Holiday Party & Craft Workshop
Saturday, Dec. 9th
11 am – 1 pm
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave., 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 & Gift Workshop plus Festive Photo Booth

Refreshments will be available throughout the event.
Sponsored by Friends of BPL and Mills Community House

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

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 Benzonia Public Library.

CLOSED AS FOLLOWS:
Monday, Dec. 25
Tuesday, Dec. 26
Monday, Jan. 1
Tuesday, Jan 2
Open regular hours the rest of the week. Remember to stock up on books & DVDs for the holidays.
**BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**HotSpot lending program: Important Updates**

The current HotSpot lending program, launched in 2021, has been fully funded by a grant that is now coming to an end. Not wanting to end the program just yet, we have been working on affordable alternatives.

We are excited to announce that the Friends of Benzonia Public Library have agreed to fund HotSpots for another year! While this is great news, it is important to note that the HotSpot program will change. Through the grant BPL was provided Verizon HotSpots. These HotSpots will no longer be active beginning December 31st.

**The new HotSpots, powered by Beacon Mobile, will be active in the new year.** Mobile Beacon states it offers the nation’s largest 5G network and lightning-fast 4G network exclusively to community organizations, schools, libraries, and non-profits across the country. Their service is currently provided on the T-Mobile network. Visit their coverage page.

At BPL we believe this will offer excellent coverage to most of our users. As with all HotSpot providers there may be areas that are not covered & BPL is subject to these limitations.

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**Making Your Gift List?**

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

**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](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/endowment-fund)

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.

**Benzonia Public Library Tax ID (EIN): 38-2493013.**

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**Friends of Benzonia Public Library**

Donation Options include:

- **Checks:** Payable to Friends of BPL or Friends of Benzonia Public Library.
  - Drop off at the Library or mail to: Friends of Benzonia Public Library, PO Box 445, Benzonia, MI 49616
- **Online:** Visit [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org) and click on the DONATE button to pay with a credit card or PayPal.

Visit [www.benzonialibrary.org/friends](http://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.

**Friends of BPL are a 501(c)(3) organization, Tax ID (EIN): 56-2542168.** Contributions are tax deductible to the limit of the law when no goods or services are provided in conjunction with the gift.

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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 along with answers to frequently asked questions. [www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending)
**Smithsonian Museum on Main Street**

**That’s A Wrap!**

After 6 amazing weeks, the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street has left the building. We would like to thank EVERYONE that made the exhibition such a success. Thank you to the Mills Community House, Friends of the Benzonia Public Library and to the incredible partners that helped bring this project to the next level.

The Smithsonian exhibit was an incredible draw for locals and visitors alike. What started as a wonderful opportunity to bring the Smithsonian to Benzie County quickly morphed into a bigger opportunity to showcase the endlessly amazing things that are happening in our small community. We are honored to have been trusted with this task and we hope that the entire exhibition united, educated, showcased and honored the love that we have for this community and the people in it.

This may be the end of our Smithsonian Museum on Main Street visit, but it is just the beginning of possibilities!

**Setting up Oct. 10th**

**Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening**

**Oct. 14th**

**Tear down Nov. 26th & exhibit picked up Nov. 28**

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/](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.
Adult & Young Adult: What’s New For You!

**YA**
- Check & Mate, Ali Hazelwood
- The Davenports, Krystal Marquis
- Defiant, Brandon Sanderson
- Here and Only Here, Christelle Dabos
- Up in Flames, Hailey Alcaraz
- Wish of the Wicked, Danielle Paige

**YA—NON-FIC**
- How To Draw a Graphic Novel, Balthazar Pagani

**ADULT—FIC**
- Above the Salt, Katherine Vaz
- Absolution, Alice McDermott
- America Fantastica, Tim O’Brien
- American Girl, Wendy Walker
- Dirty Thirty, Janet Evanovich
- The Edge, David Baldacci
- From a Far and Lovely Country, Alexander McCall Smith
- The General and Julia, Jon Clinch
- The House on Sun Street, Muzhgan, Qazirad
- The Last Language, Jennifer duBois
- Last Night At the Hollywood Canteen, Sarah James
- Let Us Descend, Jesmyn Ward
- The Little Liar, Mitch Albom
- The Manor House, Gilly Macmillan
- Orbital, Samantha Harvey
- The Porcelain Maker, Sarah Freethy
- Resurrection Walk, Michael Connelly
- The Secret, Lee Child
- A Square of Sevens, Laura Shepherd-Robinson
- Stockholm, Noa Yedlin
- The Wishing Bridge, Viola Shipman

**ADULT—NON-FIC**
- A City on Mars: can we settle space, should we settle space, and have we really thought this through? Kelly Weinersmith
- Romney: a reckoning, McKay Coppins
- UFO: the inside story of the US government’s search for alien life here-and out there, Garrett M. Graff

**AUDIO**
- The Museum of Failures, Thrity N. Umrigar
- The Wishing Bridge, Viola Shipman

**DVD**
- Barbie
- Gran Turismo
- The Haunting of Bly Manor
- Oppenheimer

**DVD SERIES**
- The Crown, Season 5
- The White Lotus, Season 2

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**SAVE THE DATE:**
**Travelog: St. Petersburg Russia**
by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024**
Benzonia Public Library
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**PASSAGES: THE ART OF RON GIANOLA exhibit at Dennos Museum**

If you enjoy the beautiful art by Ron Gianola that is displayed at the Benzonia Public Library, you should check out the exhibit at the Dennos Museum Center! Passages: The Art of Ron Gianola runs until January 7th and features over 50+ years of Ron’s work.

For more information please visit  [www.dennosmuseum.org/art/now-on-view/passages-the-art-of-ron-gianola](http://www.dennosmuseum.org/art/now-on-view/passages-the-art-of-ron-gianola)
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.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl

Story Time Dates:
December 1st
December 8th
December 15th
NO Story Time on Dec. 22nd & 29th

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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!

Youth: What’s New For You!

JUVENILE
The Last Kids on Earth and the Monster Dimension, Max Brallier
The Quest of Danger, Stuart Gibbs

GRAPHIC NOVELS
Beak To the Future, Tom Angleberger
The Cardboard Kingdom: Snow and Sorcery #3, Chad Sell
Watership Down, Richard Adams

EARLY READER
Try a Bite, Trilobite, Level #1, Jonathan Fenske

EARLY READER SERIES
Betty the Yeti: Hates Spaghetti, #1, Mandy R. Marx

PICTURE BOOKS
The Big Cheese, Jory John
Books Make Good Friends, Jane Mount

BOARD BOOKS
Jungle Bells

JDVD
Elemental
Haunted Mansion

You may have noticed some changes in the Children’s Room!
We have swapped locations of Graphic Novels and Children’s non-fiction. This gives easier access to non-fic while also providing extra space for the Graphic Novel section to grow!

New stools have provided much needed extra seating and the BIG news...the Puppet Theater IS BACK! The kitchen remains and the puppet theater was brought back to help facilitate even more imaginative play! We hope you enjoy the changes!
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Next meeting will be at December 7, 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 & benzonialibrary.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

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

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