

A VERY BUSY SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

“If you build it, they will come.” This line from the movie FIELD OF DREAMS could certainly be applied to the Benzie Shores District Library this summer. (Or maybe the line should read “If you renovate, they will come.”) Summer is, by far, the library’s busiest season. This summer broke all records. People using the library were full of compliments on the new design and on how well everything worked. We have received many compliments on how comfortable our easy chairs, tables, and laptop chairs are for studying and computer use. If more funding comes in for renovation, a bit more “lounge” seating will be added.

Now that the renovation is complete and summer is over, the library is working on two major projects. The first is actually a continuation of the renovation project, in that we have received a \$20,000 grant for improving children and young adult services. We are very excited about this, as it will enable us to improve the technology available for both children and young adults. The grant will also help a great deal in developing our collection.

Regarding our digitization project, we have all of the newspapers inventoried, have met with our digitization firm, and received a firm price on the project. Presently, we are applying for grants to make the project possible.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Friend’s “Annual Book Sale” provides a significant portion of our operating funds, but this year’s endeavor has been particularly challenging. All boxes filled with books were moved from the two storage areas (City Hall and the Rineer Building) to the library where the tent was already set up and the tables in place. This was accomplished very quickly with the help of **MANY VOLUNTEERS** and the **Coast Guard**. Everything was ready for Saturday morning when the volunteers would open the boxes and put the books on the tables. Friday night, Mother Nature attacked our best laid plans with a vengeance. Powerfully high winds tore the top of the tent loose and the rain came down in torrents. We were very fortunate that local people saw what was happening, and stopped and took action to cover the exposed boxes with tarps and plastic before library people were even aware of the catastrophe. Their quick action saved the books and the sale. Saturday morning the boxes were quickly opened and the books, all but a few, were undamaged. The sale turned out to be the best ever with gross sales of almost \$7,000.00.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME TO OUR RESCUE, AND TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED IN THE SALE. A special thanks to **JAN ROBB and her committee** who worked throughout the year sorting books and organizing the sale.



A few of the people involved in the year long project of sorting books for the booksale are LtoR: **Judy Grant** and **Suzanne Elms-Barclay**.



Helping keep the water out of the tent the night of the storm are LtoR: **Cindy Collier** and **Connie Barnes**.



Assisting customers the day of the booksale are LtoR: **Audrey Brown** and **Pat Laarman**.

2010 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The 2010 Benzie Shores District Library's Summer Reading Program was a great success with 247 children registering and 119 completing their reading logs on time. The 247 registered participants included children from local area schools, pre-schoolers, home-schoolers, and visitors of various ages.

In addition to the Summer Reading Program, **Miss Julie** presented nine Story Hour Programs with an average attendance of 30-40 children. Julie was thrilled to have two wonderful and very dedicated junior high volunteers who worked very capably with the children, especially during the craft sessions.

Circle Time (for infants and toddlers) was presented by volunteer **Char Taber** from the **Grace A. Dow Library** in Midland. Char volunteered her Monday mornings throughout the summer for this new library service. Both **Story Hours** and **Toddler Times** will continue this fall.

BSDL hosted **Dan Keto** of the **Kalamazoo Nature Center** in early July. He presented an information-rich and entertaining program on the Great Lakes to an enthusiastic gathering of children and adults. This program was funded by the **Friends of the Benzie Shores District Library**.

Phoebe Olszowka won the **Crystal Mountain Alpine Slide drawing** and **Peyton Robinson** won the \$50 savings bond from the **Honor State Bank drawing**. Congratulations to the winners!

Learning to use our new space for the various programs called for some creativity and sheer muscle power. We found our new children's area to be truly comfortable and inviting...and we are looking forward to the collection development and technological improvements for children and young adults that we will be working on this fall and winter. There will be a wider range of library services offered because of a very generous grant.



“REFLECTIONS BY THE BAY”

September 21, 2010 7:00 p.m.

“Training Your Dog”

by Troy Packard

October 19, 2010 7:00 p.m.

“A North Pole Expedition”

by Kerri Finlayson

November 16, 2010 7:00 p.m.

“Cruising and Backpacking in South America”

By Jim Campbell

The *Reflections* series, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is offered every third Tuesday of the month (except December), 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.

NOVEMBER IS THE END OF THE SEASON ~ THERE IS NO PROGRAM IN DECEMBER. WATCH FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFERINGS!

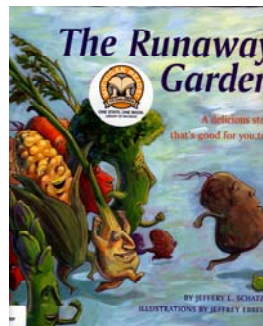
2010 FALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT BSDL

CIRCLE TIME will resume on **Tuesday, October 5th at 9:30 a.m.** Infants, toddlers and their caregivers are welcome to come for songs, rhymes, stories and play! This six-week series will run **through November 9th**.

STORY HOUR will begin on **Thursday, October 7th at 10:00 a.m.** Children of all ages are welcome (emphasis on pre-school-aged children). We'll read stories, enjoy some puppet shows...and make some fun fall crafts. Bundle up and join us for this special time of reading at the library! (Story Hour series runs **through November 11th**).



What a fun time for all at Benzie Shores District Library's **Circle Time**. It's difficult to tell who is having a better time, the adults or the little ones.



The Runaway Garden by Michigan author Jeffery Schatzer is a children's title, chosen as the 2010 Michigan Reads title. It is available at the library and is fun to read and discuss with a child.



Look at that delightful smile! Fun time at BSDL's **Circle Time**.

BENZIE SHORES DISTRICT LIBRARY GETS GRAPHIC

By Stacy Pasche

By demand, we have added many new graphic novels to our collection. These books are very popular for tweens and teens, but it is not uncommon to see an adult perusing the graphic novel collection. The negative stereotype of graphic novels and comic books is that there is no substance to them and they will discourage children from reading “real” books. On the contrary, many of these books appeal to “reluctant readers,” a label given to children that generally don’t read anything at all. To establish a life long love of reading, a child must make reading a habit at an early age. This is done by letting them read what they find enjoyable, not necessarily what we, as parents (and librarians!) think holds the most literary value. Graphic novels have actually proven to increase reading skills in reluctant readers, and there are many that have literary substance as well!

BSDL offers many graphic novels for all ages. For ages 8 to 12, I highly recommend “*The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook*” by Eleanor Davis, and “*Meanwhile*” by Jason Shiga. For the young adult group, we have “*Pinocchio: Vampire Slayer*” and “*I Kill Giants.*” All of these titles are included on the American Library Association’s 2010 list of Great Graphic Novels for Teens. For mature readers, I recommend “*Footnotes in Gaza*” by Joe Sacco and “*Bayou*” by Jeremy Love. Both books contain thought provoking and haunting imagery. Ask at the circulation desk for help locating these and other great graphic titles.



Children actively participating in Dan Keto’s program at the Benzie Shores District Library.



Dan Keto of the Kalamazoo Nature Center captivates the children with his entertaining program on the Great Lakes.

**SEPTEMBER
IS LIBRARY CARD
SIGN-UP MONTH!**

We have a box of candy at the circulation desk that we are willing to share with anyone in our district that signs up for a new card. Already have a card? Tell your friends...then make them share the candy bar with you!



Enjoying a cozy corner and a fun book at BSDL!!



Customers browsing and selecting books they enjoy at the BSDL booksale.



It’s Story Time. Taking time out for a photo op!!

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

By Cathy Carter



DOG BOOKS

Dogs! This summer it seems like everyone has a dog! And everyone certainly loves dog stories. Two wonderful fiction books with the dogs as main characters are *THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN* by Garth Stein and *SIGHT HOUND* by Pam Houston. In both books the dogs feel a big responsibility toward their owners and worry about their owner's happiness. Another title in which the dog is a main character is *WALKING IN CIRCLES BEFORE LYING DOWN* by Merrill Markoe. A tear jerker dog book is W. Bruce Cameron's *A DOG'S PURPOSE*. As Kirkus Review Says, "Marley and Me combined with "Tuesdays with Morrie." This novel demonstrates a dog's ability to love, feel compassion, and protect the humans who love it. *THE SEARCH* by Nora Roberts is a suspenseful book about a dog trainer who is being stalked. Nothing bad happens to the dog, so relax and enjoy one of Nora Roberts's finest suspense novels.

I think that everyone except me loved the memoir *MARLEY AND ME* by John Grogan. The only thing I could think of was how irresponsible the owners were. Another memoir involving a dog is *MERLE'S DOOR* by Ted Kerasote. The author was very involved with his dog to say the least, but the interesting part of this book is the scientific information interspersed throughout the story. *A THREE-DOG LIFE* by Abigail Thomas is actually more about the author coping with her husband's head injury than about the dogs, but does incorporate the importance of dogs to her well-being.

The library owns many dog training books that cover the very simple to the very complex, and a host of different philosophies on dog training. The books range from basics such as *SIT COME DOWN HEEL STAY AND STAND* by Claire Arrowsmith; to *CESAR'S WAY* by Cesar Milan; to *GOOD OWNER'S GREAT DOGS* by Brian Kilcommon. *CITIZEN CANINE* by Mary Burch is a very solid rule book on good manners for dogs. A dated, but intriguing book is *DOGS AND THEIR WOMEN*. It contains photographs of women and their dogs with a quote that goes with the "couple." My favorite is a picture of a golden retriever and her owner in sunglasses. The quote is, "People tell us we look more like sisters than mother and daughter." We also have a book called *THE DOG WHO LOVED TOO MUCH* by Nickolas Dodman. This interesting book is on dog psychology and the successful treatment of problem behavior in dogs.

AMISH BOOKS

Why are romance novels with an Amish setting so popular? According to a recent USA Today article, "Romance Novels Set in Amish Country Pick Up The Pace" by Deirdre Donahue, Amish romance is one of the fastest growing genres in romance publishing. Donahue says, essentially, that the sense of a simpler life, connectiveness, low-tech lifestyle, small town atmosphere, family, faith, and home appeals to readers. Of course, as with all romances, there is the appeal of the "outsider." The library owns several Amish romances and some Amish mysteries.

Some of the authors writing in the Amish romance genre are Cindy Woodsmall, Beverly Lewis, Wanda Brunstetter, and Shelly Gray. Penelope Williamson's *THE OUTSIDER* is a bit edgier choice with an Amish setting. P. L. Gaus, Marta Perry, and Barbara Workinger also writes Amish mysteries.

WHAT TO READ NEXT? LISTS AND MORE LISTS....

It is often a challenge to find a good book, especially after you have just finished one that you absolutely love or after you have finished a long, captivating series. Although we have lots of reference books that help find the next good book for you, and NoveList at www.mel.org, we are constantly on the lookout for titles we can suggest to people. We have a few shelves at the library labeled "Books Too Good To Miss." Lists that we run across often help us find titles that might appeal to our readers.

TOP TEN WESTERNS

Bill Ott, writing for BookList Magazine, lists the top ten westerns published in the last decade. Some, however, are reprints of the older books. Nine of the ten are available at the Benzie Shores District Library. The *STONE GARDEN* by Bill Brooks is out of print, but available through MelCat. Bill Ott's list is as follows:

BEECHER ISLAND by Tim Camplin; *BLUE-EYED DEVIL* by Robert Parker; *BOOK OF MURDOCK* by Loren Estleman; *COLD PLACE IN HELL* by William Blinn; *CUSTER'S BROTHER'S HORSE* by John Hardy; *FAR BRIGHTER STAR* by Robert Olmstead; *JERICHO'S ROAD* by Elmer Kelton; *MONTANA DAWN* by Stone Wallace; *STONE GARDEN* by Bill Brooks; and *WILD GIRL* by Jim Fergus.

If this were my list and if it were to include the all time best westerns, it would have to include *LONESOME DOVE* by Larry McMurtry and *THE VIRGINIAN* by Owen Wister.

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

In the American Libraries Magazine, December 2009, the following recently published titles are the top ten young adult books chosen by **11,000 teen readers**. What is so interesting about this list is that the titles were chosen by the teenagers themselves rather than by adult reviews or panels awarding prizes. All are available at the Benzie Shores District Library:

PAPER TOWNS by John Green; *BREAKING DAWN* by Stephenie Meyer; *HUNGER GAMES* by Suzanne Collins; *CITY OF ASHES* by Cassandra Clare; *IDENTICAL* by Ellen Hopkins; *GRAVEYARD BOOK* by Neil Gaiman; (Continued next page)

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WAKE by Lisa McMann; UNTAMED by P. C. and Kristin Cast; DISREPUTABLE HISTORY OF FRANKIE LANDAU-BANKS by E. Lockhart; and GRACELING by Kristin Cashore.

Many young adult books are hidden treasures for adult readers and well worth trying. If you have not tried a young adult book, try WHIRLIGIG by Paul Fleischman, a wonderful story of the retribution required from a boy who drives while drunk and kills a girl. HUNGER GAMES by Suzanne Collins is a very disturbing, but great story of what happens when children are dehumanized. OUT OF THE DUST by Karen Hesse is about the Great Depression from a young person's point of view and is written in verse. HOMECOMING by Cynthia Voigt is about the oldest daughter taking care of her siblings when the mom becomes mentally ill. STONER AND SPAZ by Ron Koertge and BIG MOUTH AND UGLY GIRL by Joyce Carol Oates both have two outcasts as the main characters. EDENVILLE OWLS by Robert Parker is a fictionalized version of Parker's own boyhood. LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO by Richard Peck, is a hilarious book for any age reader. BOOK THIEF by Markus Zusak is a book club favorite because there is so much to discuss. HATTIE BIG SKY by Kirby Larson is historical fiction with a tough-as-nails teenage girl main character. FLIGHT by Sherman Alexie is a story in which a young Indian survives the foster care system, damaged and hurting, but whole. WARRIOR HEIR by Cinda Chima is full of magic and wizards. Even if you are not one for wizards, this book is well done and so worth reading. The CARDTURNER by Louis Sachar is a must read for every bridge player.

A young adult novel I haven't read, but which has an interesting opening paragraph is IF I HAVE A WICKED STEPMOTHER, WHERE'S MY PRINCE by Melissa Kantor. It starts like this:

Chapter One

Cinderella	Me
dead mother	dead mother
wicked stepmother	wicked stepmother
evil stepsisters (2)	evil stepsisters (2)
friendless	friendless

I think I would like to get to know this girl. She is probably a hoot!

TOP 100 CHILDREN'S NOVELS

School Library Journal did a poll of the top 100 children's novels. If you are interested in the entire list, you can Google it, or stop in at the library and take a look. The entire 100 books are available in our own children's collection. The top 10 follow:

(1) CHARLOTTE'S WEB by E. B. White; (2) WRINKLE IN TIME by Madeleine L'Engle; (3) HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE by J. K. Rowling; (4) THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE by C. S. Lewis; (5) FROM THE MIXED UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER by E. L. Konigsburg; (6) HOLES by Louis Sachar; (7) THE GIVER by Lois Lowry; (8) SECRET GARDEN by Frances Hodgson Burnett; (9) ANNE OF GREEN GABLES by L. M. Montgomery; and (10) THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH by Norton Juster

I AM SURE WE ALL HAVE OUR OWN TOP CHILDREN'S NOVELS. MY TOP DOZEN WOULD BE:

(1) CHARLOTTE'S WEB by E. B. White; (2) ANNE OF GREEN GABLES by L. M. Montgomery; (3) HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE by J. K. Rowlings; (4) POLLYANNA by Eleanor Porter; (5) A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO by Richard Peck; (6) BOOK OF THREE by Lloyd Alexander; (7) TALE OF DESPEREAUX by Kate DiCamillo; (8) WAINSCOTT WEASEL by Tor Seidler; (9) BETSY-TACY by Maud Hart Loveless; (10) THE BFG by Roald Dahl; (11) THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER by Barbara Robinson; and (12) RAMONA THE PEST by Beverly Cleary

NEW BOOKS:NON-FICTION

TOWN THAT FOOD SAVED by Ben Hewitt

Ben Hewitt lives in a rural area in Vermont in a town that was in hard economic times. Because the local farmers and town folks made a commitment to high quality local food, the town is thriving. He sums things up: "But even if you never come to Hardwick, I hope that you recognize something of her in your hometown. I hope that you recognize something of her within *yourself*, because the work that awaits us will be done in this quiet way: neighborhood by neighborhood, community by community, person by person, until we are all linked by the very thing that grants us life. Until we have wrested our destiny from a system that is convoluted, hierarchical, and dangerous for the dependence it engenders and planted it in our own communities, in our own soils, with our own hands. Until someday when we can look back and realize it wasn't just a town that food saved: It was a country."

PASSAGES IN CAREGIVING by Gail Sheehy

Every family should own this book. Dealing with caregiving is an issue that all of us face at some point and no matter how well prepared we are, overwhelming decisions seem to outpace our resources and information. This book can help. Another great book regarding dealing with, and communicating with the elderly, is ANOTHER COUNTRY by Mary Pipher. What many of us cannot understand is that for people who survived the Great Depression, World War II and other events that required a courageous degree of self reliance, it is so very difficult to have to give up their self sufficiency as they age. A book full of anecdotal information with one of the best suggestions being, enlist the help of the grandkids.

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NEW BOOKS:NON-FICTION (continued)

BROKE, USA: FROM PAWNSHOPS TO POVERTY, INC. by Gary Rivlin

Rivlin writes an expose on the businesses that exploit the working poor. This very eye-opening account leaves you wondering who the poor and the working poor can trust.

SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE & GOVERNMENT PENSIONS by J. L. Matthews

There is a lot of confusion when one is facing Medicare and Social Security decisions. This book may help guide you through some of the processes.

PROFILER: MY LIFE HUNTING SERIAL KILLERS AND PSYCHOPATHS by Pat Brown

Pat Brown was one of the first female profilers. Her insights into criminal minds are chilling.

HOW DOCTORS THINK by Jerome Groopman

Every doctor and every patient (or potential patient) should read this book. It is not a road map on how to talk to your doctor, or a check list of questions. Rather, it is a more philosophical approach explaining how doctors think and why communication may seem a bit difficult.

FOOD RULES: AN EATER'S MANUAL by Michael Pollan

Eating right seems amazingly complicated at times. Michael Pollan simplified the process with certain rules. This very short book is divided into 3 sections with around 20 rules for each section. The rules begin, "What should I eat?" 1. "Eat food." Rule 2: "Don't eat anything your great grandmother wouldn't recognize as food." This is a very straight forward guide to eating right.

FIELD GUIDE TO POISON IVY, POISON OAK AND POISON SUMAC by Susan Hauser

If this guide included swimmer's itch, it would have covered every rash in Northern Michigan. With the incredible abundance of hiking and biking trails in our area, nature is very accessible. This book is a good tool to use in avoiding exposure to poisonous plants that may cause discomfort or disaster.

REMODELING A BASEMENT by Roger German

According to the author, remodeling a basement is one of the easiest and most cost effective ways to increase living space in a home. Honestly, this is a good book and very, very helpful, but I can't imagine there is anything easy or cost effective about remodeling a basement.

NAKED IN THE STREAM: ISLE ROYALE STORIES by Vic Foerster

The two things people mention after visiting Isle Royale are the beauty and the bugs. These stories relate a deep love of Isle Royale, describe the beauty, and forgive the bugs.

NOMAD: FROM ISLAM TO AMERICAN by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Ayaan Hirsi Ali proves that an interesting, complicated, conflict ridden life makes a riveting biography.

THE OTHER WES MOORE by Wes Moore

In this true story, there are two young men born in the Baltimore area with the same name. One becomes an investment banker and high government official. One kills a policeman after a life of drugs and crime. There are enough similarities in their backgrounds that the reader wonders what happens in a person's life, what crucial decisions, and perhaps, what luck happens that one young man becomes a success and one ends up in jail.

OPRAH by Kitty Kelley

If you think you know everything about Oprah, who is undoubtedly the most powerful woman in the United States, try the Kitty Kelley "tell all" unauthorized biography.

BORN TO RUN by Christopher McDougall

Fascinating, intriguing and mind boggling, this book about the joy of running explores the Tarahumara of Mexico's Copper Canyons. The Tarahumara run for hundreds of miles and consider it to be a great joy. This book is full of interesting ideas about running and exercise.

HOW TO RETIRE OVERSEAS by Kathleen Peddicord

Do you dream of spending some of your retirement years in Paris, Kuala Lumpur or Panama? This is actually a terrific how-to book full of ideas, check lists, and things to think about when deciding about your future.

Two new non-fiction books that are perfect reading for our area are *MARY EMMERLING'S BEACH COTTAGES* by Mary Emmerling and *LAKESIDE LIVING* by Linda Leigh Paul. Emmerling's is on seaside cottages and Paul's is on cottages located on the shores of the Great Lakes area. Both books are full of lovely photos.

NEW FICTION

Summer is a great time to read. Life can be a bit more relaxed and there seems to be more time for leisure. I thoroughly enjoyed Ivan Doig's *WORK SONG*. Summer reading tastes go from beach reads to classics. This summer there seems to be a cornucopia of literary fiction from which to choose. All of the following titles have been critically acclaimed (which generally means they don't end with "happily ever afters"). *LET THE GREAT WORLD SPIN* by Colum McCann; (Continued next page)

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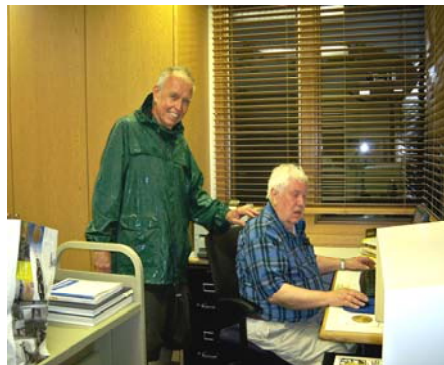
A VISIT FROM THE GOON SQUAD by Jennifer Egan; *BISHOP'S MAN* by Linden MacIntyre; *FREEDOM* by Jonathan Franzen; *THE THOUSAND AUTUMNS OF JACOB DEZOET* by David Mitchell; *WHAT IS LEFT THE DAUGHTER* by Howard Norman; *SUPER SAD TRUE LOVE STORY* Gary Shteyngart; and *THE PASSAGE* by Justin Cronin.

On the other end of the spectrum, you could try a book that has a great title such as *A SECRET AFFAIR* by Mary Balogh, *DON'T MAKE ME CHOOSE BETWEEN YOU AND MY SHOES* by Dixie Cash; *OLD FILTH* by Jane Gardam; or *THIN RICH AND PRETTY* by Beth Harbison; or *SUNSHINE SKETCHES OF A LITTLE TOWN* by Stephen Leacock.

Probably no one wants a steady diet of pop culture, but there are some new books in the library that may spark your interest in the 80s or other eras. These are mostly 80's pop culture titles: *KILLING WILLIS*—any kid or teen who watched TV in the 80's will appreciate this. It is the autobiography of Todd Bridges (a.k.a. "Willis" from *Different Strokes*). *TALKING TO GIRLS ABOUT DURAN DURAN: ONE YOUNG MAN'S QUEST FOR TRUE LOVE AND A COOLER HAIRCUT*—Rob Sheffield writes for *Rolling Stone*, and this is a reflection on his teen years in the 80's. *THE STRANGE CASE OF ORIGAMI YODA* by Tom Angleberger is a book geared toward the 8-12 year old crowd; however, any kid at heart, or Star Wars fan, will find it amusing. *COMPLETE MAKING OF INDIANA JONES: THE DEFINITIVE STORY BEHIND ALL FOUR FILMS* by J. W. Rinzler is great fun for fans of Indiana Jones.

If you are inspired by the 80's pop culture books, here are the fiction best sellers from the 1980s: (1) *THE COVENANT* by James A. Michener; (2) *THE BOURNE IDENTITY* by Robert Ludlum; (3) *RAGE OF ANGELS* by Sidney Sheldon; (4) *PRINCESS DAISY* by Judith Krantz; (5) *FIRESTARTER* by Stephen King; (6) *THE KEY TO REBECCA* by Ken Follett; (7) *RANDOM WINDS* by Belva Plain; (8) *THE DEVIL'S ALTERNATIVE* by Frederick Forsyth; (9) *THE FIFTH HORSEMAN* by Larry Collins/D. Lapiere; and *THE SPIKE*, by de Borchgrave/Moss.

However you choose a book—using lists, the Internet, by recommendation, by reviews—sometimes the best books that come our way and turn out to be some of our favorites are found just by browsing. **However you find a good book, revel in the joy of reading.**



A FEW OF OUR HEROS ~ drenched from the storm. Here are but a few of "our heroes" who put the tent back together during the storm, covered all of the boxes of books with tons of plastic, lifted boxes of books off the ground so they wouldn't get drenched, and smiled all the while. There are MANY MORE who pitched in to prevent what could have been a disaster. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!! LtoR: Dick Robb; (a gentleman from the tent company on the ladder); Dan Collier; Joe Hommel; Jan Robb; and a delightful young man.



COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGY

During BSDL's renovation project all but two of the library's old computers were replaced. Now, through a broadband grant from the state, the library will be receiving a replacement for one of them! The wireless networks had quite a workout this summer and everything went well. The wireless access is fast and reliable...and on 24 hours a day ~ 7 days a week.

For the majority of the summer, the library's seven computer tables and four laptop chairs were full. What a great summer! We were delighted to be extremely busy and to have a well used library that could accommodate the technological needs of our patrons and guests.

MelCat, the statewide Interlibrary Loan request system is really catching on in our service area. We have between 150 and 250 MelCat requests per month. Everyone loves this fabulous service.

MeL databases, which are available from home, work, and school, as well as at the library, are not as well used as we would like. With the full text magazines and newspapers, NoveList, genealogy databases, and so much more, we don't understand why they are not as popular as Google.

BOOK SHARE GROUP

The Book Share Group meets the **second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the library.**

The group meets for one hour to share titles of books they have read and enjoyed.

Some recently read suggested titles include *HALF BROKE HORSE* by Jeannette Walls, and any title by William Kent Krueger.

Come and hear about books that have been a delight to someone else and may unexpectedly interest you.

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

The Great Books Discussion Group meets every other Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the library. The readings are from the Great Books Foundation anthologies and the Foundation format is followed. At every meeting a different assigned reading is discussed.

Stop in at the library to borrow a copy of the current anthology, "Great Conversations, Vol. 1" and join the group.

CARTER SERVES AS LIBRARY DIRECTOR FOR 20 YEARS



The first week of September marked Cathy Carter's twentieth anniversary as Library Director at the library in Frankfort. "Every day," says Carter, "it is a great joy to work in the library. Every day I learn something new and every day I am surrounded by patrons, staff, Friends and the Board members who love the library...AND I have a great view. Who could ask for more than this?"

THANKS JUDY!

Three cheers for **Judy Murray** for keeping the library grounds looking particularly stunning.



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