



# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

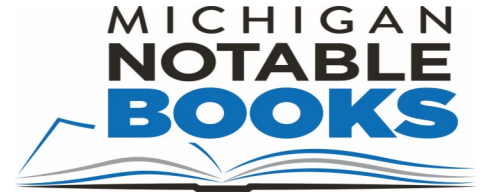
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## 2024 Michigan Notable Books

20 Books Celebrating Michigan People, Places, and Events



### Titles Available at Benzonia Public Library:

Items with an \* are also available via [Up North Digital-OverDrive](#) via the Libby app

- *The All-American* by Susie Finkbeiner
- *A Cold, Hard Prayer* by John Smolens
- *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant: A Memoir* by Curtis Chin
- *Enough to Lose* by R.S. Deeren
- *Everything is Just Beginning: A Novel* by Erin Bartels
- *In the Upper Country: A Novel* by Kai Thomas
- *Michigan Rocks!: A Guide to Geologic Sites in the Great Lakes State* by Paul Brandes
- *My Murder: A Novel* by Katie Williams
- *An Ordinary Man: The Surprising Life and Historic Presidency of Gerald R. Ford* by Richard Norton Smith
- *The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History* by Ned Blackhawk
- *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett \*
- *Warrior Girl Unearthed* by Angeline Bouley \*

To reserve items visit our [Library Catalog](#) or contact us at 231-882-4111 or [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com).

**The following titles may be available via the MeL interlibrary loan system. Ask BPL staff if you need assistance.**

- *Cinema Ann Arbor: How Campus Rebels Forged a Singular Film Culture* by Frank Uhle
- *Dearborn: Stories* by Ghassan Zeineddine
- *Enough to Lose* by R.S. Deeren
- *Girls and Their Monsters: The Genain Quadruplets and the Making of Madness in America* by Audrey Clare Farley
- *Great Women of Mackinac, 1800-1950* by Melissa Croghan
- *Making Art in Prison: Survival and Resistance* by Janie Paul
- *Pulp: A Practical Guide to Cooking with Fruit* by Abra Berens
- *Strikers: A Graphic Novel* by Kiel Phegley
- *The White Stripes: Complete Lyrics, 1997-2007* by Jack White

To reserve MeL items visit [MeL.org](#) or contact us at 231-882-4111 or [benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com](mailto:benzonialibraryconnect@gmail.com).

### BPL HOURS:

**10am-6pm**

Monday-Friday

**10am-2pm**

Saturday

**Closed Sunday**

Wi-Fi 24/7

## Women and The Arts

By Maureen Esther, Historyteller  
**Wednesday, March 6th 4:00pm**

Benzonia Public Library  
Mills Community House-Upper Level  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI, 49616



A fabulous discussion of art through the women who not only lived it, but produced some of the world's most beautiful and powerful pieces of art. Women artists are discussed, and wonderful portraits of some of the most interesting women in history are shown.

Maureen, a HistoryTeller for over 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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## Nicole St. Laurent: Welcome to BPL!

Ahhh, there's no place like home! My extended family has resided in Benzie County since 1903 and it feels more like home to me than anywhere else I have ever lived. Having spent my summers here throughout my life, it was always my dream to return fulltime. That dream became reality in 2021 when I, along with my husband and two teen sons, moved into our family home on Crystal Lake that dates back to 1933. Since arriving, we have sought connection within our community. I am honored to be the incoming Treasurer for the Friends of BPL and, when offered a position working at Benzonian Public Library, it seemed like a perfect fit!



I love reading (of course), knitting, woodworking, gardening, cooking & canning, and hobby homesteading. I devoured the Little House on the Prairie series as a young girl and Laura's teachings have never left me. I have a background in teaching English as a second language, working with beginning readers, and as a reading remediation tutor specializing in dyslexia tutoring. I have also taught art appreciation and art classes in both public schools and homeschool co-ops. My greatest joy has come from homeschooling my sons throughout their schooling careers and guiding them both to be voracious learners. My oldest is currently in college and my younger will graduate high school next fall. I am excited to be a resource for our local homeschooling community!

Many thanks to the other BPL staff members who have already made me feel like one of them, as well as the patrons and community members who have welcomed me and been patient as I train on the library system. It is a joy to get to know each of you and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the future. I encourage you to stop in and say hi!

## ICE Skate Lending at BPL

We're ready when the ice is!

To reserve skates for Pick-up: call 231-882-4111 or visit our Library Catalog at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org).

Plan ahead due to limited sizes.

**Who can borrow skates?** Adults, 18 years of age or older, may 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 the library.

**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 Benzonian 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.



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## Friends of BPL Annual Meeting

**Thursday, February 8th at 4:30pm**

Benzonia Public Library  
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI, 49616

Please join the Friends of Benzonia Public Library for our annual meeting. We will discuss our accomplishments over the past year and how we plan to continue supporting Benzonia Public Library this year.

### Everyone is Welcome!!!

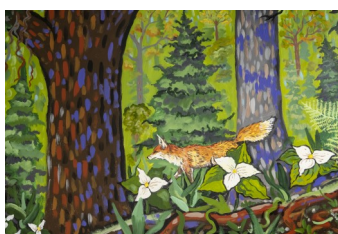
This is a great opportunity to learn more about what the Friends of BPL do. If you are interested in being more involved, we are also looking for additional board members.



## COVID Test Kits available at BPL

Kits are provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Visit BPL during regular business hours to pick up your free COVID Test Kits.



## Mural Cards at BPL

**\$2.00 each or \$10.00 for 6 (your choice)**

**\$12.00 for 8 pack (2 of each card)**

**Pay for & pick up cards at BPL front desk.**

Children's Room mural by Glenn Wolff.

Photography by Steve Loveless.

*Proceeds benefit Benzonia Public Library.*

**Sponsored by Friends of Benzonia Public Library.**

## Want to support BPL? We welcome all contributions!



### DONATE TO BPL:

Donation envelopes are available at BPL or you can mail a check to Benzonia Public Library, PO Box 445, Benzonia, MI 49616

### DONATE TO BPL ENDOWMENT FUND:

[Make a secure online gift to the Benzonia Public Library Endowment Fund here](#) or mail a check

to: Community Foundation, 233 Lake Avenue, Suite B, Traverse City, MI 49684. *Make your check payable to the Community Foundation with the **Benzonia Public Library Endowment Fund** noted in the memo line.*



### SUPPORT FRIENDS OF BPL:

Many of the special "extras" at the BPL are due to people like you who give in a variety of ways. Friends make a difference by supporting programs and activities at BPL including: OverDrive, craft classes, and other programs in addition to purchasing equipment & other materials.

### DONATE TO THE FRIENDS OF BPL:

Use the PayPal button at [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org) or mail a check to Friends of BPL, PO Box 445, Benzonia, MI 49616. Donation envelopes also available at BPL.

### JOIN THE FRIENDS OF BPL:

Note on your donation that you would like to be a member.

### SUPPORT CORNER BOOK SHOPPE AT BPL & OTHER SALES:

Offering for sale a large selection of excellent quality used books & jigsaw puzzles. Purchases may be made in BPL during library hours.



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

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



### YA

*Bring Me Your Midnight*, Rachel Griffin  
*Gather*, Kenneth Cadow  
*Make Me a Liar*, Melissa Landers  
*Sky's End*, Marc J. Gregson

### YA GRAPHIC NOVELS

*Heartstopper #5*, Alice Oseman

### ADULT—FIC

*The All American*, Susie Finkbeiner  
*California Bear*, Duane Swierczynski  
*Enough To Lose*, RS Deeren  
*Everything is Just Beginning*, Erin Bates  
*Familia*, Lauren E. Rico  
*The fury*, Max Michaelides  
*The Girl in the Eagle's Talons*, Karin Smirnoff  
*Goodbye Girl*, James Grippando  
*The Last Love Note*, Emma Grey  
*Meet the Benedettos*, Katie Cotugno  
*My Murder*, Katie Williams  
*The Other Half*, Charlotte Vassell  
*The Other Mothers*, Katherine Faulkner  
*True North*, Andrew J. Graff  
*The Warsaw Sisters*, Amanda Barratt  
*The Waters*, Bonnie Jo Campbell  
*Wild and Distant Seas*, Tara Karr Roberts  
*Yours For the Taking*, Gabrielle Korn

### ADULT—NON-FIC

*Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant*, Cur  
*Ghosts of Honolulu: a Japanese spy, a Japanese American spy hunter, and the untold story of Pearl Harbor*, Mark Harmon  
*Our Hidden Conversations: what Americas really think about race and identity*, Michele Norris  
*The Rediscovery of America: native peoples and the unmaking of U. S., History*, Ned Blackhawk

### AUDIO

*A Different Kind of Gone*, Catherine Ryan Hyde  
*The Lost Tomb: and other real-life stories of bones, burials, ad murder*, Douglas J. Preston  
*Mother-Daughter Murder Night*, Nina Simon  
*Stockholm*, Noa Yeldin

### DVD

*The Holdovers*  
*The Marsh Kings Daughter*  
*Past Lives*

### DVD SERIES

*Billions*



**HOT SPOTS AVAILABLE AT BPL**

**mobilebeacon.**

**We are excited 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 has changed.

**The new HotSpots, powered by Mobile Beacon are NOW ACTIVE.**

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. Visit their coverage page for details [www.mobilebeacon.org/coverage](http://www.mobilebeacon.org/coverage)

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

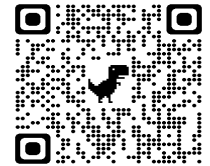
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## Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

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](http://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 Benzonia Central Schools are closed due to weather, Story Time will be cancelled.

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## Story Time Dates:

February 2  
February 9  
February 16  
February 23

## Youth: What's New For You!

### JUVENILE

*The Five Impossible Tasks of Eden Smith*, Tom Llewellyn  
*Max & the Midnights*, Lincoln Peirce  
*Shark Teeth*, Sherri Winston  
*Where the Water Takes Us*, Alan Barillaro

### GRAPHIC NOVELS

*Baby-sitters Club: Claudia and the bad joke*, Arley Nora  
*Sunny Up, #1*, Jennifer L Holm  
*Swing it Sunny, #2*, Jennifer L Holm  
*Sunny Rolls the Dice, #3*, Jennifer L Holm  
*Sunny Makes a Splash, #4*, Jennifer L Holm  
*The Tea Dragon Festival #2*, Katie O'Neill  
*The Tea Dragon Society #1*, Katie O'Neill

### PICTURE BOOKS

*The Crayons Go Back To School*, Drew Dewart  
*Gravity is Bringing Me Down*, Wendelin Van Draanen  
*Grumpy Monkey Spring Fever*, Suzanne Lang  
*Hornbeam All In*, Cynthia Rylant  
*Sleepy Sheepy*, Drew Daywalt

### BOARD BOOKS

*Digger*, Molly Littelboy  
*Welcome To Preschool!*, Maria Carluccio

### JDVD

*Trolls*



## S.T.E.M. KITS AT BPL: The perfect cold weather activity for the whole family.

- Kits can be checked out for one (1) week with one (1) week renewal possible.
- To view kit information and availability visit our Library Catalog (click Icon below) and type stem kit in the search box.
- Click on the kit title you are interested in to see more information about the kit.
- **NOTE:** To place a reserve you must log into your BPL account. In the upper right corner enter your library card number and your password then click on Log in.
- To reserve items, click the title you want and then click Reserve this item
- **HINT:** Green highlighted items are available, Red highlighted items are checked out. You will be notified when reserved items are available.

Library Catalog



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## Board of Trustees

Jane Sullivan, President  
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Diana Heller, Treasurer  
Megan Barnard, Secretary  
Audrey Pittinos, Trustee  
Jennifer Ryan, Trustee

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

Roger Dewey, President / Flint Watt, Vice President / Kathy Johnson, Secretary  
Michelle Leines, Treasurer / Nicole St. Laurent, Asst. Treasurer  
Ruth Catton, Director / Jimmy McLaren, Director



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

Meetings are usually held the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.  
**Next meeting is our Annual Meeting: February 8, 2024 at 4:30pm. Everyone welcome.**

## Corner Book Shoppe at 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 Books & Jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) in excellent condition,

Donation criteria available at BPL & [benzoniaconnect@gmail.com](http://benzoniaconnect@gmail.com)



For information about ACTIVITIES and EVENTS happening at the Mills visit their website at

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

## 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.

Visit [www.benzonialibrary.org](http://www.benzonialibrary.org) to see items in our catalog



## LIBRARY OF THINGS



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Borrow ebooks, audiobooks & magazines

Libby.  
The library reading app



## Up North Digital Collection 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 Digital Collection icon.

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## Receive BPL Newsletters & Activity Updates via email.

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

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!



## 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.