Vincent
(AD 1853 - AD 1890)
by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Thursday, June 27th
4:00-5:30 pm

Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzonia, MI

This emotional lecture is full of light and color. Discussion of Vincent Van Gogh’s troubled life and his wonderful gift to us is included.

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.

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY!

Summer Reading 2024
REGISTER * READ * WIN
Registration begins June 1st at BPL

Come along with Benzonia Public Library to learn where we can go when Adventure Begins!
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As we enter the summer season here in Northern Michigan, we invite you to visit the Corner Book Shoppe
Inside BPL for all of your “Beach Reads”

Offering for sale a great selection of quality, used kids books, hard & soft cover adult books and jigsaw puzzles.
Open during regular library hours with proceeds benefiting BPL

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

HotSpots at BPL

HotSpots are available to borrow for home use. They are a one week check out and may not be renewed. You may be put on a reserve list but we cannot guarantee availability for a certain week.

To borrow a HotSpot you must:

- Be at least 18 years old and have a valid BPL library card.
- Read and sign a BPL Library of Things Lending Guidelines and Agreement at the time of checkout.
- Valid Government issued ID with picture and current address must be presented at checkout. The address on the ID and in the library records must match.

Digging the Past: Exploring Archaeology

The Benzie Area Historical Society and your local libraries are partnering for a great youth program about archaeology! This program will embark on an adventure to discover the rich history and culture of the Indigenous peoples of Northern Michigan. We will delve into the past through hands-on activities, interactive lessons, and engaging discussions.

When:
Friday, August 23rd at 3 pm

Where:
Benzonia Public Library
891 Michigan Ave
Benzonia, MI 49616

This program will also be offered at other area libraries.
Check the BAHS website for details!

For more information about what events the Historical Society has scheduled for the summer, please visit www.benziemuseum.org or call 231-882-5539.

Story Time at the Museum

The Benzie Area Historical Society and the Benzonia Public Library have partnered for “Story Time at the Museum.”

When:
Monday, June 24th at 2 pm
Monday, July 22nd at 2 pm

Where:
Benzie Area Historical Museum
6941 Traverse Ave
Benzonia, MI 49616

Stay for a fun activity and explore the museum after the story is over!

Plant Diagnostic Clinic

June 11th
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.
Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

Friday, June 7th at 10:30 am
Benzonia Public Library—Children’s Room

Join us for our End of Year Party!
Cherry Pie, Games, Books, and lots of FUN!
We’ll even make a special craft.

We have enjoyed spending time with all our little friends who participated in Story Time over the past nine months.

We look forward to seeing you in the library and at our Summer Reading Programs this summer.

Story Time will return on September 13, 2024!

First time participants will receive a Story Time bag with information and other goodies.

A time to socialize, make new friends, and hear great stories.
Want to be notified of changes and receive Story Time information?
Sign up at www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl

STEM Kits at BPL: Check Them Out!

STEM kit play counts toward Summer Reading Logs

♦ Kits can be checked out for one (1) week with a one (1) week renewal possible.
♦ To view kit information and availability visit www.benzonialibrary.org/stem-kits and click on the Library Catalog icon. Type stem kit in the search box to see the list of kits. Click on the title you are interested in to see more information about the kit.
♦ **NOTE:** To place a reserve, contact BPL at 231-882-4111 or log into your BPL account. Select the title and then click Reserve this item.
♦ **HINT:** Green highlighted items are available now, Red highlighted items are checked out.
♦ You will be notified when your reserved items are available.

**IMPORTANT:** Kits must be returned to a staff person in the library during regular library hours. DO NOT leave outside or place in or on top of the drop box.
Contact us at benzoniaibraryconnect@gmail.com or 231-882-4111 with questions.
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Adventure Begins at YOUR Library
Summer Reading 2024 @ BPL

Thursdays at 3:00 pm
Weekly Puppet Shows
Activities & Crafts
June 20 - July 25
Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House
891 Michigan Avenue, Benzonia

Register beginning June 1st at BPL.
Read books and fill out reading logs.
The more you read the more chances to win!

Come along with BPL to discover where we can go when “ADVENTURE BEGINS”!

JUNE 20th Adventure Begins...WITH YOU!
YOU hold the key, now open the door to adventure! The BPL Puppet Lab will begin our adventure with exploration of the IMAGINATION! Followed by a fun craft.

JUNE 27th Adventure Begins...IN YOUR COMMUNITY!
Join the BPL Puppet Lab to learn about the heroic efforts of our community first responders. Followed by an Emergency Vehicle Petting Zoo!

JULY 4th: Happy 4th of July! No program this week, but keep adventuring on your own! :)

JULY 11th Adventure Begins...WITH A SONG!
*Special presentation ~Tunes N Tales with Tricia!~*
Join us for a ROCKING good time! We will sing, dance and enjoy a musical adventure that will keep us singing all summer long!

JULY 18th Adventure Begins...IN NATURE!
Nature holds ENDLESS adventures! The BPL Puppet Lab will explore nature and the wonders in it. Followed by a super fun activity where we will build blanket forts and have time for imaginative play!

July 25th Adventure Begins...WHEN THE WORLD UNITES!
In honor of the 2024 Summer Olympics, join us for fun WAY OUT GAMES, exploration stations, imaginative play and crafts! It will be a true celebration!

BABY BINGO @BPL
Summer Fun for ages 0-3.
Featuring activities to enjoy with your little one.
Bingo sheets available June 1st.
Pick a prize for each bingo activity sheet turned in by August 1st.

Join us for fun with the always hilarious BPL Puppet Lab. There will be fan favorites, along with a NEW friend that we are very excited to introduce!

Thursdays, 3 pm
June 20-July 25

Guaranteed fun for all ages.
WHAT’S NEW FOR YOU AT BPL

Adult & Young Adult

ADULT—FIC
All Fours: A Novel, Miranda July
Butcher: Father of Modern Gyno-Psychiatry: A Novel, Joyce Carol Oates
Camino Ghosts – 3 (Camino Island #3), John Grisham
Clete (David Robichaud #24), James Lee Burke
Every Time We Say Goodbye, Natalie Jenner
First Frost – 20 (Walt Longmire #20), Craig Johnson
The Guncle Abroad – 2 (Guncle #2), Steven Rowley
If Something Happens to Me: A Novel, Alex Finlay
In Tongues, Thomas Grattan
James: A Novel, Percival Everett
The Last Murder at the End of the World: A Novel, Stuart Turton
The Last Time She Saw Him: A Novel, Kate White
The Last Twelve Miles: A Novel, Erika Robuck
Life, Loss and Puffin: A Novel, Catherine Ryan Hyde
A Lonesome Place for Dying: A Novel, Nolan Chase
Lucky, Jane Smiley
Mind Games, Nora Roberts
One Perfect Couple, Ruth Ware
The Second Coming: A Novel, Garth Risk Hallberg
Twice the Trouble: A Novel, Ash Clifton
Whale Fall, Elizabeth O’Conner
You Are Here: A Novel, David Nicholls
You Like it Darker: Stories, Stephen King

In My Time of Dying: How I Came Face to Face With the Idea of an Afterlife, Sebastian Junger
Open Wide: A Cookbook for Friends, Benny Blanco

ADULT—LARGE PRINT
The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club: A Novel (LP), Helen Simonson
I Will Ruin You: A Novel (LP), Linwood Barclay
Last House or The Age of Oil (LP), Jessica Shattuck

AUDIO
Darling Girls (CD), Sally Hepworth
Extinction (CD), Douglas J. Preston
Funny Story (CD), Emily Henry
Table for Two: Fictions (CD), Amor Towles
This Strange (CD), Eventful History: A Novel, Claire Messud
You Like It Darker (CD), Stephen King

DVD
Anatomy of A Fall (DVD)
Dune – Part 2 (DVD)
The Iron Claw (DVD)

DVD SERIES
All Creatures Great and Small – Season 4 (DVD)
The Walking Dead – Season 1 (DVD)

ADULT—NON-FIC
Amphibious Soul: Finding the Wild in a Tame World, Craig Foster
Challenger: A True Story of Disaster and Heroism on the Edge of Space, Adam Higgenbotham

Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items at www.benzonialibrary.org

Youth

JUVENILE
The Boo Hag Flex: Tales From Cabin 23 #1, Justina Ireland
Moon Madness: Camp Sylvania #2, Julie Murphy

J NON-FICTION
The Big Book of Useless Knowledge: 250 of the Coolest, Weirdest and Most Unbelievable Facts You Won’t Be Taught in School, Neon Squid

EARLY READER SERIES
Ima Rangel, Katie Marsico

PICTURE BOOKS
A Love Library to My Library, Lisa Katzenberger
Being Home, Traci Sorell

Bird Rehearsal, Jonah Winter
Dog VS Strawberry, Nelly Buchet
Finding Things, Kevin Henkes
I Am Friendly: Confessions of a Helpful Bear, Kristen Tracy
I Am Gravity, Henry Herz
Junia, The Book Mule of Troublesome Creek, Kim Michele Richardson
More Dung!: A Beetle Tale, Frank Weber
The Spaceman, Randy Cecil
Ursula Upside Down, Corey R. Tabor
Who Am I?, Julie Buchholtz
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Meetings are held the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.
Next meeting will be at June 6, 2024 at 4:30pm. Everyone welcome.

Library of Things At BPL
The return of warm weather means even more fun with our outdoor kits.

Birding Kit  Pickle Ball Set  Bean Bag Toss

Details at BPL: 231-882-4111 or www.benzonialibrary.org/library-of-things

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SUMMER BOOK SALE
Saturday, July 20th
10 am-2 pm
Our book sale committee has been collecting great titles to offer to you all year! Mark your calendar to come check us out and leave with some treasures of your own. As always, up to 2 bags may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours. Please call us at the library to set up an appointment to bring in your larger donations.

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 (> 10 years old). Currently NOT accepting non-fiction items.
Donation criteria available at BPL & benzonialibrary.org/donating-books-and-puzzles

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