BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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Treasures of the DIA

By Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Monday, September 21, 2026
1:00-2:30pm

Benzonia Public Library
Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

This program discusses just a few of the wonderful pieces of art that are in our own Detroit Institute of Art in Detroit. Designated as a World Class museum, it contains many hidden treasures. Come and hear the stories of the art, artists and time periods that illuminate these great works of art!

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.

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FALL LIBRARY REFRESH IS IN PROGRESS

We hope that all of our patrons have had a wonderful summer! It's not over yet, but here at BPL we are starting to focus on the weeks and months to come!

While our programming calendar is currently a little quieter than usual, we're using this time to refresh the library and prepare for what's ahead. We're excited to be gearing up for a wonderful season of programs, activities, and community connections.

Stay tuned for what's to come!

LIBRARY HOURS

10-6 Monday - Friday
10-2 Saturday
Closed Sunday

Benzonia Public Library will be Closed on September 7th to honor Labor Day

Youth Programs

Youth... What's New For You!

JUVENILE NON FICTION
Kraken vs. the Loch Ness Monster — Alberto Rayo
Lizard Man vs. the Swamp Monster — Golriz Golkar

JUVENILE FICTION
All That Chandni Knows — Khushboo Patel
Bear Bottom: A FunJungle Novel #7 — Stuart Gibbs
Champions of the Galaxy — Tola Okogwu
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules #2 — Jeff Kinney
Magnitude — Jennifer A. Nielsen
A Potion, a Powder, a Little Bit of Magic: Or, Like Lightning in an Umbrella Storm, a Story Out of Order — Philip Christian Stead
The Odyssey: A Modern Retelling — Liv Albert
Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories #3 — Jeff Kinney
Rowley Jefferson's Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2 #4 — Jeff Kinney
Tyrannosaurus Wrecks: FunJungle #6 — Stuart Gibbs

BOARD BOOKS
The Story of Ferdinand, Munro Leaf
When Pigs Fly!: A song for dreamers, Sandra Boynton

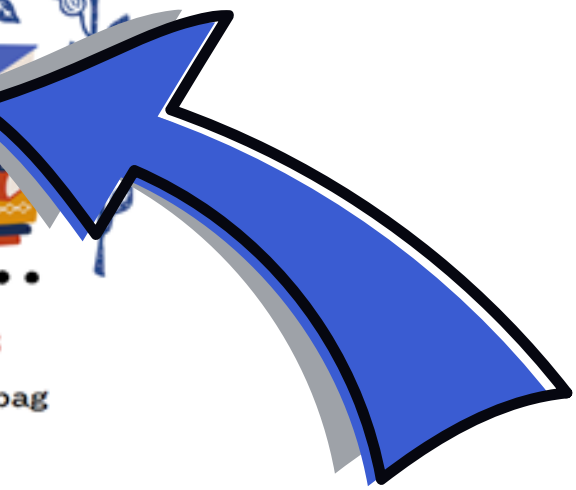
JUVENILE GRAPHIC
Sybil Ludington Rides to the Rescue: Courageous Kid of the American Revolution — Jessica Gunderson
Through the Black Gate — Alfredo Cáceres

JUVENILE SERIES & LEVELED READERS
Bob Books: Phonics for Early Readers — Liza Charlesworth
The Ghostly Galleon: AdventureMice #5 — Philip Reeve
Mermouse Mystery: AdventureMice #2 — Philip Reeve
Mice on the Ice: AdventureMice #3 — Philip Reeve
Mice on the Moon: AdventureMice #4 — Philip Reeve

PICTURE BOOKS
A Day Off School — Oliver Jeffers
The Blue House I Loved — Kao Kalia Yang
Billie Builds a Robocorn — José Lourenço
Buffalo Fluffalo — Bess Kalb
Everything Grandma Needs — Molly Beth Griffin
The Cow in the Dark at Night — Jess Hannigan
Dad — Christian Robinson
Everything Grandma Needs — Molly Beth Griffin
Goldfinches — Mary Oliver
Good Morning, Morning! — Maya Myers
The Haunted Playground — R. J. Palacio
Honeybird Blue — Taunya English
Leave the Trees, Please — Benjamin Zephaniah
The Mother Tree — Sybil RosenMy Language Is a Garden — Evangeline Alaraj
Ritu in the Sun — Moniza Hossain
The Skeleton and the Cat — Brandon James Scott

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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STORY TIME RETURNS SEPTEMBER 25TH
We hope to see you there!

Youth Programs

Come HANG WITH YOUR GNOMIES at BPL's Tween Club

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 is a monthly event featuring a different theme, and a fun collection of activities, each time. The only thing that won't change is the FUN we will have!

September's theme will be **HARVEST & HOMESTEAD** and we will explore where our food comes from, make our own applesauce & butter, craft potholders, and learn how simple machines can make our daily jobs easier.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th
1:00 - 2:30PM
at Benzonia Public Library
Lower Level

READY TO JOIN IN? SIGN UP WITH THE QR CODE OR BY VISITING THE LIBRARY!

COME BUILD YOUR IMAGINATION AT

LEGO SATURDAY

Saturday, September 19th
10:00AM-2:00PM

Benzonia Public Library
Children's Room
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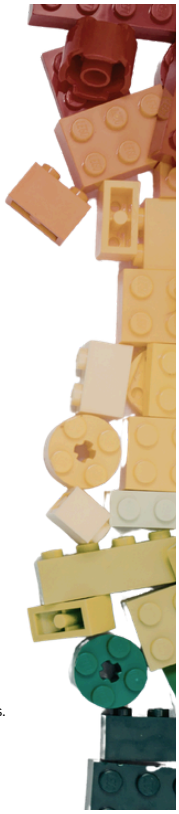
Join us for a fun-filled LEGO building event at the library, where creativity knows no age limit! Bring your whole family and work together to craft unique, imaginative creations - let your ideas soar as high as your towers!

We can't wait to see what amazing things you'll build!

Please note: While you're welcome to bring your enthusiasm and creativity, all LEGO masterpieces created during the event will remain at the library to inspire future builders.



NEW SCAVENGER HUNT for September!

We know how much our young friends LOVE a good scavenger hunt...
And we have made it even better!
Take a look around the library and find all of the LEGO bricks to complete the puzzle, come to the desk and claim your LEGO-themed reward!

Adult Programs

Adults... What's New For You!

ADULT - FIC
The Amateur: A Novel — Chris Bohjalian
Brain Damage — Freida McFadden
Breathing Under Water: A Novel — Jacqueline Friedland
Clean Slate #1 (Olive Hunt #1) — Brianna Labuskes
The Cloak and Dagger Club — Jackie McMahon
Cloudthief: A Novel — Nathaniel Rich
Cool Machine: A Novel — Colson Whitehead
Desert Heist: A Novel — Alex Dekker
Everything That Is Beautiful: A Novel — Louise Nealon
Floodgate — Matthew Neill Null
Furious Violet — Sarai Walker
Getting Away with Murder — Shari Lapena
God's Country: A Novel — William Kent Krueger
The Good Parts: A Novel — Evann Normandin
Heart of Glass — Jennifer Hillier
I Know the Ants: A Novel — Lang Leav
Jacaranda: A Novel — Gaël Faye
Meet Me in the Garden: A Novel — Nina LaCour
Mia: A Novel — Leslie Bazzett
My Sister Is Going to Kill Me: A Novel — Nina Simon
Nearshore: A Novel — Steve Hawk
A Neighbor's Guide to Murder — Louise Candlish
The Secret Dinner: A Novel — Raphael Montes
The Secrets We Hide: A North Falls Thriller #2 — Karin Slaughter
The Shadow Friends: A Thriller #3 — Tess Gerritsen
Should the Waters Take Us: A Novel — Stephanie Soileau
Sunlight Finds You — Laura Moriarty
A Tender Age: A Novel — Chang-rae Lee
Tunnel Vision — Eloise Corvo
Unreliable Narrator — Araminta Hall
The Wild Beneath: A Novel — Kelly Anderson
You'll Love It Here: A Novel — Natalie Sue

ADULT NONFICTION
53 Days: How Hitler Dismantled a Democracy — Timothy W. Ryback
Great and Unfortunate Things: A Memoir — Jason Arday
Obstinate Daughters: The Rebels, Writers, and Renegade Women Who Ignited the American Revolution — Denise Kiernan
The Rise and Fall of the Artificial State — Jill Lepore

ADULT - LARGE PRINT
The Secret Society of Librarians — Kate Thompson
That Night: A Novel — Gillian McAllister
Under the Falls: A Novel — Richard Russo
When Lemons Give You Life: A Novel — Anna Johnston

DVD
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (DVD)
Project Hail Mary (DVD)
The Sheep Detectives (DVD)

YOUNG ADULT
Augusta Pine Does Not Exist — Emily Lloyd-Jones
Immortal Game — Allison Saft

Introducing:

Benzonia Public Library's New Instagram!

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MSU EXTENSION PLANT DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 8th
11:00am-2:00pm
Benzonia Public Library Porch

Bring us your bugs, weeds, and plant diseases for identification and recommendations!
MSUE will once again host a clinic at BPL on the 2nd Tuesday, May-September. Staffed by MSUE employees & Extension Master Gardeners, the diagnostic clinic will assist residents with plant pests & diseases, lawn, bug or weed ID.

Adult Programs

GREAT MICHIGAN
Gathering

Kick-Off Event & Community Watch Party

MIHumanities

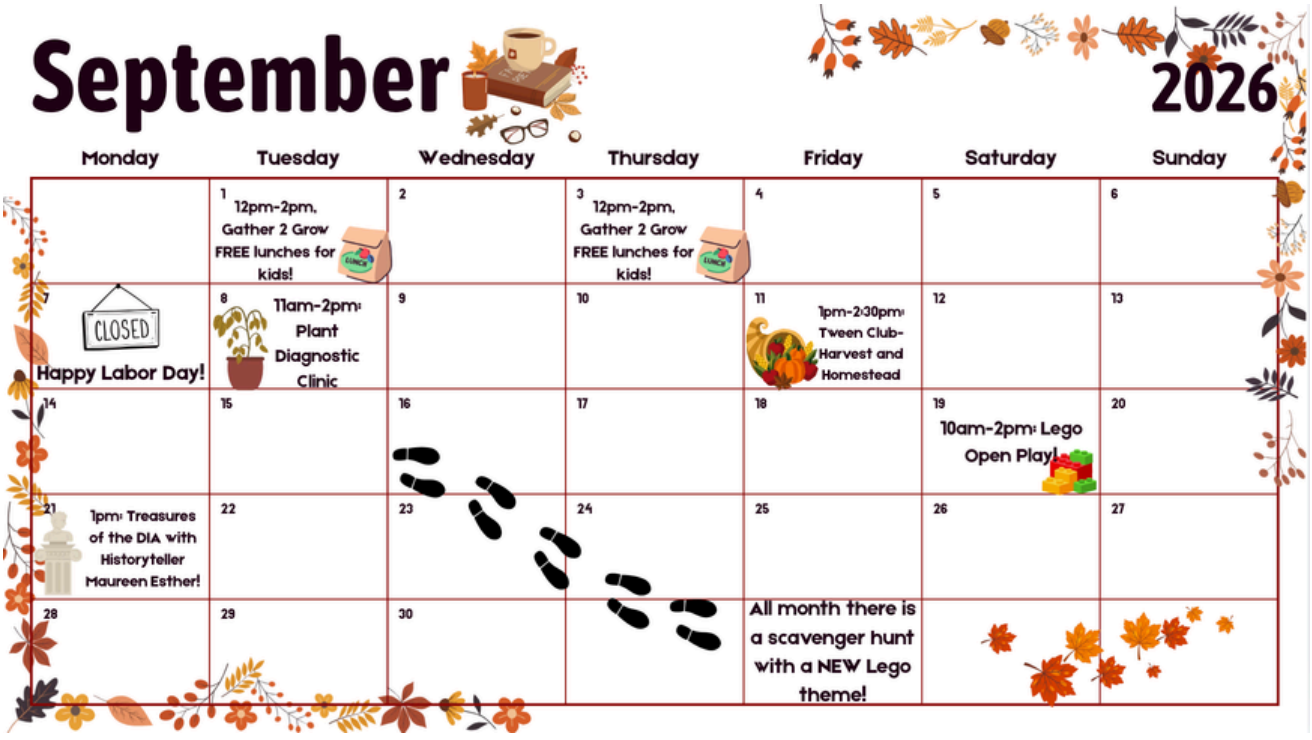
One program.
One hundred communities.
Three years of building together.

Thursday, October 8th
7:00-8:30pm
Mills Community House - Upper Level

Michigan Humanities and communities across the state (including ours) are thrilled to launch the Great Michigan Gathering! This three-year statewide initiative builds community through the art of intentional gathering. Through a series of free programs, resources, and partnerships, the program aims to unite communities across the state. Each year deepens the work of the previous year by using a framework that builds on connection, awareness, sharing, understanding, truth, and growth.

Michigan Humanities is kicking off this new initiative with a watch party event featuring **Priya Parker**, author of ***The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters***, whose work inspired the focus of this initiative. The event will be live streamed to 100 communies across Michigan and we are excited to announce that Benzonia Public Library and the Mills Community House will be sponsoring one of them. We welcome everyone to join us as we work together to make this what we want to see for OUR community!

Upcoming Events



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Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees meetings are at 4:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the library building. Meetings are open to the public.

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

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Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.
The next meeting is: October 8, 2026 at 4:30pm. Everyone welcome.

Hot Spots at BPL

We are excited to announce that the Friends of Benzonia Public Library have agreed to fund hot spots for another year!

We will continue to offer hot spots to Benzie County residents with proof of residency or property ownership in our computer system.

Our service provider, Mobile Beacon, states that they offer the nation's largest 5G network and lightening-fast 4G network exclusively to community organizations, schools, libraries, and non-profits across the country. Visit their coverage page at www.mobilebeacon.org/coverage for details.

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

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The Mid-Michigan Library League, of which BPL is a proud member, is providing free access to this wonderful language learning resource.

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