



April 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.

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, April 22nd @ 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Join us for games, Lego, crafts & snacks!

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT - Superhero Night

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

It's going to be a "super" party. Games, crafts, activities, food and more. Come dressed as your favorite Superhero.

ADULT PROGRAMS

PEEP THIS! DIORAMA CONTEST : ALL AGES

April 1st - 18th

Create a diorama based on a book to be displayed in the library for a chance to win Peeptastic Prizes! Stop in to pick up your supplies, while they last.

PEEP THIS! DIORAMA VOTING

April 20th - 30th

Cast your vote in the Peep This! Diorama Contest. Visit the library to view and vote for your favorite. See the creativity in our community!

BOOK SHARE

Wednesday, April 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

ENHANCING COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Tuesday, April 14th @ 10:30 a.m.

Join Dr. Remington Rice for a hands-on workshop that helps you build stronger, more effective communication skills. You'll learn how to ask better questions, listen with focus, and have supportive conversations in everyday situations. Through simple practice activities, you'll gain confidence and learn how to guide someone toward helpful resources when they need extra support. You'll leave with practical tools you can use right away to improve how you talk, listen, and connect with others.

PICKIN' WITH THE CHAMP

Tuesday, April 14th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m

Need some *MOREL* support? Whether you're a seasoned pro or first-time picker, you're bound to find a new perspective on gathering morel mushrooms! The Williams family has been picking mushrooms in Northern Michigan since the 1890s. Anthony's advice has proven to be enlightening for everyone of all picking experience. Five time National Morel Picking Champion and "Expert in Residence" for the National Morel Festival, Anthony Williams, leads this seminar.

WAKING UP THE GARDEN with Plant it Wild!

Monday, April 20th @ 5:30 pm

Hold that rake! Join us as we welcome the return of gardening season in Benzie County. Plant it Wild's Cheryl Gross will cover the essential first steps to take after a long winter— what to clean up, what to leave, and how to get your soil and beds ready for planting. Get ready to step into spring with confidence and a plan in hand.

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

 **Welcome back to our fiber arts volunteer Lisa!** 

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.

Waking up the Garden

WITH PLANT IT WILD!

Cheryl Gross from Plant it Wild covers the essential first steps to take after a long winter: what to clean up, what to leave, and how to get your soil and beds ready for planting. Get ready to step into spring with confidence!



MONDAY, APRIL 20TH @ 5:30 PM



**and now, a message
from the director**

Stacy Pasche,
Library Director

Guys, Guys, Guys, you gotta try Kanopy!

What it is:

Kanopy is an ad-free streaming service accessible to all in-district BSDL cardholders. It specializes in critically acclaimed, indie, and classic cinema, including titles from A24, Criterion Collection, and PBS & BBC programming. It is currently my favorite library service and I can't recommend it enough.

How to get started:

1. Go to the Kanopy website or download the Kanopy app
2. Select Benzie Shores District Library as your library
3. Enter your library card number and create an account using your card number and email address.

Once you're logged in, you can start streaming right away on your phone or tablet (app), or Computer (web browser), or on a Smart TV / streaming device (like Roku, Fire TV, Apple TV). And the best part? No ads! None. No credit card needed, no "free trial ends in 3 days" panic, and no surprise charges later.

How it works:

Instead of unlimited streaming, Kanopy uses a monthly credit system called "tickets" or play credits. You will receive 20 tickets each month and each film usually costs 1-2 tickets. Your tickets reset every month.

What you can watch:

The variety of Kanopy's content is what really makes it a treasure of a collection. A pop-culture nerd like myself can find a lifetime's worth of cult classics and brain candy; *Night of the Living Dead*, *The Harder They Come*, *Donnie Darko: Director's cut*, *The Man Who Fell to Earth*, *Shane*, *Barbarilla*, *Monty Python's Meaning of Life*, *Kentucky Fried Movie*, *Valley Girl* and *Party Girl*.

But wait, there's more! Kanopy boasts over 30,000 titles including:

- Art house cinema and indie favorites
- BBC series and literary adaptations
- British detective shows (*Hey Mom, you can stream Father Brown whenever you want!*)
- The Great Courses
- Documentaries. Nature, history, true crime, art, science. All the things!
- Rock Docs, Rom Coms, & Spaghetti Westerns
- Family Movie night? Enjoy unlimited check outs in their curated collection just for kids

It's a cinefile paradise and it's totally free with your library card.

Happy Watching,

Stacy



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Titles shared at the March Book Share:

[Wolf Willow by Wallace Stegner](#)
[The Correspondent by Virginia Evans](#)
[The Paris Bookseller by Carrie Maher](#)
[Beacon Bakeshop Mystery Series by Darci Hannah](#)
[The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner](#)
[Ruby Falls by Gin Phillips](#)

[The Widow by John Grisham](#)
[Harriet Tubman Live in Concert by Bob the Drag Queen](#)

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