Abraham Lincoln  
By Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller  
Wednesday, February 12th  
7:00-8:30 pm  
Mills Community House-Upper Level  
Home of Benzonia Public Library  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia  

Two-hundred years ago Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. Destined for the White House, this honorable, gentle man would resolve to keep the nation together, against all odds. Join us on his birthday to learn more about this fascinating man.

Information: 231-882-4111 or www.benzonialibrary.org.

A hospitality period concludes the program.  
Free event, just come and enjoy.  
Sponsored by Friends of BPL.

Great Benzie Read  

presented by the Libraries of Benzie County  

Thursday, January 23, 2020 @ 6 p.m.  
at the Benzie Shores District Library  

JOIN THE DISCUSSION!  
Read the book “What the Eyes Don’t See” by Mona Hanna-Attisha and meet up to discuss with readers from around the county.  
Refreshments provided by the Friends of Benzie Shores District Library.
2019 has been a great year at the Benzonia Public Library!

With the help of an amazing staff, incredible patrons, wonderful board, and the best volunteers we could hope for, Benzonia Public Library has had an awesome year!!!

Thanks to generous donors 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 2019!

♦ Ongoing programs include: Computer Help Desk with Dustin, Knitting Group, and Kids Craft of the Month kits
♦ Story Time with Miss Désirée: weekly stories and craft activities for the pre-school set
♦ Lego Saturdays: Creative fun for the whole family
♦ Marvelous Art with Mrs. McLaren: Fun art classes with local favorite Connie McLaren
♦ Great Benzie Read, 4 programs in partnership with Benzie Shores District Library, Betsie Valley District Library, and Darcy Library of Beulah.
♦ Needle Felting classes by the Repurposeful Librarians
♦ Community Board Game Design Night with Friends from the University of Michigan School of Information
♦ Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library: Registration and Kick-off with Advocates for Benzie County’s Education Task Force
♦ Kids Fun Day Carnival presented by BPL, Betsie Valley District Library, and Benzie Central Student Athletes
♦ Money Smart Kids presented with the Frankfort Community Federal Credit Union
♦ National Library Week: a week long celebration that included refreshments and special programs:
  ♦ Michigan Rediscovered with author Ron Rademacher
  ♦ LEGO Extravaganza at BPL. Family fun, competitions, prizes, and pizza
  ♦ LEGO Movie at Garden Theater
♦ Titanic Remembered presented by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller
♦ Wine Library Month at St. Ambrose Cellars. Library fundraiser courtesy of St. Ambrose Cellars
♦ Plant Diagnostic clinics offered by Master Gardeners from the MSU Extension
♦ Making Your Medical Wishes Known: Advanced care planning workshop by Munson Healthcare
♦ Prime Time Family Reading Time. Grants provided by Michigan Humanities Council and Benzie County Community Chest
♦ Cook Once, Eat Twice food demos with Anna and Audrey
♦ Wire Bonsai Tree class with Anna
♦ 101 Things That Happened on the Mackinac Bridge, a fun presentation by author Mike Fornes
♦ Summer Reading: A Universe of Stories, another awesome summer with 200 readers registered and many family programs in June & July. Prizes for the summer reading drawing were generously donated by local businesses.
♦ Galileo and His Universe presented by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller
♦ An Afternoon with author Joseph Heywood. In partnership with Benzie Shores District Library, Betsie Valley District Library, and Darcy Library of Beulah.
♦ Annual Holiday Party with crafts, puppet show, treats, and photo booth
♦ Mentoring partnership with Crystal Lake Elementary
♦ Special guest appearances by our friend Pete the Cat
♦ Summer used book sales, used jigsaw puzzle sale, holiday book sale, and Little Corner Book Shoppe in BPL
♦ Craft classes and craft sale fundraising by Repurposeful Librarians led to many new programs
♦ Remembering Benzie: An Oral History Project. BPL received a $50,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for this 2 year project. See page 3 for additional information.
♦ Provided copies of the Great Michigan Read to Benzie Central High School AP & Honors English classes thanks to a grant through the Michigan Humanities Council,
The Remembering Benzie Project interns have been hard at work the past few months. In early November, the interns finished their Veterans History Project videos. Eight fabulous videos went to the Library of Congress archives. These consisted of over 7 hours of veterans sharing their stories and experiences. The interns were so excited to complete their videos!

The interns also participated in their second workshop with the UofM School of Information in preparation for their second project during Christmas Magic. The interns learned more about interview protocols, follow-up questioning, and how to get families comfortable in front of the camera.

As part of Benzie County’s Christmas Magic Program the interns used the Story Corp model to record family interviews of holiday memories during the Holiday Party at the Benzie Public Library. The interns recorded memories for 32 participants in 9 families. Interns made their own interview questions, set-up their own staging, and conducted their own interviews. These videos will be edited and included in their final Remembering Benzie Project.

Press coverage for the Remembering Benzie Project has been outstanding. The interns were interviewed by the Benzie Record Patriot. The program was also featured on TV 9&10’s “The Four”. The news crew visited the Benzonia Public Library and taped segments of the interns interviewing a veteran and also included interviews with the interns and the Director, Amanda McLaren. The article and segment can be found on the Remembering Benzie page at www.benzonialibrary.org.

The interns will be using the holiday break to continue working on their interviewing skills by taping several interviews of their choice. In January they will participate in another workshop with the UofM School of Information. Then begins the next Remembering Project: The Legacies Project, which will consist of interviews with local community members including agricultural people, artisans, and others that make this community so great.

Please watch for the group’s updates in newsletters, the Benzie Public Library website, and their YouTube channel. Please email them at rememberingbenzie@gmail.com for any questions.

Knit 2 Together Group at BPL

Tuesdays, 1-3 pm

Bring your projects & join us.

We'd love your company.

Computer Help Desk with Dustin

Bring your Tech Troubles to BPL and visit Dustin at our Help Desk.

Mondays as listed:
11 am-1 pm
Jan. 13, 20 & 27
Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24

You may bring your own or use one of our public computers.
**BPL & FRIENDS OF BPL**

**WHAT THE EYES DON'T SEE**

with author Mona Hann-Attishaa

Join the author as she discusses her story of **Crisis, Resistance, and Hope** in an American City.

*2020 GREAT MICHIGAN READ*

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Sunday, April 19th
4:00 pm
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI
Sponsored by BPL with a grant from Michigan Humanities Council.

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**Thank You to everyone who helped make 2019 so successful for the Friends of BPL.**

**YOU can help us make 2020 even BETTER!**

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**How We Raised Money To Help BPL:**
Repurposeful Librarians Craft Sales
Little Corner Book Shoppe in BPL Annual Appeal letter
Mural Card sales in BPL
Used Book Sale: Holiday
Used Book Sales: Summer
Used Jigsaw Puzzle Sale

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**What We Funded and/or Helped With In 2019:**
Up North Digital Services-OverDrive
4 New computers for public use
Tech Support & equipment
Collection Development
Lighting upgrades
Book cases
DVD repair equipment
Drop box powder coating
General support of $7,000
Cleaning carpets & windows

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**Friends of BPL contributed over $20,000 to support BPL in 2019**

**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 of each month at BPL.
Everyone welcome. **Next meetings: Jan. 2 & Feb. 6**
Adult & Young Adult: What’s New For You!

**YA**
The Boy And Girl Who Broke The World, Amy Lynn Reed
Call Down The Hawk, Maggie Stiefvater
Here There Are Monsters, Amelinda Berube
How We Became Wicked, Alex Yates
The Liars Of Mariposa Island, Jennifer Mathieu
Loki: Where Mischief Lies, Mackenzie Lee
Pumpkinheads, Rainbow Rowell
Sisters Of Shadow And Light, Sara B. Larson
Starsight, Brandon Sanderson
Thirteen Doorways, Wolves Behind Them All, Laura Ruby
The Toll, Neal Shusterman
Two Dark Reigns, Kendare Blake
Verify, Joelle Charbonneau
Winterwood, Shea Williams

**ADULT—NON-FIC**
The Body: A Guide For Occupants, Bill Bryson
Braving The Wilderness: The Quest For True Belonging And The Courage To Stand Alone, Brené Brown
Cannabis Jobs: How To Make A Living And Have A Career In The World Of Legalized Marijuana, Andrew Ward
Dreams Of El Dorado: A History Of The American West, H. W. Brands
The Education Of An Idealist, Samantha Power
Exposure: Poisoned Water, Corporate Greed, And One Lawyer’s Twenty-year Battle Against DuPont, Robert Bilott
Finding Chika: A Little Girl, An Earthquake, And The Making Of A Family, Mitch Albom
Hymns Of The Republic: The Story Of The Final Year Of The American Civil War, S. C. Gwynne
Letters From An Astrophysicist, Neil deGrasse Tyson
Morbituaries: Great Lives Worth Reliving, Mo Rocca
The Ship Of Dreams, Gareth Russell
We Adopted Five Special-Needs Kids: The Inspiring Story Of An Absolutely Crazy Idea Led To One Very Big, Happy Family, Ann Ellsworth
Welcome To Replica Dodge, Natalie Ruth Joynton

**ADULT—LARGE PRINT**
The 19th Christmas, James Patterson
Agent Running In The Field, John Le Carre
The Andromeda Evolution, Michael Crichton
Blue Moon, Lee Child
The Book Of Science And Antiquities, Thomas Keneally
The Confession Club, Elizabeth Berg
Criss Cross, James Patterson
The Deserter, Nelson DeMille
The Family Upstairs, Lisa Jewell
Final Option, Clive Cussler
Guilty Not Guilty, Felix Francis
The House Of Brides, Jane Cockram
The Innocents, Michael Crummey
Invented Lives, Andrea Goldsmith
Just Watch Me, Jeffry Lindsay
A Madness Of Sunshine, Nalini Singh
A Minute To Midnight, David Baldacci
The Night Fire, Michael Connelly
Robert B. Parker’s Angel Eyes, Ace Atkins
The Second Sleep, Robert Harris
The Starless Sea, Erin Morgenstern
This Is Happiness, Niall Williams
To The Land Of Long Lost Friends, Alexander McCall Smith
Twisted Twenty-Six, Janet Evanovich

**ADULT—FIC**
Ad Astra
The Art Of Racing In The Rain
Blinded By The Light
Downton Abbey
The Goldfinch
It-Chapter Two
Once Upon A Time In Hollywood
The Peanut Butter Falcon
Where’d You Go, Bernadette

**AUDIO**
The Deserter, Nelson DeMille
A Dog’s Promise, W. Bruce Cameron
The Family Upstairs, Lisa Jewell
The Guardians, John Grisham
Olive, Again, Elizabeth Strout
What Rose Forgot, Nevada Barr
When Life Gives You Pears, Jeannie Gaffigan

**DVD**
Ad Astra
The Art Of Racing In The Rain
Blinded By The Light
Downton Abbey
The Goldfinch
It-Chapter Two
Once Upon A Time In Hollywood
The Peanut Butter Falcon
Where’d You Go, Bernadette

**DVD SERIES**
Game Of Thrones, Season 8
The Handmaid’s Tale, Season 3
Veep, Season 6

Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items in our Library Catalog at www.benzonialibrary.org.
YOUTH SERVICES

Youth: What’s New for You!

PICTURE BOOKS
- A Big Bed For Little Snow, Grace Lin
- Can I Keep It?, Lisa Jobe
- The Cool Bean, Jory John
- The Crayon’s Christmas, Drew Daywalt
- The Farmer, Ximo Abadia
- Fix That Clock!, Kurt Cyrus
- Fly!, Mark Teague
- Greta And The Giants, Zoe Tucker
- Just Because, Mac Barnett
- Maybe Dying Is Like Becoming A Butterfly, Pimm van Hest
- Monkey On The Run, Leo Timmers
- A Mustache Baby Christmas, Bridget Heos
- One Dark Bird, Elizabeth Garton Scanion
- Pluto Gets The Call, Adam Rex
- Pokko And The Drum, Matthew Forsythe
- The Scarecrow, Beth Ferry
- Small In The City, Sydney Smith
- Sofia Valdez, Future Prez, Andrea Beaty
- Squeak!, Laura Kvasnosky
- Stretchy McHandsome, Judith Schachner
- This Book Is Gray, Lindsay Ward
- Who Is The Mystery Reader?, Mo Willems

JUVENILE
- The 1,000-Year Old Boy, Ross Welford
- Allies, Alan Gratz
- The Beast, Ally Condie
- Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball, Jeff Kinney
- Dork Diaries: Tales From A Not-So-Best Friend Forever, Rachel Russell
- Key To The Extraordinary, Natalie Lloyd
- Night Of Dangers, Zack Clark
- A Talent For Trouble, Natasha Farrant
- The Year We Fell From Space, A. S. King
- Yours Truly, Heather Frederick

GRAPIC NOVELS:
- Dognam: Fetch-22, Dave Pilkey

NON-FICTION:
- 20 Recipes Kids Should Know, Esme Washburn
- Little Legends, Vashti Harrison
- Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, And Science Behind Your Favorite Monsters, Carlyn Beccia
- The Wonders Of Nature, Ben Hoare

EARLY READER SERIES
- The Princess In Black And The Bathtime Battle, Shannon Hale

DVD
- Abominable
- The Angry Birds 2
- Dora And The Lost City Of Gold
- Toy Story 4

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LEGO Saturday

Build Your Own Boat, Watercraft, or Sea Creature

**February 15, 2020, Noon-2:30 pm**

Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Lower Level
891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzonia, MI

**IMAGINE IT! CREATE IT!**

Bring your creativity and use our LEGOS to create an awesome project during this event. *(LEGOS are for use at this event & stay at library)*

For boys & girls ages 6 to 106.

**Hosted by Benzie County Water Festival and Benzonia Public Library**

Information: 231-882-4111 or www.benzionialibrary.org

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Craft Corner

**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.
**YOUTH SERVICES**

**Pre-School Story Time**  
**with Miss Désirée**

Fridays at 10:30 am  
@ Benzonia Public Library  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Join us to enjoy exciting stories followed by a fun craft.  
*A time to socialize, make new friends, and hear great stories.*

Info: www.benzonialibrary.org or 231-882-4111.

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**NOTE: SORRY, NO STORYTIME ON JAN 3rd**

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**Marvelous Art with Mrs. McLaren**  
@ Benzonia Public Library  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

**Artist Connie McLaren, a local favorite, teaches these FUN classes for KIDS.**  
FREE! All supplies included, sponsored by Friends of BPL.  
Info: www.benzonialibrary.org or 231-882-4111.

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**GRADES 1-3**

4:00-5:30 pm  
Monday, Jan. 13  
Monday, Feb. 10

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**GRADES 4-6**

4:00-5:30 pm  
Monday, Jan. 27  
Monday, Feb. 24

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Aquatic theme to celebrate the Benzie County Water Festival in February

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**Looking Forward...**

Watch for information coming soon.

♦ Kids Fun Day: March  
♦ What The Eyes Don’t See: April 19  
♦ Money Smart Kids: April  
♦ National Library Week, April  
♦ Summer Reading Program: June/July  
♦ Even more activities are in the works
Finn McLaren: True spirit of volunteering

Finn has always lived in Benzie County and has loved every second of it. He is a senior at Benzie Central High School and has been involved in the Boy Scouts of America, the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, plays, musicals, and many community service projects. He plans to go to Michigan Technological University and major in Ecology and Environmental Science. From there he plans to travel a bit and them come back to Michigan and get a job as a biological field researcher.

Finn has been a member of the Friends of the Benzonia Public Library for 5 years. During that time Finn has been an active volunteer at the library in various roles including: Founder of the Guild of Makers, puppeteering Boomer the Rat in puppet shows, assisting with Pete the Cat visits at many events, Lego master, craft helper, child wrangler, and student intern in the Remembering Benzie Oral History Project.

Finn’s biggest library project to date was his selection for his Eagle Scout Project. Finn decided to build and place 2 Little Free Libraries in the community, collaborating with the Friends to ensure that the libraries stay well stocked. The Little Free Libraries can be found at the Benzonia Dog Park and at Honor Building Supply.

Finn has been a wonderful Friend to BPL. Giving generously of his time and talents, he is always happy to help with whatever needs doing.

Congratulations to Finn on completing his Eagle Scout project.

We wish him well in his adventures at Michigan Technological University.

RB DIGITAL: Audiobooks

The Mid-Michigan Library League (BPL is a proud member!) is providing free access to RBDigital’s collection of over 33,000 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.

Up North Digital Collection-powered by OverDrive.

Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and videos on your personal device 24-7.
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