



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Preserving yesterday, enriching today,
inspiring tomorrow in our community.*

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Holiday Party & Craft Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 10th, 11 am – 1 pm

Benzonia Public Library

Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzonia, MI



Schedule of activities:

11:00-11:15 am Holiday Carols

11:15-11:45 am **Hilarious Puppet Show & Stories with audience participation**

11:45- 1:00 pm Ornament & Craft Workshop Festive Photo Booth

Sponsored by Friends of BPL



BPL HOURS:

10am-6pm Monday-Friday

10am-2pm Saturday

Closed Sunday



CLOSED AS FOLLOWS:

Saturday, Dec. 24

Monday, Dec. 26

Saturday, Dec. 31

Monday, Jan. 2

Open regular hours the rest of the week. Remember to stock up on books & DVDs for the holidays.

Happy Holidays!

Holiday Book, Puzzle & Craft Shoppe at BPL

Continues through Year End!

During regular library hours

Benzonia Public Library

891 Michigan Ave. Benzonia, MI



Excellent selection of quality books and jigsaw puzzles.

Unique crafts by the Repurposeful Librarians.

A great way to purchase special gifts and ornaments.

Thank You in advance for your purchases.

Proceeds benefit BPL.



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Jenn Ryan: Working For You!

Jenn Ryan was born & raised in Benzie County, the eldest of three sisters. She graduated from Benzie Central High School & attended Alma College graduating with a degree in English, Sociology & Women's studies. Always a reader & dreamer, Jenn has found refuge at libraries across the country & state, having lived & travelled quite a bit since college. She returned to her roots in Benzie County in 2006 to be closer to her family – all of whom live locally. Being an auntie is her favorite role of all.



Expanding the heart & mind through reading, researching & learning is a hobby she is fond of – complemented by other self-care routines including making art & moving her body. Jenn is a certified yoga instructor & offers heartfelt opportunities to move in community & hone coping skills open to all ages & abilities. She works in Benzonia at a law & advocacy center, where every day, she collaborates with folks who are dealing with mental illness, hopelessness & difficult life choices. Reading for pleasure is one of the ways she copes with the arduous work of the world. She is an advocate for libraries, community, suicide prevention & awareness, clean water, locally grown/raised food, Grow Benzie where she is a regular volunteer, & big love (but to name a few important things). She lives happily in Benzonia with her life partner of 13 years, Eric VanDussen & their dog-daughter Ruby. Where she enjoys growing food, planting perennial flowers for the pollinators & playing outside with her niece.

Jenn is honored to be a part of the Benzonia Public Library's board of directors as a Trustee & plans to work & learn alongside the amazing volunteers & employees who are already in place to support the library's future wholeheartedly in whatever ways she can. As Rita Dove once said, "Libraries are where it all begins." From story hours & first-time readers checking out chapter books, to single moms & dads who cannot afford to buy books or who are researching their next job opportunity or teens who come for the next in a series of meaningful coming of age stories, or a senior coming to learn how to log into Zoom - library's MUST exist; she hopes to help make sure this beautiful, historic, community gem lives on forever & ever.



Making Your Gift List?

Please consider a donation to BPL and/or the Friends of BPL.
Donation envelopes are available at BPL.

Thank You for your generosity.



Benzonia Public Library

Donation Options include:

- **Checks:** Payable to Benzonia Public Library.
 - Drop off at the Library or mail to:
Benzonia Public Library,
PO Box 445, Benzonia, MI 49616
- **Online Endowment Fund:** [Make a secure online gift to the Benzonia Public Library Endowment Fund by clicking this link.](#)

Read more about the BPL Endowment Fund at
www.benzonialibrary.org/endowment-fund

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- **Online:** Visit www.benzonialibrary.org and click on the **DONATE** button to pay with a credit card or PayPal.

Visit www.benzonialibrary.org/friends and read how the Friends, with the help of generous supporters, provide many of the little and not so little extras that make Benzonia Public Library a vibrant part of our community. Donations with no designation or restrictions will be utilized where most needed. You may choose to restrict your donation for specific ongoing programs or projects.

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ICE Skate Lending will return once there is enough ice for the Benzonia skating rink to open

Updates will be posted on our website at www.benzonialibrary.org
See our Frequently Asked Questions section below.

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 (Friday & Saturday checkouts will be due Monday). Due to the size of this item, skates must be returned directly to a staff member in the library.

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). 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.

THANK YOU DR.LISA!

The BPL skate lending program is made possible thanks to a generous donation by Dr. Lisa Musgrave, DDS.

Crystal Lake Community Mentors Update

After a couple of years dealing with staff changes, COVID and restrictions, the Crystal Lake Community Mentors are back in full force at Crystal Lake Elementary! We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the community volunteers that continue to make this program such a success. Thank you to all of the mentors for sharing your time and love with Crystal Lake kiddos! Additional thanks go to the staff at Crystal Lake Elementary and to the wonderful Al Jongekrijg, mentor coordinator, for working so hard to make sure this opportunity remains available.

We would also like to give a shout out to Newton's Road for donating STEM kits to the CLCM program. The kits will provide endless hours of fun and learning for the mentors and mentees!

Mentoring Makes a Difference

Write a letter to Santa!

December 1st through 23rd.

Place your letter in our North Pole Postbox
for special delivery. Materials and mailbox are
located in the Children's Room at BPL!



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

YA

After Dark with Roxie Clark, Brooke Lauren Davis
Cursed, #2, Marissa Meyer
The Maze Cutter, #1, James Dashner
Seasparrow, #5, Kristin Cashore
Scattered Showers: Stories, Rainbow Rowell
We Are All We Have, Marina Tamar Budhos

YA—NON-FIC

Better Than We Found It: Conversations to Help Save the World, Frederick Joseph
Creature: paintings, drawings, and reflections, Shaun Tan

ADULT—FIC

The Blackout Book Club, Amy Lynn Green
Carrie Soto is Back, Taylor Jenkins Reid
A Christmas Memory, Richard Paul Evans
Going Rogue: Rise and Shine Twenty-Nine, Janet Evanovich
Hands Down, Felix Francis
Hester, Laurie Lico Albanese
Livid, Patricia Cornwell
The Magic Kingdom, Russell Banks
The Rabbit Hutch, Tess Gunty
The Rebel and the Thief, Jan-Phillip Sendker
Reminders of Him, Colleen Hoover
Signal Fires, Dani Shapiro

Triple Cross, James Patterson
Verity, Colleen Hoover
We Are the Light, Matthew Quick
The Whalebone Theatre, Joanna Quinn
A Wish for Winter, Viola Shipman

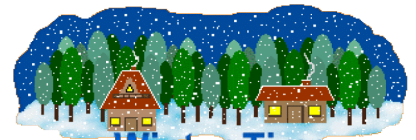
ADULT—NON-FIC

Feels Like Home: a song for the Sonoran Borderlands, Linda Ronstadt
Forever Home: how we turned our house into a haven for abandoned, abused, and misunderstood dogs-and each other, Ron Danta
The Forever Witness: how DNA and genealogy solved a cold case double murder, Edward Humes
From the Gut: A legacy of humor and delight, Robert Adams, Sr.
The Light We Carry: overcoming uncertain times, Michelle Obama
The Shortest History of Europe: how conquest, culture, and religion forged a continent, John Hirst
Wild New World: the epic story of animals and people in America, Dan L. Flores

DVD

Don't Worry Darling

Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items at
www.benzonialibrary.org



Winter Time
Is Reading Time!

Youth: What's New For You!

JUVENILE

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diaper Overload, #17, Jeff Kinney

J NON-FICTION:

The LEGO Ideas Book: You Can Build Anything!

PICTURE BOOKS

Elephants Remember: a true story, Jennifer O'Connell
Going Places: Victor Hugo Green and His Glorious Book, Tonya Bolden
I don't Care, Julie Fogliano
I Like This, You Like That, Linda Ashman
Knight Owl, Christopher Denise
Like, Annie Barrows
Midnight and Moon, Kelly Cooper
My Big Book of Outdoors, Tim Hopgood
The Sun is Late and So Is the Farmer, Phillip Stead

The Three Billy Goats Gruff, Mac Barnett

BOARD BOOKS

Book of Opposites, Oliver Jeffers
Construction Site Gets a Fright!, Sherri Rinker
Feet Are Not for Kicking, Elizabeth Verdick
Hands are Not for Hitting, Martine Agassi
My First Book of Colors, Robb Pearlman
Teeth are Not for Biting, Elizabeth Verdick



YOUTH

Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

Fridays at 10:30 am

(No Story Time Dec. 23 or 30)

Benzonia Public Library
Children's Room
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia



Another story, please!

Join Us for Fun Stories and Activities

Participants will receive a Story Time bag with information and other goodies.

A time to socialize, make new friends, and hear great stories.

Want to be notified of changes and receive Story Time information?

Sign up at www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl



STEM KITS: CHECK THEM OUT AT BPL Great activity for cold winter days

- ◆ Kits can be checked out for one (1) week with a one (1) week renewal possible.
- ◆ To view kit information and availability visit www.benzonialibrary.org/stem-kits and click on the Library Catalog icon. Type stem kit in the search box to see the list of kits. Click on the title you are interested in to see more information about the kit.
- ◆ **NOTE:** To place a reserve, contact BPL at 231-882-4111, benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com, or log into your BPL account. Select the title and then click Reserve this item
- ◆ **HINT:** Green highlighted items are available now, Red highlighted items are checked out.
- ◆ You will be notified when your reserved items are available.

IMPORTANT: Kits must be returned to a staff person in the library during regular library hours. DO NOT leave outside or place in or on top of the drop box.

Contact us at benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com or 231-882-4111 with questions.

Light Table brightens up the Children's Room!

Thanks to the Friends of Benzonia Public Library, we have added a new bright spot to the Children's Room, a light table! In addition to the light table there is a sorting tray and lots of brightly colored and translucent letters, bugs and pattern blocks to explore the properties of color and light while building math, language and science skills at the same time! Perfect for practice with everything from counting to creating color combinations! Stop in and check it out.



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Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees meetings are at 4 pm the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the library building. Meetings are open to the public.



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Providing the little and not so little extras for the Library!

Roger Dewey, President / Flint Watt, Vice President / Michelle Leines, Treasurer
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Meetings are held at 4:30 pm the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.

December meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting will be February 2, 2023. Everyone welcome.

Library of Things at BPL

The Library of Things service supports lifelong learning and creativity. Adult cardholders can borrow practical hands-on items to learn new skills, explore areas of interest, or help with everyday tasks.

The loan period is one week for all Things. Things have an option to renew for an additional week, if no one else has a hold. Visit www.benzonialibrary.org to see items in our catalog. 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 benzoniaconnect@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you! Budget and storage are limited so not all ideas can be used.

Do You Have Craft Supplies You No Longer Use?

The Repurposeful Librarians can make good use of many craft supplies you no longer need. Items we can use for craft projects (adult & kids) include:

- Greeting cards you're done with. Used is OK as they will be cut up for the words & images
- Ribbon, lace, rickrack & yarn
- Beads & embellishments
- Buttons-especially bright colors
- Scrapbook paper
- Fabric & felt-small sizes ok
- Paper punches in various shapes (example: Friskers or EK tools in circles, flowers, trees, snowflakes, etc.)
- Rubber stamps & ink pads

Drop off items at BPL front desk.
Thank You!!!



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