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 21
1-3 pm
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

Reading Time with Benzie Central Student-Athletes

Carnival Games, Face Painting, Photo Booth
Make & Take Craft Workshop
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.

Community members ages 50 & up, please take a moment to fill out a brief survey regarding library services and YOUR needs.
We are looking for input to help us understand how best to serve YOU!

A joint project by Benzie Shores District Library & Benzonia Public Library

www.benzielibrarysurvey.com

Survey link posted on both Libraries websites. Paper copies also available at each library.

“What The Eyes Don’t See”
with author Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha
Sunday, April 19, 4 pm
See page 2 for details.
During National Library Week, April 19-25, we would like to celebrate what we love most about BPL... YOU!!!

Join us for a week of celebrations that will include delicious treats every day plus special programs. We are grateful to have such amazing patrons & look forward to celebrating with you throughout the week!

“WHAT THE EYES DON’T SEE”
with author Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha

Sunday, April 19, 4 pm
Mills Community House-Upper Level
Home of Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

Join the author as she discusses a story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City.
Conversation facilitated by Kelly Thayer, Deputy Director of FLOW (For the Love of Water), Traverse City.

“The 2019-20 Great Michigan Read is presented by Michigan Humanities and supported by national, statewide, and local partners, including the National Endowment for the Humanities and The Meijer Foundation.”

Sponsored by Benzonia Public Library in partnership with Benzie Community Water Council, the libraries of Benzie County and FLOW (For Love of Water) Traverse City.

Refreshments and book signing will conclude this FREE program.

Little Houses Collage Class
Wednesday, April 22, 6-8 pm
Mills Community House-Lower Level
Home of Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

CREATE A FUN & COLORFUL COLLAGE!
No experience needed.

Class size limited and is for ages 12 and up. All materials including canvas, glues, paints, papers, punches, & stamps are Provided for this free class.

Registration required. Call 231-882-4111 or visit BPL to sign-up.

Sponsored by the Friends of BPL Repurposeful Librarians.

Build & Discover @ BPL
Wednesday, April 22, 4-7 pm
Mills Community House-Upper Level
Home of Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

Join your BPL friends for LEGO Building Fun & Toy-Take-Apart.

We will have LEGO tables for creative building & Toy-Take-Apart tables where you can dismantle & discover. (LEGOS are for use at this event & stay at library).

Sponsored by Friends of BPL.
Info. 231-882-4111 or www.benzonialibrary.org
The Remembering Benzie Project interns have started working on their Remembering Benzie Legacy Project. After attending the January workshop led by the University of Michigan School of Information group, the interns are ready to tackle the main project.

During this two day workshop, AuSable, Reeve, Mel, and Finn learned invaluable techniques and skills such as specific interview protocols, how to edit video, and what to consider for B-roll. B-roll is extra footage that enhances the video through editing.

They then culminated the weekend by practicing what they learned. They each interviewed Mr. Corey Bechler, Benzie Central art teacher and local artisan. They shot their own B-roll, and then edited a final 2 minute snippet on Mr. Bechler. All their edits can be found on their YouTube channel. [YouTube.com Remembering Benzie](http://YouTube.com Remembering Benzie)

Upcoming, the interns will be participating in the Community Story Gathering at the Mills Community House-Lower Level. Details at bottom of this page. This is the same day and time as the Kids’ Fun Day Carnival which is on the Upper Level of the Mills Community House. Details on page 1.

The interns are in the process of interviewing subjects for their Legacy Project and then editing their own 20 minute video on Benzie County’s history. Their debut will be held at the Garden Theater in Frankfort in May.

Please watch for the group’s updates in newsletters, the Benzonia Public Library website, and their YouTube channel. Email them at [rememberingbenzie@gmail.com](mailto:rememberingbenzie@gmail.com) with any questions.

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**COMMUNITY STORY GATHERING**

Video recordings will become part of the Remembering Benzie Oral History project.

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

1-3 pm

Benzonia Public Library

Mills Community House-Lower Level

891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzonia, MI

**Special Family Fun Activity**

Stations will be set up for families or friends to share and preserve their favorite memories!

Our Remembering Benzie interns will be hosting a memory video workshop. They will assist families in recording interviews focused on sharing favorite memories.

Videos will be archived and shared on the library website and may even be featured in the Remembering Benzie movie scheduled to premiere at the Garden Theater in the spring.

**Bring your family and join the fun!**
**BPL & FRIENDS OF BPL**

**Computer Help Desk with Dustin**

**Mondays as listed:**
- 11 am - 1 pm
  - March 9, 16 & 23
  - April 6, 13, 20 & 27

You may bring your own or use one of our public computers.

**These sessions are free.**

**Knit 2 Together Group at BPL**

**Tuesdays, 1-3 pm**

Bring your projects & join us.

We'd love your company.

**Save the Date...**

- Used Book Sale: Saturday, May 23
- Used Book Sale: Saturday, July 18

**Friends of BPL**

**Notice of Annual Meeting**

**Thursday, March 5, 5:15 pm**

In the BPL Meeting Room

**Agenda includes:**
- Annual President's report
- Annual Treasurer's report
- Election of Directors
- Other business as needed

**Great Benzie Read**

**Presented by the Libraries of Benzie County**

**Thursday, April 9, 2020 @ 5:30 pm**

At the Darcy Library of Beulah

Borrow *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson from your library, and meet up to discuss it with readers from around the county.

Refreshments provided by the Darcy Library of Beulah.

**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.

**Donating Books, DVDs, and Jigsaw Puzzles**

The Friends of Benzonia Public Library are happy to accept donations that are in like new condition.

This means something you’d be proud to give to a friend.

Donation criteria at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org) or 231-882-4111.

Up to 2 bags or boxes of donations may be brought to the Benzonia Public Library, 891 Michigan Ave., during regular business hours. DO NOT leave donations outside or in lobby.

We reserve the right to refuse items that don’t meet our criteria.

Call 231-383-3597 to schedule larger donations.

"THANK YOU" for your support.

**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. Meetings **March 5 (Annual Meeting)** & **April 2**.
Adult & Young Adult: What’s New For You!

**YA**
- All The Days Past, All The Days To Come, Mildred Taylor
- Chosen, Kiersten White
- Cursed, Karol Silverstein
- The Feminist Agenda Of Jemima Kincaid, Kate Hattemer
- Frankly In Love, David Yoon
- Jane Anonymous, Laurie Faria Stolarz
- The King Of Crows, Libba Bray
- The Night Country, Melissa Albert
- OtherLife, Jason Segel
- Patron Saints Of Nothing, Randy Ribay
- Sword And Pen, Rachel Caine

**YA—NON-FIC**
- The Rise And Fall Of Charles Lindbergh, Candace Fleming

**ADULT—NON-FIC**
- Home Work, Julie Andrews
- Franklin & Washington, Edward Larson
- Race Against time, Jerry Mitchell
- Ready Or Not, Madeline Levine
- Talking To Strangers, Malcom Gladwell
- The Third Rainbow Girl: The Long Life Of A Double Murder In Appalachia, Emma Eisenberg
- Tightrope, Nicholas Kristof
- When Time Stopped, Ariana Neumann

**ADULT—LARGE PRINT**
- First Cut, Judy Melinek
- How Quickly She Disappears, Raymond Fleischmann
- The Sisters Of Summit Avenue, Lynn Cullen
- The Wives, Tarryn Fisher

**AUDIO**
- Hindsight, Iris Johansen
- Many Rivers, Peter Robinson
- St. Francis Society For Wayward Pets, Annie E. Noblin
- The Third Rainbow Girl, Emma Eisenberg

**DVD**
- Ad Astra
- A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood
- Doctor Sleep
- Harriet
- Joker
- Judy
- Last Christmas
- Motherless Brooklyn
- Parasite
- Roma

**DVD SERIES**
- Big Little Lies, Season 2

Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items in our Library Catalog at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzoniaibrary.org)
Youth: What’s New for You!

**JUVENILE**

*All The Colors Of Magic*, Valija Zinck
*The Best Of Iggy*, Annie Barrows
*The Boy Who Grew Dragons*, Andy Shepherd
*The Bridge Home*, Padma Venkatraman
*Calm Getaway*, Nick Stone
*Dog Driven*, Terry Lynn Johnson
*Greystone Secrets-The Strangers*, Margaret Haddix
*Here In The Real World*, Sara Pennypacker

*Hollow Dolls*, MarcyKate Connolly
*New Kid*, Jerry Craft
*Pippa Park Raises Her Game*, Erin Yun
*Roller Girl*, Victoria Jamieson
*The Thief Knot*, Kate Milford

*This Was Our Pact*, Ryan Andrews
*Willa Of The Wood*, Robert Beatty

**PICTURE BOOKS**

*Apple Cake: A Gratitude*, Dawn Casey
*Are Your Stars Like My Stars?*, Leslie Helakoski
*The Bear Must Go On*, Dev Petty
*Bigger Words For Little Geniuses*, Sue Patterson
*Boxitects*, Kimberly Smith

*Bunny’s Book Club Goes To School*, Annie Silvestro

*Help Wanted, Must Love Books*, Janet Sumner Johnson

*Home In The Woods*, Eliza Wheeler

*In A Jar*, Deborah Marcero
*My Papi Has A Motorcycle*, Isabel Quintero
*No More Naps*, Chris Grabenstein

*Skippyjon Jones In The Dog House*, Judith Schachner

*Snow Much Fun!*, Nancy Siscoe

*Straw*, Amy Rosenthal

*Tiny Feet Between The Mountains*, Hanna Cha

*Up On Bob*, Mary Sullivan

*Vroom!*, Barbara McClintock

*Wild Honey From The Moon*, Kenneth Kraegel

*World So Wide*, Alison McGhee

**GRAPHIC NOVELS:**

*Baby-Sitters Little Sister-Karen’s Witch*, Katy Farina

*Diana, Princess Of The Amazons*, Shannon Hale

*El Deafo*, Cece Bell

**NON-FICTION:**

*1,000 Facts About Dinosaurs, Fossils, And Prehistoric Life*, Patricia Daniels

*Equality’s Call: The Story Of Voting Rights In America*, Deborah Dien

*Zentangle Under The Sea*, Hannah Geddes

**DVD**

*The Addams Family*

*Maleficent #2-Mistress Of Evil*

*The Missing Link*

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### The Book Club

**For ages 10-13**

**3rd Mondays**

**4:00-5:30 pm**

@ Benzonia Public Library

891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

Join us the 3rd Monday each month for a Fun discussion for ages 10-13 plus Pizza and Pop!

**Book Club dates & books to be discussed**

**March 16th**: *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio

**April 20**: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom

**May 18**: *Restart* by Gordon Korman

Info. 231-882-3411 or [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org)
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.

NOTE: No StoryTime on April 10th

Special Story Time
Money Smart Kids
Friday, April 3
10:30 am
Storytime, Craft, and a
FREE book,
Save It! by Cinders McLeod.

$3$ Learn to use money sensibly $$$
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.

Marvelous Art with Mrs. McLaren
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Lower Level
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.
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Thank You Crystal Lake Mentors!

As the mentors at Crystal Lake School finish a third year of meeting with students on a weekly basis, it is time to thank them for their extraordinary service. Twenty volunteers from our community meet the same student, often for more than one year, as they build relationships and become caring encouraging friends to these students. It is a big commitment by these mentors with huge loving hearts. The students are blessed...and so are the mentors!

The picture of a young boy walking down the hall hand in hand with his mentor announcing, “This is my mentor!” says it all!

The Crystal Lake Community Mentors (CLCM) was established a few years ago by LeeAnn Stephan (former Crystal Lake School Principal), Amanda McLaren (Benzonia Library Director), and Al Jongekrijg (former KIDS HOPE Director). Knowing how effective a mentor for a student is, the word went out for volunteers to mentor. Twenty mentors have been faithfully seeing students for three years. A THANK YOU to them is a small reward for what they do. The real reward comes in knowing they changed the trajectory of a child’s life.

Thanks too to the generous donors which enables students and mentors to have games and books and to cover any expenses to make the CLCM a successful Program.

Anyone interested in learning about mentoring at Crystal Lake School, please contact Amanda at the Benzonia Public Library, 231-882-4111. An Informational meeting will be held on May 14 at 1pm at Benzonia Public Library for anyone interested.

There are students at Crystal Lake School waiting for a mentor...just like you!

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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.

Transparent Language

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Sign up at www.benzonialibrary.org

When you join our mailing list the Friends of BPL will send newsletters bi-monthly plus activity updates.

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Some of the wonderful Crystal Lake Mentors