



BENZONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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Russia's Peter the Great

(AD 1672-1725)

by Maureen Esther,
HistoryTeller

Thursday

May 23

4:00-5:30 pm



Benzonia Public Library
Mills Comm House - Upper Level

"I am a student and I seek teachers." Peter Alekseevich Romanov received a limited education, yet spent his life pursuing knowledge. The Founder of Modern Russia, this Tsar (at age 10) and later Emperor, was a powerhouse of energy. Dragging his people into the European world, he would "open a window on the west" by building St. Petersburg. Come meet Peter the Great, a giant in Russian history!

Maureen, a HistoryTeller for 30 years, enjoys bringing her love of Art and History to the Benzonian Public Library. No charge for event, just come and enjoy.

PASSAGES:

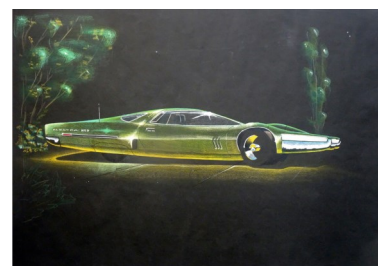
The Art of Ron Gianola

Thursday, May 30

4:00pm



Join Ron as he shares a retrospective of fifty-five years, featuring various creative phases and subjects; automotive concepts, figures, landscapes, Hawaii, abstracted interiors, "Passages" series, abstract color fields, cells, drawings, and sketchbooks.



For more information or to view current work, illustrated-bio, videos, and shop visit rongianola.com

Adventure Begins at YOUR Library Summer Reading 2024

REGISTER * READ * WIN

Registration begins June 1st at BPL

Watch for details in our June newsletter

**Come along with Benzonian Public Library to see where
we can go when "Adventure Begins."**

The fun begins with special programs on Thursdays, June 20th through July 25th,
when we host our finale party. **We can't wait to see you there!**



BPL HOURS:

10am-6pm Monday-Friday

10am-2pm Saturday



**BPL will be Closed Memorial Day
Monday, May 27th**

We will re-open on Tuesday, May 28th.
Yes, we're open Saturday, so you can stock up.

**Also Closed for Carpet Cleaning
Saturday, May 18th**

ONGOING PROGRAMS

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 Benzonia Central Schools are closed due to weather, Story Time will be cancelled.

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BEE'S KNEES BOOK CLUB



AT ST. AMBROSE CELLARS

841 S. Pioneer Rd, Beulah, MI 49617

**Tuesday, May 7th & 21st
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. 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.

Plant Diagnostic Clinic

**May 14, 11am-2pm
& the 2nd Tuesday of the
month through September**

Benzonia Public Library Porch
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 on the 2nd Tuesday, April-September.

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.

WHAT'S NEW FOR YOU AT BPL

Adult & Young Adult

YOUNG ADULT

Cancelled, *Farrah Penn*

ADULT—FIC

The Alternatives, *Caolinn Hughes*
Begin Again: A Novel, *Helly Acton*
A Calamity of Souls: A Novel, *David Baldacci*
The Cemetery of Untold Stories: A Novel, *Julia Alvarez*
Christa Comes Out of Her Shell, *Abbi Waxman*
City In Ruins – 3 (Danny Ryan Trilogy #3), *Don Winslow*
Close to Death – 5 (Hawthorne & Horowitz #5), *Anthony Horowitz*
Darling Girls, *Sally Hepworth*
Daughter of Mine: A Novel, *Megan Miranda*
Days of Wonder: A Novel, *Caroline Leavitt*
Extinction: A Novel, *Douglas J. Preston*
Flight of the Wild Swan, *Melissa Pritchard*
The Happiness Blueprint, *Ally Zetterburg*
The House of Broken Bricks: A Novel, *Fiona Williams*
Lost Birds – 9 (Leaphorn, Chee, & Manuelito #9), *Anne Hillerman*
Mania: A Novel, *Lionel Shriver*
Matterhorn – 1 (Mac Dekker #1), *Christopher Reich*
The Night In Question, *Susan Fletcher*
Pay Dirt – 22 (V.I. Warshawski Mysteries #22), *Sara Paretsky*
Pretty Furious, *E.K. Johnston*
A Short Walk Through a Wide World: A Novel, *Douglas Westerbeke*
The Sicilian Inheritance: A Novel, *Jo Piazza*
The Sleepwalkers, *Scarlett Thomas*
The Stone Home: A Novel, *Crystal Hana Kim*

The Summer We Started Over: A Novel, *Nancy Thayer*
Sweetness in the Skin: A Novel, *Ishi Robinson*
Table For Two: Fictions, *Amor Towles*
Toxic Prey – 34 (Prey #34), *John Sandford*
The Warm Hands of Ghosts: A Novel, *Katherine Arden*

ADULT—NON-FIC

Chamber Divers: The Untold Story of the D-Day Scientists, *Rachel Lance*
A Field Guide to the Apocalypse: A Mostly Serious Guide to Surviving Our Wild Times, *Athena Aktipis*
Missing Persons: Or, My Grandmother's Secrets, *Clair Wills*
Somehow: Thoughts On Love, *Anne Lamott*
Total Garbage: How We Can Fix Our Waste and Heal the World, *Edward Humes*
The Upper Country: French Enterprise In the Colonial Great Lakes, *Claiborne A. Skinner*
An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960's, *Doris Kearns Goodwin*
The Wives: A Memoir, *Simone Gorrindo*

ADULT—LARGE PRINT

All We Were Promised: A Novel, *Ashton Lattimore*
Funny Story, *Emily Henry*
Murder Inn: A Novel, *James Patterson*
The Paris Novel, *Ruth Reichl*

AUDIO

The Boy With the Star Tattoo (CD), *Talia Carner*

DVD

The Iron Claw (DVD) Blu-ray
Jesus Revolution (DVD)

Youth

JUVENILE

A Game of Noctis, *Deva Fagan*
A Little Bit Super, *Gary D. Schmidt*
The Long Way Home, *Brian Smith*
Tree. Table. Book., *Lois Lowry*

When Clouds Touch Us, *Thanhha Lai*

GRAPHIC NOVELS

The Dark Times – 3 (Lightfall #3), *Tim Probert*
Go Ghoul, Go: Spirited – 2 (Spirited #2), *Liv Livingston*
The Happy Shop, *Brittany Long Olsen*
Officer Clawsome: Crime Across Time – 2 (Office Clawsome #2), *Brian Smith*

J NON-FICTION

Dive!: The Story of Breathing Underwater, *Chris Gall*
Let's Talk About Race, *Julius Lester*
My First Sewing Machine: 30 Fun projects kids will love to make, *Coralie Bijasson*

PICTURE BOOKS

ABC's of Solar Eclipse, *Daniel Hallback*
Big Sister, Long Coat, *Nelly Buchet*
The Boy Who Said Wow, *Todd Boss*
Bunny Should Be Sleeping, *Amy Hest*
Charlie The Caterpillar, *Dom DeLuise*
Eeny and Her Sisters, *Jane Yolen*
If You Run Out Of Words, *Felicita Sala*
Oh No, The Aunts Are Here, *Adam Rex*

BOARD BOOKS

Plant A Kiss, *Amy Krouse Rosenthal*

JDVD

Open Season – 4 Movie Collection (DVD)



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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. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2024**



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

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

Next meeting will be June 6, 2024. Everyone welcome.

Summer Library of Things Items Available At BPL



The return of warm weather means even more fun with our outdoor kits.



Birding Kit



Pickle Ball Set



Bean Bag Toss

Details at BPL: 231-882-4111 or
www.benzoniamlibrary.org/library-of-things

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.

Donations of Books & Jigsaw Puzzles Must be in Excellent Condition

The Friends of BPL accept donations of Jigsaw puzzles (with all the pieces) & Fiction books (less than 10 years old).

Currently NOT accepting non-fiction items.

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

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

Borrow ebooks,
audiobooks & magazines

Libby.
The library reading app



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