



Benzonia Public Library

News From the Top of the Hill

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Library Millage

On May 3rd, voters in Benzonia Township approved a 0.6 mil tax levied to support the Darcy Library of Beulah & the Benzonia Public Library. This show of support will aid the Library Board of Directors as they work with Library Director, Marjorie Porter, to plan for future library services.

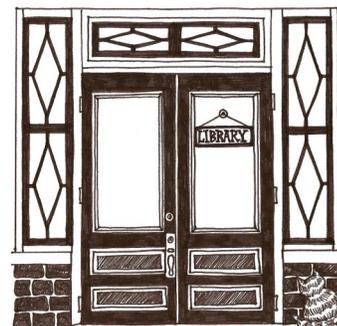
This township millage will replace the Village millage that supported the libraries for decades. There was a need to secure a broader funding base in order to maintain the current level of service offered. Benzonia Library has added services, such as MelCat inter-library loans, classroom visits, & the Summer Reading Program, while operating income continued to shrink. Cost cutting measures

helped keep the library open, but took a toll on the materials budget & staffing.

It will take some time before big changes are noticeable. The library will not be receiving Benzonia Township tax dollars until after the winter taxes are collected. Meanwhile, the Village taxes have ceased. "We will have to be very careful with our spending over the next six months. But, we are looking forward to planning for the future", said Porter. The Library Board will be considering expanding hours & increasing the book budget to include a wider range of genres & interests. They will also be looking at emerging technologies that will be in demand.

The passage of this millage issue will also alter the structure of the Library Boards. Since township residents will be supporting the library, they will be eligible to serve on the Library Board of Directors. Current members will serve out their terms, but as the terms expire, any Benzonia Township resident will be able to run for office & serve the community as a Library trustee.

The approval of this millage demonstrates the value of the library within the community. Residents recognize that library services cost money, but the rewards are an enlightened, educated, & connected population.



LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday &

Wednesday

11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday

& Friday

11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Strawberry Social

Saturday, May 28, 12-3 p.m.

6941 Traverse Ave.



The Friends of Benzonia Public Library will be holding their "Annual Strawberry Social" on Saturday, May 28th at the Benzie Area Historical Museum in conjunction with the museum's "Horse Drawn" event.

Come enjoy the food & the history!

"Strawberry Social"

Strawberry shortcake & strawberry sundaes will be \$4.00 each.

Proceeds benefit the Benzonia Public Library.

"Horse Drawn"

An assembly of horses & horse drawn transportation

will be on site for viewing.

At 1 p.m. a team of draft horses will place a refurbished logging sled in front of the Historical Museum.

Hot Dogs & beverages will be \$1.00 each.

Proceeds benefit the Benzie Area Historical Museum.



New Non-fiction Books Donated by Friends **Thank You!**

The Friends of Benzonia Public Library recently donated \$2000 to the library to update portions of the non-fiction collections. Over seventy-five new books were purchased to assist adults with education, personal legal issues, medical concerns, home improvement, boat maintenance, alternative energy sources, and travel.

While too numerous to list, all the books are displayed in the NEW BOOK section of the library. Studying for your GED, ACT, or learning how to use Office 2010? We have information for you! Planning a trip? The library has added fifteen new travel guides from Australia to South America. Need to brush up on boating before the season kicks in? Check out *Navigation Rules*, by US Coast Guard, *Practical Boat Mechanics: Commonsense Ways to Prevent, Diag-*

nose, and Repair Engines and Mechanical Problems by Ben Evridge, *This Old Boat, Second Edition* by Don Casey or *Don Casey's Complete Illustrated Sailboat Maintenance Manual*.

Updating the library's legal and medical books was a top priority. *Represent Yourself in Court: How to Prepare & Try a Winning Case* by Paul Bergman J.D.; *The Criminal Law Handbook: Know Your Rights, Survive the System*, by Paul Bergman J.D.; *Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court* by Ralph Warner Attorney; and *Every Tenant's Legal Guide*, by Janet Portman are available to borrow.

For your well-being, check out *The Ultimate Body Rolling Workout* by Yamuna Zake. Injured during a workout? *The Sports Medicine Patient Advisor* by Pierre A. Rouzier is for you! Also try

8 Steps to a Pain-Free Back: Natural Posture Solutions for Pain in the Back, Neck, Shoulder, Hip, Knee, and Foot (Remember When It Didn't Hurt) by Esther Gokhale. Updated medical information has been added for a diagnosis of arthritis, autoimmune disorders, epilepsy, Crohns disease, IBS and various cancers.

In addition to the titles added to the adult collection, books were also added to the juvenile collection (see article on next page).

While some of our holdings are timeless, changes in technology, legal practices, medical options make the availability of up-to-date information an essential part of a lending library.

Where would we be without our Friends?

Thank You!

Businesses Support Summer Reading Program

Thank you to these 21 area businesses who are offering prize coupons to the "Summer Readers" who read for 24 hours during the **Benzie Libraries Summer Reading Program**.

Bayside Printing

Central State Bank

Cherry Hut

Cool Spot

Corner Drug & Corner Toy Store

Crystal Crate & Cargo

Crystal Mountain

Family Markets: Honor & Copemish

Frankfort Tackle Box

Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse

Garden Theater

Hill Top Soda Shoppe

Honor Frankfort Onekama Building Supply

Honor Bank

The Kettle

McDonalds

Mish-A-Mish Ice Cream

Nugent Ace Hardware

Pinecroft Golf

Vacation Trailer Park

Wesco

New Computers in the Library!

The Benzonia Library was recently awarded a \$7000 grant from The Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). Agreeing to contribute \$250 for each computer, our Friends made it possible for the library to apply for the grant.

This project, administered by Michigan State University, proposes to expand 84 existing library computer centers and establish four new public computer centers that serve 15 underserved counties with high unemployment rates. The sites were selected

by targeting vulnerable population areas and then focusing on those libraries with the greatest need for additional computing capacity. The Benzonia Public Library qualified for four additional computers based on our service population and Benzie County unemployment rates.

The library has received the new computers that feature space saving mini towers and flat screens! Additional Grant money was used to purchase software, workstations, and seating. Once the furniture arrives and is assembled

by volunteers, our computer users can take full advantage of the number of available computers and increased privacy offered with the carrel style workstations.

"We are hoping that the added computers will allow us to lengthen the time allotment for each user session. During the slower, winter months, we may be able to turn the timers off completely," said Library Director, Marjorie Porter.



Youth Services



One World, Many Stories

2011 Summer Reading Program
Thursdays at 1 p.m.

This year's summer reading program theme is "One World, Many Stories". There are many ways to share a story and we'll discover a few ways at our weekly Thursdays programs at 1 p.m. in the Children's Room. Families and groups of all ages and abilities are welcome to join in the fun.

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

- Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

June 16	<i>The Books for Walls Project Sisters</i> www.booksforwallsproject.org
June 23	Highland, Lowland, Tableland
June 30	Sky All Around
July 7	Water, Water Everywhere
July 14	Food!

Thank You!

New Non-Fiction Books Donated by Friends

Thanks to The Friends of Benzonia Public Library a variety of non-fiction books have been added to the juvenile collection.

The books cover a wide range of topics including social studies (*Being An Immigrant* by Sarah Leveté ; *Canada the Land, Canada the People, Canada the Culture; Veteran's Day and Labor Day* by Robert Walker) history (*The Korean War* by Andrew Santella; *Alive in the Killing Fields: Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide* by Nawuth Keat), geology (*Extreme Rocks and Minerals! Questions & Answers* by Melissa Stewart; *Rocks* by Sally M. Walker; *Rocks & Minerals* by Melvin Berger), energy (*Doable Renewables: 16 Alternative Energy Projects for Young Scientists* by Mike Rigsby; *Generating Wind Power* by Niki Walker), art (*Making Amazing Art: 40 Activities Using the 7 Elements of Art Design* by Sandi Henry) The books have been welcome additions and , some books, like *Manners in Public* by Carrie Finn have been popular with both the children and their parents.

Take A Break

Quick Reads, Read It Again and Book Girls! book clubs will take a break for summer vacation.

They will resume in September, along with class visits from Crystal Lake Elementary.



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Used Book Sale—Donations Needed

Friday & Saturday July 8-9

The Friends of Benzonia Public Library Annual Used Book Sale will be held on Friday & Saturday July 8-9, 2011 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The sale will be held at the Mills Community House (home of the Benzonia Public Library) on US-31 in Benzonia. This sale is easy to browse with books sorted by topics. Fiction categories include: General Fiction, Mystery, Science Fiction, Humor, & Westerns. Non-fiction sections include: Cooking, Gardening, Health, History & Politics, Science & Nature, Arts, Crafts, Home Improvement, Reference, Religion & Philosophy, Sports, and Biography. Other areas include Children's Books, Videos, DVDs, and Audio Books. A separate room will have Rare and Collectible Books. For more information call 231-882-4111.



Donations Welcomed:

Donations of used books in good condition would be greatly appreciated.

Used jigsaw puzzles (all pieces intact please) can also be used for a puzzle sale to be held October 1, 2011.

Donations can be dropped off at the Benzonia Public Library during normal business hours. *If you would like a tax donation receipt, please request one at the time of the donation. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.*

"I find that a great part of the information I have was acquired by looking something up and finding something else on the way."

- Franklin P. Adams

Support Your Library by joining the Friends

Please make checks payable to:
Friends of Benzonia Public Library

Friends of Benzonia Public Library 2011 Membership Dues

Individual	\$5.00	_____	Business/Professional	\$35.00	_____
Family	\$10.00	_____	Contributing \$50.00 or more		_____
Patron	\$25.00	_____			

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.