Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Exhibit
is coming to Benzonia Public Library!

Discover Innovation & Inspiration In Rural Communities
October 14 through November 25, 2023

The Museum on Main Street “Spark! Places of Innovation” is a one-of-a-kind cultural project that has been sharing the Smithsonian's resources with rural America since 1994.

LOCAL PROGRAMMING AND EXHIBITS:
In addition to the Smithsonian exhibits, Spark! will be the springboard for diverse local programming in the humanities, sciences, and arts.

Visitors will be inspired to learn about how innovation has shaped their own communities and how they may be innovators themselves. This exhibit will be an opportunity for community members to come together and share their community's innovations past, present, and future.

Benzonia Public Library is scheduling a variety of programs in partnership with various community organizations. Programs will be held throughout the community and at the Mills Community House.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:
Volunteers are needed to serve as docents during the Benzie County stop on the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street tour! Our volunteer docents will be on hand to answer questions and guide guests through the exhibit. There may be some larger groups that would include students and seniors.

All volunteers will be trained and will have shifts no longer than 3.5 hours. You can volunteer for as little, or as many, shifts as you would like!

This is a excellent time to connect with the community! If you are interested in volunteering, please email benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com with Museum on Main Street as the subject. and we will be in touch!

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Visit our website for additional information:
benzonialibrary.org/museum-on-main-street

The Smithsonian Museum on Main Street is made possible by Michigan Humanities. For more information regarding Spark, Places of Innovation visit https://www.michiganhumanities.org/smithsonian-museum-on-main-street/.

This project is funded in part by Smithsonian, and Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.
Castles, Cathedrals and the Crusades  
*By Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller*  

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**  
6:00-7:30 pm  
Benzonia Public Library  
Mills Community House-Upper Level  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI, 49616

Lecture covers the massive undertaking of building the castles and cathedrals in England and France during the Middle Ages (AD 900-AD 1200). Information will be given regarding workmanship and the influence of the Crusades on architecture.

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.**

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**Plant Diagnostic Clinic**

**Tuesday, September 12, 11am-2 pm**  
Benzonia Public Library Porch  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

*Bring us your bugs, weeds, and plant diseases for identification and recommendations!*  
MSUE will host a Plant Diagnostic Clinic at BPL on Tuesday September 12th. Staffed by MSUE employees & Extension Master Gardeners, the clinic will assist residents with plant pests & diseases, lawn, bug or weed identification & recommendations.  
Questions about clinic? call 231-256-9888 or email waltonn2@msu.edu.

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**Watch for the Friends of BPL Annual Letter of Appeal 2023 fundraising campaign**  
Any and all contributions are Greatly Appreciated!!!

The letter and donation envelopes are available at BPL. Current donors will receive letters via mail.  
We’ll also post the letter at [www.benzonialibrary.org/friends](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/friends). Please take a few minutes to 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.

If you’d like to be a member of the Friends of BPL, just check the box on the donation form.

If you would like to provide more “hands-on” help, please contact [www.benzonialibrary.org/friends](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/friends).  
We would love your assistance!! We are looking for Board members to help guide the Friends in addition to help with various events and activities.

**THANK YOU** to all the wonderful supporters who donate time, talent, and funds to help the Friends of BPL make a difference at the Benzonia Public Library.
Please consider contributing to our display wall of Benzie County local innovators during the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street stop at the Mills Community House!

We would like to showcase our local community’s ability for innovation, creative thought and problem solving. Whether a grand invention, or just something to make every day life easier, if you or someone you know have created it, we want to hear about it! Feature yourself, a loved one, or a past community innovator! We ask that you limit your submission to 2 single sided pages (8.5x11) including any write up and photos, giving as much, or as little, detail as you would like! Deadline for submissions is October 1, 2023. An information sheet is available at the library and a printable version online at benzonialibrary.org/museum-on-main-street.

After the exhibit we will compile all of the submissions into a community innovation book available at the library!

**LOCAL INNOVATOR DISPLAY 2 PAGE SAMPLE**

**GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION:**
- About a local Benzie County Innovator
- Up to two (2) 8.5 x 11 inch pages
- Single sided
- Include any write up, photos, and details you want to people to know about your subject
- Include your name, date and relationship to the local innovator
- Deadline for submission is October 1, 2023.

**R & V Orchards Cherry De-stemmer**

The R & V Orchards Cherry De-stemmer is revolutionizing the cherry processing industry. In the early 2000s, the brothers started working on a machine to remove cherry stems during processing. They recognized a need for quickly removing cherry stems at the processing plant. With the advent of the cherry shaker being used in many orchards a way to remove the stems faster was necessary.

The brothers’ US Patent 5469287 was filed on Oct. 21, 1995 and patented July 8, 1996. Over the years Jack and Bud built and sold 170 de-stemmers worldwide. The de-stemmers were well built and built in their small shop located in festival Township on 6-Mile Road, Frankfort MI. The shop was a gathering place for friends and neighbors who were often found visiting, drinking coffee, and helping out on the de-stemmers.

**R & V Orchards Cherry De-stemmer**

Recollections of Russell W. Smeltzer, history of the cherry-de-stemmer. Notes taken and interview held by Michelle E. Loomis on 1/25/2012.

We got the first idea of several people had been working on which meant lots of cherry tomatoes. They drunk the idea got the idea down enough to make it work. The brothers sold their first machine and then they continued to sell more de-stemmers. They finally sold the machine to a company and then they started the company.

- Toilet paper tubes
- Plastic grocery bags
- Duct tape-assorted colors
- Plastic water bottles-clear
- Magazines-with colorful pictures
- Fabric: Christmas & winter prints
- Greeting cards-used is ok as we’ll just be using the pictures
- Shoe boxes-smaller (not boot boxes)
- Buttons

**Repurposeful Librarians: Craft Supplies Needed**

The Repurposeful Librarians will be providing maker/crafting opportunities for both adults and children as part of the Museum on Main Street programming. Our focus is to repurpose, recycle, and reuse as much as we can for our craft/maker workshops.

We are asking for your help to gather some of the supplies listed below. Please don’t purchase items, we want to re-use things that are in good condition that you no longer need.

Items may be dropped off at BPL during regular business hours.

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

YA
All That’s Left To Say, Emery Lord
Clementine and Danny Save the World, Livia Blackburne
Forgive Me Not, Jennifer Baker
I Am Not Alone, Francisco X. Stork
Stars In Their Eyes, Jessica Walton

Little Monsters, Adrienne Brodeur
My Husband, Maud Ventura
None Of This Is True, Lisa Jewell
Out of Nowhere, Sandra Brown
The Paris Daughter, Kristin Harmel
Prom Mom, Laura Lippman
The Raging Storm, Ann Cleeves
Tom Lake, Ann Patchett

YA—NON-FIC
Accountable: the true story of a racist social media account and the teenagers whose lives it changed, Dashka Slater

ADULT—FIC
After That Night, Karin Slaughter
The Air Raid Book Club, Annie Lyons
The Bee Sting, Paul Murray
The Breakaway, Jennifer Weiner
The Brightest Star, Gail Tsukiyama
Canary Girls, Jennifer Chiaverini
The Centre, Ayesha Manazir Siddiqi
Chameleon, Remi Adeleke
The Collector, Daniel Silva
The Connelly’s of County Down, Tracey Lange
Cutting Teeth, Chandler Baker
Dead Mountain, Douglas J. Preston
Drowning: the rescue of Flight 1421, T. J. Newman
Family Lore, Elizabeth Acevedo
The Glass Chateau, Stephen P. Kiernan
Gone Tonight, Sarah Pekkanen
Good Bad Girl, Alice Feeney
The House of Lincoln, Nancy Horan
The Housekeepers, Alex Hay
The Invisible Hour, Alice Hoffman
Just Another Missing Person, Gillian McAllister
Mobility, Lydia Kiesling
Lion & Lamb, James Patterson

The Last Ride of the Pony Express: my 2,000-mile horseback journey into the old west, Will Grant
Women Waging War in the American Revolution

AUDIO
The Air Raid Book Club, Annie Lyons
An Honest Man, Michael Koryta
Flags on the Bayou, James Lee Burke
Gone Tonight, Sarah Pekkanen
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store, James McBride
Hello Beautiful, Ann Napolitano
Lessons in Chemistry, Bonnie Garmus
The Librarianist, Patrick deWitt
The Little Italian Hotel, Phaedra Patrick
Tom Lake, Ann Patchett

DVD
Asteroid City
Blackberry
Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves
Guardians of the Galaxy, #3

DVD SERIES
1923: a Yellowstone origin story, Season 1
Abbott Elementary, Season 1

Youth: What’s New For You!

JUVENILE
An Old-Fashioned Girl, Louisa May Alcott
Eight Cousins, Louisa May Alcott
The International House of Dereliction, Jacqueline Davies
Jack and Jill, Louisa May Alcott
The Lost Library, Rebecca Stead
Rose in Bloom, Louisa May Alcott
Stuntboy, In-Between Time, Jason Reynolds
Under the Lilacs, Louisa May Alcott

Barbie: The Pretty Pearl Mermaid, Level #2, Jennifer Liberts
Bippi: It’s time to Play!, Level #1,
Marley’s Big Adventure, Level #2, John Gorgan
Pete the Cat’s Family Road Trip, Level #1, Kim Dean
Race for the Ring, Level #1, Delphine Finnegan
The Scariest Kitten In the World, Kate Messner
See the Ghost: three stories about things you cannot see,
David LaRochelle
Sometimes I Kaploom, Rachel Vail

PICTURE BOOKS
The Fantastic Bureau of Imagination, Brad Montague
If the River Runs Free, Andrea Debbink
In the Night Garden, Carin Berger
Manlo & the Unicorn, Jackie Azua Kramer

GRAPHIC NOVELS
CatStronauts, #1-6, Drew Brockington
The Fifth Quarter, Mike Dawson
Four Eyes, #1, Rex Ogle
Geronimo Stilton: Last Ride at Luna Park, #4, Geronimo Stilton
Ghost Book, Remy Lai
Grace Needs Space, Benjamin A. Wilgus

J NON-FICTION
Your Freedom, Your Power: a kid’s guide to the First Amendment, Allison Matulli
Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

Fridays at 10:30 am
Beginning September 15th
Benzonia Public Library
Children’s Room
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Welcome back to Story Time at BPL!
EXCITING NEWS!
Exciting news, we will have more stools this year for kids and parents to sit on plus a new felt board is also being constructed so you can play with felt characters anytime.

Join Us for Fun Stories & Activities
Participants will receive a Story Time bag with information and other goodies.
A time to socialize, make new friends, and hear great stories.

What do Pete the Cat, Apples, and Mr. Potato Head have in common?
They are all part of the September Fun at Story Time!

In addition to the great stories and activities you will be Creating passports to use throughout the year as you learn about different countries!
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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Meetings are held the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.

Next meeting will be at October 5, 2023 at 4:30pm. 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!

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.

The Friends of BPL accept donations of Jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) & Books in excellent Condition.

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

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

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