



# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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## ICE Skate Lending is back at BPL

### Reserve skates for Pick-up

by visiting our Library Catalog at

[www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org)

or call 231-882-4111.

### Plan ahead due to limited sizes.

See important sizing information in our  
Frequently Asked Questions section below.



**Frequently Asked Questions:** Additional information at [www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending)

**Who can borrow skates?** Adults, 18 years of age or older, are able to borrow skates for themselves and for minor children. Adult must have a BPL Library card in good standing & must complete a liability waiver for each skater in order to borrow ice skates.

**How Much Does It Cost?** Free! There is no charge to borrow the ice skates.

**How Long Can I Use the Skates?** Each skate-lending period is 48 hours (Friday & Saturday checkouts will be due Monday). Due to the size of this item, skates must be returned directly to a staff member in library or during curbside hours.

**What If I Return the Skates Late?** The success of this program depends on community members returning the skates on time; however, we know that life happens. If returned after the 48-hour rental period, a \$1.00 per day overdue fee will be assessed.

**Where Can I Use the Skates?** The Village of Benzonia public skating rink is located next to the library. It can be accessed from the library parking lot or Traverse Avenue (off of US-31). You may also use these skates on private rinks.

**What Size Skate Should I Use?** These BAUER hockey skates are unisex. A suggested sizing chart can be found on our Ice Skating Page at [www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending). Sizing is a preference and therefore charts do not guarantee fit. An assortment of skates is available for older children, teens, women, and men. A few are also offered in wide sizes.

Skates are available on a first come, first served basis.

### THANK YOU DR.LISA!

The BPL skate lending program is made possible thanks to a generous donation by Dr. Lisa Musgrave, DDS.

## BPL HOURS

Monday 10-6

Tuesday 10-6

Wednesday 10-6

Thursday 10-6

Friday 10-6

Saturday 10-2

Sunday Closed

*Curbside available  
Monday-Friday,  
noon-4pm*

## Best Wishes to Cindy Brant!

Our loveable librarian, Cindy Brant, will be retiring at the end of January. Cindy spent many years at Benzonia Public Library as a patron, became a valuable volunteer in 2017, and transitioned to a staff position in 2018.

Throughout the years Cindy has been a welcoming face at the front desk. She is always ready with a kind word and a heartfelt conversation. She is much loved by the staff and patrons here at the library!

While we will miss Cindy terribly, we are excited for her. Cindy plans to spend her time reading, writing, traveling, and spending time with her grandkids.

Congratulations and Happy Trails, Cindy!



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## Letter From Amanda McLaren, Director 2021 A Year in Review

Reflecting on the past year we are filled with gratitude! We are not 100% back to "normal", but are making positive steps in that direction thanks to the incredible dedication of library staff, volunteers, and board. We are grateful to have been able to fully open and expand our hours. We are thankful for the time we have had to reflect on how best to serve all of you. We are excited about the future possibilities as we improve and make your community library a place of wonder, learning, fun, and connection.

Here is a review of 2021 at the Benzononia Public Library!

- Staff worked hard to continue to provide services even as the library building remained closed to the public. We offered curbside services, online services, and online card sign up. It was always a pleasure to deliver items and have an opportunity to connect with our patrons!
- We wrapped up the 2 year grant for the Remembering Benzie Oral History Project. The year 2 interns completed interviews for the Veterans History Project, the Legacy Project, and their end of year videos. It was bittersweet to see the project end. We are proud of the work the interns did! Their hard work, as well as the incredible stories of our community members, live on in the interviews posted on the Remembering Benzie YouTube channel.
- The amazing Miss Desiree recorded weekly Story Time and craft videos for our Pre-school families! Craft kits were available for pick up at the library for families to do at home.
- We have continued to add to our impressive selection of STEM kits available for check out. This program, made possible thanks to a collaborative effort between the Traverse Area District Library and Newton's Road, and a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, has been wildly popular with our library families!
- Thanks to a generous donation by Dr. Lisa Musgrave, D.D.S., the Benzononia Public Library added Ice Skate Lending! Ice skates of various sizes are able to be checked out from the library when the ice is ready!
- BPL hosted *What the Eyes Don't See* with author Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha via Zoom for a very important and beneficial community conversation.
- Benzie Senior Resources generously donated a Caregiver Resource Library full of books and DVDs to the library. These items are available for check out!
- We continued to distribute PoWeR Book Bags to community members thanks to a collaborative effort with the Advocate's for Benzie County's Education Task Force!
- The Summer Reading Program was a great success with both virtual and in person (outdoor) programming! We had puppet shows, guest speakers, games, fun, and PRIZES!
- Jamie Pittinos returned with their popular cooking classes! This year classes were held virtually and are still available on the Benzononia Public Library YouTube channel.
- Computer Help with Dustin resumed this year! We greatly appreciate the knowledge that Dustin shares with us all!
- Plant Diagnostic Clinics with the MSU extension and local Master Gardeners also returned this year! Marvelous insight and advice on garden and landscape problems is offered by a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers!
- Provided copies of the Great Michigan Read, *The Women of the Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell, to Benzie Central High School Honors English classes thanks to a grant through the Michigan Humanities Council.
- Improvements to the Meeting Room were made thanks to Benzononia Township!
- Holiday fun included a recorded puppet show, take home crafts, and a Letter to Santa writing station!
- Ongoing tech support from the Friends of Benzononia Public Library covered all of the library's tech needs. They purchased new computers for the public computer area, a new staff laptop, and a new SmartScreen for the Meeting Room. Additional support included adding extra shelving in the Fiction and Young Adult area, as well as new display areas for brochures and programming materials.



BPL staff, we're here for you!

The Benzononia Public Library staff, volunteers, Friends, and Board would like to thank you for the support, patience, consideration, encouragement, and love that you have shown over the years. While we ALWAYS appreciate our community, we have been overwhelmed with gratitude these last couple years as we navigate difficult situations together. Thank you for sharing your lives with us!

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## Computer Help with Dustin

Bring your Tech Troubles & Your Device to BPL & visit Dustin.

*Anyone visiting Dustin inside BPL is required to wear a mask while with him.*

1st come, 1st serve. These sessions are FREE!

**11 am-1 pm, Mondays**

**January 3, 10 & 17**



## LIBBY/OVERDRIVE CHANGES

**New Look, New Link, Same great service.**

A fresh and easy way to borrow and read from your library. To provide users with a state-of-the-art reading experience, everything is shifting to the Libby App both on devices & computers. Anyone currently using the OverDrive App will be able to continue with it through most of 2022, but they are encouraged to switch to the Libby App. Anyone signing up after February 1, 2022 will be using the Libby App.



### How is Libby different from the OverDrive app?

Both Libby and the classic OverDrive app allow you to borrow and read the same digital content from our library, but they look and feel different. Libby has a fresh, easy-to-use design that makes it the a great app for most digital library users. Here are some features unique to Libby:

- Simple, step-by-step onboarding the first time you open the app
- Loans and holds from all your libraries are automatically added to your **Shelf**, so you can easily find all your books in one place
- Start reading immediately after you borrow; no need to choose a file format
- See your at-a-glance progress through each book on your **Shelf**
- Navigate easily between your **Shelf** and your library's catalog
- Add, remove, and rename cards from all your libraries in one place
- Use tags to categorize books however you'd like
- Set preferences to show only the content you're interested in at your library



Read about Libby and watch a short video to see how easy Libby is to use. [Meet Libby, the library reading app](#)

Need extra help <https://help.libbyapp.com/en-us/index.htm>

## NEW BROCHURE RACKS & SHELVING

Several improvements have been made thanks to funding from the Friends of BPL.



Shelving has been added to the Young Adult & Fiction areas.



New display areas for brochures & programming materials.





# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

### YA

*City Of The Dead*, #2, James Patterson  
*Cytonic*, #3, Brandon Sanderson  
*Girls Of Fate And Fury*, #3, Natasha Ngan  
*Himawari House*, Harmony Becker  
*No Beauties Or Monsters*, Tata Goedjen  
*The Righteous*, #3, Renee Ahdieh  
*A Snake Falls To Earth*, Darcie Little Badger  
*You'll Be The Death Of Me*, Karen M. McManus

### ADULT—FIC

*Autopsy*, Patricia Cornwell  
*The Ballerinas*, Rachel Kapelke-Dale  
*Bright Burning Things*, Lisa Harding  
*A Calling For Charlie Barnes*, Joshua Ferris  
*Carry The Dog*, Stephanie Gangi  
*A Conspiracy Of Mothers*, Colleen Van Niekerk  
*Doctors And Friends*, Kimmery Martin  
*Flight Risk*, Joy Castro  
*The Jailhouse Lawyer*, James Patterson  
*The Last Dance Of The Debutante*, Julia Kelly  
*A Little Hope*, Ethan Joella  
*The Midnight Lock.*, Jeffery Deaver  
*Seven Down*, David Whitton  
*The Seven Husbands Of Evelyn Hugo*, Taylor Jenkins Reid  
*The Wish*, Nicholas Sparks  
*Wish You Were Here*, Jodi Picoult  
*Without A Hitch*, Mary Huddleston  
*The Women Of Pearl Island*, Polly Crosby

### ADULT—NON-FIC

*Call Us What We Carry: Poems*, Amanda Gorman  
*A Carnival Of Snackery: Diaries (2003-2020)*, David Sedaris  
*The Midwest Survival Guide: How We Talk, Love, Work, Drink, And Eat...Everything With Ranch*, Charlie Berens  
*On Animals*, Susan Orlean  
*Thompsonville In Time: A Northwest Michigan Story 1890-2021*, Charles T. Kraus

### AUDIO

*A Carnival Of Snackery: Diaries (2003-2020)*, David Sedaris  
*The Wish*, Nicholas Sparks  
*Wish You Were Here*, Jodi Picoult

### DVD

*Dear Evan Hansen*  
*The French Dispatch*  
*Jungle Cruise*  
*The Last Duel*

### DVD SERIES

*Call The Midwife, Season 10*



## Youth: What's New For You!

### JUVENILE

*The Barf Of The Bedazzler*, #2, Aaron Reynolds  
*Genius Camp*, #2, Chris Grabenstein  
*Imaginary*, Lee Bacon  
*The Midnight Brigade*, Adam Borba  
*The Shape Of Thunder*, Jasmine Warga  
*Stuntboy, In The Meantime*, Jason Reynolds  
*A Tale Of Sorcery*, #3, Chris Colfer

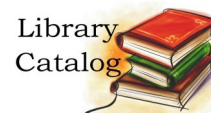
### GRAPHIC NOVELS:

*Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives*, #2, Dav Pilkey  
*The Great Rat Rally*, Geronimo Stilton  
*Mel The Chosen*, Rachele Aragno

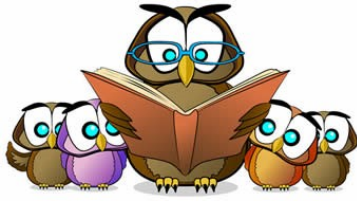
### PICTURE BOOKS

*1, 2, 3, Off To School*, Marianne Dubuc  
*The 1619 Project: Born On The Water*, Nikole Hannah-Jones  
*Chez Bob*, Bob Shea  
*Faraway Things*, Dave Eggers  
*Good Knight, Mustache Baby*, Bridget Heos  
*It Fell From The Sky*, Terry Fan  
*Meesha Makes Friends*, Tom Percival  
*Red*, Laura Vaccaro Seeger  
*Rubylicious*, Victoria Kann  
*Shy Willow*, Cat Min  
*Wolfboy*, Andy Harkness

Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items in our Library Catalog at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org)



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## Preschool Story Time at BPL is currently on break

Due to concern for the rising number of COVID cases in and around our area,  
Preschool Story Time will remain on break.

The library will continue to operate at normal hours, so PLEASE stop in and check out books, family movies, and STEM kits - wonderful ways to stay occupied as the weather keeps us more indoors.

Want to be notified of changes and receive Story Time information?

Please sign up at [benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl](https://benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl)

Previous programs from September 2020 through June of 2021 were virtual.

These programs are still available to watch on the  
[Benzonia Public Library You Tube Channel](#)



## S.T.E.M. Kit Spotlight @ BPL

Each month we feature a different S.T.E.M. kit  
from the amazing selection at Benzonia Public Library.

### RAMPSET

#### KIT #21, ages 3+

Did you know that you can borrow the RAMPSET interactive kit from the Benzonia Public Library's STEM kit collection? RAMPSET, made by the Excellerations Company, is a preschool and elementary STEM toy that allows young scientists to create fun engineering experiments. Simply place supports in the bases, add ramps and complete challenges with balls and carts to discover force and motion, cause and effect and more science concepts. It is specially sized to be used on a table top or floor. Kids can work together (encouraging cooperation), or alone (independent and entertaining study) to build each model. It is great for STEM exploration and cognitive development.



Boomer & Dr. Fizz,  
creating fun engineering  
experiments.

Dr. Fizz and Boomer had a ball, and kept themselves busy all day, building ramps and guessing the speed of the different balls rolling down them.

Contact us at [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com) or 231-882-4111 with questions.

- ◆ Kits can be checked out for one (1) week with one (1) week renewal possible.
- ◆ View kit information and availability at [www.benzonia.library.org](http://www.benzonia.library.org). Click the Library Catalog link then type STEM in the search box to see the kit titles. Click a title to see additional details.



This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The STEM kits vary from hands-on tactile learning, to coding, to a digital microscope & lots of fun stuff in between. A great resource for homeschool, in person, or virtual students!  
Many thanks to Traverse Area District Library & Newton's Road for these kits.



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## Board of Trustees

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Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees meetings are at 4 pm the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Meetings are currently being held on the lower level of the building. Meetings are open to the public.

## FRIENDS OF BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

### Friends of BPL Board Members

Roger Dewey, President / Flint Watt, Vice President / Michelle Leines, Treasurer  
Kathy Johnson, Secretary / Ruth Catton, Director / Jimmy McLaren, Director

Meetings are held at 4:30 pm the 1st Thursday each month at the library. Everyone welcome.

**NO FRIENDS OF BPL MEETING IN JANUARY.**



## Corner Book Shoppe @ BPL



Offering for sale a large selection of excellent quality used books & jigsaw puzzles.

**Purchases may be made in BPL during regular library hours.**

Proceeds benefit BPL.

## Donations of Books & Jigsaw Puzzles In Excellent Condition Appreciated

The Friends of BPL accept donations of jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) & books. **Must be in excellent condition.**

Donation criteria available at BPL &

[benzonialibrary.org/donating-books-and-puzzles](http://benzonialibrary.org/donating-books-and-puzzles)

Donations up to 2 bags may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours. DO NOT leave outside or in lobby.

**Larger Donations Must Be Scheduled.**

Call 231-383-3597 to schedule or with questions.



## Up North Digital powered by OverDrive.

Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and eMagazines on your personal device 24-7. Visit [benzonialibrary.org](http://benzonialibrary.org) and click on the OverDrive image.

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## Transparent Language Online



The Mid-Michigan Library League (BPL is a proud member!) is providing free access to this wonderful language learning resource. Visit [benzonialibrary.org](http://benzonialibrary.org) and click on the Transparent Language image.

## New Account: Sign-up Online or in person at BPL

**Don't have an account at BPL?** Apply online for a card that allows borrowing privileges at the library. You'll have access to BPL materials. Benzie County residents and landowners will also have access to e-books and other electronic resources as soon as the account is activated. Visit [benzonia.biblionix.com/catalog](http://benzonia.biblionix.com/catalog) & select SIGN UP on the far right of the page. Fill out the online application and upload a copy of your driver's license. Read more about new account requirements & policies at [www.benzonialibrary.org/services](http://www.benzonialibrary.org/services).

