History of Olde Ireland

10000 BC—AD 1400

by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Thursday, March 16, 4:00-5:30 pm

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

A wee bit of history, a wee bit of blarney.

This wonderful lecture covers prehistoric Ireland with its Monolithic Tombs, to Titania’s Palace, built for the Queen of the Fairies. The origins of Halloween are also covered.

Maureen, a HistoryTeller for 30 years, enjoys bringing her love of Art and History to the Benzonia Public Library. No charge for event, just come and enjoy.

March is National Reading Month!

What better place to spend National Reading Month than at your local library? We encourage people to stop in throughout the month and discover (or re-discover!) the joy and power of books and reading! Whether you check out something new or snuggle in with a classic, share book titles with friends or read a book out loud to a child, spend some extra time reading this month!

5 FACTS ABOUT READING THAT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND

♦ Reading often makes you kinder: Studies have shown that people who read more fictional books are more likely to be kinder to others than people who don’t.
♦ Reading fast helps your eyes: Reading a book fast will help to strengthen your vision.
♦ It reduces stress: A good book can be a great stress reliever if you allow yourself to get lost in the book.
♦ It improves your vocabulary: Reading good books often will help to improve your vocabulary as you would be coming across new words.
♦ Your creativity is increased: Consistent reading will help to increase your imagination, which will stimulate your brain to develop new ideas and make you more creative.

National Reading Month is celebrated in March. In this month people, especially children, read a lot more. An increase in reading has significant benefits that will continue to pay off in the future. Reading is one of the best habits to develop; it strengthens the mental muscles, helps to improve comprehension and analytical abilities, increases imagination & boosts memory.

BPL HOURS
10am-6pm Monday-Friday
10am-2pm Saturday
Closed Sunday

YOU CAN FIND MAGIC wherever you look,
SIT BACK AND RELAX
ALL YOU NEED IS
A BOOK
-Dr. Seuss

DIGITAL COLLECTION
Using the Libby App
with the Up North Digital Collection-OverDrive
Skate Season Comes to a Close

Ice skate season this year proved to be a bit tricky! Winter had lots of thaws, rain, and warm weather making the ice skate season SHORT! However, that did not stop community members from getting on the ice when they could! With only 2 really good weekends of ice, BPL checked out a total of 81 pairs of skates!

We continue to be grateful for the hard work of the Cottage Pros. They put in many hours to create and maintain the rink for the community and they do an exceptional job! Thank you Cottage Pros! Additionally, big thanks, as always, to Dr. Lisa Musgrave DDS for purchasing the skates for the lending program. Without her, we would be unable to provide this service. Thank you Dr. Lisa!

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**Coming In April!!!**

**TITANIC REMEMBERED**

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Thursday, April 27th, 4:00-5:30 pm

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

**YA**

*The Cartographers*, Amy Zhang
*Chaos Theory*, Nick Stone
*Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute*, Talia Hibbert
*Nighthawks*, Kate J. Armstrong
*This One’s For You*, Kate Sweeney

**ADULT—NON-FIC**

*8 Rules of Love: How to find it, keep it, and let it go*, Jay Shetty
*Driving the Green Book: a road trip through the living history of Black resistance*, Alvin D. Hall
*Jennie’s Boy: A misfit childhood on an island of eccentrics*, Wayne Johnston
*Reading the Glass: a captain’s view of weather, water, and life on ships*, Elliot Rappaport
*Spare*, Prince Harry

**ADULT—LARGE PRINT**

*All Dangerous Things*, Stacy Willingham
*Gilded Mountain*, Kate Manning
*In the time of Our History*, Susanne Pari
*Just the Nicest Couple*, Mary Kubica

**AUDIO**

*Now is Not the Time to Panic*, Kevin Wilson
*So Long, Chester Wheeler*, Catherine Ryan Hyde

**DVD**

*Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*
*Everything Everywhere All At Once*
*The Fabelmans*
*Tar*
*Till*
*Top Gun: Maverick*
Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

Fridays at 10:30 am
Benzonia Public Library - Children’s Room
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Join Us for Fun Stories and Activities

3/3 Dr. Seuss - In honor of his birthday on 3/2/1904. We will make hats, color bookmarks and read some Dr. Seuss.

3/10 Pirates - We will read How I Became a Pirate as well as Moustache Baby. We'll have pirate eye patches, we'll make Pirate Hats and also we will learn our pirate names! CLCP will join to make a big fun gang of Pirates! Dress for the part if you like!

3/17 It’s St. Patrick’s Day! Wear green! We will read something about Ireland, talk about everything green and make some shamrock art.

3/24 Library theme! We’ll read some wonderful books about what happens in libraries. My favorite book about a library is called Madeline Finn and the Library Dog. It’s a good story about how one little girl learns to love reading.

3/31 Dogs!!! Dog books and dog crafts! Don’t miss out on the stories of Fergus, Noodle, Carl and Murray.

1st time 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.benzonalibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl
If Benzie Central Schools are closed due to weather, Story Time will be cancelled.

Youth: What’s New For You!

JUVENILE:
The Human Kaboom, Adam Rubin
Not An Easy Win, Chrystal D. Giles
The Roof Over Our Heads, Nicole Kronzer
What Happened to Rachel Riley?, Claire Swinarski
The Windeby Puzzle: history and story, Lois Lowry

GRAPHIC NOVELS:
Hilda and the Midnight Giant, #2, Luke Pearson
Hilda and the Bird Parade, #3, Luke Pearson
Hooky, #1 & #2, Miriam Bonastre Tur
Officer Clawsome: Lobster Cop, #1, Brian Smith
Rabbit, Duck, and Big Bear, Nadine Brun-Cosme

PICTURE BOOKS
Ari arranges Everything, Kate Vernon
Black Beach: a community oil spill, and the origin of Earth Day, Shaunnna Stith
Just Like Grandma, Kim Rogers
Mister Kitty is Lost!, Greg Pizzoli
Nila’s Perfect Coat, Norene Paulson
Noticing, Kobi Yamada
Stillwater and Koo Save the World, Jon J. Muth
Welcome to the World, Julia Donaldson

EARLY READER SERIES
Cornbread and Poppy at the Carnival, #2, Matthew Cordell

DVDS
Strange World
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!

Corner Book Shoppe @ BPL

Offering for sale a great selection of quality used books & jigsaw puzzles.

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

Donations of Books & Jigsaw Puzzles Must be in Excellent Condition

The Friends of BPL accept donations of Jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) & Fiction books (less than 10 years old). Currently NOT accepting non-fiction items.

Donation criteria available at BPL & benzonia library.org/donating - books - and - puzzles

Up to 2 bags may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours.

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Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and eMagazines on your personal device or computer. Visit benzonia library.org and click on the UpNorth Digital Collection. Funded by Friends of BPL.

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Transparent Language Online

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