



NEWS

from the Top of the Hill

Gordon, The Magician!

Hey kids! Come to the **Mills Community House Lower Level on June 23rd at 1 PM!** Gordon the Magician will perform for area children as the 2006 Summer Reading Program, *Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales* kicks off!

One of Metro Detroit’s leading magicians, Gordon Russ has an extensive list of credits dating back to his 1988 professional debut which saw him embark on an extended overseas tour. Traveling through *Europe, Australia and China*, Gordon brought his unique brand of illusion to thousands of people across the globe.

His national performances include Playland Amusement Park in Rye, New York, the Downers Grove Festival in Chicago, the Toledo Zoo as well as numerous other U.S. venues. When working his magic, Gordon specializes in Schools, Libraries, Art Fairs, Festivals, and Corporate events; his special style of street magic never fails to draw a crowd.

While on his continuing travels around the Mid-

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GORDON RUSS

Used Book Sale!

The Friends of Benzonias Public Library will be holding its annual used book sale on :

- Friday, June 30th 9 am - 4 pm**
- Saturday, July 1st 9 am - 4 pm**
- Sunday, July 2nd 12 noon-2pm**

BUY! BUY! BUY!

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Helping Hands

If Helen Dewey looks familiar to you, it is no surprise! Helen volunteers at the Benzonia Public Library, the Benzie Shores District Library, the Frankfort Junior-Senior High School Library, the Benzonia Congregational Church, and the Benzie County Chamber of Commerce! Since making the area her full time residence, Helen has done anything but retire!

The results of Helen's efforts are evident in many ways, but she feels she has made the greatest impact through booktalking in Benzie County schools and promoting the Summer Reading Program offered in libraries. Helen wanted children in the area to really get pumped up about reading. She enlisted the support of local businesses and compiled coupon books used to reward kids who complete the summer reading program. Helen visits classrooms with enthusiastic presentations about books for kids. This spring, Helen has read well over 100 books (borrowed from four Benzie County public libraries) that will encourage students to read all summer long!

Reading all summer long comes naturally to this former "summer resident." Helen Wolfe Dewey does not remember the first time she visited the Benzonia Public Library (she probably was carried in!), but she does remember reading every mystery in the children's collection and being introduced to Walter Farley's Black Stallion books right here.

New Jersey was her childhood home, but Helen and her cousins, aunts, and uncles would gather each summer at the family vacation home on Crystal Lake. Campfires, singing, and Uncle Winslow's wood lore filled many an evening. Like many summer youth, Helen got her first job right in Beulah. Can you guess where? Yes, Helen was briefly a waitress at the Cherry Hut!

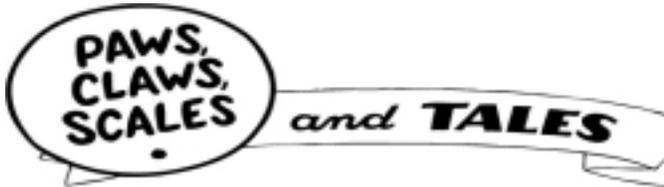


Helen Dewey

Unfortunately, summers don't last forever! But Helen made the most of her time away from Benzie County. She attended Brown University where she met her husband, Roger Dewey. While raising their two children, Helen earned her Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland and worked for 18 years at the Fairfax County Public Library. Now, Roger is retired from the Navy and is busy with home improvement projects and volunteer work at the Point Betsie Lighthouse. Their daughters, Meg (age 30) and Jocelyn (age 26), still enjoy their visits to the extended family's Crystal Lake gathering place.

Helen fills her leisure hours with bicycling, hiking, and reading. Helen particularly enjoys science fiction with a humorous slant and highly recommends the Vorkosigan Series by Lois McMaster Bujold.

Helen Dewey can be spotted helping out in many places. Your paths either have crossed or will cross. So stop to say thank you to Helen Dewey for her volunteer work throughout the county — and to chat about what you have been doing lately.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

June 19 through August 12th

The 2006 Summer Reading Program will be filled with fun stories and prizes centered around this year's animal theme! Come into the library to sign up to participate! Reading 24 hours in 8 weeks is the goal! If you succeed, you receive a coupon book filled with free prizes and discount offers from local businesses.

The program kicks off with an "ani-mazing" magic show by Gordon the Magician on Friday, June 23rd at 1PM in the Lower Level of the Mills Community House! But, you can register and begin logging the hours you spend reading starting June 19th! Come into the library to get instructions and your reading logs! When your reading log is complete, come to the library to claim your coupon book!

When you visit the library this summer, you can contribute to our Pet Portrait Pastiche. Your visits throughout the summer can also help us "fill the Children's Room with Prints".

In addition to reading 24 hours in 8 weeks, there are special activities planned at the library on Thursdays at 1 pm. There will be stories, music, dancing, new friends and lots of creature connections!

It's going to be a great summer, filled with fun activities! Don't miss out!



There's something at the library
That's cool and totally new.
A surprise is lurking somewhere inside
And it's waiting to be found by you!

If you're a kid who likes to read,
The treasure is practically yours.
So come on in and see what's up
Inside the Children's Room doors!

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Magician performance

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West, Gordon has been seen at the Ann Arbor Art Fair, the East Lansing Art Fair, Grosse Pointe's Art on the Pointe, and the Liberty Festival in Canton. He has entertained the fans at Joe Louis Arena for the Detroit Red Wings' Skate with the Stars, and graced the stage at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. One of Gordon's most memorable moments came when his magic was requested at a private performance for former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali.

Gordon's introduction to the world of magic came early. He learned the art of illusion from his father, who made sure magic was an everyday part of growing up. Gordon currently resides in Ferndale, Michigan with his beautiful wife Cyndi and his two sons Gordon and Tanner.

So don't miss Gordon's Benzie County performance! And don't forget to register for the Summer Reading Program anytime after June 19th at any Benzie County Library!

Library Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
11am - 5pm
Tuesday, Thursday
11am-7pm
Saturday 11am-3pm
882-4111

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MILLS COMMUNITY HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Children's Hour

10-11am Saturdays

June 24th July 29th
August 26th

Stories, Crafts, Fun & Treats!

In the lower level of the
Mills Community House

No Charge!

Did You Know?

The Mills Community House (formerly the Mills Cottage) was built in 1909 as a girl's dormitory for the Benzonia College. The Mills Community House Association (MCHA) maintains the building and offers rental of the lower level meeting space! The Benzonia Public Library leases the first level from MCHA, a non-profit organization. To get information about rental rates and dates call The Mills Community House office at 231-882-0591.

Support Your Library by Joining the Friends.

Please make checks payable to

Friends of Benzonia Public Library

P.O. Box 445

Benzonia, Michigan 49616

2006 Membership Dues

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Family	\$10.00	_____	Contributing	\$50.00	_____			
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