



February 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit <https://bsdlibrary.org/event-calendar/> for a full calendar of events

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

FAMILY STORY TIME

Mondays @ 10:30 a.m.

There's something for everyone at Storytime! Includes books, music, movement, pre-reading games, crafts and more. Open sensory play on 2/16, 3/9, and 4/6.

HOMESCHOOL MEET-UP

Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meet at the library for an informal gathering of homeschool families. Perfect for families already homeschooling and those that are interested in it. All ages welcome.

SNACKTIVITY

Wednesday, January 28th from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Join us for games, Lego, crafts & snacks!

FRENCH FOR KIDS

Saturdays January 31st, February 7th, 14th and 28th from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Bonjour! Join French teacher Amber Ruth as she uses songs and fun activities in this interactive, 4-week class. Intended for children in grades K-5. Space is limited! Call 231-352-4671 to register!

OPEN BUILD DAY

Friday, February 13th from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Drop in anytime to build with Lego, duplo, magna-tiles and other blocks. Creations can be left at the library to be put on display!

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT - Library Olympics

Friday, February 20th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

While the Winter Olympics are going on in Italy, we're hosting the Library Olympics in Frankfort. Compete in some of your favorite sports, make Olympics themed crafts and enjoy a snack.

LEARN & CREATE WITH THE BENZIE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Thursday, February 19th @ 10:30 a.m.

The Benzie County Conservation District will be on-hand during our Homeschool Meet-Up program to provide activities and information. Topics include how animals adapt in the winter, how to identify animal tracks, Gyo-taku fish printing, dissecting owl pellets and winter bird watching and identification.

ADULT PROGRAMS

FACT FINDING: NAVIGATING OUR SEA OF INFORMATION

Tuesday, February 10th @ 11:00 a.m.

In the information age it can be hard to find facts. Join our local League of Women Voters to talk misinformation and how to find accurate information.

BOOK SHARE

Wednesday, February 18th @ 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

CIVICS AT HOME: BECOMING INVOLVED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tuesday, February 24th @ 11:00 a.m.

Act locally and be Civic with League of Women Voters - Grand Traverse Area. A representative of the LWV-GTA will explain how you can become more involved in local government and your community.

WEATHERING THE STORM: HOW TO HANDLE STRESS

Wednesday, February 25th @ 10:30 a.m.

Join MSU Extension's Dr. Remington Rice for a straightforward workshop on stress, resilience, and staying steady when life gets rough. Learn how to recognize the early signs of stress, understand the eight areas of wellness that keep you steady, and pick up practical tools you can use right away. We'll also touch on loneliness, connection, and the community resources that help you stay strong and supported.

LORD OF THE RINGS BOOK CLUB (LOTR Book Club)

Mondays @ 6:00 p.m., March 2nd through April 13th

Join us for a 7-week paced reading and discussion of J.R.R. Tolkien's Fellowship of the Ring. Whether you join us from start to finish, or stop in for your favorite chapters, this book club welcomes those just starting their adventure and returning visitors to Middle Earth.

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 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Library Program Room.

HOOK, NEEDLE & KNITS CRAFT GROUP

Thursdays @ 2:00 p.m.

Hook, Needle & Knits is a welcoming space to work on your projects and share crafting tips. Bring your project and stitch the season away.

Weathering the Storm

How to handle stress

Dr. Remington Rice (MSU Benzie Extension)
explains how to stay steady when life gets rough.



Recognize the early signs of stress,
find support through community resources,
and pick up practical tools you can use right away.

Wednesday, February 25th @ 10:30am



and now, a message from the director

Stacy Pasche,
Library Director

What, me worry?

As a library director, it is my job to anticipate problems before they occur. As an anxious person with an overactive imagination, planning for future problems can be overwhelming. Worriers like myself are certainly familiar with the phrase *what if*. What if people stop using the library? What if something happens to the building? What if MeL funding is eliminated? What if censorship attempts escalate? What if needs grow faster than resources? What if? What if?

But *what if* is not just for anxious minds. *What if* is a standard question for dreamers and visionaries. *What if* is the spark behind every new program, every moved shelf, every budget review, and every strategic planning session. When we start asking *what if* through a lens that is more Pollyanna than

pessimism, the answers to those *what if* questions become plans, partnerships, and progress for the library. And yes, all of that alliteration was on **Purpose**.

I invite you to share your *what if's* with us. After all, the library has always been a place for questions! When we ask *what if* together, we affirm the library's role as a resilient and responsive institution that is deeply rooted in **Possibility**.

Stacy, aka Stacy **Pasche**



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Titles shared at the January Book Share:

Crown by Evanthia Bromiley
The Correspondent by Virginia Evans
Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy
We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes
Death and the Gardner by Georgi Gospodinov
The Widow by John Grisham
Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy by Jacqueline Kennedy
American Sirens by Kevin Hazzard
The Tell by Amy Griffin
Moral Treatment by Stephanie Carpenter

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