



# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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## Making Teas, Tinctures & Oils

with Bevin Cohen

**Wednesday, August 23rd**

**7:00pm**

**Benzonia Public Library**

Mills Community House-Upper Level  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI, 49616

Learn how to create herbal wellness products with herbs that grow in your own backyard!

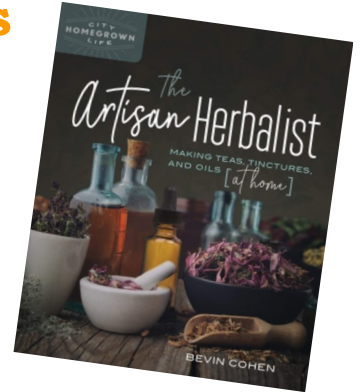
A great presentation for gardeners and herb enthusiasts looking to take their herbal passion to the next level!

Bevin will share his decades of experience as an herbalist guiding participants through the many processes involved in crafting a wide range of herbal products for health, wellness and beauty.

Bevin Cohen is an award winning author, herbalist, owner of Small House Farm and host of the popular Seeds & Weeds podcast. Bevin offers workshops and lectures across the country on the benefits of living closer to the land through seeds, herbs, and locally grown food. He is a food and garden writer whose work has appeared in numerous publications including Mother Earth News, Modern Farmer Magazine, and The Journal of Medicinal Plant Conservation.

Bevin is the author or editor of more than ten books, including *The Artisan Herbalist* and *Grow Great Vegetables in Michigan*.

Learn more about Bevin's work at [www.bevincohen.com](http://www.bevincohen.com).



## BPL HOURS:

**10am-6pm**

Monday-Friday

**10am-2pm**

Saturday

**Closed Sunday**

Wi-Fi 24/7

## Plant Diagnostic Clinic

**Tuesday, August 8th, 11am-2 pm**

**Benzonia Public Library Porch**

891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

**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 clinic will assist residents with plant pests & diseases, lawn, bug or weed identification & recommendations. Questions about clinic? call 231-256-9888 or email [waltonn2@msu.edu](mailto:waltonn2@msu.edu).

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## Calling all Innovators, Trailblazers and Discoverers! Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Exhibit is coming to Benzononia Public Library!

Please consider contributing to our display wall of Benzie County local innovators during the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street stop at the Mills Community House!

We would like to showcase our local community's ability for innovation, creative thought and problem solving. Whether a grand invention, or just something to make every day life easier, if you have created it, we want to hear about it! Feature yourself, a loved one, or a past community innovator! We ask that you limit your submission to 2 single sided pages (8.5x11) including any write up and photos, giving as much, or as little, detail as you would like! Deadline for submissions is October 1, 2023.

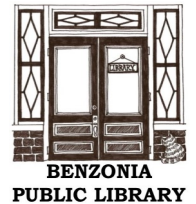
After the exhibit we will compile all of the submissions into a community innovation book available at the library!

The Museum on Main Street is a one-of-a-kind cultural project that has been sharing the Smithsonian's resources with rural America since 1994. The exhibit is called **Spark! Places of Innovation**.

We are so excited to host the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street exhibit in October/November. In our planning we have the common goal of using this opportunity to not only welcome the Smithsonian and all visitors, but to also use the time to celebrate our community!

If you would like your business/organization involved, whether by creating a display, doing programming that ties in with the Museum on Main Street exhibit, volunteering, or anything else, please contact the library at [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com) with Museum on Main Street as the subject. For more information visit [benzonialibrary.org/museum-on-main-street](http://benzonialibrary.org/museum-on-main-street)

The Smithsonian Museum on Main Street is made possible by Michigan Humanities. For more information regarding Spark, Places of Innovation visit <https://www.michiganhumanities.org/smithsonian-museum-on-main-street/>



## LOCAL INNOVATOR DISPLAY 2 PAGE SAMPLE

### GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:

- ◆ About a local Benzie County Innovator
- ◆ Up to two (2) 8.5 x 11 inch pages
- ◆ Single sided
- ◆ Include any write up, photos, and details you want to propel to know about your subject
- ◆ Include your name, date and relationship to the local innovator
- ◆ **Deadline for submission is October 1, 2023.**

### R&V Orchards Cherry De-stemmer

The Cherry De-stemmer invented by Russell (Jack) W. Smetzler and Lester (Bud) Vernon Smetzler helped revolutionize the cherry processing industry. In the early 1960's the brothers started working on a machine to remove cherry stems during processing. They recognized a need for quickly removing cherry stems at the processing plants. With the advent of the cherry shakers being used in many orchards a way to remove the stems faster was necessary.



The brothers US Patent 3454067A was filed on Oct. 21, 1965 and patented July 8, 1969. Over the years Jack and Bud built and sold 170 de-stemmers worldwide. The de-stemmers were all built in their small shop located in Joyfield Township on 6 Mile Road, Frankfort MI. The shop was a gathering place for friends and neighbors who were often found visiting, drinking coffee, and helping work on the de-stemmers.



One of the original flyers used to advertise the cherry de-stemmers  
This display was created by Michelle Leines, daughter of Lester (Bud) Vernon Smetzler for the Local Innovator Display at the SPARK! Places of Innovation which is part of the traveling Smithsonian Museum on Main Street. Benzononia Public Library received a grant to have the traveling exhibit at the Mills Community House in Benzononia MI during October and November 2023.

### R&V Orchards Cherry De-stemmer

Recollections of Russell W. Smetzler history of the cherry de-stemmer.  
Notes taken and transcribed by Michelle E. Leines on 02/25/2012.

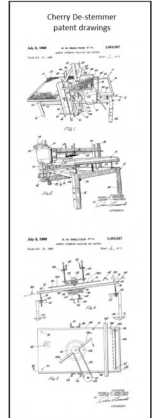
We got the first lick in. Several people had working shakers which meant lots of cherries to process. The plants couldn't get the stems off fast enough as it was difficult to hire enough workers. There was a rush to come up with a way to quickly remove stems without damaging the cherries. Two or three others were trying to come up with a cherry de-stemmer, but didn't have anything practical.

My brother Bud (Lester Vernon Smetzler) and I had been trying to think of a way to make a de-stemmer. On a summer day about 1962 or 1963 while taking a nap after lunch I suddenly had an idea. My inspiration was based on a weed whacker (the old style cutter with a handle and a blade at the bottom). I picked several quarts of cherries and scattered them on the ground stems up. Using my old weed cutter I whacked the stems off nice and clean. It worked so well I suggested to Bud we make a machine to test, so we stopped our other work. A small prototype was set up for a quick test.

We knew we had a good idea, but had to wait until the cherry crop was harvested before we started to develop a real working design. We took our idea to a horticulture show in Grand Rapids and demonstrated by using machine cherries with stems. The idea was good and people were excited, however the size was a problem. The de-stemmer would have to be as big as a house to process the cherries quickly enough. My other brother Lloyd suggested a conveyor type belt to move the cherries and speed up the process. Around 1964/1965 we ended up using a 3 foot wide shaker belt design with a dull rotating blade that sat just above cherry height. The dull 3/8" radius blade would hit the stem & lock it down then pull it cleanly out (stem removal was almost 100%). Michigan State University loaned our machine for a special demo using special slow motion photography showing thousands of photos per minute. Once we had our design done we went to the bank and got pre-approved for a \$20,000 loan to build the de-stemmers, but we never had to use that loan. We did demos at different horticulture shows (one of them was out west) but we didn't take orders until we had 60 machines built and ready for delivery. We ended up sending over 170 de-stemmers all over the world (one even went to Iran) before we finally sold the patent. Those de-stemmers could process about 30 tons of cherries per hour and could be stacked several high to save space.

We got paid for every machine, although we were worried for awhile about one that went to Italy. Luckily a government agency helped get them to pay. The grandson of another buyer found out we hadn't been paid and made sure the money was sent. The machines worked good with few repairs except for one up north. They were always calling for parts and Bud would tell them OK but you'd have to meet us half way to get the part as it was such a long drive.

Once we started building the de-stemmers we didn't focus too much on the orchards and leased many of them out. Our little shop got a reputation "If you can't get it done, go see the Smetzler Boy!".



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

### YA

*One of Us is Back*, Karen M. McManus

### ADULT—FIC

*After Death*, Dean R. Koontz

*An Honest Man*, Michael Koryta

*Charm City Rocks*, Matthew Norman

*Cross Down*, James Patterson

*Dead Fall*, Brad Thor

*The First Ladies*, Marie Benedict

*The Five Star Weekend*, Elin Hilderbrand

*Flags on the Bayou*, James Lee Burke

*Good Night, Irene*, Luis Alberto Urrea

*The Happiness Plan*, Susan Mallery

*How Can I Help You*, Laura Sims

*I Am Homeless If This Is Not My Home*, Lorrie Moore

*The Librarianist*, Patrick deWitt

*The Majority*, Elizabeth L. Silver

*Mr. Kato Plays Family*, Milena Michiko Flasar

*Obsessed*, James Patterson

*The Survivor*, Iris Johansen

*Trust*, Herman Diaz

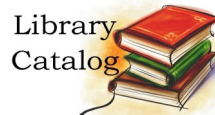
### ADULT—NON-FIC

*George: a magpie memoir*, Frieda Hughes

*The Good Life: lessons from the world's longest scientific study of happiness*, Robert J. Waldinger

*The Last Honest Man: the CIA, the FBI, the mafia, and the Kennedy's-and one senator's fight to save democracy*, James Risen

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



### AUDIO

*The Five-star Weekend*, Elin Hilderbrand

*Zero Days*, Ruth Ware

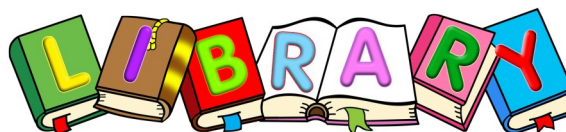
### DVD

*Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*

### DVD SERIES

*The Last of Us, Season 1*

So many books,  
so little time!

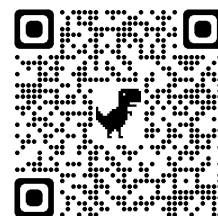


## MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS

## MAP YOUR ADVENTURE

MAP provides Michigan library cardholders the opportunity to discover and explore participating cultural destinations, parks, campgrounds and recreation areas in the state at a discounted rate.

Visit [MIActivityPass.org](http://MIActivityPass.org) to “check out” free or discounted admission passes (or other exclusive offers) to hundreds of Michigan state parks, campgrounds, museums, trails, arts and cultural destinations; no need to come to the library for physical passes.





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## Youth: What's New For You!

### JUVENILE

*Camp Sylvania*, Julie Murphy  
*Control Freaks*, J. E. Thomas  
*The Demon Sword Asperides*, Sara Jean Horwitz  
*The Skull*, Jon Klassen

### GRAPHIC NOVELS

*Dorks In New York*, Dan Gutman  
*Karen's Haircut: Baby-sitters Little Sister, #7*, Katy Farina  
*Squire & Knight*, Scott Chantler

### J NON-FICTION

*The Book of Turtles*, Sy Montgomery  
*Let's Fill the World with Kindness*, Alexandra Stewart  
*LOL 101: a kid's guide to writing jokes*, David Roth  
*Our Blue Planet*, Leisa Stewart-Sharpe

### EARLY READER SERIES

*Bear and Bird: the picnic and other stories*, Martin Jarvis

### PICTURE BOOKS

*Bunny & Tree*, Balint Zsako  
*The Halloween That Almost Wasn't*, Molly Wigand  
*How to Count to One: (and don't even think about bigger numbers)*, Caspar Salmon  
*The Monster Mac and Cheese Party*, Todd Parr  
*Mr. S*, Monica Arnoldo  
*Summer Is For Cousins*, Rajani LaRocca  
*Through the Fairy Door*, Gabby Dawnay

### BOARD BOOKS

*Little Other*, Julie Abery  
*Tiny Town Hide-and-go-Seek Counting*, Joshua George



## Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

**Fridays at 10:30 am**

**Beginning September 15th**

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



## Join Us for Fun Stories & 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](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl)

# YOUTH

**THANK YOU \* THANK YOU \* THANK YOU!!**

Big thanks to all for their participation in the Summer Reading Program! We could not be happier with the enthusiasm and excitement of this year!

THANK YOU to the amazing kids, you make it worth it! Thank you for showing up, participating, reading, smiling and laughing!

We had such a fun summer with all of you!

THANK YOU to our many volunteers, you make it possible! Your hard work and dedication means so much to all of us!

THANK YOU to Dr. Fizz, Boomer, Captain Zolartini, Bunny and our special guests.

You make the Summer Reading Program extra fun! Thank you for keeping us happy this summer!

THANK YOU to the Friends of the Benzonia Public Library; you keep us crafty! Thank you for your tireless fundraising efforts that make Benzonia Public Library programs possible!

THANK YOU to our AMAZING business sponsors, you keep us motivated!

Thank you for providing Grand Prizes, Weekly Prizes and Door Prizes!

Your continued support makes the program what it is and we are so grateful!

### Business Sponsors:

- ◆ A. Papano's Pizza
- ◆ Cherry Hut
- ◆ COGNiTiON Science and Discovery Center
- ◆ The Corner Toy Store
- ◆ Crystal Falls Mini Golf
- ◆ East Shore Market
- ◆ Evergreen Mercantile
- ◆ Friends of BPL
- ◆ Garden Theater
- ◆ Hill Top Soda Shoppe
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- ◆ Riverside Canoe Trips
- ◆ Ursa Major Bistro



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Meetings are held the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.  
**Next meeting will be at August 3, 2023 at 4:30pm. 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](http://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.

The Friends of BPL accept donations of Jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) & Books in excellent Condition.

Donation criteria available at BPL & [benzonialibrary.org/donating-books-and-puzzles](http://benzonialibrary.org/donating-books-and-puzzles)

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

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The library reading app



## Up North Digital Collection using the Libby App

Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and eMagazines on your personal device or computer. Visit [benzonialibrary.org](http://benzonialibrary.org) and click on the Digital Collection icon.

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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 [benzonialibrary.org](http://benzonialibrary.org) and click on