Have you heard? The Smithsonian Museum on Main Street Exhibit is coming to Benzonia!

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.

RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING: Saturday, October 14th at 11:00 AM at Mills Community House, 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia.

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. See Page 5 for Partner information.

Benzonia Public Library is scheduling a variety of programs in partnership with various community organizations. See page 2-4 for Program details.

DOCENT 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 greet guests during the exhibit.

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! See page 4 for Docent details.

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/spark-places-of-innovation/

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**October 2023** (Watch for November schedule in next newsletter)

14 RIBBON CUTTING & GRAND OPENING by Benzonia Public Library
11:00 AM at Mills Community House (MCHA): 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

15 SUDS AND CIVILIZATION by Benzie Area Cellars
2:00 PM at Mills Community House (MCHA), 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

18 ROYAL HONEYBEE TOUR by St. Ambrose Cellars
11:00 AM at Sleeping Bear Farm (SBF): 971 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah

20 MAKING AND REPURPOSING at the Grow Benzie Fiber Shed
10:00 AM at Grow Benzie Fiber Shed (GBFS): 5885 Frankfort Hwy., Benzonia

25 TREE SCHOOL by Archangel Ancient Tree Archive
10:00 AM at Archangel Ancient Tree Archive (ARC): 16880 Front St., Copemish

25 MICHIGAN HERITAGE HOME WORKSHOP by Benzie Area Historical Society
Nov 9 at Mills Community House (MCHA): 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

26 ORIGIN OF ARCHANGEL ANCIENT TREE ARCHIVE
10:00 AM at Mills Community House (MCHA): 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

28 ZONTA SEWING BEE-MATSECTOMY PILLOWS by Benzie Area Zonta Club
9:00 AM at Mills Community House (MCHA): 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

28 KIDS CRAFT FEST 2023 by BPL Repurposeful Librarians
2:00 PM at Mills Community House (MCHA): 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

29 THOMPSONVILLE: PAST AND FUTURE by Thompsonville Area Restoration Project
2:00 PM at Mills Community House (MCHA): 891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

**Location Codes:**

- Archangel Ancient Tree Archive (ARC)
  16880 Front St., Copemish
- Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN)
  2804 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia
- Benzie Area Historical Society (BAHS)
  6941 Traverse Ave., Benzonia
- Benzonia Public Library (BPL)
  891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia
- Cognition Science & Discovery Ctr (COG)
  232 N. Michigan Ave., Beulah
- Gathering Place (GP)
  10579 Main St., Honor
- Grow Benzie & Fiber Shed (GB) & (GBFS)
  5885 Frankfort Hwy., Benzonia
- Mills Community House (MCHA)
  891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia
- Sleeping Bear Farm (SBF)
  971 S. Pioneer Rd., Beulah
Programs Offered by BPL

Suds & Civilization

A Social History of Spirits with Dr. Thomas Henthorn

Sunday, October 15th
2:00-3:00 pm
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Lower Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzie, MI 49616

Besides being something we enjoy, alcoholic beverages are also great
eamples of how people learned to deliberately manipulate chemical
and biological processes in order to get a particular outcome -
beginning even before the civilizations of ancient Mesopotamia and
Egypt. Beer, wine, mead and liquor are
great inventions that remind us how humans use things to shape
social order, convey cultural meanings and that technology
is not just about the inorganic but also the organic.

Dr. Thomas Henthorn is the Wyatt Endowed Professor of Public History
at the University of Michigan-Flint. His research and teaching interests
examine the intersection of public history and urban history.

Benzonia Public Library and
Mills Community House are thrilled
to host the Smithsonian: Museum
on Main Street exhibit this fall.

Details at
benzonia.library.org/museum-on-main-street

This is a companion program presented in
conjunction to the Smithsonian: Museum on
Main Street exhibit being Presented October 14
-November 25, 2023 by the Benzie Public
Library and Mills Community House.

Kids Craft Fest 2023
with the Repurposeful Librarians
Saturday, October 28th
2:00-4:00 pm
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Lower Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzie, MI 49616

Repurpose, Recycle, Reuse
Join us for an afternoon of crafting fun!
Craft stations will be set up with
a variety of projects you can make.

The Fiberhed from
Grow Benzie will also be
joining us with a
special craft activity.

Holiday Book, Puzzle
& Craft Shoppe 2023
Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzie, MI

Friday
Nov. 3rd
10 am-6 pm

Select items will also be available through year end
During regular library hours. M-F 10-6 & Sat. 10-2

Quality books and jigsaw puzzles plus
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.

Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzie, MI * 231-882-4111
www.benzonia.library.org/museum@gmail.com * www.benzonia.library.org
Docent Guidelines & Sign-up Information:

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!

◊ WELCOME VISITORS
◊ Look guests in the eye, introduce yourself, and make them feel welcome
◊ Ask if they would like to sign the guest book

◊ ORIENT
◊ Smithsonian Exhibit: Center of room
◊ Go Virtual: scan the image for additional videos, images, and stories
◊ Get Innovative: manual interactive lets visitors get more hands on

◊ Local Partner Exhibits: Perimeter of room
◊ Display boards and information

◊ Local Innovator Display: In front of stage
◊ Binder will be available in library after exhibit is over

◊ Additional Programs: See brochure-at the Mills Community House and in community

◊ Strike the Spark: Final stop. Please leave comments, thoughts about innovation, and possibilities for the future in our community

◊ COUNT VISITORS
◊ Track # of visitors for exhibit, programs, and groups. Complete tracking logs

◊ REMEMBER
◊ It’s OK to say “I don’t know”
◊ Avoid over explaining or walking visitors through the exhibit

◊ BE FAMILIAR
◊ Know the exhibits and where they are located

◊ SHIFTS:
◊ Arrive 15 minutes prior to your shift

Interested in Volunteering?
Email: momsdocent23@gmail.com
Our docent coordinator, Roger Dewey will contact you to discuss preferred hours and training.
We would also like to acknowledge our AMAZING local partners:

In addition to the amazing traveling exhibit arriving as part of the Museum on Main Street, there will be an incredible wrap around exhibit featuring many local businesses and organizations that are innovative in their own right.

We are so excited to shine a spotlight on our local organizations and grateful that they have partnered with us to enrich the experience and to help showcase how incredibly wonderful Benzie County is!

In addition to the wrap around exhibit, several organizations are offering programs, either at the Mills Community House or at their home location. All of the programs offered throughout the 6 weeks that the Smithsonian is here are FREE to the public!

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- 100 Women Who Care - Benzie County
- Archangel Ancient Tree Archive
- Benzie Area Christian Neighbors
- Benzie Area Historical Society and Museum
- Benzie Area Zonta Club
- Benzie Conservation District
- Benzie Senior Resources
- The Cherry Hut Restaurant
- COGnTiON
- Friends of the Betsie Valley Trail
- Grow Benzie
- FiberShed at Grow Benzie
- Garden Theater
- Gillison’s-Benzie & Hart
- Honor Area Restoration Project
- Iron Fish Distillery
- Joy 2 Ride Benzie
- Platte Lake Improvement Association
- Point Betsie Lighthouse
- Sow She Grows Flower Farm
- St. Ambrose Cellars
- Thompsonville Area Revitalization Project

Program information, please visit our Museum on Main Street page at benzonialibrary.org/museum-on-main-street. Check back often as we are continually adding programs to the page.

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! 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!

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 people to know about your subject
- Include your name, date and relationship to the local innovator
- Deadline for submission has been extended to October 30, 2023.

SAMPLE 2-PAGE DISPLAY AT RIGHT
Adult & Young Adult: What’s New For You!

YA
The Brothers Hawthorne, Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Down Came the Rain, Jennifer Marhieu

YA GRAPHIC NOVELS
The Winter: a Heartstopper novella, Alice Oseman

YA—NON-FIC
The Beasts in Your Brain: understanding and living with anxiety and depression, Katherine Speller

ADULT—FIC
23 1/2 Lies, James Patterson
Blessing Of the Lost Girls, Judith A. Jance
Bright Young Women, Jessica Knoll
Chenneville, Paulette Jiles
Code Red, Kyle Mills
Crook Manifesto, Colson Whitehead
Devil Makes Three, Ben Fountain
Evil Eye, Etaf Rum
Firekeeper’s Daughter, Angeline Boulley
From Dust to Stardust, KATHLEEN roONEY
The Heart of it All, Christian Kiefer
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store, James McBride
Holly, Stephen King
The Last Exchange, Charles Martin
The Longmire Defense, Craig Johnson
Mother-Daughter Murder Night, Nina Simon
The Museum of Failures, Thirty N. Umrigar
The Quiet Tenant, Clemence Michallon

ADULT—NON-FIC
The 272: the families who were enslaved and sold to build the American Catholic Church, Rachel L. Swarns
The Heartbeat of the Wild: dispatches from landscapes of wonder, peril, and hope, David Quammen
I Quit Everything: how I survived the pandemic, tackled anxiety, and confronted midlife through the power of quitting, Freda Love Smith
The Six: the untold story of America’s first women astronauts, Loren Grush

ADULT—LARGE PRINT
Firekeeper’s Daughter, Angeline Boulley

DVD SERIES
Abbot Elementary, Season 2

Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items in our Library Catalog at www.benzonialibrary.org

Youth: What’s New For You!

JUVENILE
Chalice Of the Gods: Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Rick Riordan
Dork Diaries #15: tales from a not-so-posh Paris adventure, Rachel Renee Russell
The Memory Thieves, Dhonielle Clayton
The Nightmare House, Sarah Elisabeth Allen
Nightmare King, Daka Hermon
The Probability of Everything, Sarah Evertt
The Wild Robot Protects, Peter Brown
Wrecker, Carl Hiaasen

GRAPHIC NOVELS
Hooky, #3, Miriam Bonastre Tur
The Mark of Athena, Rick Riordan

J NON-FIC
Butt or Face?: can you tell which end you’re looking at?, Kari Lavelle
Search for a Giant Squid, Amy Seto Forrester

EARLY READER SERIES
The Story of Gumlock the Wizard, Adam Rex

PICTURE BOOKS
Be Wild: amazing animal behaviors to inspire young humans, Leigh Crandall
Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!, Mo Willems
Eleanor’s Moon, Maggie Knaus
Every Night at Midnight, Peter Cheong
How Does Santa Go Down the Chimney?, Mac Barnett
If the Rivers Run Free, Andrea Debbink
In the Night Garden, Carin Berger
Invisible Things, Andy J. Miller
The Most Magnificent Marker’s Z to Z, Ashley Spires
The Most Magnificent Thing, Ashley Spires
Something, Someday, Amanda Gorman
Water Day, Margarita Engle

JDVD
The Little Mermaid
Spider-Man, Across the Spider-Verse
Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne
Fridays at 10:30am
Benzonia Public Library
Children’s Room

Join Us for Fun Stories and Activities

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

Time to socialize, make new friends, and hear great stories.

If Benzie Central Schools are closed due to weather, Story Time will be cancelled.

Want to be informed of changes and receive Story Time information?
Sign up at www.benzonia-library.org/story-time-at-bpl

What do Umbrellas, Pockets, and Halloween have in common?
They are all part of the October Fun at Story Time!

Join the FUN on Fridays at 10:30 am
October  6th   Umbrellas
October 13th   Surprise
October 20th   Pockets
October 27th   Halloween
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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.

Up North Digital Collection using the Libby App

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