
Benzie Shores District Library Shorelines

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HELP US GO FROM Good TO GREAT! LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT January, 2010 ~ March, 2010

The Benzie Shores District Library and the Friends of the Benzie Shores District Library are pleased to announce plans for a library renovation project which will take place this winter.

BSDL'S VISION: "In order to provide 21st Century library resources and services, we will launch a two-year capital campaign to fund vital improvements necessary to broaden and update our technology and meet the needs of the community."

Question: The library is so beautiful, why do we need a renovation?

Answer: While it is true that the library is beautiful, not only have library services and community needs changed profoundly over the last several years, but there are major maintenance tasks that must be addressed periodically which exceed the normal operating budget. In response to these changes and because of technology, increased library usage, and new and expanded library services, the library needs to renovate. The renovation project is entirely an adaptive reuse of the building with the purpose of meeting the needs of the community, especially the needs of children and young adult population.

Question: How has usage of the library increased?

Answer: We are substantially busier every year.

- Library circulation has increased 237% in the last ten years.
- Circulation has increased 9% every year for the last 3 years.
- Internet usage has gone from zero to sometimes over 300 users per day.
- In the last 12 months we have had over 31,500 computer uses.
- Children's services (circulation and programming) have increased.

Question: What is the goal of the fundraising campaign?

Answer: The goal is \$100,000 in a capital campaign extending over a two-year period.

- We have already done extensive planning, have the design, and have covered the costs of the design phase of the project.
- We are in the process of applying for grants.
- The fundraising goal is \$25,000 by December 31, 2009.
- In this two-year campaign we hope to raise an additional \$75,000 by December 31, 2010 for a total of \$100,000.
- The Library and the Friends of the Library have both established building funds and started fundraising efforts.
- The library has an operating millage in perpetuity.

Question: What will be improved in the newly renovated building?

Answer: The library will be renovated to provide better services to all.

- The children's and young adult areas will be nearly doubled and moved away from the adult computers.
- Seating will be increased by 30%.
- Laptop areas and outlets will be tripled.
- A private work area will be added.
- Stacks will be increased by 10%.
- The collections, including large print, will be more accessible.
- There will be better and more efficient lighting.

Question: Will there be library services during the renovation?

Answer: Library services will be offered throughout the renovation.

Question: Is there a tax advantage for donating to this project?

Answer: Your gift may offer significant tax advantages and may be eligible for the Michigan income tax credit as a contribution to a Michigan library. Please check with your tax consultant for more information on tax benefits.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : BSDL BUILDING FUND.

HELP US GO FROM Good TO GREAT

News from Jon Armstrong, Library Board President

Our campaign to raise \$100,000 to complete the Library's \$300,000 renovation project is being led by board member, **Pat Laarman**. She is being assisted by a committee that includes **Jon Armstrong, Cathy Carter, Ted Curran, Jim Ryan** and **Jan Robb** plus about 25 other dedicated volunteers. Without their help this project would not be possible.

You may be contacted by one of the people helping with the campaign. Another option is: if you would like to help us with our campaign, please complete the pledge form included in the newsletter. There is no minimum contribution. Every dollar will help us meet our goal. Checks should be made payable to **BSDL Building Fund**. Check with your tax advisor as most contributions will be eligible for a Michigan tax credit as well as a deduction from both Michigan and Federal income taxes.

Any assistance in helping us go from "Good to GREAT" would be appreciated.

WINTER VENUE, LIBRARY SERVICE AND "THE MOVE"

All of the shelving, books and carpeting must be removed from the library so that the electrical wires can be placed in the cement flooring. Although we will be offering library service from another venue during the renovation, we will be open throughout the process. We will have the computers, wireless and a core collection of books and, of course, MeLCat service. The winter location will be at David's Harborside, 421 Main Street, Frankfort. Our thanks to the owners who have donated the site for our winter use. The rest of the books and shelving will be in storage.

Presently we are organizing the move of the network server, public computers, wireless, organizing the floor plan of the temporary venue, deciding which books to take and which to store, deciding what shelving to take and what to store, and organizing storage.

To follow the project through photos, please go to our website, www.benziesthoreslibrary.org

TIME LINE FOR THE PROJECT

- November 12, 2009: Renovation "Reflections" Program, 7:00 p.m., at BSDL
- End of November: Call for Bids
- January 4-8: Library Move
- January-March: Library renovation/fund raising
- End of March: Move back into the library

What can you do to help? At this time, we are still in the planning stages, but we will have jobs for a lot of volunteers. If you are able to help in any way, please leave your name at the desk or give us a call at 352-4671.

TO LEARN MORE, DON'T MISS THE REFLECTION'S PROGRAM ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

(See "Reflections by the Bay" programming on this page)

DISPLAYS

There will be a display on the library renovation project in the library display case from now until November 13, 2009. A new display, including a rendition, will be in the case after November 13th.

"REFLECTIONS BY THE BAY"



November 12, 2009

7:00 pm

NOTE: This is a Thursday
"From Good to GREAT"
by **Alyce Riemenschneider**

Award winning interior designer, **Alyce Riemenschneider** will present plans for the Winter of 2010 library renovation project. Alyce was the designer for the 1993 renovation and addition to the Frankfort Library. On **Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** Riemenschneider will be the featured speaker at the Reflections by the Bay Program. The designer, library board members and staff will be available to answer questions about this project.

Lifelong Benzie County resident and ardent library supporter, **Dave Mead**, will host the program.

We hope that everyone will attend and see, first hand, all the exciting changes that are taking place at the library.

December, 2009 ~ NO PROGRAM

The *Reflections* series, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is offered every third **TUESDAY** of the month (except December or where notified of change), is open to the public, and is free of charge. It is held at the Benzie Shores District Library. Refreshments are served following the program. Please come and join us.

Please check for more details which are available on the library website www.benziesthoreslibrary.org



Richard Lutz and **Jon Armstrong** looking over the renovation plans for Benzie Shores District Library.

REMEMBERING THE LIBRARY MOVES OF 1993 AND 1994

WELLLLLL! It is certainly a challenge to move a library. There are several of us, including **Joe Hommel, Julie Morris, Cindy Collier, Kay Leers**, many volunteers and myself (**Cathy Carter**) who swore they would never move a library again, but here we are...all ready for another adventure!

When the building at 630 Main Street was under construction and renovation, we moved to the old Sears Building (E-klek-tik-a) for six months. To add to our undertaking, the temporary library flooded twice that winter!

Cindy, Julie, and I (and helpers) labeled every shelf of books and every box. We then packed all of the books into boxes. **Dan Collier, Joe Hommel** and helpers moved all the shelving. Luckily, Joe had the foresight to have a shelving floor plan that included a plan of where not only the shelving was to be installed but where every box of books would go.

On the day of the move, the computer techies came first and moved the circulation system. Then several sports teams from the high school came and moved the books into 17 pickup trucks. While the pickups were being loaded, Dan and Joe set up the shelving. Then the books were unloaded and unpacked and we opened for business. In April, 1994 we did it all in reverse. After we packed the books again and tore the shelving down, we had professionals install the shelving in the new building because the old shelving had to be integrated with the new shelving. The computer techies moved and set up the computers. The only glitch was that there was no phone system in the new library. **Don Reid** volunteered to help us and on a Friday night he installed a phone system. Then we opened for business.

Having learned some lessons from the previous move, this time we will have the floor plan for the temporary venue done a bit in advance! We will still label the shelves and boxes but we will have shelving people dismantle and install the shelving at the temporary venue. Some of the shelving will be stored and some set up in the temporary library.

We will continue to have book groups and children's programming and operate as normally as possible. We are not yet certain how it is all going to work, but one thing we know for sure is that we will offer the best library service we can this winter!

State Budget Issues and the Library of Michigan

Libraries in the State of Michigan have some amazing collaborative programs that are essential for good library service in the state. One of the collaborative programs is MeLCat, the statewide InterLibrary Loan service. From home, school or work, all of our patrons can access books and materials from most of the libraries in the state. The title can be ordered on-line and be delivered to the BSDL. We have delivery service every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

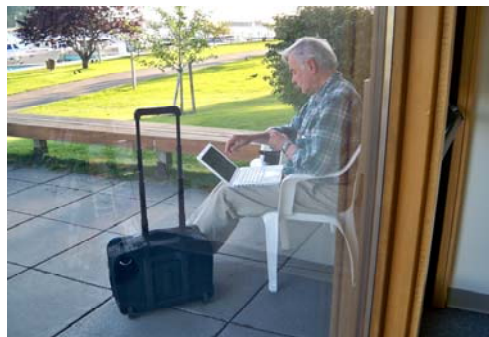
The MeL (Michigan Electronic Library) databases are available to every person in Michigan, from libraries, home, work and school. These databases offer access to information that would be completely unaffordable if each library had to provide the funding. Since it is a collaborative effort, sponsored both on the federal and state levels, the access is free to everyone. However, if state funding to libraries is reduced to levels that do not meet federal matching standards, the MeL databases and the MeLCat Interlibrary loan will be in jeopardy.

State funding to public libraries has not increased since 1998.

The budget situation and its impact on libraries as of October 22 is that the Governor of Michigan signed the Education budget which cuts \$164 per pupil from the school aid. That same budget includes the Library of Michigan budget and State Aid to libraries. It has \$6,000,000 for state aid to libraries. This is a 40% cut in State Aid. No other state department is being cut 40%. Last year at this time they had passed \$10,000,000 for State Aid. The House has voted to restore the \$4,000,000 cut from libraries but the Senate is not budging on new revenue sources to pay for it. The budget fight is not over yet and is likely to continue into November and beyond.



The children's area is a busy place, with lots of young children choosing their special books. Presently, this area abuts the computer area.



Enjoying BSDL's wireless internet while basking in the sun and enjoying the beautiful view of the Bay on the library's patio.



After hours photo of the computer area. There is usually a line waiting to use the computers.

FUN FOR CHILDREN AT THE LIBRARY

Summer is a happy memory now...over 300 children participated in our Summer Reading Program...over 200 people flocked into the library to see Dr. Bird Brain from the Kalamazoo Nature Center...and oodles of children attended Story Hours from June to early August! The BSDL staff sincerely thanks all of the **parents, grandparents and caregivers** who support library programs with such commitment. We thank the wonderful children who participate with such enthusiasm. Many thanks to **Helen Dewey** who coordinates the Summer Reading Program for all of the county libraries and who does a massive amount of reading and booktalking to all of the county elementary and middle schoolers. Thanks also to **Carol Edmonds** for preparing and taking time to booktalk in the schools, as well. Our thanks to the **Benzie County merchants** who jump onboard to provide prizes for the program finishers! And, finally, a big thanks to our awesome **Friends of BSDL** who help finance our summer programs for children so generously season after season! Supporting the children of our communities in these ways has tremendous value. It is important that they learn that the library is a source of knowledge and fun to be utilized ALL of their lives!

In October, BSDL started a monthly **“TIME FOR TODDLERS”** program. Due to renovation plans, we currently have planned sessions only through December (**November 18 and December 16**) but will post the 2010 dates as soon as possible. Toddlers join together at **9:00 a.m.** on these days to move, learn rhymes, sing songs, and play with toys and other toddlers!

STORY HOURS—taking place on **THURSDAYS** at **10:00 a.m.**—will run through November 19th. Again, once the renovations begins, we will make plans about where and when to meet for the winter months. As the weather changes, bundle up and come to the library where the reading is warm and wonderful!

“A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.”
-Henry Ward Beecher



STORY TELLER EXTRAORDINAIRE and puppet master, **Julie Morris** captivates her audience.



WHAT FUN!! The children are totally involved while listening to Julie reads *“Madlenka’s Dog.”*



Cade’s smile shows how much he is enjoying sitting in “the boat” while looking at *“Find the Piglet.”*



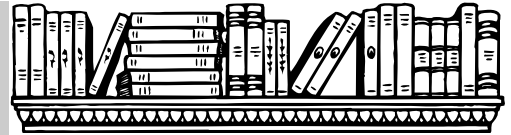
Julie’s puppet shows are very popular with all of the children and even the adults who have an opportunity to catch up on their work!



These children are watching Julie’s puppet show with rapt attention. Don’t you love the expressions on their faces!!

What's New in the Library

By Cathy Carter



THE "OTHER" GENRES: WESTERNS

Time and again we talk about Mystery, Suspense and Romance which are all popular genres. However, Westerns and Science Fiction/Fantasy are also very popular genres.

Many people love Westerns! Westerns appeal to people who enjoy a good story with adventure and action (and an ending that makes sense), the idea of freedom, self-reliance, and a hero with a clear sense of right and wrong. Maybe you think that all Westerns are alike. Did you know that there are subdivisions within the broad definition of Western? That list includes cattle drives, lone hired hands, wagon trains, and early settlements. If you are thinking of trying a Western there is of a type that may appeal to you. Some are humorous and some have romance, so there are lots of choices. There are a rare few women Western writers.

If you either think that Westerns are not for you or if you have never tried one, here are a few suggestions:

The Virginian by Owen Wister. This is often considered to be the first real Western. It is a wonderful story about a cowboy who falls in love, faces a lot of moral dilemmas, pulls himself up by the bootstraps, and gets the girl when trouble rears its ugly head again. It is such a good book and full of perfect quotations and insights. It is well worth the time it takes to read it.

Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry. Many have read this book or seen the miniseries. If you have read it, it is a book to re-read. If you haven't read it, you have missed a book that is impossible to put down. Page after page, the characters are faced with one disaster after another. It has scenes that will stay in your memory for years. If you would like to try a Western that has gone awry, try McMurtry's ***Sin Killer***. A good story but not for the faint of heart.

Dancing at the Rascal Fair by Ivan Doig is set in Montana and is the story of Scottish settlers and their hardships. It is a literary Western.

There are several authors of traditional Westerns who are at the top of their field. They are not only good Western authors, they are just good authors. Louis Lamour, Stephen Bly, Loren Estleman and Elmer Kelton are among the best. So the next time you have to wait at the doctor's office or airport, pick up a Western and, guaranteed, the time will fly.

THE "OTHER" GENRES: SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

In most libraries, Science Fiction and Fantasy are grouped together. I have often wondered why because, to me, they are actually very different genres. According to Diana Herald, "Science Fiction could be described as the literature of 'what if?'" That is a perfect definition. Science Fiction subgenres are very diverse. The subjects range from those based on hard science to post-apocalypse to alternate worlds to time travel to aliens to computers. It is an amazing rich genre and full of possible "good reads." Even if you are absolutely convinced that you would not like Science Fiction, here are a few to try.

The top ranked Science Fiction classics, according to various lists, are: ***Ender's Game*** by Orson Scott Card; ***Dune*** by Frank Herbert; ***Foundation*** by Isaac Asimov; ***Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy*** by Douglas Adams; ***1984*** by George Orwell; ***Stranger in a Strange Land*** by Robert Heinlein; ***Fahrenheit 451*** by Ray Bradbury; and ***2001*** by Arthur C. Clarke.

For contemporary Science Fiction, try ***Anansi Boys*** by Neil Gaiman; or try reading the books written by David Weber. Jim Butcher's ***Dresden Files*** is a series of edgy almost detective-like stories. The main character is compelling and so appealing. The secondary characters are all complete people and interesting.

FANTASY

Fantasy is a very familiar genre for most of us because of the ***Harry Potter*** books by Rowling and the ***Lord of the Rings Trilogy*** by Tolkien. Other good Fantasy writers are Terry Brooks, David Eddings, Terry Goodkind, Robert Jordan, George R. R. Martin, and Piers Anthony. I would have to say that the very best fantasy book I have ever read is ***Mists of Avalon*** by Marion Zimmer Bradley. It is the story of Arthur, his sister and Camelot from a somewhat dark point of view. It is a must read. Two current fantasy authors not to miss are Anne McCaffrey and Lois McMaster Bujold.

The top ranked Fantasy classics are: ***Lord of the Rings Trilogy*** and the ***Hobbit*** by J. R. R. Tolkien; ***Harry Potter Series*** by J. K. Rowling; ***Wheel of Time Series*** by Robert Jordan; ***Song of Ice and Fire*** by George R. R. Martin; ***The Belgariad Series*** by David Eddings; ***Sword of Truth Series*** by Terry Goodkind; ***Riftwar Saga*** by Raymond Feist; ***Shannara Series*** by Terry Brooks.

Interestingly enough, Fantasy abounds for young adults and older children. Two older but fascinating Fantasy series are the Lloyd Alexander ***Prydain Chronicles***; and Susan Cooper's ***Dark is Rising Sequence***. Because of the Harry Potter phenomena, children and young adults who like Fantasy are in luck. There are many irresistible new fantasy series available at the library.

Some good Fantasy/Science Fiction titles for youth are ***Graceling*** by Kristin Cashore; ***Graveyard Book*** by Neil Gaiman; ***Heros of the Valley*** by Jonathan Stroud; and ***Hunger Games*** by Suzanne Collins. **In this genre, adults often read young adult titles. These are all highly recommended for adults as well as young people.**

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What's New in the Library

By Cathy Carter (continued)

A FEW NEW BOOKS

FICTION

Spooner by Peter Dexter. This unusual, off-beat novel begins with the ill-fated birth of a baby called Spooner. His life is a series of total disasters, interspersed with some gifts of love. His step-father loves him, but he and Spooner never understand each other. The combination of love and misunderstanding is the basis for most of the events of Spooner's life. His wife and daughter love him...the reader sometimes wonders why. Luckily, dogs love him. This book is a treasure.

Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. This very rare, brilliant book is set in Paris. The writing is breathtaking. It is full of meaningful and insightful observations. The 12-year old main character has decided to kill herself because of the lack of meaning in life. The people with whom she connects after that decision change her life and help her discover meaning.

Desert by J.M.G. LeClezio. This is a stunning book, so beautifully and poetically written, about a young girl who is a refugee in northern Morocco and is forced to flee to France. The author is a Nobel Prize winner.

Not so new, but not to be missed...*The Story Sisters* by Alice Hoffman. A story of secrets kept and promises broken and the complicated relationships of sisters.

Broken for You by Stephanie Kallos is a very intriguing book about the effect of past family sins on the next generation and the cost of atonement.

A FEW NEW BOOKS

NON-FICTION

How to Do Everything; Facebook Applications by Jesse Feiler is good for both Facebook beginners and more experienced social networkers.

National Parks: America's Best Idea by Dayton Duncan is based on the PBS series by Ken Burns. To read this book is to be convinced that National Parks are our greatest treasure, and those who first established them, explored them, and protected them, were heroes.

Growing Chinese Vegetables in Your Back Yard by Geri Harrington is a good introduction to growing some unusual vegetables.

Two new Michigan books that are excellent are *Pandora's Locks: the Opening of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway* by Jeff Alexander. This book tells of the devastating effect joining the Great Lakes to the Seaway had on lake ecology. *Historic Cottages of Glen Lake* by Barbara Siepker shows lovely cottages that bring another era to life.

OUR 2009 USED BOOK SALE

Once again the weather cooperated and contributed to a very successful Book Sale. Many thanks to members of the **Panther's Football Team** who moved all the books that had been at a storage site, to "under the tent." We really appreciated their muscles and hard work. Saturday morning, with the books on site, volunteers filled the tables with books, videos and CDs while anxious buyers were held at bay. At 9:00 a.m. the sale was on and the buyers did their selecting and quickly reduced the piles of books.

At the end of the day our supporters and volunteers found that they had turned the donated books into cash: over \$5,500. These funds make it possible for the Friends of the Library to support many activities for the library, including funds for the upcoming renovation.

Many thanks to all of our patrons, book donors, volunteers, and the Coast Guard, who contributed their time and energy to make the book sale a success. Without you, it would not happen.

A special thanks to **Jan Robb** who chaired this fund raiser with **her committee**. It required a great deal of organization, sorting, moving, and selling of books.

Remember to mark the **third Saturday in August** on your **2010** calendar so you can stock up on books for your fall and winter reading enjoyment.



Benzie Shores District Library: Going from Good to GREAT

2009-2010 Capital Campaign Pledge Card

VISION:

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Your support will help enhance the Library’s services to all users.

Yes, I/we support the Benzie Shores District Library Capital Campaign to renovate the library.

Enclosed is my/our gift of:

\$50 _____ \$150 _____ \$250 _____ Other \$ _____ Book Lover* _____ \$500 _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Please make your check payable to **BSDL Building Fund**

THANK YOU for your support!

Your gift may offer significant tax advantages and may be eligible for the Michigan income tax credit as a contribution to a Michigan library. Please check with your tax consultant for more information on tax benefits.

**Gifts of \$500 or more will receive a free hard cover book of their choice from The Book Store, LLC.*

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

How will this renovation be funded? The Library and the Friends of the Library have been working hard over the years to secure funding for projects such as the renovation.

In addition to the funding on hand, we are applying for grants, and have launched a two-year capital campaign to raise \$100,000



FUN, FUN, FUN

One thing that the staff needs to decide is which authors and titles to take to the temporary location and which ones to store. We will have a box at the library that says, “Don’t Leave Me Behind.”

Please put a note in with titles or authors you think must be available all winter.



BOOK SHARE GROUP

The Book Share Group meets the **second Monday of every month at 9:00 a.m.**

Some recently read titles are *Mud-bound* by Hilary Jordan; *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova; *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett; and *Touch and Go* by Studs Terkel.

It is a joy to hear about a book that sounds so intriguing that you want to read it, especially when it is one you never would have picked out on your own. If you would like to join us, you are most welcome.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

The Great Books Discussion Group meets on **Thursday, November 5** and **Thursday, November 19** at **3:30 p.m.**

Readings are available at the circulation desk. Bring a curious, open mind and join us for a lively conversation.

MEET STACY PASCHE



Stacy Pasche was hired in October, 2009. Before coming to Benzie Shores District Library, Stacy served at Pewaukee Public Library in Pewaukee, Wisconsin as Reference Librarian and Children's Librarian. To the children of Pewaukee she was the "Ukelele Librarian" and to the adults she was known as the woman who worked the Reference desk and "ate too much chocolate."

Stacy received her B.A. from Adrian College and her MLS from Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis. A native of Michigan, Stacy grew up in Sturgis and now resides in Arcadia. She is married and has two children who attend Frankfort Elementary.

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