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*Preserving yesterday, enriching today,
inspiring tomorrow in our community.*

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Celebrating 100 Years of Community

Mills Community House



Benzonia Public Library

Please Join Us

Saturday, March 15th

2:00 - 4:00 PM

2:00 - Welcome, Brief Presentation & Refreshments

2:30 - Historic Building Tour

3:00 - Community Story Sharing & Refreshments

3:30 - Historic Building Tour

BPL HOURS

10am-6pm Monday-Friday

10am-2pm Saturday

Closed Sunday

YOU CAN FIND MAGIC

wherever you look,

SIT BACK AND RELAX

ALL YOU NEED IS

A BOOK

-Dr. Seuss



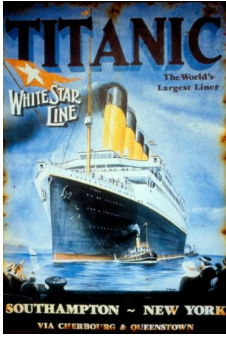
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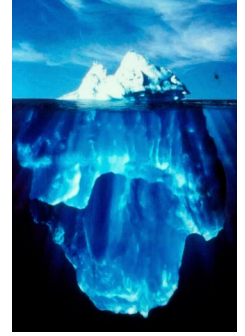
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Titanic Remembered

By Maureen Esther, Historyteller

Thursday, April 3, 2025
with two times to choose from!
4:00-5:30 pm or 6:30-8:00pm



Historians call it the end of the Industrial Revolution, but in the early morning hours of April 15, 1912, the great loss of human life would make it much more than a mark in history. The Titanic would be the epitome of ocean liner luxury – a leviathan and marvel of the modern age. Even though “unsinkable”, by 2:30 a.m. on that fateful morning, she would be on the bottom of the cold Atlantic Ocean.

You are invited to board the Titanic in this heartfelt lecture which covers not only the loss of life, but the loss of innocence.

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

No charge for event, just come and enjoy.



March is a special month for families and book lovers alike—it's *Reading Month*! This is the perfect time to celebrate the joy of reading and to encourage children to develop a love for books. Whether at home, in the library, or on-the-go, reading offers countless benefits for children of all ages, from building language skills to sparking imagination.

As a family, make this month memorable by dedicating time to read together. Visit BPL to explore new books, take part in fun reading challenges, or even start a family book club. Reading aloud with your children fosters a stronger bond, improves comprehension, and sets the stage for lifelong learning. Don't forget to ask your librarian for book recommendations! Let March be a time when your family dives into the world of stories, explores new worlds, and creates cherished memories!



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 Benzonian Public Library.
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Come **HANG WITH YOUR GNOMIES**

At BPL's Tween Club Hangout!

WHAT IS Tween Club Hangout?

A little bit of art, a little bit of science, a little bit of gaming, a little bit of snacking and A WHOLE LOT OF FUN!

A **FREE** program designed especially for our friends between the ages of 8 and 13, TCH will be a monthly event, featuring a different theme and fun collection of activities each time. The only thing that will not change is the FUN we will have!

March's theme will be **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BPL!** and we will celebrate with cupcakes, balloon animals and DIY goodie bags!

Wednesday, March 26th

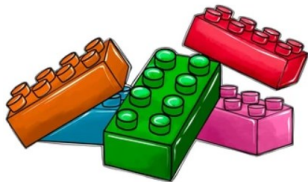
1:00—2:30PM

At Benzonias Public Library

Lower Level



READY TO JOIN IN? SIGN UP NOW USING THE QR CODE
OR IN THE LIBRARY



LEGO SATURDAY

Saturday, March 29th

12:00-2:00

In the BPL CHILDREN'S ROOM

Bring your creativity and use our LEGO to create an awesome project during this event!

(LEGO are for use at this event
& stay at library)

For information call 231-882-4111 or visit
www.benzonialibrary.org

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.
- To reserve items, click the title you want and then click Reserve this item
- **HINT:** Green highlighted items are available, Red highlighted items are checked out. You will be notified when reserved items are available.

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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 Benzonia 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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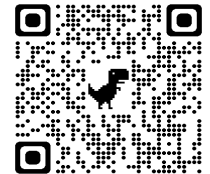
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Story Time

Dates:

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 28 - NO STORY TIME



Youth: What's New For You!

JUVENILE

All the Blues in the Sky, Renee Watson
Bird of a Thousand Stories – 2 (Once There Was #2), Kiyash, Monsef
The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest, Aubrey Hartman
A World Worth Saving, Kyle Lukoff

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Crumble, Meredith McClaren
Fresh Start, Gale Galligan
The Hilo Great Space Iguana – 11 (Hilo #11), Judd Winick
Mixed-Up, Kami Garcia
The Secret of Kells: The Graphic Novel, Samuel Sattin

J NON-FICTION

Drawing Chibi Pets: Learn to Draw Kawaii Companions, Oriel Voegele
Jella Lepman and Her Library of Dreams, Katherine Paterson

JDVD

Baby Shark's Big Show (DVD)
Bluey – Season 1 (DVD)

EARLY READER SERIES

Bear and Bird: The Stick and Other Stories – 4 (Bear and Bird #4), Martin Jarvis
Eliza and the Flower Fairies – 1 (Fairy Door Diaries #1), Megan McDonald

PICTURE BOOKS (JE)

Barnaby Unboxed!, Terry Fan
Cranky Makes A Friend, Phuc Tran
The Gift of the Great Buffalo, Carole Lindstrom
Good Golden Sun, Brendan Wenzel
Hope In A Jar, Deborah Marcero
How To Sing a Song, Kwame Alexander
The Keeper of Stories, Caroline Kusin Pritchard
Let's Be Bees, Shawn Harris
Me and Other Bunnies, Mo Willems
A Pocket Full of Rocks, Kristin Mary Mahoney
Some of These are Snails, Carter Higgins
Worm Makes a Sandwich, Brianne Farley

BOARD BOOKS (JEBD)

Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa, Anna Dewdney
Your Farm, Jon Klassen

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Adult & Young Adult: What's New For You!

YA

All Better Now – 1 (All Better Now # 1), Neal Shusterman
The Assassin's Guide to Babysitting, Natalie C. Parker
Everything I Promised You, Katy Upperman
The Otherwhere Post, Emily J. Taylor
Rhino's Run, Robert Lipsyte
Under the Same Stars: A Novel, Libba Bray

ADULT—FIC

33 Place Brugmann, Alice Austen
All the Water in the World: A Novel, Eiren Caffall
Back After This: A Novel, Linda Holmes
Beartooth, Callan Wink
The Blanket Cats, Kiyoshi Shegematsu
Blob: A Love Story, Maggie Su
Bonded in Death (In Death # 17), J.D. Robb
The Bones Beneath My Skin, TJ Klune
The Café With No Name, Robert Seethaler
Casualties of Truth: A Novel, Lauren Francis-Sharma
Close Your Eyes and Count to 10, Lisa Unger
Cross My Heart, Megan Collins
The Dressmakers of London, Julia Kelly
Eddie Winston is Looking for Love: A Novel, Marianne Cronin
End of August: A Novel, Paige Dinneny
The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride, Joe Siple
A Forty Year Kiss: A Novel, Nickolas Butler
Fundamentally: A Novel, Nussaibah Younis
Good Girl: A Novel, Aria Aber
Grave Danger, James Grippando
Harlem Rhapsody, Victoria Christopher Murray
I Cheerfully Refuse: A Novel, Leif Enger
The In-Between Bookstore: A Novel, Edward Underhill
Junie: A Novel, Erin Crosby Eckstine
Last Twilight in Paris, Pam Jenoff
Live Fast: A Novel, Brigitte Giraud
Nemesis – 10 (Orphan X # 10), Gregg Hurwitz
The Oligarch's Daughter: A Novel, Joseph Finder
Open Season – 40 (Alex Delaware # 40), Jonathon Kellerman
Paranoia – 17 (Michael Bennett # 17), James Patterson

Pro Bono, Thomas Perry
The Queens of Crime: A Novel, Marie Benedict
Red Clay, Charles B Fancher
Robert B. Parker's Buried Secrets – 22 (Jesse Stone #22), Christopher Farnsworth
The Snowbirds: A Novel, Christina Clancy
Supersonic: A Novel, Thomas B. Kohnstamm
Tartufo, Kira Jane Buxton
Three Days in June, Anne Tyler
To Save the Man: A Novel, John Sayles
Pro Bono, Thomas Perry
We Are Watching: A Novel, Alison Gaylin
What Happened to the McCrays?: A Novel, Tracey Lange
The Wolf Tree, Laura McCluskey

ADULT—NON-FIC

The Black Utopians: Searching for Paradise and the Promised Land in America, Aaron Robertson
Briefly, Perfectly Human: Making an Authentic Life by Getting Real About the End, Alua Arthur
Democracy In Retrograde: How to Make Changes Big & Small in our Country and in our Lives, Sami Sage
The Lions Finally Roar: The Ford Family, the Detroit Lions and the Road to Redemption in the NFL, Bill Morris
Memorial Days: A Memoir, Geraldine Brooks
Yes, Your Kid: What Parents Need to Know About Today's Teens and Sex, Debby Herbenick

ADULT—LARGE PRINT

Black Woods, Blue Sky: A Novel, Eowyn Ivey
Every Tom, Dick & Harry: A Novel, Elinor Lipman
Famous Last Words: A Novel, Gillian McAllister
Isola: A Novel, Allegra Goodman
Show Don't Tell: Stories, Curtis Sittenfeld
The Strange Case of Jane O, Karen Thompson Walker
We All Live Here: A Novel, JoJo Moyes

DVD

The Apprentice (DVD)
Here (DVD)
The Substance (DVD)
Wicked (DVD)



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Meetings are usually held the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.

Next meeting will be April 3, 2025 at 4:30pm. Everyone welcome.



Providing the little and not so little extras for the Library!

Corner Book Shoppe at 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 Books & Jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) in excellent condition,

Donation criteria available at BPL & benzoniaconnect@gmail.com



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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.

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