National Library Week!

National Library Week (April 7-13, 2024) is a time to celebrate our nation’s libraries, library workers’ contributions, and promote library use and support. The theme for National Library Week 2024, “Ready, Set, Library!,” promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life’s journey - preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family - your library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with your library this National Library Week. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.

Here at Benzonia Public Library we have worked hard to “give the green light to learning” by providing fun extras that we encourage you to stop in and check out! From community programs for entertainment, education, and connection to the newly formed Library of Things that includes ice skates, birding kits, Oral History backpacks, and so much more, we have worked hard to meet the needs of our community while also providing a safe, fun space for everyone to enjoy.

For more information regarding the Library of Things, upcoming programs, and other services provided by Benzonia Public Library please visit our website at: www.benzonialibrary.org or stop in during our regular business hours.

EclipseFest 2024

Monday, April 8th
10am - 6pm

Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Come in and join us for fun crafts, STEM activities and coloring pages available all day!

In our local viewing area, the eclipse will begin at 1:58pm and end at 4:24pm with our maximum coverage being at 3:12pm. We will not see a full eclipse here in Northern Michigan, but it will still be an amazing experience.

Book Reading and DIY Pinhole Camera Workshop
at 11am & 2pm
“A Few Beautiful Minutes: Experiencing a Solar Eclipse”
By Kate Allen Fox

We also have FREE eclipse viewing glasses available at the library between now and April 8th.
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Plant Diagnostic Clinic

April 9, 11am-2 pm
Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

Bring us your bugs, weeds, and plant diseases for identification and recommendations!
MSUE will once again host a Plant Diagnostic Clinic at BPL on the 2nd Tuesday, April-September.
Staffed by MSUE employees & Extension Master Gardeners, the diagnostic clinic will assist residents with plant pests & diseases, lawn, bug or weed identification & recommendations.
For questions about the MSUE diagnostic clinic, call 231-256-9888 or email waltonn2@msu.edu.

Community Programs

Do you want to support BPL? We welcome all contributions!
Please consider a donation to BPL and/or the Friends of BPL.
Donation envelopes are available at BPL and donation links can be found on our website.
THANK YOU for your generosity.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Russia’s Peter the Great  
(AD 1672-1725)
by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Wednesday  
May 15, 2024  
4:00-5:30 pm  
Benzonia Public Library  
Mills Comm House - Upper Level

“I am a student and I seek teachers.” Peter Alekseevich Romanov received a limited education, yet spent his life pursuing knowledge. The Founder of Modern Russia, this Tsar (at age 10) and later Emperor, was a powerhouse of energy. Dragging his people into the European world, he would “open a window on the west” by building St. Petersburg. Come meet Peter the Great, a giant in Russian history!

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.

2023 TAX FORMS available at BPL

FEDERAL: 2023 tax year  
IRS1040 and 1040-SR  
Forms and Instructions

MICHIGAN:  
2023 tax year  
MI1040 Forms and Instructions  
MI Home Heating Credit Form

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.

Spring Into a New Skill with our Library of Things!

ONLINE PROGRAMMING KIT, LTBC #3
Create your own online programming!  
Kit includes equipment needed to create online programming for your business or organization.

Instructional videos available at  
www.benzonialibrary.org/library of things

SEWING MACHINE KIT, LT #4
Get ready to sew this Spring!  
Kit includes the basics to get you started including a couple of thread colors & sewing supplies.  
You provide the fabric & imagination.  
Machine has a variety of stitch options.

Find oodles of tutorials on YouTube!
We have some great Story Time Themes coming in April! Join Us!

4/5  Sisters: We will read Maple & Willow Together and then make friendship bracelets with our new friends!

4/12 Money Smart Kids: A special guest reader will join us to share the book Owl + Otter and the Big Yard Sale to help you learn about money. You get to keep your very own copy of the book and also make a piggy bank craft.

4/19 Earth Day: Today we celebrate our home, EARTH! Read some stories and do a craft that helps us appreciate where we live.

4/26 Arbor Day: Come learn all about our friends the TREES. Find out how they help us and how we can help them, too!

Want to be informed of changes and receive Story Time information? Sign up at www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl
Look What’s New in the BPL Collection!

**Adult & Young Adult**

**YA**
- Book, Beast and Crow, Elizabeth Byrne
- Chronically Dolores, Maya Van Wagenen
- Clever Creatures of the Night, Samantha Mabry
- Compass and Blade, Rachel Greenlaw
- Daughter of the Bone Forest (Witch Hall #1), Jasmine Skye
- Dungeons and Drama, Kristy Boyce
- Fate Breaker (Realm Breaker #3), Victoria Aveyard
- House of Salt and Sorrows (Sisters of the Salt #1), Erin A. Craig
- House of Roots and Ruin (Sisters of the Salt #2), Erin A. Craig
- Icarus, K. Ancrum
- Kindling, Traci Chee
- The Last Bloodcarver (#1), Vanessa Le
- My Throat An Open Grave
- The No-Girlfriend Rule, Christen Randall
- Snowglobe (#1), Soyoung Park

**ADULT—FIC**
- The #1 Lawyer, James Patterson and Nancy Allen
- 2054: Admiral James Stavridis Novel (#2), Elliot Ackerman
- After Annie: A Novel, Anna Quindlen
- The American Daughters: A Novel, Maurice Carlos Ruffin
- American Spirits: Stories, Russell Banks
- The Berlin Letters: A Cold War Novel, Katherine Reay
- Blank: A Novel, Zibby Owens
- A Cold, Hard Prayer: A Novel (Ml Notable Book ’24), John Smolens
- A Dragon In The Church, Michael Riegel
- A Dragon Outside The Church, Michael Riegel
- Everyone Is Watching, Heather Gudenkauf
- Finding Margaret Fuller: A Novel, Allison Pataki
- Finding Sophie: A Novel, Imran Mahmood

**ADULT—NON-FIC**
- Birding to Change the World: A Memoir, Trish O’Kane
- Fluke: Chance, Chaos, and Why Everything We Do Matters, Brian Klass
- The Moth Presents: A Point of Beauty: True Stories of Healing and Letting Go, The Moth
- Troubled: A Memoir of Foster Care, Family and Social Class, Rob Kim
- Henderson

**Youth**

**JUVENILE**
- Ferris, Kate DiCamillo
- The First State of Being, Erin Entrada Kelly
- Wilderlore: The Night Compass (#4), Amanda Foody

**GRAPHIC NOVELS**
- Comics Squad: Detention (#3), Compilation
- Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder (#12), Dav Pilkey
- Go, Ghou! Go! (Spirited #2), Liv Livingston
- Hilo: Rise of the Cat (#10), Judd Winick
- Making Friends: Together Forever (#4), Kristen Gudsnuk
- Next Stop, Debbie Fong
- Table Titans Club (#1), Scott R Kurtz
- The Tea Dragon Tapestry (#3), Kay O’Neill
- Wildful, Kengo Kurimoto

**J NON-FICTION**
- The Great Lakes: Our Freshwater Treasure, Barbara Rosenstock
- The Iguanodon’s Hom: How Artists and Scientists Put a Dinosaur Back Together Again and Again and Again, Sean Rubin

**EARLY READER SERIES**
- Fox Is Late (Fox #4), Corey R. Tabor
- Fox At Night (Fox #5), Corey R. Tabor
- Fox Versus Winter (Fox #6), Corey R. Tabor

**PICTURE BOOKS**
- All Aboard the Alaska Train, Brooke Hartman
- The Book That Almost Rhymed, Omar Abed
- A Few Beautiful Minutes: Experiencing A Solar Eclipse, Kate Allen Fox
- Fox and the Jumping Contest (Fox #1), Corey R. Tabor
- A Happy Place, Britta Teckentrup
- The Last Stand, Antwan Eady
- Log Life, Amy Hovren
- Luigi, The Spider Who Wanted to Be a Kitten, Michelle Knudsen
- My First Earth Day, Karen Katz
- Pretty Ugly: A Toon Book, David Sedaris
- The Rock In My Throat, Kao Kalia Yang
- Sleepy Sheepy and the Sheepover, Lucy Ruth Cummins
- Solar Bear, Beth Ferry
- Somebody Needs To Do Something About That Monster!, Doug Cenko
- Total Solar Eclipse: A Stellar Friendship Story, Jayme Sandberg
- Walk With Me, Jairo Buitrago
- What’s New, Daniel?, Micha Archer
- Wild Places: The Life of Naturalist David Attenborough, Hayley Rocco
- The Wrong Book, Drew Daywalt
- A Year In The Castle, Nikola Kucharska
- You and the Universe, Stephen W. Hawking

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Meetings are held at 4:30 pm the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.
Next meeting will be April 4, 2024. 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!

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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 & 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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