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

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Letter from BPL Director, Amanda McLaren

Let me begin by saying we miss you! We look forward to the day that we can safely open our doors and welcome everyone back.

Even though we are anxious to reopen, we also know that it is important to wait until it is safe to do so. We want to take all the necessary steps to ensure that we are looking after everyone's health and well being. As such, we will be following all the required guidelines and recommendations.

We anticipate that the reopening will be done in phases. We will likely start with curbside services and gradually work our way up to a full reopening. Until mandatory procedures are in place, we do not have a firm plan. It is very hard to plan for the future when things change daily.

We love our community very much and want to have all the wonderful library services available to you as soon as possible, but we would never want to do anything that would put any of you in harm's way. Please know that we are doing our best and keeping each of you in mind with every decision we make.

As we develop and implement plans, we will make updates on Facebook and our website. Please check in frequently for up to date information.

We know that the library is a comfort to many. Whether it's to pick up books and movies to escape into, or a comfortable place to work. Maybe you bring the kids in for a safe place to play, or you come in to knit with friends. Or perhaps, it's just a quiet place to be with your thoughts. Whatever the library is to you, it will be again. The process will be gradual, but you will return. And when you do, we will be there waiting for you, with a smile and a happy word, because just as much as the library is a comfort to you, you are a comfort to us. In the meantime, stay safe, stay well, be happy and healthy.



Stay Tuned for Updates & Information

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!



Due to the rapidly changing information & regulations BPL newsletters will be published monthly May-August 2020. Additional updates & information will be published as needed.

Newsletters & updates will be sent digitally to our mailing list. They will also be available on our website www.benzonialibrary.org.



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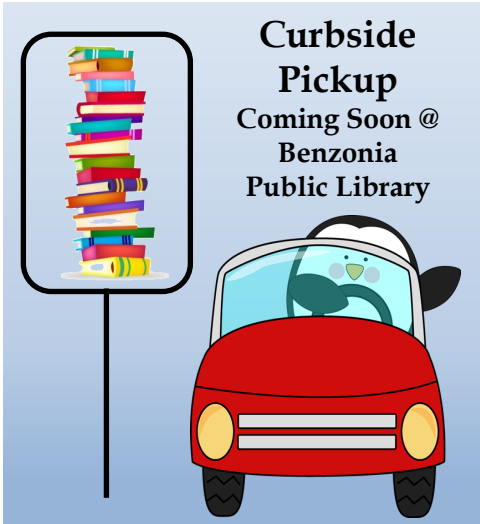
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CURBSIDE PICK-UP???

Planning how to get items to our Favorite People—You!

BPL staff is making every effort to be prepared for reopening the library as soon as safely possible. We are working on a curbside pick-up option. We want to be prepared to get materials to you as soon as we are allowed to do so.

Stay tuned for details. We'll be sending information to those on our digital mailing list and posting updates on our website.

See page 1 for how to join our mailing list.

REMEMBERING BENZIE:

An Oral History Project, May 2020 Update

A note from Benzie Central Senior Melia Lorenz, intern with the Remembering Benzie Oral History Project:



Throughout my senior year at Benzie Central High School, I have been working on the Remembering Benzie Oral History Project along with three other interns, Finn McLaren, AuSable Kriener, and Reeve Katt. For me, this opportunity was the highlight of my senior year unlike anything else because it was exactly the push I needed to decide on my college major: journalism.

When the Coronavirus hit and the world was virtually put on pause, I was very fearful that the project would have to come to a close much sooner than we all anticipated. As we began to contemplate our options, it soon became clear that we are quite literally experiencing history in the making. After a couple meetings via video chat, we decided to move forward with the project with a few adjustments.

Originally, this time of year was supposed to be dedicated to conducting our final Legacy interview and creating our 20 minute short film about our experience with the project. Our short films are still going to be made, but instead of including another interview for the Legacy portion of the project, we are now each interviewing a student and a teacher from Benzie Central High School. The interview will be about their real-time, history making quarantine experience. Thanks to technology, we are able to conduct these interviews over video chat so we can adhere to the social distancing guidelines and stay at home orders. Although I was very much looking forward to the original plan, it makes me so proud that we aren't giving up on this project, even in these circumstances. This just solidifies that the team of people who have worked on the project so far truly care about showcasing our community.

I am so excited that all of the work that's been put in since the fall is going to be showcased eventually. It won't be as originally planned, and it's not the exact project we were expecting, but our short films are still set to be shown. We will have updates with the date and location when available.

I can't express how excited I am for myself and my fellow interns to be able to showcase our experience with this project. I hope members of the community will be able to safely come out and see our work being shown on the big screen. We have put in so much work for the sake of this community, and even a global pandemic can't change that. I hope it serves as a lesson to all of us that even in wildly unusual circumstances, we are capable of adapting and creating. I'm so glad to be a part of a project that offers a glimmer of hope in these terribly uncertain times.



Finn McLaren, Melia Lorenz, AuSable Kriener, and Reeve Katt.

Please watch for the group's updates in newsletters, their YouTube channel, and at www.benzonialibrary.org.

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Summer Reading 2020

Imagine your Story at BPL!

This summer, the Summer Reading Program at BPL will look a little different. Here are some ways that things will change...

- ◆ **Online Registration:** Beginning June 1st, you can register online at www.benzonialibrary.org!
- ◆ **Bag pick up:** Bags will be available for pick up once we start curbside pick-up. You do not need to prove registration for bag pick up.
- ◆ **Weekly Summer Reading Programs:** Summer Reading Weekly Programs will be broadcast online. Every Thursday at 3pm, beginning June 18th and running through July 23rd, Dr. Fizz and Boomer will present fun, exciting and educational programs via Facebook and YouTube. There will also be an opportunity for kids to submit questions to Dr. Fizz and Boomer as well as get some ideas for fun, imaginative activities!
- ◆ **Summer Reading Challenge:** This summer, instead of Reading Logs, we will have a Summer Reading Challenge! Kids that complete the challenge will be entered for a chance to win a Grand Prize! This year's Grand Prizes consist of \$50 Gift Certificates to local businesses! There will be 10 Grand Prize Drawings total. The Reading Challenge will begin June 1st and run through August 15th.
- ◆ **Ultimate Summer Read:** The ultimate summer read is another opportunity for kids ages 8-18 to win a prize and ultimate bragging rights! Kids will track minutes spent reading throughout the summer and our top 3 readers will each receive a \$50 gift certificate, bragging rights and will be featured in our newsletter!

Information on accessing online programs, activities and challenges will be in our June newsletter and will be available at www.benzonialibrary.org beginning June 1st. We are excited about a summer of fun and learning! Please visit our website often for updates and ideas!

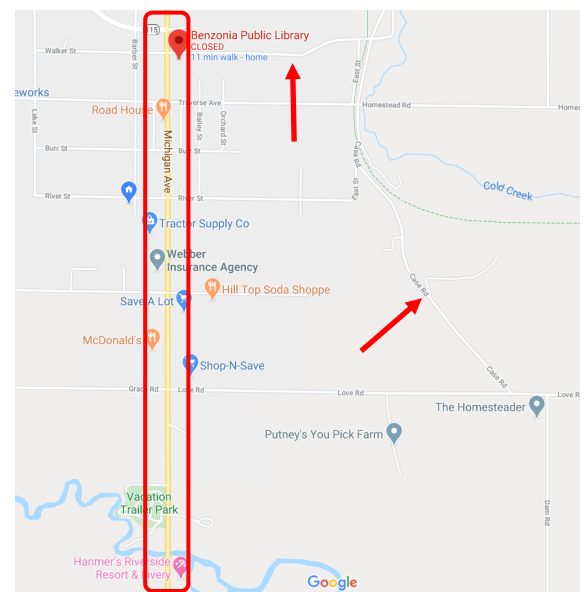
US-31 ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN BENZONIA

It will be a bit more challenging to drive through Benzonia this summer due to road construction. Please be patient, and if you are visiting BPL you may want to try using Case Road to Walker Street as an alternate route.

A 1.7-mile construction project along U.S. 31 in Benzonia began on April 20, 2020. It runs from the U.S. 31/M-115 intersection (stop light at Stapleton's) and continue on U.S. 31 South to the Betsie River. MDOT says they're hoping to keep at least one lane of traffic open in each direction, but they may have to cut it down to one lane at times.

They will be removing the existing pavement and putting in new pavement. Curbs and gutters will also be added along part of the roadway. To enhance pedestrian access, sidewalks will be added along both sides of the roadway. The project is expected to wrap up by October 10th.

Map at right shows construction area in red rectangle with red arrows showing Case Road and Walker street.



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Tumblebooks has allowed libraries free access to five e-Resources (until August 31, 2020). These have now been added to our Apollo Catalog.

Check out these great resources available at www.benzonialibrary.org.

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**Five New eResources Available Free at
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GREAT NEWS at BPL! You can now sign up for a Digital Library Card!

A special program for Benzie County landowners and residents (who do not have a card at BPL) to access Digital Services during the shut down for COVID-19.

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