



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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First Emperor of China

by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Wednesday, June 28th 6:00-7:30 pm

Benzonia Public Library

Mills Community House-Upper Level

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



Ch'in Shi Huang Ti, the First Emperor of China is known best by the large terra cotta army buried to protect his mausoleum in Xian. Discovered in 1974, it is far from excavated. He is known for his massive building projects, such as the Great Wall and the Grand Chinese Canal. 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.**

Plant Diagnostic Clinic

June 13th, 11am-2 pm

Benzonia Public Library Porch

891 Michigan Ave., Benzonian

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



Smart Gardening

Bring us your bugs, weeds, and plant diseases for identification and recommendations!

MSUE will once again host a Plant Diagnostic Clinic at BPL on the 2nd Tuesday monthly each month through September. Staffed by MSUE employees & Extension Master Gardeners, the diagnostic clinic will assist residents with plant pests & diseases, lawn, bug or weed identification & recommendations.

For questions about the MSUE diagnostic clinic, call 231-256-9888 or email waltonn2@msu.edu.

BPL HOURS:

10am-6pm

Monday-Friday

10am-2pm

Saturday

Closed Sunday

Wi-Fi 24/7

**All Together Now
with BPL**

Summer Reading 2023

REGISTER * READ * WIN

Registration begins June 1st at BPL



Come along with Benzonian Public Library to discover what we can accomplish when we are All Together Now.

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The Smithsonian is coming to Benzonia Public Library and the Mills Community House

Through a highly competitive application process, the Benzonia Public Library was selected as a host site for the newest Smithsonian Museum on Main Street's national traveling exhibit, Spark! Places of Innovation. Facilitated jointly by Michigan Humanities and the Smithsonian Museum, the exhibition will kick off at Benzonia Public Library on Saturday, October 14th and will run through Thanksgiving weekend.

Spark: Places of Innovation has been made possible by Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Spark: Places of Innovation is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils across the country. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

BPL is able to host the exhibit thanks to the generosity of the Mills Community House allowing extended use of their space so this wonderful program can be brought to our community. We hope to also partner with other local organizations to make this touring exhibit spot one of the best in the state!

We will place monthly updates in both our newsletter and the website. Please keep an eye out for program information, volunteer opportunities and more!

SPARK!
PLACES of
INNOVATION



HotSpots at BPL

BPL offers HotSpots that may be borrowed.

To borrow a HotSpot you must

- be at least 18 years old and 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.*

This Federal Emergency Connectivity Fund (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.

Library of Things At BPL



The return of warm weather means even more fun with our outdoor kits.



Birding Kit



Pickle Ball Set



Bean Bag Toss

Details at BPL: 231-882-4111 or

www.benzonialibrary.org/library-of-things

BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

YA

Blitzkrieg, Brian Falkner
Liars Beach, Katie Cotugno

YA GRAPHIC

Teen Titans: Ravens, #1, Kami Garcia
Teen Titans: Beast Boy, #2, Kami Garcia

ADULT—FIC

48 Clues Into the Disappearance of My Sister, Joyce Carol Oates

American Mermaid, Julia Langbein
The Auburn Conference, Tom Piazza
Barbara Isn't Dying, Alina Bronsky
Between Two Strangers, Kate White
Blue Skies, T. Coraghessan Boyle
The Covenant of Water, Abraham Verghese
The Darlings, Hannah Roberts McKinnon
A Death at the Party, Amy Stuart
The Ferryman, Justin Cronin
Games for Dead Girls, Jen Williams
Ghost Girl, Banana, Wiz Wharton
The Golden Doves, Martha Hall Kelly
Happy Place, Emily Henry
Hotel 21, Senta Rich
The House on Prytania, Karen White
I Will Find You, Harlan Coben
Just a Regular Boy, Catherine Ryan Hyde
The Long March Home, Marcus Brotherton
The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece, Tom Hanks
Murder Book, Thomas Perry

NON-FIC

Against All Odds: a true story of ultimate courage and survival in World War II, Alex Kershaw
April 1945: the hinge of history, Craig Shirley
Breaking Through: communicating to open minds, move hearts, and change the world, Sally Susman
A Brutal Reckoning: Andres Jackson, the Creek Indians, and the epic war for the American South, Peter Cozzens
The Complete Guide to Seed & Nut Oils: growing, foraging,, and pressing, Bevin Cohen
Grow Great Vegetables in Michigan, Bevin Cohen

ADULT—LARGE PRINT

Beyond That, The Sea, Laura Spence-Ash
Forget What You Know, Christina Dodd
Half Moon, Mary Beth Keane
Maame, Jessica Day George
Swamp Story, Dave Barry

DVD

All Quiet on the Western Front
Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania
Champions

DVD SERIES

Yellowstone, #5 / 1

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

Library
Catalog



Youth: What's New For You!

JUVENILE

Big Tree, Brian Selznick
I Am the Walrus, Neal Shusterman
Indigo and Ida, Heather Murphy Capps
The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams, Daniel Nayeri
Opinions and Opossums, Ann Braden
The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow, Elaine Dimopoulos
To Catch a Thief, Martha Brockenbrough
Wink, Rob Harrell

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Song of the Sea, Samuel Sattin
Spy Camp, #2, Stuart Gibbs

J NON-FICTION

Through Eve's Eyes, Phoebe Eloise Unterman

EARLY READER SERIES

Aaron Slater and the Sneaky Snake, #6, Andrea Beaty

PICTURE BOOKS

Mina Belongs Here, Sandra Niebuhr-Siebert
My Dad is a Tree, Jonis Agee
My Mouth is a Volcano!, Julia Cook
Party Hearty Kitty-Corn, Shannon Hale
Twenty Questions, Mac Barnett
Who Will Win?, David Aarihonni



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

Friday, June 2nd at 10:30 am

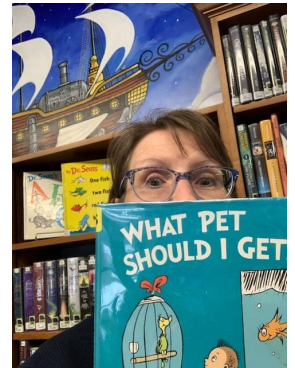
Benzonia Public Library -Children's Room
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia



Join us for our End of Year Party!

Food, Games, Books, and lots of FUN!
We'll even make a special cherry craft.

We have enjoyed spending time with all our little friends who participated in Story Time over the past nine months.



We look forward to seeing you in the library and at our Summer Reading Programs this summer.

**Story Time will return
Fall 2023!**



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

STEM Kits at BPL:

Check Them Out!

STEM kit play counts toward Summer Reading Logs



- ◆ Kits can be checked out for one (1) week with a one (1) week renewal possible.
 - ◆ To view kit information and availability visit www.benzonialibrary.org/stem-kits and click on the Library Catalog icon. Type stem kit in the search box to see the list of kits. Click on the title you are interested in to see more information about the kit.
 - ◆ **NOTE:** To place a reserve, contact BPL at 231-882-4111, benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com, or log into your BPL account. Select the title and then click Reserve this item
 - ◆ **HINT:** Green highlighted items are available now, Red highlighted items are checked out.
 - ◆ You will be notified when your reserved items are available.
- IMPORTANT:** Kits must be returned to a staff person in the library during regular library hours. DO NOT leave outside or place in or on top of the drop box. Contact us at benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com or 231-882-4111 with questions.

YOUTH

Summer Reading 2023 @ BPL All Together Now at BPL!

Thursdays at 3:00 pm

Weekly Puppet Shows, Activities & Crafts

June 22-July 27

Benzonia Public Library

891 Michigan Ave. Benzonia



Register beginning June 1st at BPL.

Read books and fill out reading logs.

The more you read the more chances to win!

Win Exciting Prizes from our Awesome Sponsors!

Details at 231-882-4111 & www.benzonialibrary.org

**Come along with Benzonia Public Library to discover what we
can accomplish when we are “All Together, Now!”**

JUNE 22nd SHARING: Share stories and laughs with the BPL Puppet Lab about the benefits of sharing. Make a handcrafted flower bouquet to share.

JUNE 29th FEELINGS: Sometimes, our feelings are so big we do not know what to do with them! Help the puppet lab express their feelings in a healthy way and create a one-of-a-kind work of art inspired by a big feeling.

JULY 6th FRIENDSHIP: Bring a friend or make new friends! The BPL Puppet Lab will have special guests and celebrate friendship! Then, make friendship bracelets for you and the friends in your life.

JULY 13th COOPERATION: Many things become possible when we cooperate! Join the BPL Puppet Lab as we explore the power of cooperation! Followed by fun crafts.

JULY 20th LEARNING: It is so important to continue to learn and grow! Help the BPL Puppet Lab discover how learning from each other and working together builds strong communities and happy people! Activity and craft to follow.

JULY 27th ALL TOGETHER NOW FINALE: Celebrate our summer of fun as we bring everything together! Join us for fun exploration stations, imaginative play and crafts!



Join us for fun
with the always
hilarious
BPL puppet lab.

Thursdays, 3 pm,
June 22-July 27

Guaranteed fun for all ages.



BABY BINGO @BPL

Summer Fun for ages 0-3.

Featuring activities to enjoy
with your little one.

Bingo sheets available June 1st.

Pick a prize for each bingo activity sheet
turned in by 2pm Saturday, July 29.

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Meetings are held the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.
Next meeting will be at June 1, 2023 at 6:00pm. Everyone welcome.



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

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!



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/donating-books-and-puzzles

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 Collection using the Libby App

Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and eMagazines on your personal device or computer. Visit benzoniaconnect@gmail.com and click on the Digital Collection icon.

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