



# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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## LIBRARY OF THINGS



### BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Benzonia Public Library is excited to offer a *Library of Things!*

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. The loan period is one week for all Things. Things have an option to renew for an additional week, if no one else has a hold.

Over the next several months, Things will be added to the collection and featured in the newsletter. You can also view the catalog at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org). Visit often to watch this collection grow!

Please see page 2 for April's featured kits!

### Have a suggestion for an item you'd like to see in the collection?

Please send an email to [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you!

Budget and storage are limited so not all ideas can be used.

## Best of the Middle Ages

by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Wednesday, April 6th

4:00-5:30 pm

Mills Community House  
Upper Level

Home of Benzonia Public Library  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia



Program combines the best from three of Maureen's popular "Middle Ages" lectures.

- ◆ Castles, Cathedrals, and the Crusades
- ◆ Maiden's Jewelry and Knight's Armor
- ◆ Middle Ages Court Painter



## Plant Diagnostic Clinic

April 12, 10 am-2 pm

2nd Tuesday, April-September

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. 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](mailto:waltonn2@msu.edu).

## Creating A Healing Story Together: A Storymaking Workshop for All-Ages Mondays, April 11 & 18th, 4:30 pm

@ Benzonia Public Library

Through sharing our stories we can help others facing challenging times. Come join teaching artists Molly Sturges and Tim Jones in a creative workshop For all-ages. Come to either or both sessions. Additional information available on page 3 and at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org).



**BPL HOURS:** 10am-6pm Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm Saturday. Curbside available M-F, noon-4pm

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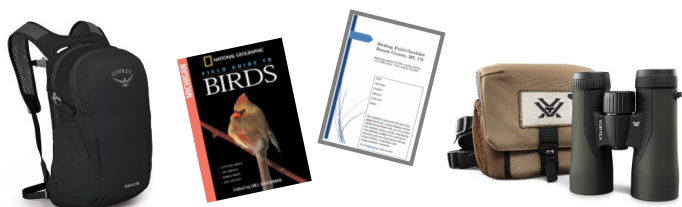
## Library of Things cont...

### BIRDING KIT

Every hobby has its essential gear and birding is no exception. Start exploring the world of birding with our kit which includes HD binoculars with neck strap and case, National Geographic Field Guide to Birds and instruction manual all in a handy backpack.

You'll also get a Birding Field Checklist that is yours to keep. Checklist is generated with data from eBird (ebird.org), a global database of bird sightings from birders like you. Go to [ebird.org](http://ebird.org) to learn more!

**Birding Kit was funded by the Benzie Audubon Club.** For information visit [www.benzieaudubon.org](http://www.benzieaudubon.org)



### PRODUCT PHOTOGRAPHY KIT

Transform your desktop space into a product photography studio. This light box (24x24) with foldable design is easy to set up. Perfect for product photographers and online sellers who want to showcase their products. It comes with 3 openings for multiple shooting angles. Capture high-quality photos using your camera or smartphone. The reflective interior and the included diffusion cloth minimize shadows and glare to provide even illumination. 4 backdrop color options (black, white, blue, orange) bring you more flexibility for creative results. Easily adjust the brightness of the LED lights. There's even a tripod with a phone mount and an adaptor for sport camera mount.



### HOW DO YOU BORROW LIBRARY OF THINGS ITEMS?

- ◆ Before check out, cardholders must sign a Library of Things Agreement acknowledging financial responsibility for overdue, lost, or damaged items.
- ◆ Please note that items must be requested at least 24 hours before expected pick up.
- ◆ To check out a Library of Things item, you need an active Benzonias Public Library card in good standing and be at least 18 years old. You must show your valid Government issued ID with picture at checkout
- ◆ Check out time is one (1) week.

### HotSpots at BPL

**BPL is excited to offer HotSpots that may be borrowed.**

Checkout time is for 1 week.

#### To borrow a HotSpot you must

- be at least 18 years old
- 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.*



This ECF supported equipment and services can only be provided to patrons who declare they do NOT have access to equipment or services sufficient to access the internet.

### Looking Forward...



- ◆ **The Art of Herbal Tea:** with Bevin Cohen  
Thursday, June 16
- ◆ **Summer Reading Programs:** Thursdays, June 23-July 28
- ◆ **Used Book Sale:** Saturday, July 16

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**Everyone is welcome.**

### STORIES THAT HEAL



Led by  
Molly Sturges  
and Tim Jones



Stories That Heal is an arts/music, storytelling and community wellbeing project focused on mental health through lifting local stories and musical expressions in Benzie County. The project is led by artistic director/composer Molly Sturges with creative facilitators Tim Jones and Jane Kittendorf and includes community dialogues, story exchanges, community creative workshops, an open call for written stories and a pop-up choir for all ages and skill levels.

Many people are struggling through hard times right now. *Stories That Heal* believes that we are truly stronger together and cultivates respectful and caring spaces of exchange where people can feel less isolated and share stories and creative contributions that help us all get through.

A free community concert and community dialogue will be presented at The Garden Theater on May 15 and a four part podcast series about the project will be produced by Interlochen Public Radio. Intergenerational workshops will be held at Benzie Shores Library as well as other sites throughout April.

*This is a Benzie County focused community partners project of the Northwest Michigan Arts & Culture Network with Interlochen Public Radio, The Garden Theater, featuring local (and regional) storytellers, musicians, and community members of all ages. Stories That Heal is funded by Arts Midwest, Michigan Arts & Culture Council (MACC) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).*

To learn more about composer and artistic director Molly Sturges visit [www.mollysturges.com](http://www.mollysturges.com) (current and past projects). CONTACT: [mollysturges@gmail.com](mailto:mollysturges@gmail.com) and 505-660-9473.

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## Celebrate National Library Week!



National Library Week is April 3-9, 2022! This year celebrate National Library Week by visiting the library and discovering the wonderful things we have to offer!

Benzonia Public Library has evolved a great deal in the nearly 100 years that it has been serving our community. During that time there have been big changes that include technology, renovations and new faces, but consistent throughout has been an institution of knowledge that is open to ALL. Libraries are one of the last safe, all inclusive, and inspiring public places, where you are welcomed and provided a service without the expectation of spending money.

Benzonia Public Library strives to continue all the great traditions and ideals of the public library. We work hard to serve with purpose and responsibility and we are proud to serve such an amazing community!

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

### YA

*All My Rage*, Sabaa Tahir  
*Edgewood*, Kristen Ciccarelli  
*Gallant*, Victoria Schwab  
*The Wolves Are Waiting*, Natasha Friend

### YA GRAPHIC NOVELS:

*The Golden Compass*, #1, Philip Pullman  
*The Greatest Thing*, Sarah Winifred Searle  
*The Subtle Knife*, #2, Stephane Melchoir-Durand

### ADULT—FIC

*Anthem*, Noah Hawley  
*The Appeal*, Janice Hallett  
*A Ballad Of Love And Glory*, Reyna Grande  
*Chevy In The Hole*, Kelsey Ronan  
*Days Of Days*, John Smolens  
*Disorientation*, Elaine Hsieh Chou  
*Four Aunties And A Wedding*, Jesse Q. Sutanto  
*French Braid*, Anne Tyler  
*The Golden Couple*, Greer Hendricks  
*The Houseboat*, Dane Bahr  
*The Hummingbird*, Sandro Veronesi  
*The Lightning Rod*, Brad Meltzer  
*The Match*, Harlan Coben  
*Nine Lives*, Peter Swanson  
*Nothing To Lose*, J. A. Jance  
*Peach Blossom Spring*, Melissa Fu

*The Resting Place*, Camilla Sten  
*Run, Rose, Run*, Dolly Parton  
*Scarlet In Blue*, Jennifer Murphy  
*Shadows Reel*, C. J. Box  
*The Shop On Royal Street*, Karen White  
*A Sunlit Weapon*, Jacqueline Winspear

### ADULT—NON-FIC

*The Artisan Herbalist: Making Teas, Tinctures, And Oils At Home*, Bevin Cohen  
*Can I Recycle This?: A Guide To Better Recycling And How To Reduce Single-use Plastics*, Jennie Romer  
*Origin: A Genetic History Of The Americas*, Jennifer Raff  
*Under The Sky We Make: How To Be Human In A Warming World*, Kimberly Nicholas

### ADULT—LARGE PRINT

*The Berlin Exchange*, Joseph Kanon  
*The Summer Getaway*, Susan Mallery

### DVD

*Belfast*

### DVD SERIES

*Yellowstone, Season 4*

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





# YOUTH

## Youth: What's New For You!

### JUVENILE

*Children Of The Flying City*, Jason Sheehan  
*The Last Cuentista*, Donna Barba Higuera  
*The Ogress And The Orphans*, Kelly Regan Barnhill  
*Unseen Magic*, Emily Lloyd-Jones

### GRAPHIC NOVELS:

*The Aquanaut*, Dan Santat  
*Churro And The Magician*, Gastin Caba  
*The Flower Garden*, Renee Kurilla

### NON-FICTION

*Minecraft Blockopedia*, Craig Jelley



### PICTURE BOOKS

*A Is For Axolotl: An Unusual Animal ABC*, Catherine Macorol  
*Eyes That Kiss The Corners*, Joanna Ho  
*I Am Golden*, Eva Chen  
*Mina*, Matthew Forsythe  
*Not Quite Narwhal*, Jessie Sima  
*Pretty Perfect Kitty-corn*, Shannon Hale  
*Rescue & Jessica*, Jessica Kensky  
*The Rock From The Sky*, Jon Klassen  
*Room For Everyone*, Naaz Kahn  
*Watercress*, Andrea Wang

### DVD

*Sing 2*



## 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.

## GeoSafari Jr. Talking Microscope

### KIT #26, ages 3+

Did you know you can find and borrow a talking microscope from BPL's STEM Kits located in the children's room? You can look, listen and learn with the GeoSafari Jr. Talking Kids Microscope, created by Educational Insights, which features up-close, quality images and the voice of Bindi Irwin, Wildlife Warrior, who will expand your knowledge of animals and plants.

Introduce children to a real scientific toy that is easy to use and fun to learn with over 100 facts and questions. The real slides include 60 beautiful full-color images and 2 modes of play: Fact Mode and Quiz Mode. The talking microscope is the perfect STEM TOY to encourage an interest in biology, botany, technology and overall curiosity.

The microscope was so easy to use and interesting, it kept Dr. Fizz and Boomer engaged all day. Dr. Fizz was fascinated by the microscopic world and he teased Boomer for being mesmerized by Bindi Irwin's voice relaying scientific facts.



Dr. Fizz & Boomer enjoy learning about animals & plants

Contact us at [benzonialibrayconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibrayconnect@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.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.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.



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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Benzonia Public Library Board of Trustees meetings are at 4 pm the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the library 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

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

**NOTE: NO April Meeting, next meeting will be May, 5, 2022. Everyone welcome.**



## 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 &

[benzoniaconnect@gmail.com/donating-books-and-puzzles](http://benzoniaconnect@gmail.com/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-OverDrive using the Libby App

Includes eBooks, audiobooks, and eMagazines on your personal device or computer. Visit [benzoniaconnect@gmail.com](http://benzoniaconnect@gmail.com) and click on the UpNorth Digital Collection.

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When you join our mailing list the Friends of BPL will send newsletters plus activity updates.

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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 [benzoniaconnect@gmail.com](http://benzoniaconnect@gmail.com) 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.bibliomix.com/catalog](http://benzonia.bibliomix.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.benzoniaconnect@gmail.com/services](http://www.benzoniaconnect@gmail.com/services).

