



## January 2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit <https://bit.ly/BSDLevents> for a full calendar of events

### YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

#### **FAMILY STORY TIME**

*Mondays @ 10:30 a.m. January 13th through May 12th*

There's something for everyone at Family Story Time! Includes books, music, movement, pre-reading games, crafts and more. Open sensory play will be on 1/27, 2/17, 3, 10, 4/14 and 5/12.

#### **SNACKTIVITY**

*Wednesday, January 29th 1:30 p.m to 4:30 p.m.*

Meet at the library for games, crafts, Lego and more on Early Release Wednesdays. Snacks provided. All ages welcome - **children 10 and under must have an adult present in the library.**

#### **WINTER PAJAMA PARTY AND STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER**

*Friday, January 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.*

Wear your PJs to the library for a fun night of games, crafts, music, food and more. Also, bring a stuffed toy to drop off for a sleepover! Your stuffed toy will enjoy a fun-filled library adventure and can be picked back up on Monday, January 20th (choose one you don't need for bedtime!).

#### **TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY**

*Saturday, February 1st 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (drop-in)*

The library is a marvelous place for children and their adults to play, discover, make friends, and have fun. First time visitors and familiar faces are sure to have fun exploring the library on national Take Your Child to the Library day.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### **BOOK SHARE**

*Wednesday, January 15th @ 10:30 a.m.*

Join us to talk books! Share what you have read recently and find out what fellow community members have been reading. This is a great way to discover new books! Meets the third Wednesday of the month.

#### **LEARN ABOUT THE TALKING BOOKS LIBRARY**

*Thursday, January 16th @ 1:00 p.m.*

Anita Chouinard, head of the Larry Gorton Talking Book Library in Traverse City, will share about the award winning Talking Books Program and how you can get accessible materials delivered to your home. If you or someone you know is unable to read standard type print, unable to hold a book in your hands, or has a learning disability like dyslexia that prevents reading, you qualify for this free audio and Braille book service.

#### **Shhhhhhhhh READING GROUP**

*Tuesday 1/21 @ 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.*

Introverts unite! No required reading, no book discussions, just quiet reading with a great view and readers like you!

**BUSY BOOK CLUB**

*Tuesday, January 28th @ 4:00 p.m.*

The book club for busy people. Each month we discuss a SHORT story in less than an hour. Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Each month's reading is from The Best American Short Stories of 2024. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

**VISION BOARD COLLAGE**

*Monday, February 3rd @ 5:15 p.m.*

What does the future have in store? Make your plans, set your goals, and leave with a completed vision board collage.

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**

*Second Saturday of the month @ 11:45 a.m*

Are you an adventurer at heart? This dungeons and dragons program meets once a month to roll the dice and play classic AD&D.

**MONDAY MAH JONG**

*Mondays @ 2:00 p.m.*

Accomplished players and interested participants alike are invited to rattle the tiles and join the fun each Monday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Library Program Room.

## A love of reading shouldn't fade



Explore new ways to access the stories you love  
**The Talking Book Library with Anita Chouinard**  
**Thursday, January 16th @ 1pm**



630 Main St  
Frankfort, MI 49635  
[BenzieShoresLibrary.org](http://BenzieShoresLibrary.org)

Reading is a life long love and unfortunately book technology hasn't always kept up with the needs of readers. If you or a loved one struggles with reading or holding a book, join us to learn about accessible reading options and the amazing resources available through the award winning Larry Gorton Talking Books Library.



# and now, a message from the director

Stacy Pasche,  
Library Director

## Read any good books lately?

As a librarian, a connection to books is deeply ingrained in my professional life. I'm often asked what I'm reading because there is an assumption that because I'm a librarian, I only read "good" books. Good is a subjective term, especially when it comes to books. Sure, there are formulas used to determine a book's literary value, but what really matters is whether or not you liked the book. You did? Then it's a good book. The following are a few titles I read this year that may not be Pulitzer material, but I deemed good enough. Good because they may have taught me something. Good because they entertained me. Good because they were straight up scary. Good just because.

I mostly read non-fiction, but one of my favorite novels of the year was [\*We Used to Live Here\*](#) by Marcus Kliewer. In this thriller, a couple purchases a fixer-upper home in a small town. A deal too good to pass up! That always goes well in books and movies, right? Specters and time portals and lots of suspense made for a creepy good read.

[\*If You Tell\*](#) by Gregg Olsen is a gripping and unsettling true-crime account of a family's secrets and the brave efforts of a woman to break free from abuse. A psychological thriller that has you asking how? and why? and no way did that happen! throughout the book.

I enjoyed exploring the mysteries of the natural world with [\*The Secret History of Bigfoot\*](#) by O'Connor. This mix of folklore, science, and mystery provided a unique perspective on how myths are born and how we, as humans, navigate the unknown. The author claims he's a skeptic, but like so many of us, you can tell they want to believe. #thetruthisoutthere

Marie Kondo's [\*The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up\*](#) has been helping people declutter their lives since 2010. I'm a little late to the party, but I'm glad I finally read it. The philosophy behind tidying- letting go of things that no longer spark joy has been transformative. It's remarkable how decluttering can create space for new ideas and opportunities, both mentally and physically. I also realized that I Kondoed all of my sweaters away last spring and now it's December and I'm freezing.

I also enjoyed the practical advice offered in [\*How to Stay Productive When the World is Ending\*](#) by the editors of Reductress. This book offered much-needed encouragement to find productivity in the midst of uncertainty. I also realize that perhaps I wouldn't be so anxious if I didn't read so much true crime and books about haunted houses & big foot.

Cheers to a new year of **good** books in 2025!

Stacy



## BOOK GROUPS @YOUR LIBRARY

### BOOK SHARE

Join us for a cup of coffee or tea and talk about books. Share what you have read recently and find out what fellow community members have been reading. This is a great way to discover new books! Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 10:30 a.m.

### TEENY TINY BUSY BOOK CLUB

The book club for busy people! Each month we discuss a SHORT story in less than an hour. Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month @ 4:00 p.m. Call or visit [benzieshoreslibrary.org](http://benzieshoreslibrary.org) to reserve the current month's selected title.

Titles shared at the December Book Share:

[The Frozen River](#) by Ariel Lawhon

[The Women](#) by Kristin Hannah

[The Overstory](#) by Richard Powers

[The Blue Hour](#) by Paula Hawkins

[The Autobiography of Eleanor Roosevelt](#)

[Spirit Crossing](#) by William Kent Kroger

[Out of Service](#) by Joseph Heywood

[The Geography of Bliss](#) by Eric Weiner

[The Nickel Boys](#) by Colson Whitehead

[The Mighty Red](#) by Louise Erdrich

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