2024 Michigan Notable Books
20 Books Celebrating Michigan People, Places, and Events

Titles Available at Benzonia Public Library:
Items with an * are also available via Up North Digital-OverDrive via the Libby app

- The All-American by Susie Finkbeiner
- A Cold, Hard Prayer by John Smolens
- Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant: A Memoir by Curtis Chin
- Enough to Lose by R.S. Deeren
- Everything is Just Beginning: A Novel by Erin Bartels
- In the Upper Country: A Novel by Kai Thomas
- Michigan Rocks!: A Guide to Geologic Sites in the Great Lakes State by Paul Brandes
- My Murder: A Novel by Katie Williams
- The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History by Ned Blackhawk
- Tom Lake by Ann Patchett *
- Warrior Girl Unearthed by Angeline Boulley *

To reserve items visit our Library Catalog or contact us at 231-882-4111 or benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com.

The following titles may be available via the MeL interlibrary loan system. Ask BPL staff if you need assistance.

- Cinema Ann Arbor: How Campus Rebels Forged a Singular Film Culture by Frank Uhle
- Dearborn: Stories by Ghassan Zeineddine
- Enough to Lose by R.S. Deeren
- Girls and Their Monsters: The Genain Quadruplets and the Making of Madness in America by Audrey Clare Farley
- Great Women of Mackinac, 1800-1950 by Melissa Croghan
- Making Art in Prison: Survival and Resistance by Janie Paul
- Pulp: A Practical Guide to Cooking with Fruit by Abra Berens
- Strikers: A Graphic Novel by Kiel Phegley
- The White Stripes: Complete Lyrics, 1997-2007 by Jack White

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Women and The Arts
By Maureen Esther, Historyteller
Wednesday, March 6th 4:00pm
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI, 49616

A fabulous discussion of art through the women who not only lived it, but produced some of the world’s most beautiful and powerful pieces of art. Women artists are discussed, and wonderful portraits of some of the most interesting women in history are shown.

Maureen, a HistoryTeller for over 30 years, enjoys bringing her love of Art and History to the Benzonia Public Library.

No charge for event, just come and enjoy.

Wi-Fi 24/7
BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Nicole St. Laurent: Welcome to BPL!

Ahhh, there's no place like home! My extended family has resided in Benzie County since 1903 and it feels more like home to me than anywhere else I have ever lived. Having spent my summers here throughout my life, it was always my dream to return fulltime. That dream became reality in 2021 when I, along with my husband and two teen sons, moved into our family home on Crystal Lake that dates back to 1933. Since arriving, we have sought connection within our community. I am honored to be the incoming Treasurer for the Friends of BPL and, when offered a position working at Benzonia Public Library, it seemed like a perfect fit!

I love reading (of course), knitting, woodworking, gardening, cooking & canning, and hobby homesteading. I devoured the Little House on the Prairie series as a young girl and Laura's teachings have never left me. I have a background in teaching English as a second language, working with beginning readers, and as a reading remediation tutor specializing in dyslexia tutoring. I have also taught art appreciation and art classes in both public schools and homeschool co-ops. My greatest joy has come from homeschooling my sons throughout their schooling careers and guiding them both to be voracious learners. My oldest is currently in college and my younger will graduate high school next fall. I am excited to be a resource for our local homeschooling community!

Many thanks to the other BPL staff members who have already made me feel like one of them, as well as the patrons and community members who have welcomed me and been patient as I train on the library system. It is a joy to get to know each of you and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the future. I encourage you to stop in and say hi!

ICE Skate Lending at BPL

We’re ready when the ice is!

To reserve skates for Pick-up: call 231-882-4111 or visit our Library Catalog at www.benzonialibrary.org. Plan ahead due to limited sizes.

Who can borrow skates? Adults, 18 years of age or older, may 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.
Friends of BPL Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 8th at 4:30pm
Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI, 49616

Please join the Friends of Benzie Public Library for our annual meeting. We will discuss our accomplishments over the past year and how we plan to continue supporting Benzie Public Library this year.

Everyone is Welcome!!!

This is a great opportunity to learn more about what the Friends of BPL do. If you are interested in being more involved, we are also looking for additional board members.

COVID Test Kits available at BPL

Kits are provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Visit BPL during regular business hours to pick up your free COVID Test Kits.

Mural Cards at BPL

$2.00 each or $10.00 for 6 (your choice)
$12.00 for 8 pack (2 of each card)
Pay for & pick up cards at BPL front desk.

Children’s Room mural by Glenn Wolff.
Photography by Steve Loveless.
Proceeds benefit Benzie Public Library.
Sponsored by Friends of Benzie Public Library.

Want to support BPL? We welcome all contributions!

DONATE TO BPL:
Donation envelopes are available at BPL or you can mail a check to Benzie Public Library, PO Box 445, Benzie, MI 49616.

DONATE TO BPL ENDOwMENT FUND:
Make a secure online gift to the Benzie Public Library Endowment Fund here or mail a check to Community Foundation, 233 Lake Avenue, Suite B, Traverse City, MI 49684. Make your check payable to the Community Foundation with the Benzie Public Library Endowment Fund noted in the memo line.

SUPPORT FRIENDS OF BPL:
Many of the special “extras” at the BPL are due to people like you who give in a variety of ways. Friends make a difference by supporting programs and activities at BPL including: OverDrive, craft classes, and other programs in addition to purchasing equipment & other materials.

DONATE TO THE FRIENDS OF BPL:
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JOIN THE FRIENDS OF BPL:
Note on your donation that you would like to be a member.

SUPPORT CORNER BOOK SHOpPE AT BPL & OTHER SALES:
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Adult & Young Adult: What’s New For You!

YA
Bring Me Your Midnight, Rachel Griffin
Gather, Kenneth Cadow
Make Me a Liar, Melissa Landers
Sky’s End, Marc J. Gregson

YA GRAPHIC NOVELS
Heartstopper #5, Alice Oseman

ADULT—FIC
The All American, Susie Finkbeiner
California Bear, Duane Swierczynski
Enough To Lose, RS Deeren
Everything is Just Beginning, Erin Bates
Familia, Lauren E. Rico
The fury, Max Michaelides
The Girl in the Eagle’s Talons, Karin Smirnoff
Goodbye Girl, James Grippando
The Last Love Note, Emma Grey
Meet the Benedettos, Katie Cotugno
My Murder, Katie Williams
The Other Half, Charlotte Vassell
The Other Mothers, Katherine Faulkner
True North, Andrew J. Graff
The Warsaw Sisters, Amanda Barratt
The Waters, Bonnie Jo Campbell
Wild and Distant Seas, Tara Karr Roberts
Yours For the Taking, Gabrielle Korn

ADULT—NON-FIC
Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant, Cur
Ghosts of Honolulu: a Japanese spy, a Japanese American spy hunter, and the untold story of Pearl Harbor, Mark Harmon
Our Hidden Conversations: what Americas really think about race and identity, Michele Norris
The Rediscovery of America: native peoples and the unmaking of U. S., History, Ned Blackhawk

AUDIO
A Different Kind of Gone, Catherine Ryan Hyde
The Lost Tomb: and other real-life stories of bones, burials, ad murder, Douglas J. Preston
Mother-Daughter Murder Night, Nina Simon
Stockholm, Noa Yeldin

DVD
The Holdovers
The Marsh Kings Daughter
Past Lives

DVD SERIES
Billions

HOT SPOTS AVAILABLE AT BPL

We are excited 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 has changed.

The new HotSpots, powered by Mobile Beacon are NOW ACTIVE.

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. Visit their coverage page for details www.mobilebeacon.org/coverage

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

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Youth: What’s New For You!

JUVENILE
The Five Impossible Tasks of Eden Smith, Tom Llewellyn
Max & the Midknights, Lincoln Peirce
Shark Teeth, Sherri Winston
Where the Water Takes Us, Alan Barillaro

GRAPHIC NOVELS
Baby-sitters Club: Claudia and the bad joke, Arley Nora
Sunny Up, #1, Jennifer L Holm
Swing it Sunny, #2, Jennifer L Holm
Sunny Rolls the Dice, #3, Jennifer L Holm
Sunny Makes a Splash, #4, Jennifer L Holm
The Tea Dragon Festival #2, Katie O’Neill
The Tea Dragon Society #1, Katie O’Neill

PICTURE BOOKS
The Crayons Go Back To School, Drew Dewalt
Gravity is Bringing Me Down, Wendelin Van Draanen
Grumpy Monkey Spring Fever, Suzanne Lang
Hornbeam All In, Cynthia Rylant
Sleepy Sheepy, Drew Daywalt

BOARD BOOKS
Digger, Molly Littelboy
Welcome To Preschool!, Maria Carluccio

JDVD
Trolls

S.T.E.M. KITS AT BPL: The perfect cold weather activity for the whole family.

• Kits can be checked out for one (1) week with one (1) week renewal possible.
• To view kit information and availability visit our Library Catalog (click Icon below) and type stem kit in the
  search box.
• Click on the kit title you are interested in to see more information about the kit.
• NOTE: To place a reserve you must log into your BPL account. In the upper right corner
  enter your library card number and your password then click on Log in.
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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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Meetings are usually held the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building. Next meeting is our Annual Meeting: February 8, 2024 at 4:30pm. Everyone welcome.

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