



March 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

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YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

FAMILY STORY TIME

Mondays @ 10:30 a.m. 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 3/10, 4/14 and 5/12.

SNACKTIVITY

Wednesday, March 12th from 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.

SPRING BREAK SPECIAL EVENTS

March 25th - 28th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Outdoor Discovery Day

Wednesday: Lego Builders Challenge

Thursday: Spring Crafts

Friday: Movie Day - The Wild Robot

ADULT PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY CIVICS SERIES

Wednesday, March 5th @ 4:30 p.m.

Intro to Planning and Zoning: Planning and zoning is a governmental function designed to manage how we use the land. In this course, participants will learn foundational elements of planning and zoning with options for additional education. Presented by the MSU Extension.

Wednesday, March 12th @ 4:30 p.m.

Understanding the Open Meetings Act: Participants will learn the requirements of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (OMA), engage in scenarios and find answer to frequently asked questions.

LEARNING THE LIBRARY: YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Monday, March 10th at 5:15 p.m.

Are you getting the most out of your library card? From auto-reserves to ordering books in MELcat, this program will show you how your library card can open a world of possibilities.

DIGITAL ARCHIVES AND MORE

Friday, March 14th at 3:30 p.m.

This class will walk you through a number of digital information resources from digitized newspapers to the internet archive.

Shhhhhhhhh READING GROUP

Tuesday, March 18th @ 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!

BOOK SHARE

Wednesday, March 19th @ 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.

GUTS: MANAGING A MICROBIOME

Monday, March 24th at 5:00 p.m.

March is National Nutrition Month! Join registered dietitian Jordan Seward as we dive into digestion, hormones, eating habits, stress levels, and gut health. Learn what makes up your microbiome and more!

BUSY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 25th @ 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.

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 @ 1:30 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.

HOOK, NEEDLE, & KNITS

Mondays @ 4:30 p.m.

Crochet, knit and fiber arts of all kinds are welcome at this crafting group. Bring a project to work on, or find a beginner friendly project at the library.



Once again we have partnered with our friends at Stormcloud Brewing for the Dark & Stormy short story contest. The top three story submissions will be presented at a public reading at Stormcloud Brewing (303 Main St., Frankfort) on Saturday, March 8 at 5:30pm. The audience will vote on the stories and award them first, second and third place. And the best part? **From 5-8pm, 50% of pub sales will be donated to the Benzie Shores District Library!** This is always a fun event and we hope to see you there!



The Harmony Garden has been silent this winter as the snow drifts buried our instruments!



and now, a message from the director

Stacy Pasche,
Library Director

Sand, Salt, Snow, and Space Aliens: March reads

March is Reading Month! March is also a month of unpredictable weather. Just like the ever-changing weather, the world of books offers a variety of genres to match every mood and season. On a bright, sunny day, a light-hearted romance or a feel-good comedy can lift your spirits, just as a cozy mystery might be perfect for a rainy afternoon. Whatever the forecast, there's a book to suit every mood. The following suggestions are like March weather- all over the place. Enjoy!

Keeping the parking lot and sidewalks clear this winter has not been easy. I don't think the plows have gotten a break since December. And what would we do without our giant buckets of salt! Mark Kurlansky's [SALT](#) is a deep dive into the history of salt that will give you a new appreciation for this miracle mineral.

We're grateful for our bus and delivery drivers who have to navigate the slushy streets. When I hear the plow barreling down the street, I get a little nostalgic for the cheesy 1986 horror movie, [MAXIMUM OVERDRIVE](#). This classic stars a young Emilio Estevez and boasts a sublime soundtrack by AC/DC. Based on the short story "Trucks" from Stephen King's collection [NIGHT SHIFT](#), this is the story of a comet that passes earth, hiding a UFO. The UFO causes machines to come alive (you are safe to assume that the machines are not very nice). The story/movie takes place at a truck stop where travelers are trying to escape the carnage. "We made you!!!" (if you know, you know).

A horror story about evil machines may not be for everyone, but Raymond Briggs wordless classic, [THE SNOWMAN](#) is. It is a beautifully illustrated story about a young boy who builds a snowman that comes to life. As magical as it is simple, this book brings winter's fleeting beauty to life, offering an enchanting and heartwarming tale that is perfect for readers of all ages.

And lastly, if you really want to escape the snow and mud, try something by the beach read queen, [Elin Hilderbrand](#). Her books will take you away to cozy, coastal beach towns. Prefer a mystery or thriller? [Randy Wayne White](#)'s Doc Ford mysteries are set in sunny Sanibel, FL.

Happy Reading Month!
Stacy



BOOK GROUPS @YOUR LIBRARY

BOOK SHARE

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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 to reserve the current month's selected title.

Titles shared at the February Book Share:

[Caleb's Crossing](#) by Geraldine Brooks
[The Women](#) by Kristin Hannah
[Intermezzo](#) by Sally Rooney
[The Discomfort of Evening](#) by Lucus Rijneveld
[Beautiful Ugly](#) by Alice Fenney
[King of Confidence](#) by Miles Harvey
[The Eyes are the Same](#) by Susan Gold
[Fire Weather](#) by John Vaillant
[Slaughterhouse Five](#) by Kurt Vonnegut
[Taming of the Queen](#) by Philippa Gregory
[Dead Wake](#) by Erik Larson
[Close to Death](#) by Anthony Horowitz
[Spirit Crossing](#) by William Kent Krueger

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