

# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWS FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL



## LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

The Benzonian Public Library recently appointed Sara Petrovich-Boven as the new library director: Sara replaces Marjorie Porter who retired in March.

Sara is a native of Traverse City and both she and her husband are excited about returning to the area where each has extended family.

They most recently lived in the Nashville, Tennessee area.

Sara brings a wealth of academic training and practical experience to her new role. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and

German from the University of Michigan; a masters degree in education from Aquinas College and a master of library science from Wayne State University. In addition, she received a Fulbright assistance honor to study in Vienna, Austria.

Sara has 15 years of classroom teaching experience and has worked in several library settings. She most recently worked in an academic/research library

Marjorie Porter was Benzonian Public Library Director for seven years.

During that time she expanded the collections, improved and expanded computer services and access for the public, and was instrumental in passing the county millage measure in 2011.



Retiring director of the Benzonian Public Library Marjorie Porter (left) welcomed new library director Sara Petrovich-Boven at a recent reception.

### LIBRARY HOURS:

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**Monday & Wednesday**

11 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**

11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Saturday**

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

## “ PADDLING MICHIGAN’S HIDDEN BEAUTY ” WITH PBS-FEATURED MICHIGAN AUTHOR DOC FLETCHER

**Friday  
June 29, 2012**

**6:30 p.m.  
“The Barn”**

900 Barber St., Benzonian, MI  
(next to the  
Congregational Church)

**It’s Free! It’s Fun!  
Please Come!**

Enjoy an hour long photographic journey down 7 rivers featured in Doc’s new 2012 book “Paddling Michigan’s Hidden Beauty”.

The book details 20 canoeing and kayaking adventures across both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

The evening will be a visual delight for all who attend. Doc will hold a book sale and signing after the presentation.

*A drawing will be held for a free canoe or kayak Day trip (winner’s choice as to which trip to take).*

Visit Doc’s website at [www.canoeingmichiganrivers.com](http://www.canoeingmichiganrivers.com)

Sponsored by: Benzonian Public Library & Darcy Library of Beulah.

## KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

The Benzonian Public Library is dedicated to providing a warm, welcoming, exciting, and safe environment for people of all ages. It is for the safety of each child that the Library has adopted this Safe Child Policy.

The safety of children left alone in the Library is a serious concern of the Library staff. The staff, however, has many duties to perform in order to serve all patrons. The Library staff and volunteers are not responsible for monitoring the safety and behavior of children in the Library, on Library grounds, or participating in Library activities. The responsibility for the safety and behavior of children in the Library rests with the parent/caregiver. Parents are advised that, even in their absence, they are legally responsible for their child's behavior.

All children age 10 and younger must be accompanied at all times by an adult or an adolescent at least 14 years of age while on Library premises.

Children ages 10-14 may use the Library unattended provided they maintain proper Library behavior and that the Library staff and volunteers has been informed of how to contact the child's parent/caregiver.

Young people 14-17 are treated as adult users. However, they are still legally the responsibility of their parents.

Library staff and volunteers who observe unacceptable behavior on the part of a child (whether or not accompanied by a responsible adult), will give the child a warning that they must correct their behavior or leave the Library. If the unacceptable behavior continues, staff or volunteer will follow the policy for unattended children.

### Unattended Children

Parents/caregivers are responsible for being aware of the Library's hours of operation. They also must keep in mind that the Library may close unexpectedly for reasons out of the control of staff, such as a power outage, loss of heat, inclement weather, etc. Children should know what to do should this occur. Under no circumstances will a Library staff member or volunteer transport a child home or to another location, even at the request of the parent/caregiver.

Parents dropping off children outside the Library should first ensure that the Library is open. The Library is not necessarily

open to the public when there are lights on in the building.

The Library is not responsible for children without a ride home at closing. If an unattended child is still in the Library at closing time, the child will be given a chance to call home for a ride 10 minutes before the Library closes. Staff will remain with the child up to 15 minutes after closing and will continue attempting to contact the parent/caregiver during that time. If no responsible adult is reached, the child is considered to be an abandoned child and the Sheriff's department will be contacted.

Staff will record the parent's/caregiver's name, address, telephone number and the child's name.

Each incident in which a child has been asked to leave the Library or in which an unattended child has been present after closing will be reported in writing to the Director and the Board of Trustees.

Violation of the Safe Child Policy may result in suspension of Library privileges for the family. Duration of suspension will be determined by the Library Director and the Library Board of Trustees.

## ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 6 & 7 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

The sale will be held at the Mills Community House (home of the Benzonian Public Library) at 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonian. 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.** (see page 4)

# YOUTH SERVICES



## 2012 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This year's summer reading program begins Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and ends Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Registration is open to age 2 through high school. All ages and abilities are welcome to join in the fun at our weekly Thursdays at 1 p.m. programs

in the Children's Room.

Retired space systems engineer Roy Aydelotte will kick off the series on Thursday, June 14 at 1 p.m. with stories of what it's like to design, build and send your creations to space. Lego, OM, FTC and

FIRST Robotics enthusiasts, star gazers and fans of the Greek myth *Icarus* will find something to be excited by in this presentation.

[www.science.gov](http://www.science.gov)

[www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

[www.newton.dep.anl.gov](http://www.newton.dep.anl.gov)

### Thursdays at 1pm

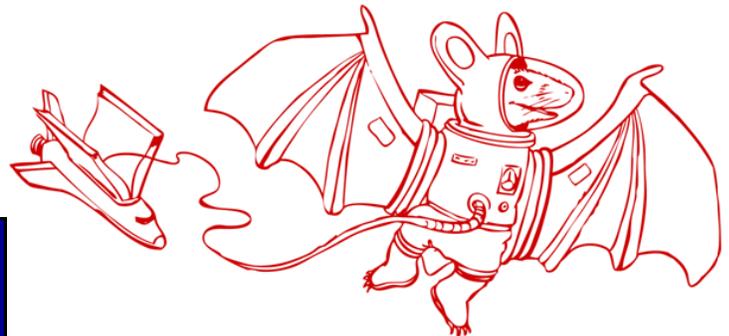
June 14 *Space and Beyond!* with retired space systems engineer Roy Aydelotte

June 21 *The Books for Walls Project* sisters  
[www.booksforwallsproject.org](http://www.booksforwallsproject.org)

June 28 *Collecting Hobbies* and *Sleuthing Skills*

July 5 *Big Fun Book Making*

July 12 *Get Crafty!* with Kathy



**LEGO™ SETS NEEDED**

Please donate your used or new LEGO™ basic sets and boards for a children's program at the library which begins in September.

Lego™ Saturday and class visits with Crystal Lake Elementary will resume in September.



## **BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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## **DONATIONS WELCOMED BOOKS & DVD'S**

The Benzonia Public Library would appreciate donations of used books and DVD's (in good condition). Books will be sold at the annual used book sale in July. DVD's will be added to the library collection if they are needed or to the book sale if not.

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.*

**Thank you for your support..**

## **FRIENDS OF BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The Friends continue to play a key role in keeping the Benzonia Public Library strong & vibrant. Friends membership dues, donations, fundraising efforts and volunteers' gifts of time, support many of the little (and not so little) extras at the Library.

Levels of involvement vary from simply paying dues to helping with fundraisers, sorting books, assisting with programs and filling vacancies on the Friends' executive board.

The Library also utilizes volunteers to process interlibrary loans, shelve books, and assist with other programs and projects.

Show your love of the library with a Friends membership. Membership applications are available at the library.

For those interested in attending our meetings,

**The Friends of Benzonia Public Library** meet the third Monday of each month at 10 AM in the library.

Please join us as we strive to enhance our library.

**Please consider showing your support by joining the Friends of Benzonia Public Library.**



**Friends  
Make a  
Difference!**

The Friends of Benzonia Public Library wish to say  
**"THANK YOU"**

to everyone who supported the annual Strawberry Social which was held May 26th at the Mills Community House.