



# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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## 2023 Michigan Notable Books

20 Books Celebrating Michigan People, Places, and Events

### Titles Available at Benzonia Public Library:

Items with an \* are also available via [Up North Digital-OverDrive](#).

- ***Chevy in the Hole*** by Kelsey Ronan
- ***Hadha Baladuna: Arab American Narratives of Boundary and Belonging*** edited by Ghassan Zeineddine, Nabeel Abraham, and Sally Howell
- ***Magic Season: A Son's Story*** by Wade Rouse
- ***Satisfaction Guaranteed: How Zingerman's Built a Corner Deli into a Global Food Community*** by Micheline Maynard
- ***Scarlet in Blue*** by Jennifer Murphy
- ***The Star That Always Stays*** by Anna Rose Johnson
- ***The Turtle of Michigan*** by Naomi Shihab Nye
- ***We Kept Our Towns Going: The Gossard Girls of Michigan's Upper Peninsula*** by Phyllis Michael Wong
- ***What the Fireflies Knew:*** by Kai Harris\*



To reserve items visit our [Library Catalog](#) or contact us at 231-882-4111 or [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com).

### The following titles may be available via the MeL interlibrary loan system. Ask BPL staff if you need assistance.

- ***As Long as I Know You: The Mom Book*** by Anne-Marie Oomen
- ***Blood and Fire: The Unbelievable Real-Life Story of Wrestling's Original Sheik*** by Brian R. Solomon
- ***Dilla Time: The Life and Afterlife of J Dilla, the Hip-Hop Producer Who Reinvented Rhythm*** by Dan Charnas
- ***Ferne: a Detroit Story*** by Barbara Henning
- ***Guardians of Michigan: Architectural Sculpture of the Pleasant Peninsulas*** by Jeff Morrison
- ***I'll Be There: My Life with the Four Tops*** by Duke Fakir with Kathleen McGhee-Anderson
- ***It's Hard Being You: A Primer on Being Happy Anyway*** by Sharon Emery Love Radio by Ebony LaDelle
- ***The Peacekeeper*** by B.L. Blanchard
- ***Shapes, Lines, and Light: My Grandfather's American Journey*** by Katie Yamasaki
- ***Uphill: A Memoir*** by Jemele Hill

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## **BPL HOURS:**

**10am-6pm  
Monday-Friday**

**10am-2pm  
Saturday**

**Closed Sunday**

## **Coming In March!!!**

### **History of Olde Ireland**

**10000 BC—AD 1400**

*by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller*

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

**4:00-5:30 pm**

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



A wee bit of history, a  
wee bit of blarney.

This wonderful lecture covers prehistoric Ireland with it's Monolithic Tombs, to Titania's Palace, built for the Queen of the Fairies. The origins of Halloween are also covered.

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

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## ICE Skate Lending at BPL CHECK THEM OUT!



### Reserve skates for Pick-up

Visit Library Catalog at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org) or call 231-882-4111.



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### Plan ahead due to limited sizes.

Additional information at  
[www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending](http://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 Long Can I Use the Skates?** Each skate-lending period is 48 hours.

**What If I Return the Skates Late?** If returned after the 48-hour rental period, a \$1.00 per day overdue fee will be assessed.

**What Size Skate Should I Use?** Sizing chart can be found at [www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending).

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

### YA

*Chain of Thorns*, #3, Cassandra Clare  
*Children of Ragnarok*, #1, Cinda Williams Chima

### ADULT—FIC

*Code 6*, James Grippando  
*Independence*, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni  
*The Keeper of Stories*, Sally Page  
*The Mitford Affair*, Marie Benedict  
*The Sisters We Were*, Wendy Willis Baldwin  
*Trespasses*, Louise Kennedy

### ADULT—NON-FIC

*Hadha Baladuna: Arab American narratives of boundary and belonging*  
*Magic Season: A son's story*, Wade Rouse

*We kept Our Towns Going: The Gossard Girls of Michigan's Upper Peninsula*, Phyllis Michael Wong  
*Windfall: The Prairie Woman Who Lost Her Way and the Great-granddaughter Who Found Her*, Erika Bolstad

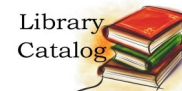
### AUDIO

*A Man Called Ove (otto)*, Fredrik Backman  
*Code 6*, James Grippando  
*The Keeper of Stories*, Sally Page  
*The World Record Book of Racist Stories*, Amber Ruffin

### DVD

*The Banshees of Inisherin*  
*She Said*

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



Miss Anne,  
another story, please!



## Join Us for Fun Stories and Activities

**February Themes are  
Sharing and Caring followed by Pirates!**

1st time 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](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl)

## Youth: What's New For You!

### JUVENILE:

*Dragonboy*, #1, Megan Reyes  
*The Labyrinth of Doom*, #2, Stuart Gibbs  
*Once Upon a Tim*, #1, Stuart Gibbs  
*The Superteacher Project*, Gordon Korman

### GRAPHIC NOVELS:

*Karen's Birthday*, #6, Katy Farina

### PICTURE BOOKS

*A is for Bee: An Alphabet Book*, Ellen Heck  
*Agatha May and the Anglerfish*, Nora Morrison  
*The Dog with the Crooked Tail*, Jeffrey Robert Chamberlain  
*Martha Maps it Out*, Leigh Hodgkinson



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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](http://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](mailto: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 great 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 Must be in Excellent Condition**

The Friends of BPL accept donations of Jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) & Fiction books (less than 10 years old).

**Currently NOT accepting non-fiction items.**

Donation criteria available at BPL & [benzoniaconnect@gmail.com](http://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



## Up North Digital-OverDrive using the Libby App

Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and eMagazines on your personal device or computer. Visit [benzoniaconnect@gmail.com](http://benzoniaconnect@gmail.com) and click on the UpNorth Digital Collection.

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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](http://benzoniaconnect@gmail.com) and click on