



# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWS FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

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## LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday  
10am-7pm  
Tuesday, Thursday  
& Friday  
10am – 5pm  
Saturday  
10am – 3pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 23 Off the Page
- June 14 Summer Reading Kick off
- June 20 Off the Page
- June 25 Craft Class
- July 11 Off the Page
- July 11 Annual Book Sale Friends Preview
- July 12 Annual Book Sale General Public
- July 19 Summer Reading Wings of Wonder
- July 23 Craft Class
- August 2 Summer Reading Family Fun Day

## NEW ARRIVALS

Our collections are growing. Stop in and check out the new:  
LARGE PRINT  
FICTION  
NON-FICTION  
AUDIO BOOKS  
DVD'S  
YOUNG ADULT  
CHILDREN'S

# Off the Page 2014

## Darcy & Benzonia Public Libraries

Bringing Writers & Readers together in Benzie County



Writers and readers come together for a second year in the “Off the Page” programs presented by the Darcy Library of Beulah and Benzonia Public Library. This year’s schedule of writers includes the author of the 2014 *Great Michigan Read* selection, two popular mystery writers, a memoirist, and a beloved poet and literary speaker.

The two libraries launched the series in 2013 and brought eight writers “up close and personal” from May through October. Because of the success of “Off the Page,” a grant was recently awarded by the Michigan Council for Arts and Culture Affairs Minigrant program.

Kicking off the series is Steve Luxenberg, on Friday, May 23, at 7 p.m. Luxenberg is the author of “Annie’s Ghost: A Journey into a Family Secret,” which was chosen as the *Great Michigan Read* selection by the Michigan Humanities Council for 2014.

On June 20, Elizabeth Buzzelli includes Benzie County in her new book tour when she introduces “A Tough Nut to Kill”, the first installment in the “Nuthouse” series. Buzzelli is a popular mystery writer and is recognized for her series featuring characters Emily Kinkaid and Deputy Dolly Wakowski.

Fleda Brown returns to Beulah on July 11 with her newest collection of poems, “No Need for Sympathy.” Brown was poet laureate of Delaware and now lives in Traverse City, where she writes a monthly poetry review column and has a commentary on Interlochen Public Radio.

On August 22, D.E. Johnson will bring his Detroit-based historical mystery series to northern Michigan. A writer who has published four books in four years, Johnson will read from his

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latest, "Detroit Shuffle."

The 2014 series concludes on September 19 when Teresa Irish speaks on her memoir entitled "A Thousand Letters Home." Actually her father's story, Irish's book is based on 1,000 letters written by her father, Aarol "Bud" Irish from 1942 through 1945 while serving in World War II.

Programs will take place at the Darcy Library in Beulah on the selected Fridays at 7 p.m., unless otherwise scheduled at a later date. A hospitality and book-signing session follow formal presentations, and programs are free with donations welcome.

The library is located at 7238 Commercial Street in downtown Beulah, near the Betsie Valley Trailhead. For more information, contact Darcy Library at 231-882-4037.

Darcy & Benzonian Libraries Present

## Off the Page 2014



**STEVE LUXENBERG**  
Annie's Ghosts: A Journey Into a Family Secret  
2013-2014 Great Michigan Read  
Friday, May 23, 7:00pm

**ELIZABETH BUZZELLI**  
A Tough Nut to Kill (as Elizabeth Lee)  
Emily Kincaid Mysteries  
Friday, June 20, 7:00pm

**FLEETA BROWN**  
No Need of Sympathy  
Record-Eagle Column & IPR Poetry Program  
Friday, July 11, 7:00pm

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**DE JOHNSON**  
Detroit Shuffle  
Will Anderson Mysteries  
Friday, August 22, 7:00pm

**TERESA IRISH**  
A Thousand Letters Home  
Collected WWII Letters of Aarol W. "Bud" Irish  
Friday, September 19, 7:00pm

Supported by:  
the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs  
Michigan State University  
NorthSky Nonprofit Network

@Darcy Library of Beulah  
7238 Commercial Ave. (near Betsie Valley Trailhead)

Admission is free courtesy of Darcy and Benzonian Public Libraries and Friends, but donations are welcomed at the door.  
The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council with support from Meijer and the NEH.  
Hearing Assistive Technology available. Books available to purchase courtesy of The Cottage Book Shop. For information: 231-882-4037.

## Ever-Popular Summer Craft Classes Return

"What You Can Do With Rolled-up Paper" (in creating simple, decorative crafts) will be the featured project at Benzonian Public Library's initial 2014 summer craft workshop on Wednesday, June 25, from 1-3 P.M.

Subsequent classes, for adults and children (ages 10 and up), follow on Wednesday, July 23 ("Making Fabric Baskets") and Wednesday, August 13 ("Tangling for Fun and Relaxation (based on the Zentangle® method of drawing). Depending on weather conditions, participants may find themselves engaged in their craft-making on the expansive front porch of

the historic Mills Community House, where the library is housed in Benzonian. The overwhelmingly positive response to last summer's craft series provided a catalyst for these upcoming workshop offerings. According to Library Director Amanda McLaren, "These enjoyable and creative activities continue to enhance the library's role as a vital and valued resource in our community." Funding assistance, covering the modest cost of the basic craft supplies, is being provided by the library's Friends group. "Re-purpose, re-cycle, and re-use" continues to be a driving philosophy behind all the library's craft classes. Samples of the various craft projects will be on display at the library, in addition to the availability of informational fliers and a sign-up sheet. The classes will be facilitated by library staff; including Kathy Johnson and Michelle Leines, along with volunteer assistance. For additional information, please call Benzonian Public Library at 231-882-4111.



**It's your chance to do something "crafty" this coming summer!**

# Friends of Benzonia Public Library

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

to be held at the Benzonia Public Library  
891 Michigan Ave. (US-31), Benzonia

### **July 11, 2014, Friday**

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friends Preview Used Book Sale  
(memberships accepted at the door)

### **July 12, 2014, Saturday**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Annual Used Book Sale

### **October 4, 2014, Saturday**

Used Jigsaw Puzzle Sale

### **November 14, 2014, Friday**

Holiday Book Sale

### **November 15, 2014, Saturday**

Holiday Book Sale

## **WANTED:**

### **Friends of Benzonia Public Library**

Show your love of the library with a Friends membership starting as low as \$5.00.

Forms are available in the library and on the website at [www.benzonia.lib.mi.us](http://www.benzonia.lib.mi.us).

Friends' membership dues, donations, and fundraising proceeds help support Library programs, enhance the collection, and purchase a variety of items.

## **Annual Used Book Sale**

### **Friday, July 11th**

5—8 pm Friends Only Preview  
(memberships accepted at the door)

### **Saturday, July 12th**

9 am– 3 pm - Open to Public

The sale will be held at the Mills Community House home of the Benzonia Public Library  
891 Michigan Ave. (US-31)

This popular book sale is easy to browse with books sorted by topics.

**Children's Activities will be held on the front lawn.**



## **Stunning Quilt**

### **Donated By**

### **Trillium quilt Group**

The Friends of Benzonia Public Library have been given a beautiful quilt titled

“Black, White and Red” all over which was generously donated by the Trillium Quilt Group of Frankfort and machine quilted by

Two Sisters Quilting of Bear Lake.

We have applied for a raffle license and will have more information in the near future.

## **Friends of Benzonia Public Library Board Members**

Ruth Catton, President

Michelle Leines, Secretary

Debra Taucher, Vice President

Judi Sadows, Treasurer

Board meetings are held at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday each month at the Benzonia Public Library.

Upcoming meetings are: May 20, June 17, and July 15.

# YOUTH SERVICES

## Calling all high school/middle school students:

### IMAGINE—ORGANIZE—INITIATE

We are looking for young, motivated community members to create a Youth Advisory Board affiliated with the Benzonia Public Library. Interested students will work together, discuss, and take action to meet the needs of young readers in our community. Selecting books, starting book clubs, connecting with friends, and creating programs are a few of the areas that need your attention. In addition to the Young Adult patron services, you can assist with children's programs.

Do you like reading out loud? STORY TIME  
Do you like science? DEMONSTRATIVE EXPERIMENTS  
Do you like theater arts? PUPPETS AND DRAMA  
Do you like music? LIVE MUSIC AND APPRECIATION

**Whatever your interest we will find a place for you.**



Envision the countless ways you can serve your community through the library, the ultimate community center. Be part of viable and responsible activities, promoting positive growth and education.

### Help make a difference.

Children will admire you.  
Adults will respect you.  
Parents will adore you.  
College admissions counselors will implore you.

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If you are ready, contact  
Amanda McLaren, Director  
Benzonia Public Library  
231-882-4111 or  
benzonialibrary@gmail.com.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

FIZZ, BOOM, READ!!!!

Please join us for a summer of fun,  
science, and reading!!

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Benzonia Public Library and  
Darcy Library of Beulah  
are joining forces to present three special  
programs that will be held at the  
Benzonia Memorial Park (behind Case & Watson):  
**Summer Reading Kickoff, June 14, 11am**

Includes an awesome science show.

**Wings of Wonder, July 19, 11am**

An exciting program with live raptors.

**Family Fun Day Finale, August 2, 11am**

An extravaganza you'll want to be part of.



## Weekly Story Times

**Thursday's, June 19-July 31, 3pm**

Join us for weekly story times and puppet shows, plus a science demonstration or craft project at the Benzonia Public Library.

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## The Bigger the Mess.....

The greater the change! If you have been to the Benzonias Library lately, you have probably noticed the “Big Mess” both inside and out.

It is caused by the renovations going on with the Library’s landlord, Mills Community House. The outside disruption will result in much needed new parking and additional landscaping. The disruption inside will result in 3 fresh new rooms. The reference room has been insulated and repainted, and both the fiction and nonfiction rooms have new walls (the old ones were in dreadful condition), new paint, new lighting, and will be getting new carpeting and shelves as well.



All of these changes are just the first stage in renovating the Library, which hasn’t had anything done to it in many years. No public funds are being used in these projects. They are being completely funded with donations and gifts to both the Library and Mills House.

Donations are always welcomed and may be designated toward specific improvements or collection additions if desired. *Tax donation receipts are available upon request, donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.*

We hope that this phase of the renovations will be completed by the Memorial Day weekend, but things are behind schedule due to the hard winter we had. We hope you will bear with us, the results are going to be AWESOME!

## Check Out Our Expanding Collection

We have a lot of new books, audio books, and DVD’s throughout the library.

Interested in children’s or young adult items? Explore the new materials.

Is your focus on large print? Our collection is much larger.

New fiction and non-fiction more to your liking? Check out the New items-hot off the press.

Interested in DVD’s and audio books? Take a look at our expanding collections.

## Suggestions for New Items?

Please let us know if there are items you would like to recommend that we purchase for our library.

A suggestion box is next to the check out desk.

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Benzonia, MI 49616  
<http://www.benzonia.lib.mi.us/>  
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## Board of Trustees

Roxane Miner, President      Mary Peters, Treasurer  
Paula Lake, Vice President      Genny Bowman, Trustee  
Helen Dewey, Secretary      Paul Sadows, Trustee



## Your Library Board Working For You

Paul Sadows, the newest board member, was appointed last April to fill a vacancy. Paul was born in Detroit, received a BA from Michigan State, and served in Viet Nam. He is now retired from Sadows Auction Galleries in Clarkston, MI which he owned and operated for over 30 years. In 1986 Paul purchased a summer home on Platte Lake in Benzonia Township. After extensive renovation this became the Sadows' year-round home in 2009. An active member on the boards of both the Benzie County MSU Alumni Club and the Honor Area Restoration Project (HARP), Paul is also the Ordinance Enforcement Officer for the Village of Honor.

Paul and his wife Judi enjoy world travel, their most recent excursion was last year's two month cruise around South America. Stateside travel revolves around visits to his five sons & their families. At home on Platte Lake Paul and Judi enjoy boating, jet skiing, kayaking, golfing, snow skiing, snowmobiling, and just plain enjoying "The Most Beautiful Place in America".

In the short time Paul has been on the library board, he has been a strong supporter of the library's place in the community and its renovation efforts. His enthusiasm and energy seem to be boundless!

## Give your DVD's a broader audience.

Donations of gently used DVD's would be greatly appreciated.  
Our goal is to expand both the regular and the children's collections.  
Audio books in good condition are also welcome.  
(Duplicates may be placed in the Used Book Sale.)

**Thank You for your generosity and support!**



**Please  
like us  
on  
Facebook.**

**I would like to receive newsletters, program updates and  
other library information via email.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop this form in our suggestion box at the Benzonia Public Library, or  
email your information to [benzonialibrary@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibrary@gmail.com).