March Is National Reading Month
A time to celebrate and accelerate children's interest in reading, writing and literacy.

Kids Fun Day Carnival
Saturday, March 17, 1-3 pm
Mills Community House-Upper Level
Home of the BPL
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

Reading Time with Benzie Central Student-Athletes
Carnival Games, Face Painting, Photo Booth
Make & Take Craft Workshops
Prizes, snacks & crafts!
A day of fun and community that you do not want to miss!

Sponsored by the Benzie Central Student-Athletes
Benzonia Public Library & Betsie Valley District Library.

In addition to all the fun at the kids day carnival, our friends from the University of Michigan School of Information will join us to offer a special activity.

Storytime @BPL
Celebrating Reading Awareness Month
Tuesday, March 13, 10:30 am
Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia


Ready to Read Michigan
Encourages you to:
* TALK and ask questions about the book as you read together
* SING and use rhymes with children
* READ books aloud and point out text everywhere you go
* WRITE stories, draw, and trace letters with your child
* PLAY using puppets or objects to retell a story

Support for the Ready to Read Michigan program is provided in part by Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the State of Michigan through the Library of Michigan. Additional support provided by Bloomfield Publishers, Consumers Energy and the Library of Michigan Foundation. Read more: www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan
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Self Defense 101
By Preston Taylor
Grand Traverse Personal Protection
Thursday, March 8, 2018
5:00-7:00 pm
@ Mills Community House-Upper Level
Home of BPL, 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Protect & Defend Yourself!
Don’t Be A Victim!
Topics include: crime stats, MI State laws, pepper spray, concealed weapons, tasers, and firearms. There will also be a hands-on demonstration: “stand up position and counters”.
Preston will show you moves and tactics of what to do if you are grabbed/abducted, incur a home invasion and, what to do if someone jumps in your vehicle.

He will show you how to use pepper spray and where you can and cannot transport it legally, and he will also have some on hand to purchase, if interested.

Preston Taylor owns Grand Traverse Personal Protection where he does women’s self-defense classes and public speaking.

Refreshments provided by Friends of BPL.
Door Prize provided by Honor Bank.

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

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

Computer Basics With Dustin
11 am-1 pm
Mondays as listed
Mar. 5, 12, & 19
Apr. 2, 9, 23, & 30
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!

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.

“THANK YOU” TO OUR DONORS
The library appreciates recent memorial donations received in memory of Patricia Belden and Sally Miner.

We are so grateful to all our donors (past, present, and future) who make it possible to keep our amazing library vibrant and strong.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
Great Benzie Read

**Thursday, April 12, 2018 @ 5:30 pm**

**Darcy Library of Beulah, 7238 Commercial Ave., Beulah, MI**

Borrow the book *The Librarian of Auschwitz* by Antonio Iturbe from your library and meet up to discuss it as we honor Holocaust Remembrance Day with other readers in Benzie County.

Refreshments provided by Darcy Public Library.

**Presented by the libraries of Benzie County.**

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**TEEN LIT CLUB @BPL**

Calling All Teens: 8th-12th graders!
Do you love reading? Writing?
Time with your friends? Pizza??

Join us for book discussions, writing, food, and a lot of fun - the possibilities are endless!

**Get creative at Benzie Public Library**

**Mar. 1 and Apr. 5, 3-4:30 pm**

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**eBay Basics**

**Mar. 9 & 23, 2-3 pm**
**Apr. 13 & 27, 2-3 pm**

2nd & 4th Fridays
Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzieonia

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.

**Drop-in sessions are free.**

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**Great Michigan Read**

**X: A Novel**
Ilyasah Shabazz with Kekly Magoon

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

**Presented by the Michigan Humanities Council**

**Copies available at BPL.**

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**Guild of Makers Wednesday**

**Mar. 7, Apr. 4 & 18**
(NO meeting Mar. 21)
**4-6 pm**

MAKING Wednesdays Awesome!
Benzonia Public Library– Lower Level

**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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**Mystic Michigan**

by author Mark Jager  
*Michigan book series*  
**Monday, April 9, 2018**  
6-7 pm  
Mills Community House-Upper Level  
Home of Benzonia Public Library  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI  
FREE. Sponsored by Friends of BPL  

Did you know that there are places in Michigan where you can place your car in neutral at the bottom of a hill and your car will seem to roll uphill? What about water running uphill, sinking cities, floating islands, bottom-less lakes or natural underwater passages?! Have you heard of it raining fish in Michigan, tornados of fire or green sunsets? These are not “Michigan Mirages”, but you can learn about those too.

Join author Mark Jager as he explores some of these and other fascinating Michigan discoveries and discuss his journey in becoming an author. Enjoy an evening of fun and Discover “Mystic Michigan”.

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**Michigan Notable Book Author**

**DANIEL WOLFF &**  
CHRIS BUHALIS, singer/songwriter,  
*Grown-Up Anger: Bob Dylan, Woody Guthrie, and the Calumet Massacre of 1913*  
**Wednesday, April 11 @ 7 pm**  
Mills Community House-Upper Level  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia  

Doors open at 6:30 pm - Free program  
One-hour talk and musical exploration of Wolff's award-winning book.  
Hospitality and book signing concludes program  
Handicap accessible - Hearing assistive technology available  

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**Maker Day @ BPL**  
**Saturday, April 14**  
1-3 pm  
Mills Community House  
Upper Level  
Benzonia Public Library  
891 Michigan Ave.  
Benzonia, MI  

**Maker Stations and Open Exploration**  
Join us for an afternoon of fun and discovery! We will be joined by our friends from the University of Michigan School of Information to present a multitude of Maker Stations where anyone can engage in open play & creation.
Corner Book Shoppe @BPL
Offering a large selection of excellent quality used books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles year-round.
Operated by the Friends of BPL. Proceeds benefit BPL.

Spring Cleaning? Remember BPL!
Donations of gently used BOOKS, AUDIO BOOKS, JIGSAW PUZZLES, and DVDs (in excellent condition) would be greatly appreciated. Items will be sold at our book and puzzle sales.
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.

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.
Everyone welcome. Upcoming meetings: Mar. 1 & Apr. 5.

Friends of Benzonia Public Library would love your support!
Of course we prefer that you support local businesses.
However, if you shop online we want you to know that
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$2.00 each or 6 for $10.00
Pay for & pick up cards at BPL front desk.
Proceeds benefit Benzonia Public Library.
Sponsored by Friends of BPL.

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.
Adult & Young Adult: What’s New For You!

**YA**

**Batman: Nightwalker**, Marie Lu  
**Before The Devil Breaks You**, Libba Bray  
**The Caldera**, John Flanagan  
**The Cruel Prince**, Holly Black  
**Genuine Fraud**, E. Lockhart  
**The Last Let Go**, Amber Smith  
**The Last Magician**, Lisa Maxwell  
**The Librarian Of Auschwitz**, Antonio Iturbe  
**Siege Of Shadows**, Sarah Raughley  
**Thunderhead**, Neal Shusterman  
**Unearthed**, Aime Kaufman  
**X: A Novel**, Ilyasah Shabazz  

**YA—NON-FIC**  
**The 57 Bus: A True Story Of Two Teenagers And The Crime That Changed Their Lives**, Dashka Slater  

**ADULT—FIC**  
**As Bright As Heaven**, Susan Meissner  
**Asymmetry**, Lisa Halliday  
**The Atomic City Girls**, Janet Beard  
**City Of Endless Night**, Douglas J. Preston  
**A Dangerous Crossing**, Rachel Rhys  
**A Death In Live Oak**, James Grippando  
**The Deceivers**, Alex Berenson  
**Eternal Life**, Dara Horn  
**Everything Here Is Beautiful**, Mira T. Lee  
**Force Of Nature**, Jane Harper  
**Girl Unkown**, Karen Perry  
**The Great Alone**, Kristin Hannah  
**Green**, Sam Graham-Felsen  
**The Immortalists**, Chloe Benjamin  
**Look For Me**, Lisa Gardner  
**The Marsh King’s Daughter**, Karen Dionne  
**The Mitford Murders**, Jessica Fellowes  
**The Mountain Between Us**, Charles Martin  
**Munich**, Robert Harris  
**The Music Shop**, Rachel Joyce  
**Need To Know**, Karen Cleveland  
**Night Moves**, Jonathan Kellerman  
**Olive Loving**, Stefan Merril Block  
**Operator Down**, Brad Taylor  
**Promise Not To Tell**, Jayne Ann Krentz  
**The Queen Of Hearts**, Kimmery Martin  
**Red Clocks**, Leni Zumas  
**Robicheaux**, James Lee Burke  

**ADULT—NON-FIC**  
**Happiness Is A Choice You Make**, John Leland  
**A River In Darkness: One Man’s Escape From North Korea**, Masaji Ishikawa  

**ADULT—LARGE PRINT**  
**Carnegie’s Maid**, Marie Benedict  
**The Grave’s A Fine And Private Place**, Alan C. Bradley  
**The Widows Of Malabar Hill**, Sujata Massey  
**The Wife Between Us**, Greer Hendricks  

**AUDIO**  
**Born A Crime**, Trevor Noah  
**Carnegie’s Maid**, Marie Benedict  
**Dark In Death**, J. D. Robb  
**Happiness Is A Choice You Make**, John Leland  
**The Mitford Murders**, Jessica Fellowes  
**Munich**, Robert Harris  
**Operator Down**, Brad Taylor  
**Still Me**, Jojo Moyes  

**DVD**  
**Battle Of The Sexes**  
**Get Out**  
**Going In Style**  
**Goodbye Christopher Robin**  
**It**  
**The Mountain Between Us**  
**Roman J. Israel, Esq.**  
**Stronger**  
**Wonder**  

**DVD SERIES**  
**Better Call Saul, Season 3**  
**The Crown, Season 1**  
**Grantchester, Season 3**  
**Homeland, Season 6**  
**Rumpole Of The Bailey, Season 1-7**  
**Scandal, Season 5**
YOUTH SERVICES

Youth: What’s New for You!

JUVENILE
The Dreadful Tale Of Prosper Redding, Alexandra Bracken
Just Like Jackie, Lindsey Stoddard
The Problem Children, Natalie Lloyd
Shadow Weaver, Marcy Connolly
Real Friends, Shannon Hale
The Stars Beneath Our Feet, David Barclay Moore
The Wonderling: Songcatcher, Mira Bartok

GRAPHIC NOVELS:
Comics Squad: Detention!
Comics Squad: Lunch!
Comics Squad: Recess!
Dog Man, Dav Pilkey
Dog Man Unleashed, Dav Pilkey
Dog Man And Cat Kid, Dav Pilkey
Dog Man: A Tale Of Two Kitties, Dav Pilkey

NON-FICTION:
Alice Paul And The Fight For Women’s Rights
Star Wars, The Last Jedi: The Visual Dictionary, Deborah Kops

PICTURE BOOKS
Before She Was Harriet: The Story Of Harriet Tubman, Lesa Cline-Ransome
Dear Girl, Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Fancy Nancy: Oodles Of Kittens, Jane O’Connor
Here We Are: Notes For Living On Planet Earth, Oliver Jeffers
I Love Cats, Sue Stainton
The Littlest Viking, Alexandra Penfold
Love, Matt De La Pena
The Pink Hat, Andrew Joyner
Somewhere Else, Gus Gordon
This Beautiful Day, Richard Jackson
We’re Going To Be Friends, Jack White
What Do You Do With A Chance? Kobi Yamada
When Sophie Thinks
She Can’t, Molly Bang
Winter Dance, Marion Bauer
The Word Collector, Peter H. Reynolds

BOARD BOOKS
I Love Pete The Kitty, James Dean

DVD
My Little Pony; The Movie
Ramona And Beezus

Money Smart Kids
Tuesday, April 24
10:30-11:30 am
Mills Community House-Lower level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

 $$$ Learn to use money sensibly $$$
Storytime, Craft, and a FREE book, “Lots and Lots of Coins”.
It’s never too early to help your kids establish good money habits they will carry with them throughout their lives.
Pre-school aged program for kids & parents.

Early Head Start
Early Head Start is hosting a socialization play group for ages 0-3.
Monday, Mar. 5, 10:30-noon
Monday, Apr. 2, 10:30-noon
In the Children’s Room at Benzonia Public Library. 
Public is welcome

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.
Steve and Laura Ayers: Volunteers-Giving a Little Extra

Laura and I met during college in PA. I grew up in PA and Laura grew up in the Spring Lake MI area. We have three children. We ended up in Benzonia in 2000 when I began my job as pastor of Faith Baptist Church. We started selling items on eBay about 4 years ago to make some extra money on a few items around the house, as well as to teach our children some lessons about economics. We have sold a wide variety of items ranging from our own household items to those from resale stores to bulk purchases of store returns. It is rewarding to show others how to lighten their homes of extra possessions and load up their pockets.

BPL is thrilled that Steve and Laura are volunteering their time to offer eBay Basics at BPL. These FREE drop in sessions are designed to help you learn how to sell your stuff on eBay. Details on page 3.

Looking Forward… Watch for information coming soon.

- Summer Craft Series @BPL
- Summer Reading Program @BPL
- Special programs @BPL
- Used Book and Puzzle Sales @BPL

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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