BPL by Appointment
Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

APPOINTMENTS NOW AVAILABLE
Call 231-882-4111 or email benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

20 Minute Visit is limited to selecting books, audiobooks, DVDs and Little Corner Book Shoppe.
No other services available in the library at this time.

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Important information about using BPL by Appointment:

- Appointments will be limited to 20 minutes.
- Visit is limited to selecting books, audiobooks, and DVDs.
- Only same household members may enter during the visit.
- Only one household group in the library at a time.
- All patrons must 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.

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FREE Wi-Fi 24/7

DIGITAL SERVICES 24-7
via OverDrive Up North Digital Collection
ICE SKATE LENDING at BPL

Reserve skates for Curbside Pick-up by visiting our Library Catalog at www.benzonialibrary.org or call 231-882-4111.

PLAN AHEAD DUE TO LIMITED HOURS
See important sizing information in our Frequently Asked Questions section below.

THANK YOU Dr. Lisa! Thanks to a generous donation by Dr. Lisa Musgrave, DDS, Benzonia Public Library now has ice skates available to lend.

Dr. Lisa said "I am constantly inspired by every amazing thing I see so many people do to help those around us in our community." She saw a need and took action to fill it. She stated "My ultimate goal is to Inspire someone else to do something for our community."

Thank you to Dr. Lisa! Her generosity makes ice skating available to Benzonia Public Library members, our Village friends, and our Traverse City neighbors.

Frequently Asked Questions: Additional information at www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending

Who can borrow skates? Adults, 18 years of age or older, are able to borrow skates for themselves and for minor children. Adult must have a BPL Library card in good standing & must complete a liability waiver for each skater in order to borrow ice skates.

How Much Does It Cost? Free! There is no charge to borrow the ice skates.

How Long Can I Use the Skates? Each skate-lending period is 48 hours (Thursday & Friday checkouts will be due Monday). Due to the size of this item, skates must be returned directly to a staff member via curbside.

What If I Return the Skates Late? The success of this program depends on community members returning the skates on time; however, we know that life happens. If returned after the 48-hour rental period, a $1.00 per day overdue fee will be assessed.

Where Can I Use the Skates? The Village of Benzonia public skating rink is located next to the library. It can be accessed from the library parking lot or Traverse Avenue (off of US-31). The rink is maintained by “The Cottage Pros” who are donating their time & equipment. You may also use these skates on private rinks.

What Size Skate Should I Use? These BAUER hockey skates are unisex. A suggested sizing chart can be found on our Ice Skating Page at www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending. Sizing is a preference and therefore charts do not guarantee fit. An assortment of skates is available for older children, teens, women, and men. A few are also offered in wide sizes.

Skates are available on a first come, first served basis. At this time there is NO place to try on skates.

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

Date and registration details will be in our March newsletter and at www.benzonialibrary.org

Conversation will be facilitated by Liz Kirkwood, Executive Director of FLOW
Sponsored by Benzonia Public Library in partnership with FLOW (For Love of Water) Traverse City.

What the Eyes Don't See
Curbside Service @ BPL

- Maximum reserves per library card are: 10 print items and 5 DVDs
- This service is for picking up items only. No other transactions will be handled curbside.
- Returned items (EXCEPT ICE SKATES & STEM Kits) may be placed in the outdoor drop box.
- Email benzonialibrary@gmail.com with questions regarding your account.
- Visit www.benzonialibrary.org/Curbside for additional information.

Providing safe & efficient curbside service to your vehicle.

Three easy ways to request items for Curbside Pick-up

**ONLINE CATALOG REQUEST:**
Visit www.benzonialibrary.org Select the Library Catalog icon and login using your library card number. Click the "help" icon in the top left corner for instructions and tips on browsing and placing reserves.

**EMAIL REQUEST:**
Email benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com to request items. Include title and author name. Please indicate if you are requesting a DVD or Audio. Be sure to include your name and phone number in your email.

**PHONE REQUEST:**
Call 231-882-4111 and either speak with a staff member or leave a message. Be sure to leave your full name and phone number.

Once your request is received, a staff member will contact you to give instructions and schedule your pick-up date/time.

Computer Center @ BPL
Mills Community House - Lower Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**
Call 231-882-0591 to schedule an appointment.

**PRINTING & COPIES:**
Printing from our computers will be available. Cost is $0.25 per page (cash or check only). **Call ahead if you need copies made.** No Fax or computer assistance available at this time.

The Computer Center is co-sponsored by Benzonia Public Library & Mills Community House Association.

New Account: Sign-up Online at BPL

Don’t have an account at BPL? 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 benzonia.biblionix.com/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. Read more about new account requirements & policies at www.benzonialibrary.org/services.
After a very productive training January 23rd and 24th the student interns are equipped and excited to enter the Legacy Project phase of interviewing. The first round of interviews begins immediately with interviewees suggested by our friends at the Benzie Area Historical Society. Students will conduct these interviews the first two weeks of February followed by a hands on editing workshop February 20th and 21st. After completing this editing workshop, students will create an edited clip, of approximately 5 minutes, that will feature a theme from their interview. The video clips will be posted to the Remembering Benzie YouTube page and the full, unedited interviews will be archived at the Benzonia Public Library and the Benzie Area Historical Society and Museum. Student interns will next select a subject for their second Legacy Project interview and will produce another edited clip.

Meet the Interns! Quick intros for each intern are currently posted on the Remembering Benzie YouTube channel!

The Year 2 Veteran's History Project Interviews will post to the Remembering Benzie YouTube channel every Tuesday at 10am beginning February 2nd. One video will post each week through March 9th.

UPDATE ON YEAR ONE VIDEOS: All of the completed projects from our Year One interns are currently posted on the Remembering Benzie YouTube channel.

We thank you all for your continued support and excitement for this wonderful program!

Please subscribe to our Remembering Benzie YouTube page Remembering Benzie YouTube page to watch past interviews recorded by our interns last year and click on notification settings to be notified as new videos are posted.

Stay tuned for updates in future newsletters and at www.benzonialibrary.org

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services LG-27-19-0151-19.
Online Pre-School Story Time with Miss Désirée
Videos drop Fridays at 10:30 am
www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-with-miss-desiree

Story and Activity Videos! Craft Ideas!

Weekly Video: Enjoy an exciting story
Monthly Video: Participate in fun songs & activities
Craft Activities: Various online craft activities, videos, and a monthly craft kit.
Programs: Previous programs will be available on the Benzonia Public Library YouTube Channel

Monthly Craft Kits for Pre-school Storytime with Miss Desiree are now available in one kit for your convenience! These kits are available for Curbside pick-up, see page 1 for curbside hours. Just give us a call at 231-882-4111 when you arrive during any of the listed times & we will bring your kit right out to you! Monthly craft videos will be posted the 1st Friday & crafts can be done at a time that best fits your little one’s schedule. Sneak peak of February crafts shown below.

FEBRUARY LEGO FUN!!!
Let your imagination run wild and create a fun February themed LEGO creation. Use your own LEGO or borrow a LEGO kit from Benzonia Public Library.
Photos emailed to benzoniaibraryconnect@gmail.com during February will be showcased on the library Facebook page.

SOME FUN IDEAS:
- Design a valentine out of LEGOs
- Make a model of a place you love
- Create your favorite pet
- Construct a map of your neighborhood
- Assemble your dream vehicle
- OR
  Think up your own idea

Kits can be checked out for one (1) week with a one (1) week renewal possible. Three ways to reserve you’re a LEGO kit.
- Call 231-882-4111
- Email benzoniaibraryconnect@gmail.com
- Use our Library Catalog at www.benzonialibrary.org

NOTE: A library card at BPL is needed to check out items.

IMPORTANT: Kits must be returned via Curbside. DO NOT place in or on top of the drop box. During Curbside hours you may bring them to the front door or call when you arrive & we will come out to get them.

Questions? Contact us at benzoniaibraryconnect@gmail.com or 231-882-4111
Adult & Young Adult: What’s New For You!

**YA**
- Concrete Rose, Angie Thomas
- The Great Gatsby: The Graphic Novel, F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Secret Commonwealth, Phillip Pullman
- Tales From Hinterland, Melissa Albert

**ADULT—FIC**
- American Traitor, Brad Taylor
- Before She Disappeared, Lisa Gardner
- Before The Ruins, Victoria Gosling
- Bridgerton: The Duke And I, Julia Quinn
- The Children’s Blizzard, Melanie Benjamin
- Confessions On The 7:45, Lisa Unger
- Dear Emmie Blue, Lia Louis
- Destination Wedding, Aaron Stander
- Fool Me Twice, Jeffry P. Lindsay
- The Hare, Melanie Finn
- Hush-Hush, Stuart Woods
- A Lie Someone Told You About Yourself, Peter Ho Davies
- Not My Boy, Kelly Simmons
- Our Darkest Night, Jennifer Robson
- Pretty Little Wife, Darby Kane
- The Rib King, Ladee Hubbard
- Robert B. Parker’s Someone To Watch Over Me, Ace Atkins
- The Russian, James Patterson
- The Scorpion’s Tail, Douglas J. Preston
- A Stranger At The Door, Jason Pinter
- Three Flames, Alan P. Lightman
- To Cook A Bear, Mikael Niemi
- Twenty, James Grippando

**ADULT—NON-FIC**
- Garner’s Quotations: A Modern Miscellany, Dwight Garner
- Panic Attack? Not Me!: A No-BS Guide To Dealing With Panic Attacks, Jeffrey Robert Chamberlain
- The Undocumented Americans,Karla Cornejo Villavicencio
- When My Time Comes: Conversations About Whether Those Who Are Dying Should Have The Right To Determine When Life Should End, Diane Rehm
- You’ll Never Believe What Happened To Lacey: Crazy Stories About Racism, Amber Ruffin

**ADULT—LARGE PRINT**
- The Mystery Of Mrs. Christie, Marie Benedict

**AUDIO**
- The Children’s Blizzard, Melanie Benjamin
- Love Your Life, Sophie Kinsella

**Youth: What’s New For You!**

**JUVENILE**
- 11 Birthdays, Wendy Mass
- Among The Betrayed, Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Among The Hidden, Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Crossing The Black Ice Bridge, Alex Bell
- The Doughnut Fix, Jessie Janowitz
- The Doughnut King, Jessie Janowitz
- The Forbidden Expedition, Alex Bell
- Framed, James Ponti
- Out Of Left Field, Ellen Klages
- The Polar Bear Explorer’s Club, Alex Bell
- Sal And Gabi Break The Universe, Carlos Hernandez
- Sal And Gabi Fix The Universe, Carlos Hernandez
- Things Seen From Above, Shelley Pearsall
- Trapped, James Ponti
- Unplugged, Gordon Korman
- Vanished, James Ponti

**GRAPHIC NOVELS:**
- Karen’s Worst Day, Ann M. Martin
- Just Jamie, Terri Libenson

**NON-FICTION:**
- Gone To The Woods: Surviving A Lost Childhood, Gary Paulsen

**PICTURE BOOKS**
- The Bear And The Moon, Matthew Burgess
- If You Come To Earth, Sophie Blackall
- A Parade Of Elephants, Kevin Henkes

**BOARD BOOKS**
- Little Michigan, Denise Brennan-Nelson
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Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees are usually held at 4 pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the library building. Meetings are open to the public.

If meetings are shifted to online, information will be posted at www.benzonialibrary.org

Friends of BPL
Notice of Annual Meeting

Via Zoom
Thursday, March 4, 5:15 pm
Agenda includes:
Annual President’s report
Annual Treasurer’s report
Election of Directors

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Friends of Benzonia Public Library will hold its Annual Meeting via teleconference. The meeting is open to the public.

Please contact the Friends at friendsbenzonialibrary@gmail.com by 11 am on Thursday, March 4th if you would like to attend the meeting by Zoom.

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Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and videos on your personal device 24-7.
Visit benzoniaibrary.org and click on the OverDrive image.
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Corner Book Shoppe
@ BPL

Offering a large selection of excellent quality used books, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles.

Purchases may be made during By Appointment visits at BPL.
Operated by the Friends of BPL.
Proceeds benefit BPL.

Transparent Language Online

The Mid-Michigan Library League (BPL is a proud member) is providing free access to this wonderful language learning resource
Visit benzoniaibrary.org and click on the OverDrive image.

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