



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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Queen Elizabeth I

by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Tuesday & Wednesday

January 10 & 11

6:30-8:00 pm

Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzonian, MI



January 10, Night One: 1485-1558

Queen Elizabeth's Royal Family is showcased including her Grandparents, King Henry VII and his Queen Consort Elizabeth of York along with Queen Elizabeth's parents, King Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. Also includes her siblings, Edward VI and Queen Mary I. This is a discussion of her life before becoming Queen and the events that would shape her glorious reign to come.

January 11, Night Two: 1559-1603

In the second program Queen Elizabeth I's reign begins. This lectures gives you a glimpse into the life of the great "Gloriana" and her Court. Filled with amazing decisions and great wisdom gained through tragic circumstances she would bring stability and prosperity to England during her almost 45 years on the throne. "Good Queen Bess" would, among many great things, begin the colonization of America and also set the standard of English royalty that is still prevalent today.

Maureen, a HistoryTeller for 30 years, enjoys bringing her love of Art and History to the Benzonian Public Library. **No charge for event, just come and enjoy.**

Mural Cards at BPL



\$2.00 each or \$10.00 for 6 (your choice)

\$12.00 for 8 pack (2 of each card)

Pay for & pick up cards at BPL front desk.

Children's Room mural by Glenn Wolff.

Photography by Steve Loveless.

Proceeds benefit Benzonian Public Library.

Sponsored by Friends of Benzonian Public Library.

BPL HOURS:

10am-6pm Monday-Friday

10am-2pm Saturday

Closed Sunday

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Letter From Amanda McLaren, Director 2022 A Year in Review



Another year gone by, another review. It's a daunting task listing a year's worth of work and excitement especially on one page. After a busy year we're filled with hope and eager for future events as we reflect on the past. In 2022 we suffered the loss of two incredible board members, Roxane Miner and Helen Dewey. Roxane and Helen have been guiding lights and pillars for the library for as long as I remember and their loss has been felt deeply. We are thankful for the gifts that each of these extraordinary women passed on to us. The board, staff, and Friends group will go forward trying to embody their passion and love for the library and community.

2022 Highlights:

- ◆ HistoryTeller Maureen Esther presented programs on the Middle Ages and King Tut
- ◆ Four HotSpots were added to the collection thanks to a grant from the Federal Emergency Connectivity Fund.
- ◆ Ice Skate lending was even more popular than the prior year!
- ◆ The Library of Things was born and has such fun items as a sewing machine, birding kit, pickleball set, bean bag toss, online programming kit, oral history kit and more! The Library of Things will continue to grow.
- ◆ Benzonian Public Library hosted several writing workshops for Stories That Heal. This arts/music, storytelling and community wellbeing project focused on mental health through uplifting local stories and musical expressions in Benzie County.
- ◆ Plant Diagnostic Clinics with MSU Extension and Master Gardener volunteers ran May through September, offering great advice on plant pests & diseases, lawn, bug or weed identification & recommendations.
- ◆ The Art of Herbal Tea with Bevin Cohen was a popular program about the history and folklore of various herbal ingredients. Participants had the opportunity to create their own herbal blend!
- ◆ The summer reading program returned with guest speakers, puppet shows, crafts, activities, baby bingo and more! BPL was awarded a grant to give away journals and colored pencils to any youth interested in writing their own stories! In addition, the Friends of BPL sponsored a writing workshop for kids with author Ellen Airgood and local artists Connie and Jimmy McLaren offered a workshop on story illustration!
- ◆ An evening with author Ellen Airgood, which included a presentation, reading and Q&A was sponsored by the Friends of BPL.
- ◆ Benzonian Public Library helped facilitate the donation of STEM kits from Newton's Road to the Crystal Lake Community Mentors.
- ◆ Summer and holiday book, puzzle and craft shoppes by the Friends of BPL raised funds for the Library! Crafts sold at these events are created by our repurposeful librarians and ALL proceeds benefit the library! We are grateful to be surrounded by such talent!
- ◆ Special Summer Reading Story time with Miss Amanda and Pete the Cat!
- ◆ Preschool Storytime with Miss Anne began this fall! Fridays at 10:30am Miss Anne joins the kiddos for story time fun, songs, activities and crafts.
- ◆ Michigan Notable Book Author, John Wemlinger joined us to discuss his various works!
- ◆ A wonderful new play kitchen in the Children's Room has been a very welcome addition for our little friends. This was made possible by a grant from the Mid-Michigan Library League and extra funds provided by the Friends of BPL
- ◆ A light table with accessories was added to the Children's Room thanks to the Friends of BPL!
- ◆ STEM kits have been very popular and we have added more this year with a grant from Newton's Road and the Traverse Area District Library. In October we held a STEM challenge and participants received a take home STEM kit!
- ◆ 2022 marked the return of the Holiday Party! It was a wonderful time of togetherness and fun!
- ◆ New library shelving and brochure racks were funded by the Friends of BPL!
- ◆ BPL will be a host site for the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street exhibit, Spark! Places in Innovation. The exhibit will take place in 2023, stay tuned!

I would like to thank the staff and volunteers. We are so blessed to have such amazing individuals here at the library. I look forward to seeing what we can do together in the future!



BPL staff, we're here for you!

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ICE Skate Lending at BPL We're ready when the ice is!



Reserve skates for Pick-up

Visit Library Catalog at www.benzonialibrary.org
or call 231-882-4111.

Plan ahead due to limited sizes.

See important sizing information in our
Frequently Asked Questions section below.

Frequently Asked Questions: Additional information at www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending

Who can borrow skates? Adults, 18 years of age or older, are able to borrow skates for themselves and for minor children. Adult must have a BPL Library card in good standing & must complete a liability waiver for each skater in order to borrow ice skates.

How Much Does It Cost? Free! There is no charge to borrow the ice skates.

How Long Can I Use the Skates? Each skate-lending period is 48 hours (Friday & Saturday checkouts will be due Monday). Due to the size of this item, skates must be returned directly to a staff member in the library.

What If I Return the Skates Late? The success of this program depends on community members returning the skates on time; however, we know that life happens. If returned after the 48-hour rental period, a \$1.00 per day overdue fee will be assessed.

Where Can I Use the Skates? The Village of Benzonia public skating rink is located next to the library. It can be accessed from the library parking lot or Traverse Avenue (off of US-31). You may also use these skates on private rinks.

What Size Skate Should I Use? These BAUER hockey skates are unisex. A suggested sizing chart can be found on our Ice Skating Page at www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending. Sizing is a preference and therefore charts do not guarantee fit. An assortment of skates is available for older children, teens, women, and men. A few are also offered in wide sizes. Skates are available on a first come, first served basis.

THANK YOU DR.LISA!

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

Want to support BPL? We welcome all contributions!

Please consider a donation to BPL and/or the Friends of BPL.

Donation envelopes are available at BPL.

Thank You for your generosity.

Benzonia Public Library

Donation Options include:

- **Checks:** Payable to Benzonia Public Library.
 - Drop off at the Library or mail to:
Benzonia Public Library,
PO Box 445, Benzonia, MI 49616
- **Online Endowment Fund:** [Make a secure online gift to the Benzonia Public Library Endowment Fund by clicking this link.](#)

Read more about the BPL Endowment Fund at www.benzonialibrary.org/endowment-fund

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- **Checks:** Payable to Friends of BPL or Friends of Benzonia Public Library
 - Drop off at the Library or mail to:
Friends of Benzonia Public Library,
PO Box 445, Benzonia, MI 49616
- **Online:** Visit www.benzonialibrary.org and click on the **DONATE** button to pay with a credit card or PayPal.

Visit www.benzonialibrary.org/friends and read how the Friends, with the help of generous supporters, provide many of the little and not so little extras that make Benzonia Public Library a vibrant part of our community. Donations with no designation or restrictions will be utilized where most needed. You may choose to restrict your donation for specific ongoing programs or projects.

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**Thank You to everyone who helped make 2022
so successful for the Friends of BPL.**

How We Raised Money:

Repurposeful Librarians Craft Sales
Little Corner Book Shoppe in BPL
Annual Appeal letter
Mural Card sales in BPL
Book & Puzzle Sales

What We Funded In 2022:

Up North Digital Services-OverDrive
Tech Support & equipment
library shelving
Collection Development
Library of Things,
General support of \$7,500

Thank You for:

Donating to Friends of BPL
Purchasing items at our sales
Volunteering to help at
our sales & activities
Joining the Friends of BPL
Joining the Friends of BPL Board

Repurposeful Librarians: The Backstory

In 2013 Kathy Johnson & Michelle Leines began summer craft classes at BPL. Their motto was Repurpose, Recycle & Reuse with the goal of upcycling donated items & keeping costs down. Old books, papers, fabric, ribbon, lace, beads, buttons, tin cans & numerous other items were utilized. The craft classes became very popular & over the past 10 years a wide variety of classes have been offered.

Beginning in 2014 the “Repurposeful Librarians” created & sold craft items made with upcycled materials hoping to earn money to make the craft classes self sufficient. Their sought-after crafts have developed a loyal following. Unique items are sold at the Holiday Sale in BPL (Nov-Dec) & often at the Beulah Art & Craft Fair (July). Many hours are spent making these beautiful custom creations. These sales of handmade items over the past 9 years have raised over \$17,000.00 to help support BPL in a variety of ways. This is a thrilling accomplishment since the original goal was to raise a few hundred dollars to support craft classes.



Craft booth at 2016 Beulah Art & Craft Fair

Thank you to everyone who helps us help BPL!

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

YA

The Final Gambit, #3, Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Friends Like These, Jennifer Lynn Alvarez
The Hawthorne Legacy, #2, Jennifer Lynn Barnes
The Inheritance Games, #1, Jennifer Lynn Barnes
We Deserve Monuments, Jas Hammonds

YA—NON-FIC

Crafting Change: handmade activism past and present,
Jessica Vitkus
*Hanged! Mary Surratt and the plot to assassinate
Abraham Lincoln*, Sarah Elizabeth Miller

ADULT—FIC

Blackwater Falls, Asuma Zehanath Kahn
The Circus Train, Amita Parikh
A Dangerous Business, Jane Smiley
Desert Star, Michael Connelly
The Key to My Heart, Lia Louis
Last Circle of Love, Lorna Landvik
Malibu Rising, Taylor Jenkins Reid
Now is Not the Time to Panic, Kevin Wilson
Opportunist, Elyse Friedman

So Long, Chester Wheeler, Catherine Ryan Hyde
Stella Maris, Cormac McCarthy
The Sunshine Girls, Molly Fader
The Twist of a Knife, Anthony Horowitz
The Widowmaker, Hannah Morrissey
A World of Curiosities, Louise Penny

ADULT—NON-FIC

My Office Today: 50 years of Northern Michigan Images,
John Russell

ADULT—LARGE PRINT

All the Broken Places, John Boyne
A Truth to Lie For, Anne Perry
The Ways We Hide, Kristina McMorris

DVD

Amsterdam

DVD SERIES

Better Call Saul, Season 6
House of the Dragon, Season 1

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



YOUTH

Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

Fridays at 10:30 am

Benzonia Public Library
Children's Room
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia



Another story, please!

Join Us for Fun Stories and Activities

Participants will receive a Story Time bag with information and other goodies.
A time to socialize, make new friends, and hear great stories.

Want to be notified of changes and receive Story Time information?
Sign up at www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl

HOURS OF FUN FOR OUR LITTLE FRIENDS!



Books, Books, Books!!!



Light Table



STEM Kits



Play Kitchen

Youth: What's New For You!

JUVENILE:

Violet & Jobie in the Wild, Lynn Rae Perkins
Wolfish, Christiane M. Andrews

GRAPHIC NOVELS:

Cat Kid Comic Club: Collaborations, #4, Dav Pilkey
Mary Anne's Bad Luck Mystery, (*Baby Sitters Club* #13), Ann M. Martin
Roll Call, (*D&D Dungeon Club*), #1, Molly Knox Ostertag
Sir Ladybug and the Bookworms, #3, Corey Tabor

J NON-FICTION:

1,000 Facts About Space, Dean Regas
Minecraft Epic Inventions: builds to spark your imagination, Thomas McBrien

EARLY READER SERIES

Cornbread and Poppy, #1, Matthew Cordell

PICTURE BOOKS

The Circles in the Sky, Karl James Mountford
Dragons are the Worst!, Alex Willan
Let's Build a Little Train, Julia Marie Richardson
Like, Annie Barrows
Over and Under the Waves, Kate Messner
The Sour Grape, Jory John
A Spark in the Dark, Pam Fong
Wibble Wobble Boom, Mary Ann Rodman
Yetis are the Worst!, Alex Willan

JDVD

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile



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

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Meetings are held at 4:30 pm the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.

Next meeting will be February 2, 2023. Everyone welcome.



Library of Things at BPL

The Library of Things service supports lifelong learning and creativity. Adult cardholders can borrow practical hands-on items to learn new skills, explore areas of interest, or help with everyday tasks.

The loan period is one week for all Things. Things have an option to renew for an additional week, if no one else has a hold. Visit www.benzonialibrary.org to see items in our catalog. Visit often to watch this collection grow!

**Have a suggestion
for an item you'd
like to see in
the collection?**



Please send an email benzoniaconnect@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you! Budget and storage are limited so not all ideas can be used.

Corner Book Shoppe

@ BPL

Offering for sale a large selection of 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 (less than 10 years old).

All items must be in excellent condition.

Donation criteria available at BPL & benzoniaconnect@gmail.com

Up to 2 bags may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours.

Borrow ebooks,
audiobooks & magazines

Libby.
The library reading app



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