



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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HOLIDAY CRAFT KITS & VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Festive Fun at Benzonian Public Library!

Although we are not having the Holiday Party this year,
we still have all kinds of Holiday fun for you!

Stop in and write a letter to Santa!

December 1st through 23rd.

Place your letter in our North Pole Postbox for special delivery.
Materials and mailbox located in the Children's Room!



December Make and Take Ornaments Craft Kits!

Pick up a kit at the front desk.
Kits contain three fun crafts for
kids to do at home.

Holiday Hijinks with Dr. Fizz and Boomer!

Stories, shenanigans and cheer! Available on the

[Benzonia Public Library YouTube channel](#)

beginning Friday, December 17th at 10:30am.

Make sure to tune in!



BPL HOURS

Monday 10-6

Tuesday 10-6

Wednesday 10-6

Thursday 10-6

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-2

Sunday Closed

Curbside available

Monday-Friday, noon-4pm



BPL will be Closed:

Friday, Dec. 24

Saturday, Dec. 25

Friday, Dec. 31

Saturday, Jan. 1

Open regular hours the rest of the week.

Remember to stock up on books & DVDs for the holidays.

Happy Holidays!

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Holiday Book, Puzzle & Craft Shoppe

Benzonia Public Library

891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzonia, MI

Continues through Year End

During regular library hours

Monday-Friday 10-6 & Saturday 10-2

Excellent selection of quality books and jigsaw puzzles.

Unique crafts by the Repurposeful Librarians

A great way to purchase special gifts and ornaments.

Thank You in advance for your purchases.

Proceeds benefit BPL.



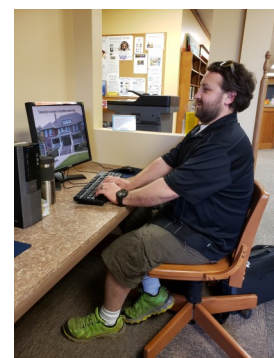
Computer Help with Dustin

Bring your Tech Troubles & Your Device to BPL & visit Dustin.

Anyone visiting Dustin inside BPL is required to wear a mask while with him.

1st come, 1st serve. These sessions are FREE!

**11 am-1 pm, Mondays
December 6, 13 & 20**



Book Give Away at BPL

BPL will give away 5 copies of *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley.

Drawing will be held & winners announced, Monday, December 6th

Enter by noon Dec. 6th at the BPL front desk

Need not be present to win.

Books were donated by National Writers Series-Traverse City to promote two December events with this popular author.

MASTERCLASS WITH ANGELINE BOULLEY

In-person event.

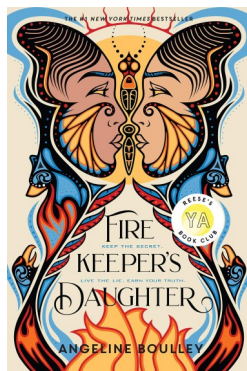
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 7-8 pm

Format: Traverse Area District Library, McGuire Room

Class Size: 15 **Grade Level:** High School

Front Street Writers welcomes bestselling YA author Angeline Boulley to Traverse City! Angeline will be putting on a special author masterclass for writing fiction. This class is open to high schoolers throughout northern Michigan.

Sign up for Angeline's free writing class: nationalwritersseries.org/author-masterclasses/masterclass-angeline-boulley



ANGELINE BOULLEY

Virtual & in-person options.

Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021, 7 pm

Cost: \$10.50 Adult, \$5.00 Students

Virtual tickets are available through the National Writers Series website. nationalwritersseries.org/product/angeline-boulley The website also has a link for In-person tickets purchased through the City Opera House.

The National Writers Series is closing their fall season in a big way, with an appearance from perhaps the breakout Michigan author of the decade: Angeline Boulley.

Her stunning debut novel, *Firekeeper's Daughter*—a book that took her a decade to write—was an instant bestseller when it was released in March of this year. NPR called the book “[An] absolute powerhouse of a debut” and *Booklist* calls it “an incredible thriller, not to be missed.” It’s also set to be adapted for Netflix by Higher Ground, the production company run by Barack and Michelle Obama.

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

YA

Aristotle And Dante Dive Into The Waters Of The World, Benjamin Alire Saenz
Aurora's End, Annie Kaufman
Bad Girls Never Say Die, Jennifer Mathieu
Cytonic, #3, Brandon Sanderson
Escape From Falaise, #5, John Flanagan
Gilded, Marissa Meyer
In The Wild Light, Jeff Zentner
Just Ash, Sol Santana
Roxy, Neal Shusterman

YA—GRAPHIC NOVELS

Graceling, Kristin Cashore
Himawari House, Harmony Becker
Long Way Down, Jason Reynolds

YA—NON-FIC

Chasing The Truth: A Young Journalist's Guide To Investigative Reporting, Jodi Kantor
Killers Of The Flower Moon: The Osage Murders And The Birth Of The FBI, David Grann

ADULT—FIC

The Attic On Queen Street, Karen White
The Dark Hours, Michael Connelly
Early Morning Riser, Katherine Heiny
The Family, Naomi Krupitsky
Fear No Evil, James Patterson
Five Decembers, James Kestrel
Five Strangers, E. V. Adamson
Game On: Tempting Twenty-Eight, Janet Evanovich
Go Tell The Bees That I Am One, Diana Gabaldon
In All Good Faith, Liza Nash Taylor
The Joy And Light Bus Company, Alexander McCall Smith
The Keeper Of Happy Endings, Barbara Davis
Mercy, David Baldacci
Mr. Cadmus, Peter Ackroyd
The Night Of Many Endings, Melissa Payne

The Secret Of Snow, Viola Shipman
The Sentence, Louise Erdrich
The Stranger In The Lifeboat, Mitch Albom
The Unheard, Nicci French
The Way We Weren't, Phoebe Fox
The Wolf And The Willow, Robert Downes

ADULT—NON-FIC

The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story, Nikole Hannah-Jones
The Age Of A.I.: And Our Human Future, Henry Kissinger
Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival & Hope In An American City, Andrea Elliott

ADULT—LARGE PRINT

The Ballad Of Laurel Springs, Janet Beard
Never, Ken Follett
The Matzah Ball, Jean Meltzer
We Are Not Like Them, Christine Pride

AUDIO

Cloud Cuckoo Land, Anthony Doerr
The Lincoln Highway, Amor Towles
No One Goes Alone, Erik Larson

DVD

Black Widow
Cruella
Free Guy
Old
The Men Who Built America
The Men Who Built America-Frontiersmen
Star Wars #9-The Rise Of Skywalker
Suicide Squad

DVD SERIES

The Crown, Season 4
Veep: The Final Season, #7



Youth: What's New For You!

JUVENILE

Ali Cross: Like Father, Like Son, #2, James Patterson
Ali Cross, #1, James Patterson
Night Owl, #8, Sarah Mlynowski
Out Of My Heart, Sharon M. Draper
A Secret Shared, Patricia MacLachlan

GRAPHIC NOVELS:

Unicorn Playlist, #14, Dana Simpson

NON-FICTION:

Robots, Jenny Fretland VanVoorst
The Story Of More: How We Got To Climate Change And Where To Go From Here, Hope Jahren

EARLY READER

Baby Monkey, Private Eye, Level #1, Brian Selznick
Bob Books-Reading Adventures, Level #1, Lynn Maslen Kertell

PICTURE BOOKS

Aaron Slater, Illustrator, Andrea Beaty
Amos McGee Misses The Bus, Philip Christian Stead
Gladys The Magic Chicken, Adam Rubin
Inside Cat, Brendan Wenzel
Our Table, Peter H. Reynolds
The Smart Cookie, Jory John

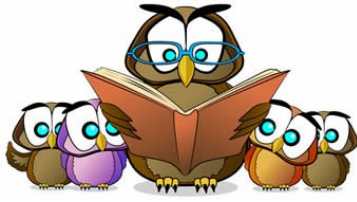
DVD

Luca
Paw Patrol: The Movie
Raya And The Last Dragon

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



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Preschool Story Time at BPL On break through the holidays

Due to concern for the rising number of COVID cases in and around our area, we have decided to take a break from Preschool Story Time through the holidays into the New Year.

The library will continue to operate at normal hours, so PLEASE stop in and check out books, family movies, and STEM kits - wonderful ways to stay occupied as the weather keeps us more indoors.

Make and Take Ornaments Craft Kits available for pick up at the front desk.

Want to be notified of changes and receive Story Time information?

Please sign up at benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl

Previous programs from September 2020 through June of 2021 were virtual.

These programs are still available to watch on the

[Benzonia Public Library You Tube Channel](#)



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

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

Lazer Maze

KIT #25, ages 8+

Did you know Benzonia Public Library has ThinkFun's most popular game: Lazer Maze? ThinkFun is the world's leading manufacturer of brain games and mind challenging puzzles. Lazer Maze tops them all, and is a winner of the Good Housekeeping Best Toys Award. It's a beam bending logic game that comes with 60 challenges of increasing difficulty, from beginner to expert. Lazer Maze makes a great game for kids who like hands-on puzzles and challenging activities. Lazer Maze is made with high quality components, and comes with a very clear and easy to understand instruction manual - you'll be able to play within minutes of opening the box. Like all of ThinkFun's games, Lazer Maze is built to develop critical thinking skills and ties into STEM subjects like science and engineering. Building and playing through the increasingly difficult challenges will sharpen your mind by improving logical reasoning, spatial reasoning and planning skills, all through fun gameplay.



Boomer & Dr. Fizz,
using logic & lasers
for lots of fun!

Boomer is fascinated by logic puzzles and Dr. Fizz thinks playing with lasers really ups his scientist street cred... They wanted to play all day!

Contact us at benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com or 231-882-4111 with questions.

- ◆ Kits can be checked out for one (1) week with one (1) week renewal possible.
- ◆ View kit information and availability at www.benzonia.library.org. Click the Library Catalog link then type STEM in the search box to see the kit titles. Click a title to see additional details.



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

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 are at 4 pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Meetings are currently being held on the lower level of the building. Meetings are open to the public.



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Providing the little and not so little extras for the Library!

Friends of BPL Board Members

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Meetings are held at 4:30 pm the 1st Thursday each month at the library. Everyone welcome.

NO December meeting. Next meeting is Thursday, January 6, 2022, 4:30 pm.

Corner Book Shoppe @ BPL



Offering for sale a large selection of excellent quality used books & jigsaw puzzles.

Purchases may be made in BPL during regular library hours.

Proceeds benefit BPL.

Donations of Books & Jigsaw Puzzles In Excellent Condition Appreciated

The Friends of BPL accept donations of jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) & books. **Must be in excellent condition.**

Donation criteria available at BPL &

benzoniaibrayconnect@gmail.com/donating-books-and-puzzles

Donations up to 2 bags may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours. DO NOT leave outside or in lobby.

Larger Donations Must Be Scheduled.

Call 231-383-3597 to schedule or with questions.



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Transparent Language Online



The Mid-Michigan Library League (BPL is a proud member!) is providing free access to this wonderful language learning resource. Visit benzoniaibrayconnect@gmail.com and click on the Transparent Language image.

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