Hello friends!

Great news, we are taking the next step in our phased reopening plan! Beginning July 6th we will open a Computer Lab on the lower level (see page 3 for more information) and in person visits to the Library will begin by appointment only (see page 2 for more information). Curbside services will continue. All these services will be available Mondays 11am-2pm, Wednesdays 4pm-7pm and Fridays 11am-2pm.

The library is taking a slow and steady approach due to challenges we face in the layout of our building. It is very difficult to social distance within the library due to small rooms and several bottleneck areas. The safety of our staff and community continues to be our top priority.

Computer Services: There is a great need in the community for computer services. Whether applying for work or unemployment benefits, filing taxes, or printing items, we are implementing a solution to meet those needs. Thanks to a partnership with the Mills Community House, we will provide computer access in a safe, socially distanced space on the lower level.

BPL by Appointment: During appointment-only visits, you will have an opportunity to browse for materials within the library. Staff will frequently clean high touch surfaces and will follow all suggested guidelines to keep you safe. Also, we will continue to quarantine all returned materials for 72 hours and will clean each item as it is returned.

Curbside Pick Up: Many patrons enjoy curbside service and this program will continue. Please see page 4 for more information regarding Curbside Pick Up.

Summer Reading Program: SRP is in full swing! Please see page 6 for more information regarding registration, reading challenges, and virtual programs. Be sure to check our website for the puppet show videos! Summer Reading Bag Pick Up is available curbside. Just give us a call when you arrive and we will run your bag out to you!

I would like to close with a huge THANK YOU to our amazing patrons! We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work all of this out. We are grateful that many are taking advantage of curbside and thankful for the encouraging words we hear from you! If you have any questions, comments or concerns, I encourage you to contact me at benzionalibrary@gmail.com.

Amanda McLaren, Director
Benzonia Public Library

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

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!
BLENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

BPL by Appointment

Beginning July 6, 2020

Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Visit is limited to selecting books, audiobooks, and DVDs.
(No other services available in the library at this time).

Call 231-882-4111 or email benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com to schedule a 20 minute appointment.

Available times are limited to:
Monday, 11-2
Wednesday, 4-7
Friday, 11-2

Important information about using BPL by Appointment:

- Appointments will be limited to 20 minutes.
- Visit is limited to selecting books, audiobooks, and DVDs.
- Only members of same household may enter during the visit.
- Only one household group in the library at a time.
- All patrons will be required to wear a face-covering during their visit*.
- Patrons must maintain 6 feet of distance from staff.
- No other services available in the library at this time.
- No seating or work/reading space available.
- Toys & games will not be available in the children’s area.
- Elevator by appointment only for those unable to use the front steps.
- Anyone feeling sick or experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms, should not enter the building.
- Building will be routinely cleaned by staff.

*Children under the age of 2 are not required to wear a mask. Alternative arrangements will be made for patrons unable to wear a mask due to medical reasons.
Computer Center @ BPL

Beginning July 6, 2020
Mills Community House-Lower Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Making computers available for essential business needs.
Some examples include:
- Filing for unemployment
- Completing job applications
- Filing taxes
- Taking care of online transactions

Printing from our computers will be available. Items will be sent to a staff workstation where you will pick-up & pay for them. Cost is $0.25 per page.

Services not available:
- No Fax service
- No computer assistance

Call 231-882-0591 to schedule an appointment.

Hours of operation are:
Monday, 11-2
Wednesday, 4-7
Friday, 11-2

IMPORTANT INFORMATION to use the Computer Center:
Pre-scheduled appointment
Face mask worn correctly
Maintain 6’ social distancing

Elevator available by appointment for those who are unable to use front steps to lower level.

PRINTING & COPIES:
Call ahead if you need copies made.
Staff will make your copies, no self service at this time.
Cost is $0.25 per page (cash or check only).

The Computer Center is co-sponsored by Benzonia Public Library & Mills Community House Association.
Using the lower level allows us to provide computer use with social distancing.

Benzonia Public Library
231-882-4111
www.benzonialibrary.org

Mills Community House
231-882-0591
www.millscommhouse@gmail.com
New Account: Online Sign-up at BPL

Don’t have an account at Benzonia 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. 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 benzoniaconnect@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 County residence or property ownership. Email benzoniaplconnect@gmail.com with questions.
BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

YA
Aurora Burning, Amie Kaufman
Burn, Patrick Ness
Seasons Of The Storm, Elle Cosimano
The State Of Us, Shaun David Hutchinson

ADULT—NON-FIC
The Inner Coast Essays, Donovan Hohn

ADULT—FIC
28 Summers, Elin Hilderbrand
The Bitter And Sweet Of Cherry Season, Molly Fader
The Choice, Gillian McAllister
The Distant Dead, Heather Young
Guests Of August, Gloria Goldreich
The Half Sister, Sandie Jones
Where The Lost Wander, Amy Harmon

AUDIO
To Wake The Giant, Jeff Shaara

DVD
Just Mercy
The Way Back

DVD SERIES
Schitt’s Creek, Seasons 1, 2 & 3

Youth: What’s New For You!

JUVENILE
Braver: A Wombat’s Tale, Suzanne Selfors
Every Missing Piece, Melanie Conklin
A Game Of Fox & Squirrels, Jean Reese

The Lost Fairy Tales, Anna James
The Map Of Stars, Laura Ruby
The Next Great Jane, K.L. Going
One Last Shot, John David Anderson

PICTURE BOOKS
All Along The River, Magnus Weightman
Brick By Brick, Heidi Woodward Sheffield
Drawn Together, Minh Lé
I Am Enough, Grace Byers
The Raindrop Has A Billion Stories To Tell, Linda Ragsdale
Sandcastle, Einat Tsarfati
Sloth Went, Adam Lehrhaupt
Why Do We Cry?, Fran Pintadera

EARLY READER SERIES
Ada Twist And The Perilous Plants, Andrea Beaty
Iggy Peck And The Mysterious Mansion, Andrea Beaty
Rosie Revere And The Raucous Riveters, Andrea Beaty

DVD
Onward

PoWeR Book Bags Now at BPL
Play, Write, and Read

Thanks to a collaborative effort by the Advocates for Benzie County’s Education Task Force along with the four public libraries of the county, PoWeR Book Bags are going out this summer to Benzie County children from pre-school on up. PoWeR stands for Play, Write, and Read with each bag containing books, writing materials, and a finger puppet to encourage play.

If your child(ren) would like to receive a bag and up to SIX free books for their home library, simply visit www.benzonialibrary.org/power-book-bags to sign up, or call 231-882-4111 for more information.

You and your child decide the reading level you are most comfortable with, regardless of age. Bags containing picture books and early readers will have six pre-selected books. Elementary and up kids will have the opportunity to select their own books by visiting www.benzonialibrary.org/power-book-bags. Books and bags are handed out on a first come, first serve basis, so select your books TODAY! After signing up to receive a bag, you will be contacted to schedule pick up.

PoWeR Book Bags is a non-profit started in Suttons Bay in 2016, with a two-fold mission: to increase children’s language and literacy experiences AND to grow the number of books in their personal collections. The focus is on giving literacy materials to underserved children in Northern Michigan. To learn more about PoWeR Book Bags, please visit their website at www.powerbookbags.org
BPL YOUTH

Summer Reading 2020
Imagine your Story @ BPL

Registration Now Open
Deadline for prize drawings is August 15!
Must be registered at BPL to win a prize.

REGISTER at www.benzonialibrary.org or call 231-882-4111 and leave a message. We’ll call you back to take your registration.

So much fun! Two activities; both offer chances to win prizes.

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

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

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.

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!

Deadline for Grand Prize Drawing is August 15, 2020.
Must be registered at BPL to win a prize. You can drop form(s) in BPL drop box, email to benzionalibraryconnect@gmail.com or upload to www.benzonialibrary.org

Help Dr. Fizz and Boomer discover the magic of the library and share their adventures as they journey through the world of fantasy.
Online broadcasts at 3 pm on dates listed, the links for Facebook and YouTube programs will be available at www.benzonialibrary.org

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

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FREE WI-FI 24/7

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.

There are no time limits for wireless users and no password.

Wireless users do not have access to library printers.


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.

Up North Digital Collection-
powered by OverDrive.

Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and videos on your personal device 24-7.
Visit benzonia.org and click on the OverDrive image.

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TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE ONLINE

Receive BPL Newsletters & Activity Updates via email.

Sign up at www.benzonialibrary.org

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