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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

JANUARY:
1 CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY
2 Teen Lit Club
3 Friends of BPL Meeting
4 eBay Basics
5 Early Head Start Play Group
6 Computers with Dustin
7 Trustee Meeting
8 Identity Theft Training
9 eBay Basics
10 LEGO Saturday
11 Computers with Dustin
12 Civil War program
13 Guild of Makers
14 Great Benzie Read
15 eBay Basics
16 eBay Basics
17 Computers with Dustin

FEBRUARY:
1 Teen Lit Club
2 Friends of BPL Meeting
3 Early Head Start Play Group
4 Computers with Dustin
5 Guild of Makers
6 Cyber Security program
7 Board Game Design Night
8 Computers with Dustin
9 Valentine’s Couples program
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11 LEGO Saturday
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13 Guild of Makers

Knitting Group - Tuesdays

COMMUNITY BOARD GAME DESIGN NIGHT

Have you ever wished you could invent the next Monopoly?

Join other families for a fun and free night and learn how to design board games! You’ll have time for a tasty soup supper, then we’ll guide you from first idea to making your game mock-up to testing your game by playing it with others. Who knows … you could make the next Chutes and Ladders!

Friday, February 9, 2018, 5-7pm
Mills Community House, 2nd floor
891 Michigan Ave, Benzonia
RSVPs helpful: (231) 882-4111

This event is co-hosted by the Benzie Public Library and the University of Michigan School of Information and is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services RE-05-15-0021-15.

LEGO Saturdays
Jan. 13 & Feb. 17 - Noon-2:30 pm
Mills Community House-Lower Level
Home of BPL, 891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzonia, MI

IMAGINE IT! CREATE IT!

Join us for creative LEGO fun. We will provide the Legos and help you bring your vision to reality!!! For boys & girls ages 6 to 106.

For information call 231-882-4111 or visit www.benzonialibrary.org

Library Hours & Info:
Monday & Wednesday
10am-7pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10am – 5pm
Saturday
10am – 3pm
231-882-4111
www.benzonialibrary.org
891 Michigan Ave., PO Box 445
Benzonia, MI 49616
BPL Year in Review...

2017 has been a great year at the Benzonia Public Library!
The 3 year renovation process at the library was completed March 2017 and we could not be more pleased with the finished look. The final stage of renovations resulted in a new Young Adult section, updates to the staff room and a newly imagined space for the Children’s Room, complete with a beautiful mural by Glenn Wolff, new shelving, a puppet theater and many hands on activities available to the children any time we are open. Many thanks to the Benzie County Community Chest for stocking the “imagination stations!” Thanks to patron donations and the fundraising efforts of our Friends group, we were able to continue popular programs as well as adding many new programs. Here is a quick look back at what was offered at the Benzonia Public Library in 2017!

- Ongoing programs include: Computers with Dustin, Guild of Makers Wednesday, Knitting Group, Craft of the month kits for kids, Early Head Start Play Group, and Teen Lit Club
- Maker Day and Cardboard Challenge with Friends from the University of Michigan School of Information
- Baby Play Time with Miss Mary Kaye
- Kids Fun Day Carnival presented by BPL, Betsie Valley District Library and Benzie Central Student Athletes
- National Library Week: a week long celebration that included a Bonnie and Clyde program with Al Bryant and Vicki Carpenter, LEGOPALOOZA, and Genealogy for beginners
- Team Zero –Talk, Report, Protect class
- Money Smart Kids, presented with the Frankfort Community Federal Credit Union
- Behavior Incentive Day, school visits, and Enrichment classes with Crystal Lake Elementary
- Off the Page series, partnered with Darcy Library, bringing writers and readers together in Benzie County
- Great Benzie Read, partnered with the other 3 Benzie County Libraries
- Community Conversation: discussion regarding local concerns and ideas. Led to Mentor program
- Mentoring partnership with Crystal Lake Elementary
- Oddities and Rarities program by Rod Rademacher, author of *Michigan Back Roads*
- Special guest appearances by our friend Pete the Cat
- Summer Reading: Build A Better World, another awesome summer with 270 registered and a grand total of 411 kids and parents attending programs in June & July. Prizes for the summer reading drawing were generously donated by local businesses.
- Ice Cream Social sponsored by HillTop Soda Shoppe with all proceeds benefiting BPL children’s programs
- Cooking Demos with Audrey and Anna: Fast, fun, and healthy foods presented in an entertaining format
- Three day Learning Through Doing Workshop plus a Maker Fest in partnership with the University of Michigan School of Information
- *From the Ashes* program by author R.C. Robotham
- Social Media: How to and Why by Jean Hardy, social media researcher with University of Michigan
- Costume Creation Lab with our Friends from the University of Michigan School of Information
- Diagnostic clinics offered by Master Gardeners from the MSU Extension
- Craft classes by our Repurposeful Librarians including container planting and collages
- PJ Storytime and Craft workshop
- Annual Holiday Party with crafts, puppet show, treats and gift making
- Summer used book sales, used jigsaw puzzle sale, and holiday book sale
- Craft sale fundraising by Repurposeful Librarians, which opened the door for many new programs
Civil War
By Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Two presentation times offered:
10:00 am OR 7:00 pm
@ Mills Community House-Upper Level
Home of BPL, 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Civil War (AD 1861 – AD 1865)
From Abe Lincoln to “the littest soldier of them all”, This presentation covers the time in our history that split this nation in two. Highlighting a Union drummer boy’s life and the Michigan 22nd Infantry Regiment, this historical overview uses photography to show the people, places, and times that would change this country forever.

Valentine’s Day Couples
By Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Two presentation times offered:
10:00 am OR 7:00 pm
@ Mills Community House-Upper Level
Home of BPL, 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Valentine’s Day Couples in History.
Come and hear this special St. Valentine’s Day lecture covering some of history’s most interesting “not so famous” couples. Starting with ancient Egypt and ending in the 20th century, you will hear stories of unconditional love, loyalty, lust, and betrayal too!! Explore this famous day of love through the “heart” of history.

Maureen has been a HistoryTeller for 27 years in the Detroit area and is looking forward to bringing her love of Art and History to the Benzonia Public Library.

Refreshments provided. No charge for event, just come and enjoy.
Sponsored by Friends of BPL.

Identity Theft Training
Benzie County Sheriff’s Office & Honor Bank
Thursday, January 11, 2018
5:00-6:00 pm
@ Mills Community House-Upper Level
Home of BPL, 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft
Learn to protect yourself from becoming a victim.
Identity theft is all-inclusive. When an individual uses your tax information, social security number, driver’s license, medical card/ID, phone number, insurance cards or even your email address, you are a victim of identity theft.
It can happen to anyone.

Cyber Security
By Jeff Fulton, Safety Net
Thursday, February 8, 2018
5:00-6:00 pm
@ Mills Community House-Upper Level
Home of BPL, 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Protect Yourself Against Cyber Crimes
Learn to protect yourself from becoming a victim.
Cybercrimes are committed against individuals or groups with intent to cause harm, physical, mental, or loss, to the victim directly or indirectly, using the Internet (including but not limited to Chat rooms, emails, notice boards and groups), mobile phones, etc.
Cybercrime may threaten a person not just a device.

Programs designed to offer you the knowledge and experience of professionals.

FREE COMMUNITY AWARENESS
presentations co-sponsored by
Honor Bank, Benzonia Public Library, and
Mills Community House.

Refreshments provided by Friends of BPL.
Door Prize provided by Honor Bank.
Computer Basics With Dustin
Stop in and let Dustin help you unlock the mysteries of the computer! You may bring your own or use one of our public computers. These sessions are FREE!

11 am-1 pm
Mondays as listed
Jan. 8, 15, and 29
Feb. 5, 12, and 19

Interested in clearing some clutter from your house, garage, or pole barn and adding some cash to your wallet? Learn how to sell your stuff on eBay. Top rated power sellers, Steve and Laura Ayers, will serve as coaches to help you learn the process. Participants will need to set up an eBay account and PayPal account prior to visiting the drop in session. Bring your laptop plus an item or two to photo and list so we can help walk you through the process.

FREE drop in sessions will be Fridays in January from 2-3 pm with coaching available through the week via eBay’s online messaging. February dates to be announced.

Knitting Group @BPL
Tuesdays, 1-3 pm
Everyone can work on the same project OR join us & work on your own.
Questions on a current project? Bring it along & we’ll help you get it straightened out.

Great Benzie Read

Thursday, January 18th @ 6pm
at Benzie Shores District Library

JOIN THE DISCUSSION!
Borrow the book “Bear Town” by Fredrik Backman from your library and meet up to talk about it with readers from around the county.

Refreshments provided by host library, Benzie Shores District Library.

Great Michigan Read

X: A Novel
Llyasah Shabazz with Kekly Magoon

One title, one state, thousands engaged in literary discussion.

Presented by the Michigan Humanities Council

Copies available at BPL.
Friends of Benzonia Public Library Board Members

Roger Dewey, President * Flint Watt, Vice President * Michelle Leines, Treasurer
Kathy Johnson, Secretary * Ruth Catton, Director * Jimmy McLaren, Director

Board meetings are held at 5:15 pm the 1st Thursday each month at BPL.

Thank You to everyone who helped make 2017 so successful for the Friends of BPL.
Help us make 2018 even BETTER!

How We Raised Money To Help BPL:
- Summer Used Book Sales x 4
- Used Jigsaw Puzzle Sale
- Holiday Used Book Sale
- Holiday Craft Sale in BPL
- Ice Cream Social
- Little Corner Book Shoppe in BPL
- Craft Booth at Beulah Art Fair
- Craft Booth at Mills Holiday Art & Craft Fair
- Mural Card Sales in BPL

What We Funded and/or Helped With In 2017:
- Up North Digital Services-OverDrive
- Oversized Chair for Children’s Room
- Food Demos with Audrey & Anna
- Bookcases by staff room & for DVD expansion
- Baby Play Time
- Behavior Incentive Day
- Benzie Guild of Makers
- Cardboard Challenge
- Costume Making Lab
- Craft Workshops
- Door Counter
- Enrichment Program
- Great Benzie Read
- Holiday Party
- Imagination Station
- Kids Fun Day
- Maker Fest
- Maker Workshop
- National Library Week
- Newsletter
- Off the Page
- PJ Story Time
- Smart Money Kids
- Summer Reading Programs
- Numerous Special Programs

Thank You, we couldn’t do this without YOU!
- Purchasing items at our sales
- Volunteering to help at our sales
- Volunteering to help with activities
- Volunteering to bring refreshments
- Joining the Friends of BPL

YOU ARE AWESOME!

Will You Be Our Friend?
Friends’ membership dues, donations, and fundraising proceeds help support Benzonia Public Library.

Membership start as low as $5.00.
Forms are available at BPL and on the website www.benzonialibrary.org.

Mural Cards

$2.00 each or 6 for $10.00
Pay for & pick up cards at BPL front desk.

Children’s Room mural by Glenn Wolff.
Photography by Steve Loveless.
Proceeds benefit Benzonia Public Library.
Sponsored by Friends of Benzonia Public Library.
Adult & Young Adult: What’s New For You!

YA
The Chaos Of Standing Still, Jessica Brody
La Belle Sauvage, Phillip Pullman
Long Way Down, Jason Reynold
Never Say Die, Anthony Horowitz
Otherworld, Jason Segel
Renegades, Marissa Meyer

ADULT—FIC
After The Fire, Henning Mankell
Artemis, Andy Weir
Beneath A Scarlet Sky, Mark Sullivan
The Body In The Casket, Katherine Page
Bonfire, Krysten Ritter
The Collapsing Empire, John Scalzi
End Game, David Baldacci
Future Home Of The Living God, Louise Erdrich
Hardcore Twenty-Four, Janet Evanovich
Heather, The Totality, Matthew Weiner
The House Of Unexpected Sisters, Alexander McCall Smith
In The Midst Of Winter, Isabel Allende
Katherine Of Aragon, The True Queen, Alison Weir
Left To Chance, Amy Sue Nathan
Love And Other Consolation Prizes, Jamie Ford
The Midnight Line, Lee Child
Not Safe After Dark, Peter Robinson
Pachinko, Min Jin Lee
The People Vs. Alex Cross, James Patterson
Quick & Dirty, Stuart Woods
The Revolution Of Marina M., Janet Fitch
The Rooster Bar, John Grisham
Summer People, Aaron Stander
Two Kinds Of Truth, Michael Connelly
Typhoon Fury, Clive Cussler
The War Bride’s Scrapbook, Caroline Preston
The Whispering Room, Dean Koontz
Windigo Man, Robert Downes

ADULT—NON-FIC
A Brief History Of Everyone Who Ever Lived, Adam Rutherford
Becoming Hitler: The Making Of A Nazi, Thomas Weber
Esty Excellence, Tyco Press
It’s All Relative: Adventures Up And Down The World’s Family Tree, A. J. Jacobs
The Last Castle, Denise Kiernan
Leonardo Da Vinci, Walter Isaacson
The Presidents Club, Nancy Gibbs
They Came For Freedom, Jay Milbrandt
The Total Dog Manual, David Meyer
Vacationland, John Hodgman
Revolution Song, Russell Shorto

ADULT—LARGE PRINT
Crimes Of The Father, Thomas Keneally
Mind Game, Iris Johansen
Sulfur Springs, William Kent Krueger

AUDIO
Barkskins, Annie Proulx
Becoming Hitler, Thomas Weber
Code Girls, Liza Mundy
End Game, David Baldacci
The Enemy Inside, Steve Martini
Future Home Of The Living God, Louise Erdrich
Hillbilly Elegy, J.D. Vance
In The Midst Of Winter, Isabel Allende
The Midnight Line, Lee Child
The Rooster Bar, John Grisham
Sleep No More, P.D. James
Strangers Tend To Tell Me Things, Amy Dickinson
Two Kinds Of Truth, Michael Connelly
Uncommon Type, Tom Hanks

DVD
Baby Driver
The Book Of Henry
The Dark Tower
Detroit
Dunkirk
Everything, Everything
The Glass Castle
King Arthur: Legend Of The Sword
The Mummy
Valerian

DVD SERIES
Fargo, Season 3
Game Of Thrones, Season 7
The Gilmore Girls: A Year In The Life
The Leftovers, Season 3
Stranger Things, Season 1
Westwood, Season 1

MY WEEKEND IS ALL BOOKED
**YOUTH SERVICES**

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**Guild of Makers Wednesday**

**Jan. 17, Feb. 7 & 21**

4-6 pm  
(No meeting Jan. 3)

**MAKING Wednesdays Awesome!**  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
Benzonia Public Library– Lower Level  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

**Join the Benzie Guild of Makers**

Students 5th grade and up can come together and explore anything from new and innovative technology to traditional handicrafts. Meetings include discussion and instruction, but will mainly focus on creating in an open and safe environment.

If you can imagine it, we want to help you make it!

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**Calling All Teens!**

Do you love reading? Writing? Time with your friends? Pizza??

**TEEN LIT CLUB @BPL**

8th-12th graders  
1st Thursday  
3-4:30 pm

Join us for book discussions, writing, food, and a lot of fun-the possibilities are endless!  
Get creative at Benzonia Public Library.

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**Youth: What’s New for You!**

**JUVENILE**

The Adventures Guild, Zack Clark  
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid-The Getaway, Jeff Kinney  
Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them, J.K. Rowling  
Nevermore-The Trials Of Morrigan Crow, Jessica Townsend  
Snow & Rose, Emily Martin

**GRAPHIC NOVELS:**

Anne Of Green Gables, Mariah Marsden

**NON-FICTION:**

Kids’ Guide To Fishing, Dave Maas

**PICTURE BOOKS**

Finding Christmas, Lezlie Evans  
Four A.M. December 25, Bill O. Smith  
Game Of Gnomes, Kristen Mayer

**The Greatest Opposites Book On Earth, Lee Singh**  
**Inky’s Great Escape, Casey Lyall**  
**Life, Cynthia Rylant**  
**Norman, The Slug With The Silly Shell, Sue Hendra**  
**Pillowland, Laurie Berkner**  
**Shelter, Celine Claire**  
**Who Am I?, Steve Jenkins**

**BOARD BOOKS**

Pete The Cat: Meet Pete, James Dean

**DVD**

Delhi Safari  
Despicable Me 3  
Ice Age  
Jumanji  
Leap

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**Early Head Start**

Early Head Start is hosting a socialization play group for ages 0-3.

Monday Jan. 8, 10:30-noon  
Monday, Feb. 5, 10:30-noon

In the Children’s Room at Benzonia Public Library.  
Public is welcome

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**Craft of the Month**

Pre-School Hands-On Activity

Ask the librarian for a craft pack, find a comfortable space, and enjoy creating the project at the library.

An adult who can help must accompany young crafters.

Samples of current monthly project are displayed in Children’s Room at BPL.
Volunteers-Giving a Little Extra

Cindy Brant

Volunteering at the library is a great fit for me! I grew up in western Michigan near Fremont, the Gerber Baby Food Capital, just a few miles from Lake Michigan and the Fremont Public Library, where I became a lifelong bibliophile!

I received my undergraduate degree in Library Science at CMU. My husband and I spent 30 years working in public schools in the middle of the mitten, where we raised our 2 children. Upon retirement, we vowed to return to the west coast, to the lakes and hills that we love.

Spending time with our 14 grandchildren is a priority, but is often combined with canoeing down the Platte, boating, or just reading on one of our wonderful beaches! We’re enjoying our new home in Benzie County!

We are so happy Cindy has joined the BPL team!

RB DIGITAL: Audiobooks

The Mid-Michigan Library League (BPL is a proud member!) is providing free access to RBDigital’s collection of over 7,000 downloadable audiobooks plus a language learning resource called Transparent Language Online.

To access these collections, visit www.benzonialibrary.org
Detailed instructions are on our RBDigital page. With your library card, you may sign up for an account to access these resources at any time via a computer or mobile device.

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