JUNE EVENTS TO GET EXCITED ABOUT!

Explore the Oceans of Possibilities in this newsletter.

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BPL HOURS:
10am-6pm Monday-Friday
10am-2pm Saturday
Curbside available
M-F, noon-4pm

BPL WILL CLOSE AT NOON Saturday, June 4th
For Roxane Miner’s Memorial service
The Art of Herbal Tea
with Bevin Cohen
Thursday, June 16, 6:00 pm
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI, 49616

Blend, brew, and enjoy an irresistible selection of herbal teas while Bevin shares his knowledge on the history and folklore of the various herbal ingredients. Document your impressions of each herb’s aroma and flavor as we explore the various layers of a well-crafted herbal tea.

You’ll also create a custom herbal tea to enjoy at home!

Bevin Cohen is an author, herbalist, seed saver, and owner of Small House Farm in Michigan. He offers workshops and lectures nationwide on the benefits of living closer to the land through seeds, herbs, and locally grown food. Bevin is a freelance writer whose work has appeared in numerous publications, including Mother Earth News, Hobby Farms, Grit Magazine, and the Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company catalog.

An Evening with Ellen Airgood
Wednesday, June 22nd at 6pm
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI 49616

Join author Ellen Airgood for a presentation and reading of her book *Tin Camp Road* followed by an audience Q&A.

Set against the wide-open beauty of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, *Tin Camp Road* is a wise, big hearted novel in which a young single mother and her ten-year-old daughter stand up to the trials of rural poverty and find the community they need in order to survive.

Author meet and greet following program.
Books will be available to purchase.

Tin Camp Road was honored with both the UP Notable Book Award and Michigan Notable Book Award.

Plant Diagnostic Clinic
Tuesday, June 14th,
10 am-2 pm
Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

MSUE will once again host a Plant Diagnostic Clinic at BPL on the 2nd Tuesday, May-September. Staffed by MSUE employees & Extension Master Gardeners, the diagnostic clinic will assist residents with plant pests & diseases, lawn, bug or weed identification & recommendations.

For questions about the MSUE diagnostic clinic, call 231-256-9888 or email waltonn2@msu.edu.
Best wishes and happy retirement to Sue Smith!

If you see Sue be sure to wish her well as she is retiring from Benzonia Public Library at the end of June! Sue has been a welcoming and loving fixture at BPL for many years. First as a volunteer and then as an assistant librarian, Sue has always shared her talents and kindness. Her welcoming ways, heartfelt conversations, and all around awesomeness will be greatly missed! You might still occasionally catch Sue here at BPL as she plans to stay on as a substitute and avid supporter!

We asked Sue for some parting words and this is what she leaves us with...

"It's a big decision, but now is that perfect moment for reflection and relaxation as well as spending more quality time with my loved ones. As I embark on my retirement journey, it is with mixed emotions. I feel excited for the new opportunities and challenges that await me in this next chapter of life, but at the same time, it can be hard to say goodbye to the memories and relationships. What a great staff and patrons I have worked with the past couple years. You will not see the last of me because I will continue to support BPL and the wonderful mission they have to the community. Hope to see you on the trails and the rivers of Benzie County soon."

Thank you, Sue! We send you off with much love and gratitude for the many years of friendliness you have shared with us and the community! Happy trails!

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HotSpots at BPL

BPL is excited to offer HotSpots that may be borrowed.

Checkout time is 1 week.

To borrow a HotSpot you must

- be at least 18 years old and have a valid BPL library card
- read and sign a BPL Library of Things Lending Guidelines and Agreement at the time of checkout.
- Valid Government issued ID with picture and current address must be presented at checkout. The address on the ID and in the library records must match.

This Federal Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) supported equipment and services can only be provided to patrons who declare they do NOT have access to equipment or services sufficient to access the internet.
BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library of Things Agreement

Over the next several months, Things will be added to the collection and featured in the newsletter. You can also view the catalog at www.benzonialibrary.org. Visit often to watch this collection grow!

Have a suggestion for an item you’d like to see in the collection?
Please send an email to benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

Budget and storage are limited so not all ideas can be used.

Pickleball Set LT #3
The perfect starter pack!

Helium Versus 4-Pack Pickleball set comes with everything you need to start playing pickleball with friends and family.

This starter pack includes 4 pickleball paddles, 4 balls, and a drawstring bag to carry everything to the court.

Bean Bag Toss LT #5
Unplug & get active!

Encourages outdoor activities & family fun. Great for parties.

Includes 2 Wooden Game Boxes & 8 Bean Bags (2 colors-4 each)

Summer Fun Reminder: BPL Has a Birding Kit LT #1

Every hobby has its essential gear and birding is no exception. Start exploring the world of birding with our kit that includes HD binoculars with neck strap and case, National Geographic Field Guide to Birds and instruction manual all in a handy backpack.

You’ll also get a Birding Field Checklist that is yours to keep. Checklist is generated with data from ebird.org, a global database of bird sightings from birders like you. Go to ebird.org to learn more!

How do you borrow Library of Things items?
- Before check out, cardholders must sign a Library of Things Agreement acknowledging financial responsibility for overdue, lost, or damaged items.
- Please note that items must be requested at least 24 hours before expected pick up.
- To check out a Library of Things item, you need an active Benzonia Public Library card in good standing and be at least 18 years old. You must show your valid Government issued ID with picture at checkout
- **NOTE: Some items are limited to Benzie County residents only. These item # start with LTBC.**
- Check out time is one (1) week.
Adult & Young Adult: What’s New For You!

YA
Alone Out Here, Riley Redgate
Damsel, Elana K. Arnold
Heartbreak Symphony, Laekan Zea Kemp
Practice Girl, Estelle Laure
The Mermaid, The Witch, And The Sea, Maggie Tokuda-Hall
The Truth About White Lies, Olivia A. Cole

ADULT—FIC
22 Seconds, James Patterson
Adult Assembly Required, Abbi Waxman
Bloomsbury Girls, Natalie Jenner
Death Of The Black Widow, James Patterson
Dream Town, David Baldacci
Dreaming Of Flight, Catherine Ryan Hyde
Every Cloak Rolled In Blood, James Lee Burke
A History Of Wild Places, Shea Ernshaw
The Island, Adrian McKinty
The Lifeguards, Amanda Eyre Ward
The Lioness, Chris Bohjalian
Little Souls, Sandra Dallas
Notes On Your Sudden Disappearance, Alison Espach
Our Little World, Karen Winn
The Patron Saint Of Second Chances, Christine Simon
The Perfect Golden Circle, Benjamin Myers
Seven Steeples, Sara Baume
Sisters Of The Sweetwater Fury, Kinley Bryan
Summer At The Cape, RaeAnne Thayne
Summer Love, Nancy Thayer
The Summer Place, Jennifer Weiner

ADULT—NON-FIC
Canada, Brendan Sainsbury
The Power Of Dignity: How Transforming Justice Can Heal Our Communities, Victoria Pratt
Warming Up Julia Child: The Remarkable Figures Who Shaped A Legend, Helen Lefkowitz Horowitz

AUDIO
The Diamond Eye, Kate Quinn
Dreaming Of Flight, Catherine Ryan Hyde
The Homewreckers, Mary Kay Andrews
The Island, Adrian McKinty
The Summer Place, Jennifer Weiner

DVD
The Batman
Licorice Pizza

Youth: What’s New For

JUVENILE
The Edge In Between, Lorelei Savaryn
The Lucky Ones, Linda Williams Jackson
Those Kids From Fawn Creek, Erin Entrada Kelly

GRAPHIC NOVELS:
Enola Holmes, #1, Serena Blasco
Sir Ladybug, #1, Corey R. Tabor
Sorceline, Sylvia Douyé

EARLY READER SERIES
Ada Twist And The Disappearing Dogs, #5, Andrea Beaty

PICTURE BOOKS
Being Friends With Dragons, Katherine Locke
Build!, Red Nose Studio
Everybody In The Red Brick Building, Anne Wynter
Mushroom Rain, Laura K. Zimmermann
Summer’s Call, Amber Lynn Hellewell

BOARD BOOKS
Cuddly Critters For Little Geniuses, Sue Patterson
2 Special Story Voyage Programs
Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia
Join us for two FREE programs designed to help you learn more about writing & illustrating your stories.
Open to all ages, but geared toward 3rd through 12th grade.
Story Voyage details available at BPL and www.benzonialibrary.org/story_voyage

WRITING YOUR STORY
with Ellen Airgood
Wednesday, June 22
3:00-4:30 pm
In depth Q&A with Ellen Airgood, a published author that has been writing since the 4th grade.
You can use your imagination to write fiction or write a true story about your experiences. Either way you will learn simple techniques to enhance your story and develop your theme and characters.

ILLUSTRATING YOUR STORY
with Connie & Jimmy McLaren
Wednesday, June 29
3:00-4:30 pm
Former art teacher Connie McLaren joined by local artist Jimmy McLaren will lead you on an artistic journey.
Learn quick and creative art techniques to bring your characters and settings to life. Focus is on using colored pencils and ink.

S.T.E.M. Kit Spotlights will return in the Fall
Summer Reading 2022 @ BPL
Oceans of Possibilities!

**Thursdays at 3:00 pm**
Weekly Puppet Shows, Activities & Crafts

**June 23-July 28**
@ Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave. Benzonia

Register beginning June 1st @ BPL.
Read books and fill out reading logs.
The more you read the more chances to win!
Win Exciting Prizes from our Awesome Sponsors!

Join us for a summer of learning and FUN as we sail the seas.

**June 23 - Prehistoric Seas:** Travel back in time to learn about ancient sea life and the dinosaurs of the deep! Get creative by forming your own fossil! Stick around to dive deeper into the ancient oceans. Learn more about prehistoric life and interact with real sea fossils that are millions of years old.

**June 30 - Sailing the Seas...and Lakes:** Explore the history of traveling across the waters and the diversity of boats around the world. Test your skills by building your own boat from natural materials.

**July 7 - Mysteries of the Deep:** Join us on a deep sea adventure to seek the amazing and strange creatures that live in the darkest depths of the oceans. Then, design your own unique, mysterious deep sea creature!

**July 14 - Coral Reef Discovery:** Strap on your mask and snorkel to admire the colorful beauty of the coral reefs! Learn about these important, fragile ecosystems and build your own coral reef structure.

**July 21 - Sea Creature Showdown:** Learn about and compare similar sea life, then choose your favorites! Sharks vs whales. Squid vs octopus. Which side will you take? Complete the showdown by crafting your favorite.

**July 28 - Finale Party:** Celebrate a summer of discovery and fun with exploration stations, imaginative play and aquatic crafts!

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We have a new friend joining the always hilarious BPL puppet lab this summer.
Stay tuned!

Thursdays, 3 pm, June 23-July 28

Guaranteed fun for all ages.

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**BABY BINGO @BPL**

**Summer Fun for ages 0-3.**
Featuring activities to enjoy with your little one.

Bingo sheets available June 1st.
Pick a prize for each bingo activity sheet turned in by 2pm Saturday, July 30.

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FRIENDS OF BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Providing the little and not so little extras for the Library!

Friends of BPL Board Members
Roger Dewey, President / Flint Watt, Vice President / Michelle Leines, Treasurer
Kathy Johnson, Secretary / Ruth Catton, Director / Jimmy McLaren, Director

Meetings are held at 4:30 pm the 1st Thursday each month in the library building.

Next meeting will be June 2, 2022. Everyone welcome.

Corner Book Shoppe @ BPL
Offering for sale a large selection of excellent quality used books & jigsaw puzzles.

Purchases may be made in BPL during regular library hours.
Proceeds benefit BPL.

Donations of Books & Jigsaw Puzzles In Excellent Condition Appreciated
The Friends of BPL accept donations of jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) & books. Must be in excellent condition.
Donation criteria available at BPL & benzionalibrary.org/donating-books-and-puzzles
Donations up to 2 bags may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours. DO NOT leave outside or in lobby.
Larger Donations Must Be Scheduled.
Call 231-383-3597 to schedule or with questions.

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