



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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Roxane Miner was a guiding light for Benzonia Public Library

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news that beloved library board member Roxane Miner passed away in the early hours of January 30, 2022, peacefully and comfortably, at Munson Medical Center.

She will be greatly missed.

Roxane guided Benzonia Public Library for many years. She had served as library director, Friend of the library, and most recently as President of the Library Board of Trustees. We are so grateful for all those years of service Roxane dedicated to the library. We will work to honor this legacy by striving to implement her many goals and aspirations for Benzonia Public Library.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Read her obituary at www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/23975809/roxane-l-miner



Roxane Miner

Best of the Middle Ages

By Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Wednesday, April 6th

4:00-5:30 pm

Mills Community House-Upper Level

Home of Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia



Program combines the best from three of Maureen's popular "Middle Ages" lectures.

- ◆ **Castles, Cathedrals, and the Crusades**
- ◆ **Maiden's Jewelry and Knight's Armor**
- ◆ **Middle Ages Court Painter**



Friends of BPL

Annual Meeting

Via Zoom, Thursday

March 3, 4:30 pm

The Friends of Benzonia Public Library will hold their Annual Meeting via Zoom. The meeting is open to the public, but only paid members may vote during the annual meeting. The Annual meeting will be followed by a Board of Directors Meeting and then the regular monthly meeting for the Friends of BPL.

If you would like to attend via Zoom, please contact friendsbenzonialibrary@gmail.com by 11 am on Thursday, March 3rd so we can send you the link.

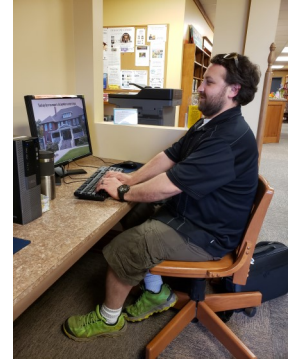
BPL HOURS: 10am-6pm Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm Saturday. Curbside available M-F, noon-4pm

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Computer Help with Dustin is on hiatus!

Congratulations to volunteer extraordinaire Dustin Wolpoff as he pursues a new job opportunity! We are so grateful for the many hours that Dustin has spent offering free computer help and guidance to the community.

Computer Help with Dustin will no longer continue on a regular basis, but it is Dustin's hope that he will still be able to offer some computer help to the library community in the future. Stay tuned, we will update you on opportunities as they arise!



HotSpots now available at BPL

BPL is excited to offer HotSpots that may be borrowed.

Checkout time is for 1 week.



To borrow a HotSpot you must

- be at least 18 years old
- have a valid BPL library card
- read and sign a BPL Library of Things Lending Guidelines and Agreement at the time of checkout.
- *Valid Government issued ID with picture and current address must be presented at checkout. The address on the ID and in the library records must match.*

BPL has received funding from the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) to purchase several HotSpots. **Any ECF supported equipment and services can only be provided to patrons who declare they do NOT have access to equipment or services sufficient to access the internet.**

ICE Skates Popular at BPL

Borrowing skates & enjoying the Academy Park ice rink was a fun pastime for many this winter.

Our 2nd ice skate lending season has been a huge success with 205 pairs of skates checked out during January & February.



It's been a pleasure seeing how excited people are about the program. Many are taking children or grand children skating for the 1st time.

The BPL skate lending program started in February 2021, is made possible thanks to a generous donation by Dr. Lisa Musgrave, DDS.



Academy Park ice rink in Benzonia.

Thank You to The Cottage Pros for donating the labor and equipment, & lights to make the skating rink possible.

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

YA

Ain't Burned All The Bright, Jason Reynolds
I Must Betray You, Ruta Sepetys
In Every Generation, Kendare Blake
Lawless Spaces, Corey Ann Haydu
The Nobleman's Guide To Scandal And Shipwrecks, Mackenzi Lee

ADULT—FIC

Abandoned In Death, J.D. Robb
The Appeal, Janice Hallett
Black Cake, Charmaine Wilkerson
The Bounty, Janet Evanovich
The Boy With A Bird In His Chest, Emme Lund
The Christie Affair, Nina de Gramont
Circus Of Wonders, Elizabeth Macneal
City Of The Dead, Jonathan Kellerman
Dark Horse, Gregg Hurwitz
Diablo Mesa, Douglas J. Preston
End Of Days, Brad Taylor
Greenwich Park, Katherine Faulkner
My Heart Went Walking, Sally Hanan
A Net For Small Fishes, Lucy Jago
Notes On An Execution, Danya Kukafka
Nothing To Lose, Emme Lund
The Paris Apartment, Lucy Foley
The Postmistress Of Paris, Meg White Clayton
Recitatif, Toni Morrison
The Secret Love Letters Of Olivia Moretti, Jennifer Probst
What The Fireflies Knew, Kai Harris
Wish You Were Gone, Kieran Scott

ADULT—NON-FIC

Satisfaction Guaranteed: How Zingerman's Build A Corner Deli Into A Global Food Community, Micheline Maynard
Tell Everyone On This Train I Love Them: Essays, Maeve Higgins

ADULT—LARGE PRINT

The Good Son, Jacquelyn Mitchard
Quicksilver, Dean Koontz

AUDIO

The Christie Affair
The Horsewoman, James Patterson
Reckless Girls, Rachel Hawkins

DVD

Ghostbusters: Afterlife
House Of Gucci
King Richard

DVD SERIES

The Righteous Gemstones, Season 1



Youth: What's New For You!

JUVENILE

Across The Desert, Dusti Bowling
Danger Down The Nile, #2, James Patterson
The Ice Cream Machine, Adam Rubin
It's A Zoo In Here, #14, James Patterson
Riley's Ghost, John David Anderson
Secret Of The Forbidden City, #3, James Patterson
Treasurer Hunters, #1, James Patterson

GRAPHIC NOVELS:

Gina And The Big Secret: Hilo #8, Judd Winick
Good-bye Stacey, Good-bye, #11, Gabriela Epstein

NON-FICTION:

Amazing Science: 83 Hands-on S.T.E.A.M. Experiments For Curious Kids!, Aubre Andrus
Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre, Carole Boston Weatherford

EARLY READER SERIES

The Princess In Black And The Mermaid Princess, #9, Shannon Hale

PICTURE BOOKS

There's A Lion In The Forest!, Monica Carnesi
The Year We Learned To Fly, Jacqueline Woodson

BOARD BOOKS

10 Little Excavators, Annie Bailey
All Through My Town, Jean Reidy

DVD

Clifford The Big Red Dog
Encanto

Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items at www.benzonialibrary.org



YOUTH

March is Reading Month



YOU CAN FIND MAGIC
wherever you look,
SIT BACK AND RELAX
ALL YOU NEED IS
A BOOK
-Dr. Seuss



The **MAGIC** starts at BPL!!! Visit our Children's Room for an amazing assortment of books.



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.

Ozbot Bit Starter Pack

KIT #20, ages 6+

Did you know that Benzonia Public Library has an Ozobot Bit Starter Pack you can check out? It is part of the STEM kit collection found in the children's room. Ozobot has quickly become one of the best tech toys of all time. Educators and techies rave about the tiny robots and how efficiently they teach many STEM principles. The Ozobot Bit Starter Pack is ready to start teaching coding and computing skills right out of the box. You can start your adventure into coding "screen-free" as you draw colorful commands and the ping-pong-ball-sized robot responds with lights and motion. Art meets tech with Bit, the bot you code with colors. Color Codes are short sequences, made with markers or stickers, that command Bit to speed up, spin, zig zag, and more! The Starter Pack comes with activity sheets, markers, and other accessories to get you started.

Once you learn what Ozobots can do, you can go to the Ozobot website and get more games, or even learn how to code in Blockly language to program your own Ozobot (Yes, you can actually program your Ozobot by writing the code, then holding the robot up to the computer screen!).

Dr. Fizz and Boomer report that these little robots are wonderful tools to teach coding to both kids and adults. They have never had so much fun with such a tiny robot, and they learned a lot, too!



Boomer & Dr. Fizz, learn coding

Contact us at benzonialibrayconnect@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.benzonialibrary.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.



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 3rd Wednesday of each month in the library building. Meetings are open to the public.



FRIENDS OF BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 in the library building.

NOTE: March 3rd our Annual Meeting will be via Zoom. Everyone welcome.

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 &

benzoniaconnect@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 benzoniaconnect@gmail.com 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.bibliomix.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.benzoniaconnect@gmail.com/services.

