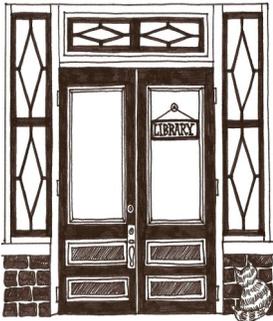


BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

News from the Top of the Hill



LIBRARY "MURDER" = SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER

**LIBRARY
HOURS:**

Monday &

Wednesday

11am-7pm

Tuesday, Thursday

& Friday

11am-5pm

Saturday

11am-3pm

What do 50+ amateur sleuths, 10 suspicious characters, 7 behind the scenes angels, and 1 cooperative sheriff add up to? A fun afternoon murder mystery with a very satisfactory conclusion!

Using a script by Virginia librarian and library mystery author Ted Kavich, and lots of talented community people, the Benzonia Friends of the Library hosted the first Library Murder Mystery in early November.

Benzie County Sheriff Rory Heckman was a most agreeable detective, although he deduced that the attendees watched way too much CSI after they repeatedly demanded the autopsy results (not a part of the script)!



Mystery Solved as Sheriff arrests Admiral Coyle D. Snaick

After sifting through numerous clues confided by the suspects, the sleuths were unable to identify the murderer. Fortunately our intrepid detective was able to lead the killer to a confession and Admiral Coyle D. Snaick, USN Retired (AKA Kim Lathwell) was duly apprehended.

Many thanks are due to the fabulous actors, and

the behind the scenes helpers who so generously gave of their time and talents. Benzie County is truly rich in talented people who are willing to help our libraries.

A good time was had by all!



Suspicious Characters
Left to right

- Maria Wolowiec (Charity Proffitz),**
- Paul Hunt (Alfie Fyle),**
- Althea Petritz (Petunia Budd),**
- Karen Coussens (Lulu Nattik),**
- Rory Heckman (Sherriff of Petty County),**
- Andy Mollema (S. Mel Macon),**
- Meredith McNabb (Eve L. Queen),**
- Steve Elrick (Warman C. Udley),**
- Michelle Edwards (Alona N. Bhidder),**
- Kim Lathwell (Admiral Coyle D. Snaick),**



THOUGHTFUL GIFT

Although Cecily Williams passed away in May, 2010, her support of the Benzonia Public Library lives on. Upon her death, her daughter and son-in-law Lynn and Steve Stephens, Chicago, transferred a number of Cecily's magazine subscriptions to the Benzonia Public Library. Several of these subscriptions will continue for 4 to 5 years (often only a phone call is needed to change the address and transfer a subscription). This action serves to stretch the library resources, and provides magazines that might not otherwise be offered.

Cecily was a long time Beulah-Benzonia resident, having visited here each summer since the '30s and becoming a full time resident in the 70's. Cecily was active in a number of community groups including the Mills Community House where she served as President of the Board for many years. She was instrumental in the installation of the elevator at the Mills Community House, insuring that the system served all three floors.

The Benzonia Public Library is most appreciative of this thoughtful gift.



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Benzonia Public Library is organized as a village library; therefore, all Board members must live in the village. The Library Board consists of six directors, three of whom are elected at each biennial village election for a term of four years. There are no term limits, nor is anyone paid...it's strictly volunteer. Current trustees are:

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| President | Roxane Miner |
| Vice-president | Helen Scott |
| Secretary | Hazel Heyn |
| Treasurer | Susan Lutes |
| Trustee | Margaret Laubach |
| Trustee | Ron Olson |



The Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

at
www.benzonia.lib.mi.us

Searching our catalog, reserving books, and reading prior newsletters are just the beginning.

While you're there, take a look at the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) where you can request books from all over the state.

It's FREE and easy to use. Just make your selections & we'll call you when they arrive.



DVD AND CD DONATIONS WELCOME

Would you like to find a good home for your old DVDs and CDs (movies, audio books and music)? The Benzonia Public Library would appreciate your help to expand their collections. Give others the chance to enjoy these treasures instead of letting them gather dust on your shelves.



DVD's and CD's in good condition can be brought to the library during normal business hours. If you would like a tax donation letter, please request one at the time of the donation. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

WIFI REMINDER

The Library has Wi-Fi available 24/7. If you bring your own laptop, there are plenty of comfortable seats available inside during normal business hours. After hours Wi-Fi can be accessed from the porch and the parking lot. There are also four computers with Wi-Fi access available during regular business hours.

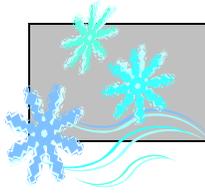
GIFT OF DVD'S

During the past year Heather and Brian Sublett of Vernon Hills, IL have donated over 25 DVD's to the Benzonia Public Library helping to expand the collection. They realized this was an area they could make a difference in after a visit to the library last summer with their children.

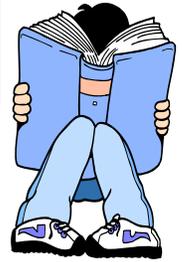
The Subletts' plan to continue gathering DVD's they can donate to the library on their visits to our beautiful area.



Their support of the Benzonia Public Library is greatly appreciated.



YOUTH SERVICES



3rd Graders Learn While Helping Library

Crystal Lake 3rd graders, in Mrs. Gould and Mrs. McClellan's classes, visit the Children's Room monthly this school year. They continue to build their research skills using the online catalog and the Dewey Decimal system. At the end of each visit, the children check out materials to use in their classroom.

During the fall visits, they helped identify a few subjects that needed updated materials, such as rocks & minerals, the arts and Canada.

Friends Expand Non-fiction Collection

Several new nonfiction books will be added to the Children's Room collection, thanks to a donation by the Friends of the Benzonia Library. The Friends support the Summer Reading Program as well.

Joining the Friends is an easy way to help support the Library's Youth Services programs and collection development

Teens will mark the annual Young Adult Library Services (YALSA) Teen Tech Week on March 12th. This year's theme is *Mix and Mash @your Library*.

Upcoming Programs

Saturdays

FEBRUARY

2/12	Book Girls!	1pm
2/19	Read it Again! Club	1pm
	Quick Reads Book Club	1pm

MARCH

3/12	Book Girls!	1pm
	Teen Tech Week:	2pm
	<i>Mix and Mash @ your Library</i>	

3/19	Benzie County Water Festival Family program	12-2pm
	Read it Again! Book Club	1pm
	Quick Reads Book Club	1pm

APRIL

4/9	Book Girls!	1pm
4/16	Read it Again! Book Club	1pm
	Quick Reads Book Club	1pm



Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.

Laura Bush



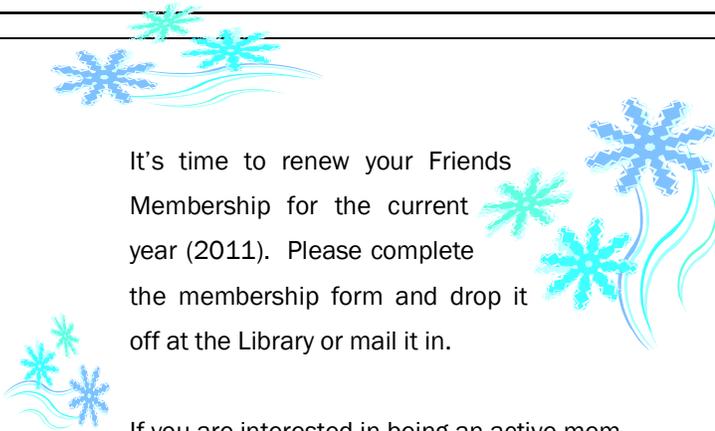


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It's time to renew your Friends Membership for the current year (2011). Please complete the membership form and drop it off at the Library or mail it in.

If you are interested in being an active member we would love to have your help. Even if you are unable to attend meetings there are many ways you can assist.

The Friends meet the third Monday of each month at 9:30am in the Library.

Please join us.



SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY BY JOINING THE FRIENDS.
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
FRIENDS OF BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Friends of Benzonian Public Library
2011 Membership Dues**

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| Individual | \$5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Business/Professional | \$35.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family | \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Contributing \$50.00 or more | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Patron | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | |

Name: _____ email: _____

Address (Street or PO): _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER, PLEASE CALL

All membership Dues and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.