BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEWS FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

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Library Hours and Information:

Monday & Wednesday
10am-7pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10am – 5pm
Saturday
10am – 3pm
231-882-4111
www.benzonia.lib.mi.us
891 Michigan Ave, Benzonia

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Nov. 14 Holiday Book Sale

Nov. 15 Holiday Book Sale

Nov. 15 Quilt Raffle

Nov. 17 Book Chat

Nov. 18 Friends Meeting

Nov. 19 Craft Class

Dec. 6 Craft booth at the Mills Art & Craft Fair by the "Repurposeful Librarians"

Dec. 8 Trustees Meeting
Dec. 13 Holiday Party & Craft Workshop

Dec. 15 Book Chat

Dec. 16 Friends Meeting

Dec 24 CLOSED
Dec 25 CLOSED
Dec 31 CLOSED
Jan 1 CLOSED
Jan ??? Watch for information regarding dates we will be closed for renovation.

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Free Wi-Fi with 24/7 access from your device or use our computers during open hours.

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13th

10 am-1 pm

Benzonia Public Library
Upper Level of the Mills Community House
891 Michigan Ave. (US-31), Benzonia
Sponsored by the
Friends of Benzonia Public Library

Christmas Carols And Stories

Christmas Presentations
Featuring a hilarious
Puppet Show
And a
"Grinch" Program

Family Friendly Ornament Workshop

"Make and take" ornaments, including snowmen, giant snowflakes, and little houses are among the featured items crafted. Make it a family affair & create some seasonal items that will brighten your home for the holidays while making memories to last a lifetime.

Schedule of activities:

10:00-10:30 am Stories and carols.
10:30-11:30 am Christmas Presentations
11:30- 1:00 pm Ornament Workshop
Refreshments served throughout event.
Call the library at 231-882-4111 for information.

And don't forget at 3 pm Christmas Magic starts at the Trailhead in Beulah with/Santa, carolers and kid's activities . Sponsored by the Crystal Lake Community business Association.

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Fall Craft Class

Wednesday, November 19, 2014
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Feeling like you're "not in the loop?" Benzonia Public Library's final craft class for 2014 offers the opportunity to get into it by making "loopy scarves." Guest crafter Vicki Carpenter will be instructing participants on how to create this no-knit, no-sew, easy-to-make neckwear that will be a perfect fashion accessory for the approaching winter. The workshop will be held at the Benzonia Public Library, 891 Michigan Ave. (US-31). As in the past, supplies will be provided; however, if you have particular colors and/or textures in mind for your scarf, please bring your yarn to the class. You will need about 70 yards of each color/texture (up to 4 max) to make a scarf.

"If you can tie a knot, you can make this craft." To sign up or for further information, please contact the library at 231-882-4111.

Great gift idea! Get inspired! Samples on display at the library.

9,000 eBooks
15,00 audiobooks
Plus music albums
and movies.

OverDrive Is Live

Benzonia Public Library has expanded its services with eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video available to download on personal devices. This service, powered by Overdrive, is free for users with an active card at the Benzonia Public Library.

To get started enjoying eBooks, audiobooks, and more, visit www.benzonia.lib.mi.us & click the Overdrive icon on the left side of the page. You can find helpful tools and directions by clicking the Help button on the digital collection.

GETTING STARTED:

The lending period is 2 weeks for eBooks & audiobooks and 3 days for music and video. All titles automatically expire at the end of the lending period so there are no late fees!

Tech available at the library
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
12pm-2pm.
Bring your devices
& passwords.

OverDrive is simple and easy to use, but we will offer regularly scheduled tech help for learning how to download.

We hope you are as excited as we are to take this digital leap! Made possible by the:

Friends of Benzonia Public Library.

Tangle Time

Tuesdays, 2:30—4:30 pm

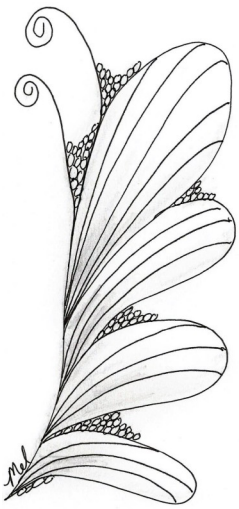
At the Benzonia Public Library
Ages 12 & up please.
A place where both beginners & experienced tanglers can share ideas, inspiration & skills.
You can bring your own OR use supplies provided by
Friends of Benzonia Public Library.

Tangling is a simple way of creating designs from repetitive patterns using pen & paper. It is easy to learn, portable, fun, relaxing & can be enjoyed by all ages.

What makes it so special?

The basic patterning technique inspired by the Zentangle® method of drawing is extremely relaxing, fun to do & is a GREAT stress reliever. And most important… no talent is needed. It requires few supplies & can easily be carried with you.

Reduce stress &
enhance creativity
While creating
beautiful images.
(No experience needed.)



Friends of Benzonia Public Library

Holiday Book Sale

Friday and Saturday

Nov. 14 and 15

10 AM—3 PM

Benzonia Public Library

891 Michigan Ave. (US-31)

Ever consider giving a work of fiction, non-fiction, children's book or puzzle as a gift for the holidays? A wonderful opportunity is forthcoming for acquiring such gently used gift items while enjoying delicious refreshments. During the sale, by joining the library's Friends (or, if already a member), you'll get one free book. After all, the "gift of a book" is what we're all about, during this festive event at the Benzonia Public Library.

Proceeds will benefit library programs. For further information, please call the library at 231-882-4111.

Repurposeful Librarians

Repurpose, Recycle, Reuse.

Crafts with a Vintage Flair

We have been busy little elves creating lovely craft items. Please visit our craft booth at the

Holiday Art & Craft Fair

Saturday, Dec. 6th

10 am—4 pm

at the

Mills Community House

891 Michigan Ave. (US-31)
(upper level)

Proceeds benefit library craft programs.

Now Accepting Friends Memberships for the 2015 Calendar Year.

We Need You!

Friends membership start as low as $5.00.

Forms are available in the library and on the website at www.benzonia.lib.mi.us.

Benefits Include:

One Free book at the Holiday Book Sale in November and early entrance to the Used Book Sale in July. Friends' membership dues, donations, and fundraising proceeds help support Library in a variety of ways.

"THANK YOU"

To everyone who volunteered at the Annual Used Jigsaw Puzzle Sale and Fall Fest Craft Workshop. Your efforts hare greatly appreciated.

Friends of Benzonia Public Library Board Members

Debra Taucher, President * Roger Dewey, Vice President * Kathy Johnson, Secretary * Michelle Leines, Treasurer

Board meetings are held at 5:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday each month at the Benzonia Public Library.

Upcoming meetings are: Nov. 18, Dec. 16. & Jan. 20

YOUTH SERVICES

What's New for You

Picture Books and Early Readers:

- *Once Upon an Alphabet* Oliver Jeffers
- *Skippyjon Jones Snow What* Judy Schachner
- *Isabella Star of the Story* Jennifer Fosberry
- *Ladybug Girl & the Dress Up Dilemma* David Soman
- *Fancy Nancy Apples Galore* Jane O'Connor
- *The Very Quiet Cricker* Eric Carle
- *The Legendary Yoda* Catherine Saunders
- *Pinkalicious and the Perfect Present* Victoria Kann
- **And many more titles.**

Juvenile Fiction:

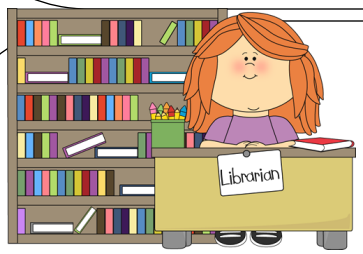
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid #9: The Long Haul* Jeff Kinney
- *The Blood of Olympus* Rick Riordan
- *Dork diaries: Tales form a Not So Happy Ever After* Rachel Russell
- *Land of Stories: The Enchantress Returns* Chris Colfer
- *Nightmares* Jason Segel

Juvenile Non-fiction:

- *Frozen: The Essential Guide*
- *Minecraft: Construction Handbook*
- *Big Foot and the Yeti*
- *Molecules: The Elements and the Architecture of Everything*
- Many titles from the popular "you wouldn't want to be" series.

Young Adult:

- *Brotherband Chronicles: Slaves of Socorro* John Flanagan
- *The Taking* Kimberly Derting
- *Atlantica* Ally Condie
- *Black Ice* Becca Pitzpatrick
- *The Infinite Sea* Rick Yancy
- *The Young Elites* Marie Lu



ADULTS:

What's New For You!

Fiction:

Deadline John Sandford
Gray Mountain John Grisham
Edge of Eternity Ken Follett
Lila Marilynne Robinson
Somewhere Safe with Sombody Good Jan Karon
Some Luck Jane Smiley
Children Act Ian McEwan
Big Little Lies Liane Moriarty
Nora Webster Colm Tobin
Bones Never Lie Kathy Reichs

Non-Fiction:

Killing Patton Bill O'Reilly
Rebel Yell S.C. Gwynne
How We Got To Now Steven Johnson
Mr. Hockey: My Story Gordie Howe
Homesteading Abigail Gehring
Such Good Girls Mark Whitaker
How We Learn Benedict Carey

Large Print:

Etta Mae's Worst Bad-Luck Day Ann B. Ross
Shot's Fired C.J. Box
Five Days Left Winter Street
Festive in Death J.D. Robb
Far Gone Laura Griffin

Audio Books:

All the Light We Cannot See Anthony Doerr
Me Before You Jojo Moyes
Personal Lee Child
Robert B. Parker's Blind Spot Reed Coleman
Food: a Love Story Jim Gaffigan
Orphan Train Christina Baker Kline

DVD's:

Nurse Jackie, seasons 1, 2, & 3
Boardwalk Empire, seasons 1, 2, & 3
Mad Men, Final season, part 1
Scandal, seasons 1, 2, & 3
Maleficent
Jersey Boys

BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY: *Turns 90 Next Year*

Library Improvements Update

Although we had intended to take the summer off from working on the Library, we were so excited about the progress we were making we just kept on keeping on.

Check out the Catton Room the next time you are in! We are excited about the new look! Thanks to Kim Lathwell, our volunteer painter, and Paul Sadows our floor "fixer", the room has a new look. We have purchased new shelving, and moved the Large Print, paperbacks, and audio books into the Catton Room, and by the time hunting season starts new seating will be installed. In keeping with a Catton serving as minister for the Congregational Church, there will be pews under the windows, as well as a comfortable reading chair. A table and chairs for the Reference room are now in place.

After the Holidays we will be starting on the biggest part of the renovation --the main hallway area, the Michigan Room and the bathroom. This is a big project, and we anticipate closing the Library during most of the work--actual dates to be announced when we complete scheduling with the contractor. While we know you will miss the library while it is closed, we hope you will feel it was worth it when we reopen. We estimate about 6 weeks closed, hopefully during January & February. We will keep you informed as to dates, and we will encourage you to check out LOTS of books to tide you over the closed weeks.

We continue to be excited about the upgrades and enhancements that are being made to our Library. We want to remind everyone that all of these improvements are being paid for from donations, not one penny of millage tax or penal fine income has been spent on the project. Your contributions would be most welcome, if you wish to contribute towards the remaining improvements--we have only just begun! We can use your help. Speak to the Librarian on duty who will be glad to assist you in making a donation.

QUILT RAFFLE

"Black, White & Red All Over"

Tickets $5 each or 6 for $20.

Drawing will be held
2:30 p.m.
November 15, 2014
At the
Benzonia Public Library

Proceeds benefit Benzonia Public Library

History of Benzonia Public Library

Honoring "90" Years of Serving Our Community

As part of the Library's "Birthday" celebrations, upcoming newsletters will feature a series of articles covering the interesting history of the Benzonia Public Library, Mills Community House, and the Village of Benzonia.

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Board of Trustees

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The Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 3:00 pm in the library.

Your Library Board
Working For You

If you are a regular library patron, chances are you have met Helen Dewey. Helen was elected to the Library Board two years ago, and by default she immediately became the library's "accidental techie." She has volunteered countless hours installing computers, setting up software, and monitoring them on a regular basis, saving the library hundreds of dollars in tech help. Currently she is available every Wednesday noon – 2 to help patrons learn to use OverDrive.

Helen's family has long established roots in the area. Grandpa Wolfe bought land in 1903 and the family has been summer residents since then. As a teen, Helen worked at the Cherry Hut and the Northway Inn. (For those who don't recognize that name, the Northway was demolished in 1965 and replaced by the condo complex in Beulah on the corner of Prospect Ave and Lake St.)

Helen grew up in New Jersey, earned a Master of Library Science at the University of Maryland, as a Navy wife lived in Rhode Island, Florida, Ohio and Virginia. Prior to moving to Michigan she had worked almost 20 years as an Information Services Librarian in the Fairfax County (VA) Public Library system. She and husband, Roger, moved here permanently ten years ago. Their 2 daughters live in Kansas and Virginia.

Problems with eyesight are a bane though they only make enjoying her many interests more challenging. Beside volunteer work, Helen enjoys reading, family history, watching hockey (Go Wings!), kayaking, and bicycling. She has greatly enjoyed several family trips to Sweden.

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."

– Mason Cooley

Book Chat

Monday, November 17:
Read a good book lately?

Benzonia Public Library **Book Chat meets at the library the 3rd Monday each month at 10 am.** Instead of everyone reading the same book, we share what we have been reading and get inspired to read new things. **All are welcome.**

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.