



# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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## Creating A Healing Story Together

A Story Making Workshop for All-Ages

**Monday & Wednesday, 4:30pm**

**March 11th & 13th**

**Benzonia Public Library**

Mills Community House-Upper Level

891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI

**Through sharing our stories we can help others facing challenging times.**

Come join teaching artist Molly Sturges for a creative workshop for all-ages. Through sharing ideas and experiences we will strive to learn and heal together.

**Come to either or both sessions. Everyone is welcome.**

## STORIES THAT HEAL

**No experience needed and perfect for people of all ages.**

Through sharing ideas and experiences we will have time to reflect, write, connect as is comfortable for each person and share if desired. This time will focus on things that help us feel better when times get hard. Expressing our stories in writing and or sharing can help us all heal. We can lessen some of the isolation that often goes with mental and/or physical pain that many of us are facing.

Story exchanges can also help us when we are feeling down.

There is no pressure to participate in a certain way and all are welcome.

**Childcare option is available, feel free to contact Katie Jones at [kjones@gardentheater.org](mailto:kjones@gardentheater.org).**

Snacks, beverages, and writing materials will be provided.

A free community concert and community dialogue will be presented at The Garden Theater on May 19 and a podcast series about the project will be produced by Interlochen Public Radio.

*This is a Benzie County focused community partners project with The Garden Theater and Interlochen Public Radio, 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).*

### BPL HOURS

10am-6pm Monday-Friday

10am-2pm Saturday

Closed Sunday

**YOU CAN FIND MAGIC**

**wherever you look,**

**SIT BACK AND RELAX**

**ALL YOU NEED IS**

**A BOOK**

-Dr. Seuss



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## Women and The Arts

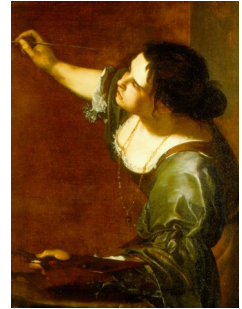
By Maureen Esther, Historyteller

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.**

## BEES KNEES BOOK CLUB



### AT ST. AMBROSE CELLARS

841 S. Pioneer Rd, Beulah, MI 49617

**Tuesday, March 5th & 19th**

**5:00 to 7:00pm**

Join your fellow book lovers for a fun evening of book sharing! This will be a little bit different from your usual book club as we will not all be reading the same book. Instead, plan to bring whatever book you are currently enjoying and share a brief overview of it with the group.

The idea is to entice others to read something new and show them what great books are available right now.

St. Ambrose plans to make this a recurring opportunity for our community to come together and talk books!

This is a perfect chance to chat, eat, read and drink mead, so plan to come hungry! Food and Beverage will be available for purchase.

**Save The Date - April 8, 2024**

## A Solar Eclipse Is Coming



**Did You Know?**  
An Eclipse Never  
Comes Alone!

A solar eclipse always occurs about two weeks before or after a lunar eclipse. Usually, there are two eclipses in a row, but other times, there are three during the same eclipse season. The solar eclipse occurring on April 8, 2024 will be the second eclipse of the season, with the first eclipse, a Penumbra Lunar Eclipse, set to occur on March 25, 2024.

You can learn more about the coming solar eclipse by checking out the book:

***What is a Solar Eclipse?*, Dana Meachen Rau**

Or visiting the following websites:

<https://www.exploratorium.edu/eclipse>

<https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/learn/project/how-to-make-a-pinhole-camera/>

<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/search/eclipse>

Make sure to stop by the library starting **March 18th** to pick up your very own pair of eclipse viewing glasses and information sheet. These are important tools to help you view the eclipse safely! Quantities are limited.

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## March is National Reading Month!

What better place to spend National Reading Month than at your local library? We encourage people to stop in throughout the month and discover (or re-discover!) the joy and power of books and reading! Whether you check out something new or snuggle in with a classic, share book titles with friends or read a book out loud to a child, spend some extra time reading this month!



### 3 FUN WAYS TO TAKE READING ON THE GO

- ◆ **Point out environmental print to your child** – this includes any time you see text outside your home – think street signs, posters in buildings, and even flyers at the grocery store.
- ◆ **Grocery shopping can be a great way to encourage reading and writing.** At the store, help your child figure out the first letter of specific brands. Then together go on a hunt to find foods from those brands.
- ◆ **Bring a book** Browsing and chatting about any book from the seat of a shopping cart is always a worthwhile activity for a toddler. It's especially fun to bring a title that relates to your errand. There are many choices, but we're partial to the classic characters in *Spot Goes Shopping* by Eric Hill or *Maisy Goes Shopping* by Lucy Cousins.

National Reading Month is celebrated in March. In this month people, especially children, read a lot more. An increase in reading has significant benefits that will continue to pay off in the future. Reading is one of the best habits to develop; it strengthens the mental muscles, helps to improve comprehension and analytical abilities, increases imagination & boosts memory.

## HOT SPOTS AVAILABLE AT BPL

**We are excited to announce that the Friends of Benzonian Public Library have agreed to fund HotSpots for another year!**

**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.



## 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.



# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

### YA

*The Bad Ones*, Melissa Albert  
*The Boyfriend Wish*, Swati Teerdhala  
*Shut Up, This is Serious*, Carolina Ixta  
*A Suffragist's Guide to the Antarctic*, Yi Shun Lai  
*Wander In The Dark*, Jumanta Emill  
*With A Little Luck*, Marissa Meyer

### YA GRAPHIC NOVELS

*Amulet: Waverider* - #9, Kazu Kibuishi  
*Freshman Year*, Sarah Mai  
*Sunny Makes Her Case* - #5, Jennifer Holm

### ADULT—NON-FIC

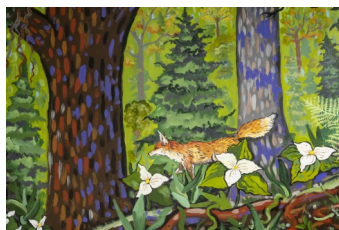
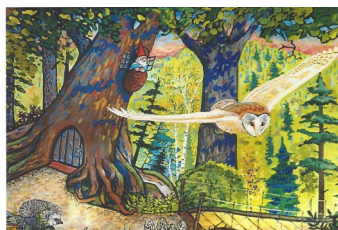
*Democracy Awakening: Notes on the state of America*, Heather Cox Richardson  
*How To Know A Person: The art of seeing others deeply and being seen deeply*, David Brooks  
*Michigan Rocks!: A guide to geologic sites in the Great Lakes State*, Paul Brandes  
*Real Clothes, Real Lives: 200 years of what women wore - The Smith College Historic Clothing Collection*, Kiki Smith  
*Solito: A Memoir*, Javier Zamora

### ADULT—FIC

*Blizzard*, Marie Vingtras  
*The Boy With the Star Tattoo: A Novel*, Talia Carner  
*Dead Man's Hand* - #18, Bradley Taylor  
*End of Story: A Novel*, AJ Finn  
*Family Family: A Novel*, Laurie Frankel  
*Fourteen Days: A collaborative novel*, Charlie Jane Anders  
*The Ghost Orchid*, Jonathon Kellerman  
*The Guest*, BA Paris  
*Hero*, Thomas Perry  
*The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson: A Novel*, Ellen Baker  
*Lone Wolf* - #9, Gregg Hurwitz  
*No One Dies Yet*, Kobby Ben Ben  
*Playing with Wildfire*, Laura Pritchett  
*Random in Death* - #58, JD Robb  
*The Summer Book Club*, Susan Mallery  
*The Turtle House: A Novel*, Amanda Churchill

### ADULT—LARGE PRINT

*The Bad Weather Friend*, Dean R Koontz  
*Lessons in Chemistry*, Bonnie Garmus  
*You Only Call When You're in Trouble*, Stephen McCauley



## 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 Benzonía Public Library.

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

# BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Pre-School Story Time with Miss Anne

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



### 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.

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)

#### Benzonia Public Library

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### Story Time

#### Dates:

March 1

March 8

March 15

**March 22 - NO STORY TIME**

March 29

## Youth: What's New For You!

### JUVENILE

*Heroes: A Novel of Pearl Harbor*, Alan Gratz  
*Not the Worst Friend in the World*, Anne Rellihan  
*A Royal Conundrum - #1*, Lisa Yee  
*The Wandering Hour - #1*, Zack Loren Clark  
*The Wilderlore: Ever Storms - #3*, Amanda Foody

### GRAPHIC NOVELS

*The Adventures of Invisible Boy!!!(!)* - #1, Doogie Homer  
*Art Club*, Rashad Doucet  
*Making Friends: Third Time's a Charm - #3*, Kristen Gudsruk

### J NON-FICTION

*What is a Solar Eclipse?*, Dana Meachen Rau

### BOARD BOOKS (JEBD)

*Weather*, Airlie Anderson

### PICTURE BOOKS (JE)

*Are You Big?*, Mo Willems  
*Awake, Asleep*, Kyle Lukoff  
*Between Two Windows*, Keisha Morris  
*Bitsy Bat, School Star*, Kaz Windness  
*Cranky*, Phuc Tran  
*The Crayons Love Our Planet*, Drew Daywalt  
*Eyes That Weave the World's Wonders*, Joanna Ho  
*The Ferris Wheel*, Tulin Kozikoglu  
*Fire Chief Fran*, Linda Ashman  
*Go Forth and Tell: The Life of Augusta Baker, Librarian and Master Storyteller*, Breanna J. McDaniel  
*Hedgehog and the Log*, Pam Fong  
*I Do Not Eat Children*, Marcus Cutler  
*I Lived Inside A Whale*, Xin Li  
*Love Is My Favorite Color*, Nina Laden  
*The Magic Cap*, Mireille Messier  
*Mamas and Babies*, Christie Matheson  
*The Teeny-Weeny Unicorn*, Shawn Harris  
*Ten Little Rabbits*, Maurice Sendak  
*Wacky-Doodle*, Mary Reeber Krater  
*Walking Together*, Albert Marshall  
*Why Did the Monster Cross the Road?*, RL Stine  
*The Yellow Handkerchief: El Panoelo Amarillo*, Donna Barba Higuera



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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

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Meetings are usually held the 1st Thursday every other month in the library building.  
**Next meeting will be April 4, 2024 at 4:30pm. Everyone welcome.**



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

## 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.benzoniaconnect@gmail.com](http://www.benzoniaconnect@gmail.com) to see items in our catalog



## LIBRARY OF THINGS



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The library reading app



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## Transparent Language Online



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