classes. The classes focus on supporting the use of digital devices such as computers, smartphone, tablets as well as other services such as Zoom, social media, and more.

There are more than 150 online classes for older adults and a coupon code of MICHIGANHEALTH listed on the site to use to waive any fees associated with the classes. What a great way to help raise skills and knowledge around technology use as well as help create social connections. Some examples of what learners can take part in are below, but there are many more topics and classes available:

- Learn How to Use Zoom to Connect with Others
- Take Fitness Classes to Stay Healthy
- Join a Social Hour to Talk About Your Interests
- Getting to Know Your Device
- Stay Independent by Learning About Apps

**Get started by visiting the Michigan Learning Channel Now >**

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

### YA

*Coming Up For Air*, Nicole B. Tyndall  
*The Great Godden*, Meg Rosoff  
*Mister Impossible*, Maggie Stiefvater  
*This Will Be Funny Someday*, Katie Henry  
*Winterkeep*, Kristin Cashore

### ADULT—FIC

*21st Birthday*, James Patterson  
*2034: A Novel Of The Next World War*, Elliot Ackerman  
*The Anatomy Of Desire*, L. R. Dorn  
*China*, Edward Rutherford  
*Dial A For Aunties*, Jesse Q. Sutanto  
*Family Reunion*, Nancy Thayer  
*Find You First*, Linwood Barclay  
*A Gambling Man*, David Baldacci  
*The Happiest Girl In The World*, Alena Dillon  
*Hour Of The Witch*, Chris Bohjalian  
*Just Last Night*, Mhairi McFarlane  
*Klara And The Sun*, Kazuo Ishiguro  
*The Last Thing He Told Me*, Laura Dave  
*Mary Jane*, Jessica Anya Blau  
*Mirrorland*, Carole Johnstone  
*The Music Of Bees*, Eileen Garvin  
*The Newcomer*, Mary Kay Andrews  
*Northern Spy*, Flynn Berry  
*The Plot*, Jean Hanff Korelitz  
*Project Hail Mary*, Andy Weir  
*Ridgerunner*, Gil Adamson  
*Robert B. Parker's Payback*, Mike Lupica  
*Something Unbelievable*, Maria Kuznetsova  
*Sooley*, John Grisham  
*Strongheart: The Lost Journals Of May Dod And Molly McGill*, Jim Fergus

*That Summer*, Jennifer Weiner  
*Too Good To Be True*, Carola Lovering  
*When The Stars Go Dark*, Paula McLain  
*Whereabouts*, Jhumpa Lahiri  
*While Justice Sleeps*, Stacey Abrams

### ADULT—NON-FIC

*Already Toast: Caregiving And Burnout In America*, Kate Washington  
*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, And The Teachings Of Plants*, Robin Wall Kimmerer  
*A Brief History Of Earth: Four-billion Years In Eight Chapters*, Andrew H. Knoll  
*Caste: The Origins Of Our Discontents*, Isabel Wilkerson  
*Facing The Mountain: A True Story Of Japanese American Heroes In World War II*, Daniel James Brown

### ADULT—LARGE PRINT

*Death With A Double Edge*, Anne Perry  
*The Good Sister*, Sally Hepworth  
*Ocean Prey*, John Sandford  
*Turn A Blind Eye*, Jeffrey Archer

### DVD

*Gemini Man*  
*Hemingway*



## Youth: What's New For You!

### JUVENILE

*Billy Miller Makes A Wish*, Kevin Henkes  
*Merci Suarez Can't Dance*, Meg Medina  
*The Messengers*, Margaret Petersen Haddix  
*Ways To Grow Love*, Renaee Watson  
*Willa Of Dark Hollow*, Robert Beatty

### GRAPHIC NOVELS:

*My Weird School: Mr. Corbet Is In Orbit*, Dan Gutman

### PICTURE BOOKS

*Bigger Than A Dream*, Jef Aerts  
*Out Onto The Big Wide Lake*, Paul Harbridge  
*Sun Flower Lion*, Kevin Henkes  
*Ten Beautiful Things*, Molly Beth Griffin  
*Trying*, Kobi Yamada  
*Unicorns Are The Worst*, Alex Willan  
*We Believe In You*, Beth Ferry

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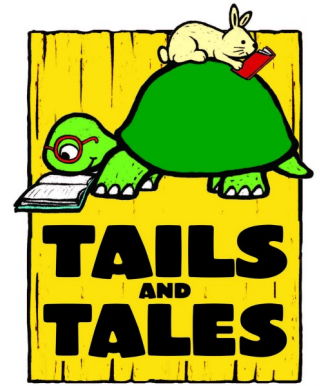


Remember to check out  
the wonderful selection  
of items in our  
Library Catalog at

[www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org)

# BPL YOUTH

## Summer Reading 2021 @ BPL



- Register:** Beginning June 1st at BPL or online  
[www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org). Registration form & bags can be picked up Curbside or in library.
- Read books:** Fill out reading logs, due by July 29
- Win Prizes:** Drawing will be July 31!

*The more you read, the more opportunities to win!*

### Virtual Thursdays at 3pm join the FUN!

Join Dr. Fizz and Boomer, along with other BPL Puppet Lab friends, during the Summer Reading Program, as they travel around our community looking for tales of tails. Every week they will seek out and interview our neighbors who have interesting connections to animals, and can share exciting or funny stories about their animal friends. Who knows where they'll end up and what kind of adventures they'll have!



Boomer and Dr. Fizz

Every week of the Summer Reading Program tune into Benzonia Public Library's website, Facebook page, or YouTube channel to see the BPL Puppet Lab's Tales of Tails.

You can be a part of the fun, too! With help from an adult, record a short video of your favorite animal friend or a fun story about an animal (don't forget to introduce yourself) and email it to [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com), with the subject: animal video. Your video might be included in the weekly broadcast with Dr. Fizz and Boomer!

### Virtual Thursdays at 3pm

- June 24
- July 1
- July 8
- July 15
- July 22
- July 29

### 3 BIG SATURDAYS OF FUN! At Benzonia Academy Park (next to the library)

Inclement weather could cause program to be rescheduled.

#### June 19, 11 am

#### *Creatures, Science, and Kites, Oh My!*

Learn about some fun tails with friends from COGNiTion! They will show off a few special critter tails and spin some silly tales! We'll learn some cool science together and create a special kite to take home.

#### July 10, 11 am

#### *Michigan Turtle Tails and Snake Tales*

Get ready for up-close encounters with live specimens of several native Michigan turtle and snake species provided by Jim McGrath of Williamston-based Nature Discovery. At the conclusion, audience members are invited to handle these surprisingly gentle creatures. Photo ops aplenty!

#### July 31, 11 Am

#### *Summer Reading Finale!*

Join Benzonia Public Library staff and surprise guests-including our favorite friend with a tail Pete the Cat! We will enjoy stories, activities and crafts! **We will also be announcing the winners of the Grand Prize Drawing!!**

### Deadline for Drawing is July 29th

*Twenty Prize winners will each receive a \$25 Gift Certificate to a local business!*  
Drop Reading Logs at BPL (drop box OK) or email [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com).

**Must be registered at BPL to win a prize.**

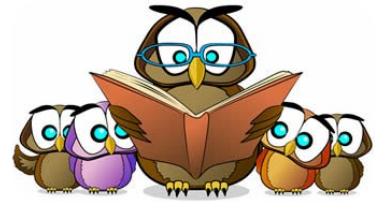
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## Online Pre-School Story Time with Miss Désirée

Videos drop Fridays at 10:30 am

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

Through June 11th, then off for Summer Break



*Another story, please!*

## Story and Activity Videos! Craft Ideas!



**Weekly Video:** Enjoy an exciting story

**Monthly Video:** Participate in fun songs & activities

**May/June Craft:** June 11th includes a Father's Day craft.

Craft samples & supplies will also be listed on our website

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

**Programs:**

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

Monthly Craft Kits for the May/June Pre-school Story Time with Miss Désirée are available through June 11th. Pick up curbside or in library.



## S.T.E.M. Kit Spotlight @ BPL

Each month we will feature a different S.T.E.M. kit from the amazing selection at Benzonia Public Library.

### K'NEX STRUCTUTES: BRIDGES, KIT #17

Did you know you can borrow a K'nex bridge building kit from BPL? The K'nex Education- STEM Building Solution Bridge Kit is a highly fun and educational building toy designed for builders 8 and up. This kit contains the interlocking pieces and instructions to construct 13 different Bridge models. Each bridge option has simple instructions and a small write-up explaining its design concepts and a photo of a real world example. Each K'nex piece has a distinctive shape and color, making it easy to build the models, especially once you've built a couple. Once you get the hang of it, your imagination can run wild and you can build unlimited things!

Young hands will have fun for hours, while being completely engaged with the principles of structural engineering and the foundational principles of physics. There is also a teacher's guide to download for educators or anyone who wants to dig deeper into the world of engineering.

Dr. Fizz and Boomer built bridges all day, and agreed the arch bridge was their favorite, mostly because it looked cool.



Boomer & Dr. Fizz with their favorite arch bridge.

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

- ◆ Kits can be checked out for one (1) week with one (1) week renewal possible.
- ◆ You can 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.



The STEM kits vary from hands-on tactile learning, to coding, to a digital microscope & lots of fun stuff in between. A great resource for homeschool, in person, or virtual students!  
Many thanks to Traverse Area District Library & Newton's Road for these kits.



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Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees meetings (June-August) will be held 2 pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the library building. Meetings are open to the public.

## Corner Book Shoppe @ BPL



Offering for sale a large selection of excellent quality used books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles.

**Purchases may be made in BPL during regular library hours.**

Operated by the Friends of BPL.

## Up North Digital Collection- powered by OverDrive.



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**Receive BPL Newsletters & Activity Updates via email.**

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When you join our mailing list the Friends of BPL will send newsletters plus activity updates.



## 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 Transparent Language image.

## New Account: Sign-up Online or in person 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 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).



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