



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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National Library Week!

National Library Week (April 7-13, 2024) is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions, and promote library use and support. The theme for National Library Week 2024, "Ready, Set, Library!," promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey - preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family - your library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.

Here at Benzonia Public Library we have worked hard to "give the green light to learning" by providing fun extras that we encourage you to stop in and check out! From community programs for entertainment, education, and connection to the newly formed Library of Things that includes ice skates, birding kits, Oral History backpacks, and so much more, we have worked hard to meet the needs of our community while also providing a safe, fun space for everyone to enjoy.

For more information regarding the Library of Things, upcoming programs, and other services provided by Benzonia Public Library please visit our website at: www.benzonialibrary.org or stop in during our regular business hours.



THE LIBRARY WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK!



Whether you never use the library or use it every day, we want to hear from you! Take this short survey to help our library serve you better.

tinyurl.com/pppl-survey-a



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EclipseFest 2024

**Monday, April 8th
10am - 6pm**



**Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia**

Come in and join us for fun crafts, STEM activities and coloring pages available all day!

In our local viewing area, the eclipse will begin at 1:58pm and end at 4:24pm with our maximum coverage being at 3:12pm. We will not see a full

eclipse here in Northern Michigan, but it will still be an amazing experience.

**Book Reading and
DIY Pinhole
Camera Workshop
at 11am & 2pm**
"A Few Beautiful
Minutes: Experiencing
a Solar Eclipse"
By Kate Allen Fox

**We also have FREE
eclipse viewing
glasses available at the
library between now
and April 8th.**

BPL HOURS:

**10am-6pm: Monday-Friday
10am-2pm: Saturday
Closed Sunday**

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Join your neighbors!

Help prevent child sexual abuse.

Limited time offer. Must be 18 years or older to participate.

WHAT is it?

- An opportunity to read a powerful novel about a community's response to a case of child sexual abuse. Two options to engage: 1) Read only or 2) Read and join a Community Reading Circle.

WHY participate?

- To join with community members to keep children safe.

HOW does it work?

- 1) Read the book by May 1, 2024. *150 books available.
- 2) Decide if you want to discuss it in an optional Community Reading Circle.
- 3) Tell us about your experience by answering an optional survey as part of a research study.

HOW do I sign up?

- Scan the QR code to learn more and order your FREE book. You will be entered into 1 of 10 drawings for \$25 gift cards.

After ordering your book, you will receive more information on how to receive monetary incentives if you choose to participate in this project.

www.traversebaycac.org rnoto@traversebaycac.org



Plant Diagnostic Clinic

April 9, 11am-2 pm

Benzonia Public Library

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, April-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.

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Smart Gardening



BEES KNEES BOOK CLUB

AT ST. AMBROSE CELLARS

Tuesdays

April 9th & 23rd

May 7th & 21st

5:00 to 7:00pm

Join your fellow book lovers for a fun evening of book sharing!

This will be a little bit different from your usual book club as we will not all be reading the same book.

Instead, plan to bring whatever book you are currently enjoying and share a brief overview of it with the group. The first two sessions were well attended and we would love to see more new faces each week! This is a perfect chance to chat, eat, read and drink mead, so plan to come hungry.

Book Club meets on the upper mezzanine of St. Ambrose.

Delicious food and beverage will be available for purchase.

Do you 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 and donation links can be found on our website.

THANK YOU for your generosity.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Russia's Peter the Great (AD 1672-1725)

by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Wednesday

May 15, 2024

4:00-5:30 pm

Benzonia Public Library
Mills Comm House - Upper Level



"I am a student and I seek teachers." Peter Alekseevich Romanov received a limited education, yet spent his life pursuing knowledge. The Founder of Modern Russia, this Tsar (at age 10) and later Emperor, was a powerhouse of energy. Dragging his people into the European world, he would "open a window on the west" by building St. Petersburg. Come meet Peter the Great, a giant in Russian history!

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.

2023 TAX FORMS available at BPL

FEDERAL: 2023 tax year
IRS1040 and 1040-SR
Forms and Instructions

MICHIGAN:
2023 tax year
MI1040 Forms and
Instructions
MI Home Heating
Credit Form



COVID TEST KITS available at BPL

Kits are provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).



Visit BPL during regular business hours to pick up your free COVID Test Kits.

Spring Into a New Skill with our Library of Things!

ONLINE PROGRAMMING KIT, LTBC #3

Create your own online programming! Kit includes equipment needed to create online programming for your business or organization.

Instructional videos available at www.benzonialibrary.org/library_of_things



SEWING MACHINE KIT, LT #4

Get ready to sew this Spring! Kit includes the basics to get you started including a couple of thread colors & sewing supplies. You provide the fabric & imagination. Machine has a variety of stitch options.

Find oodles of tutorials on YouTube!



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

Fridays at 10:30am
Benzonia Public Library
Children's Room



Join Us for Fun Stories and Activities

Participants will receive a Story Time bag information and other goodies.

Time to socialize, make new friends, and hear great stories.

If Benzie Central Schools are closed due to weather, Story Time will be cancelled.

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

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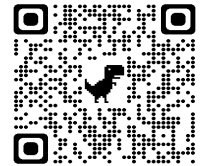
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- FACE PAINTING
- AND MORE

20 APRIL | 10AM - 1PM

HOMESTEAD HILLS ELEMENTARY
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We have some great Story Time Themes coming in April! Join Us!

4/5 Sisters: We will read *Maple & Willow Together* and then make friendship bracelets with our new friends!

4/12 Money Smart Kids: A special guest reader will join us to share the book *Owl + Otter and the Big Yard Sale* to help you learn about money. You get to keep your very own copy of the book and also make a piggy bank craft.

4/19 Earth Day: Today we celebrate our home, EARTH! Read some stories and do a craft that helps us appreciate where we live.

4/26 Arbor Day: Come learn all about our friends the TREES. Find out how they help us and how we can help them, too!



Look What's New in the BPL Collection!

Adult & Young Adult

YA

Book, Beast and Crow, Elizabeth Byrne
Chronically Dolores, Maya Van Wagenen
Clever Creatures of the Night, Samantha Mabry
Compass and Blade, Rachel Greenlaw
Daughter of the Bone Forest (Witch Hall #1), Jasmine Skye
Dungeons and Drama, Kristy Boyce
Fate Breaker (Realm Breaker #3), Victoria Aveyard
House of Salt and Sorrows (Sisters of the Salt #1), Erin A. Craig
House of Roots and Ruin (Sisters of the Salt #2), Erin A. Craig
Icarus, K. Ancrum
Kindling, Traci Chee
The Last Bloodcarver (#1), Vanessa Le
My Throat An Open Grave, Tori Bovalino
The No-Girlfriend Rule, Christen Randall
Snowglobe (#1), Soyoung Park

ADULT—FIC

The #1 Lawyer, James Patterson and Nancy Allen
2054: Admiral James Stavridis Novel (#2), Elliot Ackerman
After Annie: A Novel, Anna Quindlen
The American Daughters: A Novel, Maurice Carlos Ruffin
American Spirits: Stories, Russell Banks
The Berlin Letters: A Cold War Novel, Katherine Reay
Blank: A Novel, Zibby Owens
A Cold, Hard Prayer: A Novel (MI Notable Book '24), John Smolens
A Dragon In The Church, Michael Riegler
A Dragon Outside The Church, Michael Riegler
Everyone Is Watching, Heather Gudenkauf
Finding Margaret Fuller: A Novel, Allison Pataki
Finding Sophie: A Novel, Imran Mahmood

The Good, The Bad and the Aunties (Aunties #3), Jesse Q. Sutanto
A Great Country, Shilpi Somaya Gowda
The Great Divide: A Novel, Christina Henriquez
Great Expectations: A Novel, Vinson Cunningham
Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter?: A Novel, Nicci French
Help Wanted: A Novel, Adelle Waldman
The Hunter (Cal Hooper #2), Tana French
The Inheritance: A Novel, Joanna Goodman
Leave No Trace: A National Parks Thriller (Michael Walker #1), AJ Landau
The Morningside: A Novel, Tea Obreht
My Beloved Life: A Novel, Amitava Kumar
The New Couple In 5B: A Novel, Lisa Unger
The Night in Question, Susan Fletcher
No Better Time: A Novel of the Spirited Women of the Six Triple Eight Central Postal Directory Battalion, Sheila Williams
Pride and Joy: A Novel, Louisa Onome
The Princess of Las Vegas: A Novel, Chris Bohjalian
The Rumor Game, Thomas Mullen
Sleeping Giants, Rene Denfeld
A Step Past Darkness, Vera Kurian
Sylvia's Second Act, Hillary Yablon
Three Inch Teeth (Joe Pickett #24), CJ Box
Wandering Stars, Tommy Orange
West With Giraffes: A Novel, Lynda Rutledge

ADULT—NON-FIC

Birding to Change the World: A Memoir, Trish O'Kane
Fluke: Chance, Chaos, and Why Everything We Do Matters, Brian Klass
The Moth Presents: A Point of Beauty: True Stories of Healing and Letting Go, The Moth
Troubled: A Memoir of Foster Care, Family and Social Class, Rob Kim Henderson

Youth

JUVENILE

Ferris, Kate Dicamillo
The First State of Being, Erin Entrada Kelly
Wilderlore: The Night Compass (#4), Amanda Foody

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Comics Squad: Detention (#3), Compilation
Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder (#12), Dav Pilkey
Go, Ghoul, Go! (Spirited #2), Liv Livingston
Hilo: Rise of the Cat (#10), Judd Winick
Making Friends: Together Forever (#4), Kristen Gudsnuik
Next Stop, Debbie Fong
Table Titans Club (#1), Scott R Kurtz
The Tea Dragon Tapestry (#3), Kay O'Neill
Wildful, Kengo Kurimoto

J NON-FICTION

Eclipse: How the 1919 Solar Eclipse Proved Einstein's Theory of General Relativity, Darcy Pattison
The Great Lakes: Our Freshwater Treasure, Barbara Rosenstock
The Iguanodon's Horn: How Artists and Scientists Put a Dinosaur Back Together Again and Again and Again, Sean Rubin

EARLY READER

Fox Versus Fox, Corey R Tabor
See The Cat: Three Stories About A Dog, David LaRochele
See The Dog: Three Stories About A Cat, David LaRochele

EARLY READER SERIES

Fox Is Late (Fox #4), Corey R. Tabor
Fox At Night (Fox #5), Corey R. Tabor
Fox Versus Winter (Fox #6), Corey R. Tabor

PICTURE BOOKS

All Aboard the Alaska Train, Brooke Hartman
The Book That Almost Rhymed, Omar Abed
A Few Beautiful Minutes: Experiencing A Solar Eclipse, Kate Allen Fox
Fox and the Jumping Contest (Fox #1), Corey R. Tabor
A Happy Place, Britta Teckentrup
The Last Stand, Antwan Eady
Log Life, Amy Hevron
Luigi, The Spider Who Wanted to Be a Kitten, Michelle Knudsen
My First Earth Day, Karen Katz
Pretty Ugly: A Toon Book, David Sedaris
The Rock In My Throat, Kao Kalia Yang
Sleepy Sheepy and the Sheepper, Lucy Ruth Cummins
Solar Bear, Beth Ferry
Somebody Needs To Do Something About That Monster!, Doug Cenko
Total Solar Eclipse: A Stellar Friendship Story, Jayme Sandberg
Walk With Me, Jairo Buitrago
What's New, Daniel?, Micha Archer
Wild Places: The Life of Naturalist David Attenborough, Hayley Rocco
The Wrong Book, Drew Daywalt
A Year In The Castle, Nikola Kucharska
You and the Universe, Stephen W. Hawking



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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 April 4, 2024. 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!



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.

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