



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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Holiday Party & Craft Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 9th

11 am – 1 pm

Benzonia Public Library

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



Schedule of activities:

11:00-11:15 am Holiday Carols

11:15-11:45 am **Hilarious Puppet Show & Stories with audience participation**

11:45- 1:00 pm Ornament, Craft & Gift Workshop plus a Festive Photo Booth



Refreshments will be available throughout the event.
Sponsored by Friends of BPL and Mills Community House

BPL HOURS:

10am-6pm Monday-Friday

10am-2pm Saturday

Closed Sunday



CLOSED AS FOLLOWS:

Monday, Dec. 25

Tuesday, Dec. 26

Monday, Jan. 1

Tuesday, Jan 2

Open regular hours the rest of the week. Remember to stock up on books & DVDs for the holidays.

Holiday Book, Puzzle & Craft Shoppe at BPL

Continues through Year End!

During regular library hours

Benzonia Public Library

891 Michigan Ave. Benzonia, MI



Excellent selection of quality books and jigsaw puzzles.

Unique crafts by the Repurposeful Librarians.

A great way to purchase special gifts and ornaments.

Thank You in advance for your purchases.

Proceeds benefit Benzonia Public Library.



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HotSpot lending program: Important Updates

The current HotSpot lending program, launched in 2021, has been fully funded by a grant that is now coming to an end. Not wanting to end the program just yet, we have been working on affordable alternatives.

We are excited to announce that the Friends of Benzonian Public Library have agreed to fund HotSpots for another year! While this is great news, it is important to note that the HotSpot program will change. Through the grant BPL was provided Verizon HotSpots. These HotSpots will no longer be active beginning December 31st.

The new HotSpots, powered by Beacon Mobile, will be active in the new year. Mobile Beacon states it *offers the nation's largest 5G network and lightning-fast 4G network exclusively to community organizations, schools, libraries, and non-profits across the country. Their service is currently provided on the T-Mobile network. Visit their coverage page.*

At BPL we believe this will offer excellent coverage to most of our users. As with all HotSpot providers there may be areas that are not covered & BPL is subject to these limitations.

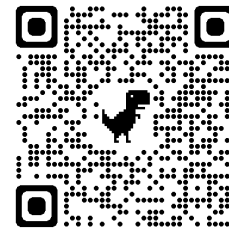
ICE Skate Lending Will Return once there is enough ice for the Benzonia skating rink to open



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Updates will be posted on our Website along with answers to frequently asked questions.

www.benzonialibrary.org/ice-skate-lending



Making Your Gift List?

Please consider a donation to BPL and/or the Friends of BPL.
Donation envelopes are available at BPL.



Benzonia Public Library

Donation Options include:

- **Checks:** Payable to Benzonian Public Library.
 - Drop off at the Library or mail to:
Benzonia Public Library,
PO Box 445, Benzonian, MI 49616
- **Online Endowment Fund:** [Make a secure online gift to the Benzonian Public Library Endowment Fund by clicking this link.](#)

Read more about the BPL Endowment Fund at www.benzonialibrary.org/endowment-fund

Donations with no designation or restrictions will be utilized where most needed. You may choose to restrict your donation for specific ongoing programs or projects.

Benzonia Public Library Tax ID (EIN): 38-2493013.

Charitable contributions to governmental units are tax deductible under Section 170(c)(1) of the IRS Code if made for a public purpose and no goods or services are provided in conjunction with the gift.

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Smithsonian Museum on Main Street That's A Wrap!



After 6 amazing weeks, the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street has left the building. We would like to thank EVERYONE that made the exhibition such a success. Thank you to the Mills Community House, Friends of the Benzonian Public Library and to the incredible partners that helped bring this project to the next level.

The Smithsonian exhibit was an incredible draw for locals and visitors alike. What started as a wonderful opportunity to bring the Smithsonian to Benzie County quickly morphed into a bigger opportunity to showcase the endlessly amazing things that are happening in our small community. We are honored to have been trusted with this task and we hope that the entire exhibition united, educated, showcased and honored the love that we have for this community and the people in it.

This may be the end of our Smithsonian Museum on Main Street visit, but it is just the beginning of possibilities!

Setting up Oct. 10th

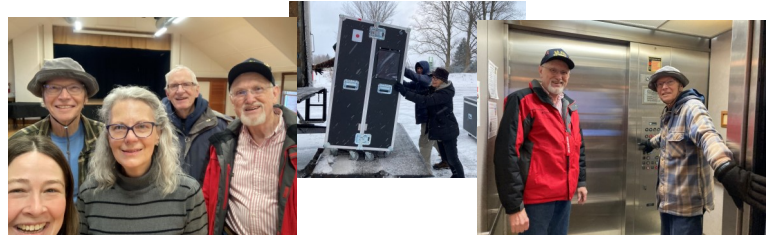


**Ribbon Cutting
& Grand
Opening
Oct. 14th**



A couple of the many programs

**Tear down
Nov. 26th &
exhibit picked up
Nov. 28**



The Smithsonian Museum on Main Street is made possible by Michigan Humanities. For more information regarding Spark, Places of Innovation visit <https://www.michiganhumanities.org/smithsonian-museum-on-main-street/>. This project is funded in part by Smithsonian, and Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



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

YA

Check & Mate, Ali Hazelwood
*The Davenport*s, Krystal Marquis
Defiant, Brandon Sanderson
Here and Only Here, Christelle Dabos
Up in Flames, Hailey Alcaraz
Wish of the Wicked, Danielle Paige

YA—NON-FIC

How To Draw a Graphic Novel, Balthazar Pagani

ADULT—FIC

Above the Salt, Katherine Vaz
Absolution, Alice McDermott
America Fantastica, Tim O'Brien
American Girl, Wendy Walker
Dirty Thirty, Janet Evanovich
The Edge, David Baldacci
From a Far and Lovely Country, Alexander McCall Smith
The General and Julia, Jon Clinch
The House on Sun Street, Muzhgan, Qazirad
The Last Language, Jennifer duBois
Last Night At the Hollywood Canteen, Sarah James
Let Us Descend, Jesmyn Ward
The Little Liar, Mitch Albom
The Manor House, Gilly Macmillan
Orbital, Samantha Harvey
The Porcelain Maker, Sarah Freethy
Resurrection Walk, Michael Connelly
The Secret, Lee Child
A Square of Sevens, Laura Shepherd-Robinson
Stockholm, Noa Yedlin
The Wishing Bridge, Viola Shipman

ADULT—NON-FIC

A City on Mars: can we settle space, should we settle space, and have we really thought this through? Kelly Weinersmith
Romney: a reckoning, McKay Coppins
UFO: the inside story of the US government's search for alien life here-and out there, Garrett M. Graff

AUDIO

The Museum of Failures, Thrity N. Umrigar
The Wishing Bridge, Viola Shipman

DVD

Barbie
Gran Turismo
The Haunting of Bly Manor
Oppenheimer

DVD SERIES

The Crown, Season 5
The White Lotus, Season 2

Remember to check out the wonderful selection of items at www.benzonialibrary.org



SAVE THE DATE:

Travelog: St. Petersburg Russia
by Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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PASSAGES: THE ART OF RON GIANOLA exhibit at Dennon Museum

If you enjoy the beautiful art by Ron Gianola that is displayed at the Benzonia Public Library, you should check out the exhibit at the Dennon Museum Center! Passages: The Art of Ron Gianola runs until January 7th and features over 50+ years of Ron's work.

For more information please visit www.dennosmuseum.org/art/now-on-view/passages-the-art-of-ron-gianola



Christmas Magic
Saturday, Dec. 9th

Activities & Parade
in Beulah

Details at

clcba.org/event/christmas-magic

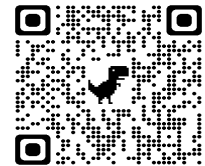
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Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

Fridays at 10:30am
Benzonia Public Library
Children's Room



Want to be informed of changes and receive Story Time information?
Sign up at www.benzonialibrary.org/story-time-at-bpl



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.

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benzonia.libraryconnect@gmail.com * www.benzonialibrary.org



Story Time Dates:

December 1st
December 8th
December 15th

NO Story Time on Dec. 22nd & 29th



Write a letter to Santa!

December 1st through 23rd

Place your letter in our North Pole Postbox for special delivery. Materials and mailbox are located in the Children's Room at BPL!



Youth: What's New For You!

JUVENILE

The Last Kids on Earth and the Monster Dimension, Max Brallier
The Quest of Danger, Stuart Gibbs

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Beak To the Future, Tom Angleberger
The Cardboard Kingdom: Snow and Sorcery #3, Chad Sell
Watership Down, Richard Adams

EARLY READER

Try a Bite, Trilobite, Level # 1, Jonathan Fenske

EARLY READER SERIES

Betty the Yeti: Hates Spaghetti, # 1, Mandy R. Marx

PICTURE BOOKS

The Big Cheese, Jory John
Books Make Good Friends, Jane Mount

BOARD BOOKS

Jungle Bells

JDVD

Elemental
Haunted Mansion



You may have noticed some changes in the Children's Room!

We have swapped locations of Graphic Novels and Children's non-fiction. This gives easier access to non-fic while also providing extra space for the Graphic Novel section to grow!

New stools have provided much needed extra seating and the BIG news...the Puppet Theater IS BACK! The kitchen remains and the puppet theater was brought back to help facilitate even more imaginative play! We hope you enjoy the changes!



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Meetings are held the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.
Next meeting will be at December 7, 2023 at 4:30pm. Everyone welcome.



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

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.

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. Visit www.benzonialibrary.org to see items in our catalog. Visit often to watch this collection grow!



Corner Book Shoppe @ 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 Jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) & Books in excellent Condition.

Donation criteria available at BPL & benzonialibrary.org/donating-books-and-puzzles

Up to 2 bags may be dropped off at the library during regular business hours.

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