Letter from Amanda McLaren, BPL Director

To our Benzonia Public Library family,

WOW! It seems like lately everything stands still or moves really, really fast!

We are excited to let you know that, per the executive order 2020-110, libraries may reopen beginning June 8th! With that, Benzonia Public Library will begin a PHASED reopening which will start with curbside services. Why a phased reopening, you ask? Because there is a great deal that still needs to be done to safely open our doors. Every step we make will be with our staff and patrons’ health and safety in mind. There is much to do!

PHASE 1 will begin Monday, June 8th and will be in place until the next phase is announced. The library building will remain closed to the public during this time. We will be offering curbside services throughout the week during limited hours. *Mondays, 11am-2pm* Wednesdays 4pm-7pm *Fridays 11am-2pm.

For instructions regarding curbside requests and pick up, please see page 2. During the time that we are in Phase 1, safety precautions will be taken. All returned materials will be quarantined a minimum of 72 hours and will be wiped down before being made available to the public. Curbside services will be no-contact, with items being placed directly in your trunk, or if you prefer, left on the sidewalk for you to place in your vehicle. At this time MeL borrowing is unavailable. We are uncertain as to when that will be reinstated, but we will post updates on our website and Facebook page.

On a date yet to be determined, we plan to offer a Computer Center on the Mills Lower Level. This Computer Center is a partnership between the Mills Community House and the Benzonia Public Library and will be offered by appointment-only during the same limited hours as curbside. The lower level provides the space needed to safely distance the computers and allow patrons access for essential services. Details regarding the Computer Center can be found on page 3. Again, all safety precautions will be taken with each computer area being wiped down between use.

Summer Reading Programs will be virtual this year and registration is available online at www.benzonialibrary.org or by phone at 231-882-4111. All Reading Challenges and prize information are available on our website. Bag pick-up will be available curbside. Please see pages 6 & 7 for more information.

*Please note, US-31 is currently under construction. You will need to use the Walker Street entrance for book returns and pick-ups!*

We are grateful for the opportunity to offer these services! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at benzonialibrary@gmail.com.

Amanda McLaren
Director

Join Our Mailing List for Updates & Information About BPL

Stay Up To Date! Notices about what’s happening at BPL will be sent via our Mailing List & Facebook. Information also at www.benzonialibrary.org.

With the rapidly changing information and regulations, this is where you’ll hear the latest about what’s happening at BPL and when. Digital newsletters will be sent monthly with updates as we have the details.

Let all your friends know they can sign-up too!
New Account: Online Sign-up at BPL
Don’t have an account at Benzie Public Library?

No problem, you can now apply online for a card that allows borrowing privileges at the library. You’ll have access to BPL materials once the library can safely offer curbside pick-up. Benzie County residents and landowners will also have access to e-books and other electronic resources as soon as the account is activated.

Visit www.benzonialibrary.org, select Library Catalog, select Sign-Up on the far right of the page. Fill out the online application and upload a copy of your driver’s license.¹

Recently applied for a Digital Card? You can upgrade to full services by emailing a copy of your driver’s license to benzonalibraryconnect@gmail.com. We’ll let you know as soon as your account is updated, your account number will stay the same.

¹ If your driver’s license doesn’t show your local address, we can discuss other options for proving Benzie
REMEMBERING BENZIE:
An Oral History Project
June 2020 Update

We are so excited to announce that the student interns have moved forward with the Remembering Benzie project by completing a segment titled “History in the Making!” We greatly admire the students’ determination to continue with the project in the face of great obstacles’ and we are thrilled about the direction that they chose to take.

Each student intern selected one teacher/administrator and one student to interview regarding their quarantine experiences. Each interview is approximately 30 minutes long and is unedited.

The “History in the Making” interviews, as well as interviews previously recorded by the interns, will gradually be featured on the Remembering Benzie YouTube channel and the Benzonia Public Library website. Please subscribe to the Remembering Benzie YouTube channel and set your account up for notifications so that you can get an update whenever a new video is posted!

Thank you for your continued support of our awesome student interns and our wonderful Oral History Project! The Remembering Benzie Oral History Project is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and is a partnership between Benzonia Public Library, Benzie County Central Schools and the Benzie Area Historical Society.

Watch for the group’s updates in newsletters, their YouTube channel, and at www.benzonialibrary.org.

US-31 ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN BENZONIA

Road construction on US-31 through Benzonia is in full swing. The road is currently one lane from M-115 at Stapleton’s to Burr Street which is 3 blocks south.

The entrance to BPL from US-31 is currently closed. You’ll need to use the side entrance off Walker Street when coming to the library for curbside pick-up or to use Wi-Fi. You may want to try using Case Road to Walker Street as an alternate route.

Please be patient, we know the construction and delays are frustrating, but it will be worth it when everything is finished. The road will be smooth without pot holes and there will be set-back sidewalks on both sides from Stapleton’s to Shop-n-Save.

Benzonia will be pedestrian friendly and beautiful!

COMPUTER CENTER PLANNED

Another exciting service!
Making computers available for essential business needs.

The Computer Center will be co-sponsored by Benzonia Public Library and Mills Community House Association. Using the lower level will allow us to provide computer use with appropriate social distancing.

Once we can safely open, we are ready to provide computer access for essential business including: unemployment, job applications, taxes, online transactions, information, etc. Printing will be available.

Stay tuned for details and dates.

We’ll send information to those on our digital mailing list and post updates on our website and Facebook page. See page 4 for details on how to join our mailing list.
NEW ITEMS @ BPL

In preparation for curbside pick-up and eventual reopening, BPL staff have been cataloging LOTS of New Items for your reading pleasure.

These books, audiobooks, and DVDs can't wait to be checked-out and read. This list of new items will also be available on our website.

My Dark Vanessa, Kate Elizabeth Russell
The Night Watchman, Louise Erdrich
Old Lovegood Girls, Gail Goodwin
One Fatal Flaw, Anne Perry
Oona Out Of Order, Margarita Montimore
Please See Us, Caitlin Mullen
The Persuasion, Iris Johansen
Queenie Malone’s Paradise Hotel, Ruth Hogan
The Red Lotus, Chris Bohjalian
Redhead By The Side Of The Road, Anne Tyler
Revenge, James Patterson
The River, Peter Heller
Robert B. Parker’s Grudge Match, Mike Lupica
Robert Ludlim’s The Treadstone Resurrection, Joshua Hood
The Roxy Letters, Mary Pauline Lowry
The Secrets Of Love Story Bridge, Patrick Phaedra
The Second Home, Christiana Clancy
Shiner, Amy Jo Burns
Simon The Fiddler, Paulette Jiles
Three Hours In Paris, Cara Black
To Wake The Giant, Jeff Shaara
Walk The Wire, David Baldacci
The Water Keeper, Charles Martin
When We Were Vikings, Andres MacDonald
Who Rescued Who, Victoria Schade

ADULT—NON-FIC
The Bird Way: A New Look At How Birds Talk, Work, Play, Parent, And Think, Jennifer Ackerman
Birnbaum’s Walt Disney World: The Official Vacation Guide 2020, Alexandra Birnbaum
Hidden Valley Road: Inside The Mind Of An American Family, Robert Kolker
The Inevitability Of Tragedy: Henry Kissinger And His World, Barney Gewen
Inge’s War: A German Woman’s Story Of Family, Secrets, And Survival Under Hitler, Svenja O’Donnell
Kingdom Of Nauvoo: The Rise And Fall Of A Religious Empire On The American Frontier, Benjamin E. Park

New Items list continued on page 5
**New Adult Items continued from page 4**

**ADULT—NON-FIG**
- Me And Patsy, Kickin’ Up Dust: My Friendship With Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn
- Pharma: Greed, Lies, And The Poisoning Of America, Gerald L. Posner
- Smacked: A Story of White Collar Ambition, Addiction, And Tragedy, Eilene Zimmerman
- The Splendid And The Vile: A Saga Of Churchill, Family, And Defiance During The Blitz, Erik Larson
- Voyage Of Mercy: The USS Jamestown, The Irish Famine, And The Remarkable Story Of America’s First Humanitarian Mission, Stephen Puleo
- What’s It Like To Be A Bird: From Flying To Nesting, Eating To Singing—What Birds Are Doing And Why, David Allen Sibley
- A Young Sailor At War: The World Way II Letters If William R. Catton, Jr., William R. Catton

**ADULT—LARGE PRINT**
- Dear Edward, Ann Napolitano
- Trace Elements, Donna Leon

**AUDIO**
- Big Lies In A Small Town, Diane Chamberlain
- The Book Of Longings, Sue Monk Kidd
- The Book Of Lost Friends, Lisa Wingate

**DVD**
- 1917
- Birds Of Prey
- Bombshell
- The Current War
- Dark Waters
- Dolittle
- Emma
- Knives Out
- Little Women
- Uncut Gems

**DVD SERIES**
- The Affair, Season 5
- Call The Midwife, Season 9
- Mr. Robot, Season 4
- Veronica Mars (2019), Season #1

**Youth: What’s New For You!**

**JUVENILE**
- All Abord The Moonlight Train, Kristyn Crow
- The Blackbird Girls, Anne Blankman
- The Deceivers, Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Echo Mountain, Lauren Wolk
- Escape From Lucien, Kazu Kibuishi
- Fire In The Star, Kamilla Benko
- First, Katherine Applegate
- Genesis Begins Again, Alicia Williams
- If We Were Giants, Dave Matthews
- The List Of Things That Will Not Change, Rebecca Stead
- Prairie Lotus, Linda Sue Park
- The Queen Bee And Me, Gillian McDunn
- The Raindrop, Linda Ragsdale
- Secret In The Stone, Kamilla Benko
- Serafina And The Splintered Heart, Robert Beatty
- Serafina And The Seven Stars, Robert Beatty
- Supernova, Kazu Kibuishi
- Ways To Make Sunshine, Renee Watson
- Wayside School Beneath The Cloud Of Doom, Louis Sachar
- We Dream Of Space, Erin Entrada Kelly

**NON-FICTION:**
- Artful Illusions: Designs To Fool Your Eyes, Aki Nurosi
- A Better Grocery Cart, Jimmy McLaren
- Children Just Like Me, Barnabas Kindersley
- On The Horizon, Lois Lowry

**EARLY READER**
- Clementine And The Spring Trip, Sara Pennypacker
- Our Friend Hedgehog The Story Of Us, Lauren Castillo
- Tiny Tough, Abby Hanlon

**PICTURE BOOKS**
- Bob Ross And Peapod Squirrel, Robb Pearlman
- The Boring Book, Shinsuke Yoshitake
- Grumpy Monkey, Suzanne Lang
- The Invisible Web, Patrice Karst
- Mable: A Mermaid Fable, Rowboat Watkins
- Madame Badobedah, Sophie Dahl
- My Best Friend, Julie Fogliano
- Pete The Cat And The Perfect Pizza Party, Kim Dean
- Saturday, Oge Mora
- Swashny And The Sea, Beth Ferry
- The Undefeated, Kwame Alexander

**DVD**
- Frozen 2
**BPL YOUTH**

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**Summer Reading 2020**

*Imagine your Story*  
@ Benzonia Public Library

Online Registration begins June 1st  
**Summer Reading Challenge:** Deadline August 15  
**Ultimate Summer Read:** Deadline August 15  
**Prize drawings** will be after August 15!  
Must be registered at BPL to win a prize.

REGISTER at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org) or call 231-882-4111 and leave a message. We’ll call you back to take your registration.

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This year the Summer Reading Program at BPL will look a little different.  
Here are some ways that things will change...

Registration will be online at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org) beginning June 1st.  
Instead of Reading Logs we have two fun reading activities.  
You can choose to do one or both. So much fun!  
See details below. Both activities offer chances to win prizes.

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### Summer Reading Challenge:  
The Summer Reading Challenge begins June 1st and runs through August 15th.

Complete a Summer Reading Challenge Log for a chance to win a Grand Prize!

There are two (2) choices of logs: ages 4-7 and ages 8-18. These age ranges are just suggestions, feel free to pick the one you think you’ll enjoy the most.

All forms are available on our website at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org)

Ten Grand Prize winners will each receive a $50 Gift Certificate to a local business!

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### Ultimate Summer Read:  
The Ultimate Summer Read begins June 1st and runs through August 15th.

An opportunity for kids ages 8-18 to win a prize and ultimate bragging rights!

Track all your minutes spent reading throughout the summer. You can use your own log or the one available at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org).

Just be sure to keep track of your minutes.

Our top 3 readers will each receive a $50 gift certificate, bragging rights, and the opportunity to be featured in our newsletter!

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**Deadline for Grand Prize Drawing is August 15, 2020.**  
You can drop form(s) in BPL drop box, email to benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com or upload to [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org)  
Must be registered at BPL to win a prize.
Join us for Fantasy and Fun!

Help Dr. Fizz and Boomer discover the magic of the library and share their adventures as they journey through the world of fantasy.

At 3 pm on dates listed, the links for Facebook and YouTube programs will be available at www.benzonialibrary.org

June 18 - Magic at the Library!  Join Dr. Fizz and Boomer as they discover the magic of the library through one of their newest inventions. One very strange book may lead to a whole summer’s worth of adventures.

June 25 - New Friends and New Stories  Dr. Fizz’s experiments have created a doorway into an imaginary world of fantasy! Join us as we meet some new BPL Puppet Lab friends.

July 2 - Imagine Your Favorite Characters  Join the BPL puppets for fun with characters from our favorite books. Imagine what could happen if these characters jumped into different stories.

July 9 - VILLAINS? Oh My!  Many of our favorite stories wouldn’t be interesting without trouble from villains. Join the BPL puppets for a good time about bad guys!

July 16 - Bring Fizz and Boomer Back Home!  It’s time to help bring Dr. Fizz and Boomer back to the library. Help focus our imaginations and get those puppets home. Then, we can share their stories about our summer adventures.

July 23 - BPL Storybook Celebration  Dress as your favorite character as we celebrate books and imaginations. Join us for an online Creating Stories with Puppets workshop to help make your own storytelling more exciting!

Check out the Kids’ Catalog at BPL!
So much fun, search by category or series. Visit www.benzonialibrary.org & click on the Kids’ Catalog Icon.

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Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees meeting will be June 18th immediately following the annual Public Hearing on the budget scheduled for 4 pm on the lower level of the Mills Community House, 891 Michigan Ave, Benzie. Meetings are open to the public.

Five New eResources Available Free at Benzenia Public Library
www.benzonialibrary.org

TumbleBooks
TumbleMath
TeenBookCloud
RomanceBookCloud
AudioBookCloud

There are no wait lists or due dates on these collections. Tumblebooks has allowed libraries free access to five e-Resources (until August 31, 2020). These have now been added to our Apollo Catalog. Check out these great resources available at www.benzonialibrary.org.

Just click on the Library Catalog icon and scroll down to make your selection.

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The library provides wireless connectivity 24/7. Even when the library is closed, you are welcome to use your laptop or device to connect to our WI-FI from the porch or parking lot.

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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 37,000 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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