

DISTRICT-WIDE MILLAGE ELECTION

When was the last time you had an opportunity to vote to **LOWER your millage**? With the successful millage election in Lake Township the people within the library district now have an opportunity to lower the district-wide charter millage rate. The ballot language is as follows:

District Library Replacement Millage Proposal

If approved, this proposal shall permit the Benzie Shores District Library to reduce its previously authorized millage from 1.0 mill to .75 mill.

Shall the Benzie Shores District Library, County of Benzie, Michigan, levy an amount not to exceed .75 mill (\$.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Benzie Shores District Library District in perpetuity beginning in the year 2012, for the purpose of providing funds for all District Library purposes authorized by law; and shall the District Library levy such new additional millage for said purpose? The estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Library in the 2012 calendar year is approximately \$261,000.

Yes

No

A “yes” vote means that the charter millage will be lowered from 1.0 to .75 and Lake Township will be accepted into the library district. A “no” vote means that the charter millage will remain as it is at 1.0 mill and that Lake Township will be denied service. (Please note that the Library Board has agreed to assess .6 mills).

The vote will take place November 8, 2011. Voting is available from 7am to 8pm at City Hall for Frankfort residents, Blaine Township Hall for Blaine residents and at the Crystal Lake Township Hall for Crystal Lake residents. As with other elections, absentee ballots will be available.

If you have any questions, please contact the Library at (231) 352-4671 or e-mail bsdl@benzieshoreslibrary.org.

NEWSPAPER DIGITIZATION PROJECT UNDERWAY

We’re getting there. When a new technology is introduced, there are some surprises. We are having a few glitches with the search function of the newspaper database. The Benzie County Record Patriot and the Benzie Banner are digitized. (Please check the library website for the years that are in the database). The newspapers are available on-line through the library website.

We will keep you posted with the latest developments in this exciting project. It is so interesting to go back in history and read about what our community was like years ago.



All set and ready to go for the next day’s “Friends” Annual Book Sale. Those who love reading can’t wait to see what is inside that tent!



The grounds of the library have been beautiful with an ever-changing display of colorful flowers for everyone to enjoy.



Benzie Shores District Library on a beautiful sunny day. What a wonderful view of Betsie Bay with the boats moored there during the summer.

WHY WE LOVE OVERDRIVE

Imagine that it is Saturday night and you decide to clean your house, but you have nothing to listen to on your MP3 player or your ipod. Oh, no! Or imagine that you can't sleep and you need a book to read, but nothing on your eReaders sounds good. All you need is a library card and a computer to solve your problems. 24/7 you can download remotely to your computer and transfer the audio book or eBook to your device. Just go to the library website, www.benzieshoreslibrary.org and click on Overdrive. Follow the directions and you will have what you need at no charge. If you have questions, just give us a call at (231) 352-4671.

Many of us are big fans of Overdrive. Several patrons download to MP3 players and listen while doing dishes, cleaning, walking outdoors or on the treadmill. We have patrons who download eBook to their Ipads, Nooks, Kindles and Sony eReaders.



“REFLECTIONS BY THE BAY”

Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the last Reflections programs for the year:

October 19, 2011 7:00 p.m.

“Cookbooks & Cooking”

by Jim Voltz

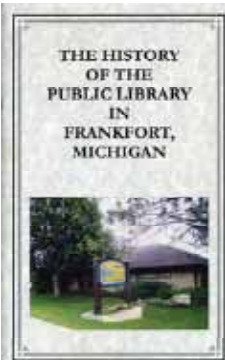
November 16, 2011 7:00 p.m.

“In Search of Westmoreland”

By Ross Richardson

The *Reflections* series, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is offered **every third WEDNESDAY** 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.

LIBRARY HISTORY



“The History of the Public Library in Frankfort, Michigan” chronicles the events in the development of our library. Beginning with its formation in 1871 the history of the library has been rich and varied.

As the Introduction says, “individuals in the Frankfort area have been devoted to creating and sustaining a library for public use since the earliest days of shipping and logging.”

This booklet is available at the library. The suggested donation to the Friends of the Library for the booklet is \$3.00.

LAKE TOWNSHIP

WELCOME Lake Township! The millage election held on August 2nd in Lake Township was successful.

If you live in the Frankfort Elberta Area School District portion of Lake Township you are now eligible for a library card from the Benzie Shores District Library.

SURVEY RESULTS

THANK YOU to everyone who filled out a library services survey.

Benzie Shores District Library is in the process of tabulating the results which will be reported in the December newsletter and also on the library's website.

DIGITIZATION GIFT

The digitization project started with a grant. However, the grant covered only the first phase of the project. A very generous donation from an individual was given to the library to complete the digitization project in its entirety.

This is such a wonderful gift to the community, researchers, and those just interested in the history of the area.



The **Young Writers** Group (ages 8-8th grade) met during June and July learning to use their imagination in creative writing.



Grace & Kate May are all smiles as they watch the Caterpillars and Butterflies that Norman Brown brought to accompany his program..



Norman Brown presenting his Reflections program “Migration of the Monarch Butterfly” which was enjoyed by all ages.

BSDL CHILDREN'S NEWS

Our thanks, once again, to **Helen Dewey** for coordinating the **2011 Summer Reading Program**—our most successful summer reading session to date! 299 kids registered at BSDL to read for 24 hours. 160 completed the program and received coupon booklets for prizes provided by generous Benzie County businesses. It was wonderful to see the program met with such enthusiasm by our amazing BSDL kids!

This summer, BSDL offered something every weekday for children:

Circle Time: Thanks to **Char Taber** for delighting infants and toddlers during "Circle Time!" Char has volunteered to do this for several future summers. Circle Time was very well received. Char, who spends time in Frankfort each week, is an employee of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library in Midland.

Young Writers Group: On Tuesday mornings, children from 8 years old to 8th grade were invited to spend an hour of fun and writing with **Miss Julie**. We were very pleased to see the response from some young people who loved expressing themselves with words. Great fun!

Gaming: **Miss Stacy** spent time at the table in the children's area setting up games for children on Wednesday afternoons and after hours on several summer Saturdays. Whether dice were tossed for board games, or tables moved aside to accommodate "Wii dancing," the library was a fun place for kids to gather on some lazy summer afternoons.

Story Hour: Many children participated in Story Hour sessions with **Miss Julie** on Thursday mornings, celebrating our "One World, Many Stories" theme. Stories were read, puppets performed, and crafts were made during these lively hours at BSDL.

Make It/Take It Crafts: On Fridays, a craft project to pick up and take home was made available for kids of any age. Often, a story from a particular country was included with the craft relating to the story's theme.

What's *NEW* for Fall?

RHYME TIME! Infants and toddlers are welcome to come to BSDL at **9:30 on TUESDAY mornings beginning in October** to share rhymes and songs with **Miss Julie**. This will be a continuation (with some variation) of summer Circle Time. Please join us for some happy time together in the children's area of our lovely BSDL!



The summer **Gaming** program provided fun with other children, and included many different games like checkers and chess.

HALLOWEEN BOOKS



In the children's area there is an amazing display of Halloween books, including ghosts, witches, costume making, pumpkin carving and trick or treating. A few staff favorites are *GHOSTS IN THE HOUSE* by Kazuno Kohara and the *HUMBUG WITCH* by Lorna Balian.

The library is open until 8:00 p.m. Halloween evening...stop in for a sweet or scary book.

DVDs FOR CHILDREN

The DVDs at BSDL are flying off the shelf! We have nature, history, mystery, family and some clearly marked R rated DVDs. However, because our collection began with a grant for children's and young adult materials we have many for our young patrons. *TANGLED* and *GNOMEO* and *JULIET* have been especially popular. We are always happy to receive your suggestions and donations.

DRUMMUNITY!



Thanks to the **Friends of the Benzie Shores District Library** and their sponsorship, our library brought **Lori Fithian** and her dynamic program **DRUMMUNITY** to the library in early July. Folks of all ages came to participate in a drumming circle that raised the library roof!

DRUMMUNITY is a unique interactive program that involves hand drums, percussion, and simple drum circle games. Lori brought her collection of instruments from all over the world (including some of her own originals made from recyclables) and facilitated a fun and energizing experience that left everyone smiling.

BSDL Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



BSDL will be **closed at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23rd, and for the entire day on Thursday, November 24th to celebrate Thanksgiving.**



Drummuny was a lively experience enjoyed by both children and adults.

“BANANAGRAMS, CANDYLAND, MARIO KART AND MORE!”

The above are just a few of the games enjoyed by summer reading program participants this past summer. The library's gaming programs offer area youth a chance to socialize and to discover that the library has more to offer than just books. Many of our gaming programs take place when the library is closed, so that our teens and tweens can enjoy the library and each others company without fear of a stereotypical librarian telling them to “shush.” Our game program participants enjoy a variety of games, from traditional board games to electronic games, like the Nintendo Wii and DS.

Our game equipment was provided by a grant in the spring of 2011. Since word got out that the library owned a Nintendo DS, it is not uncommon for a child to come to the circulation desk and ask “Can I play the DS?” We are happy to let anyone, regardless of age play the DS. It has something to offer for all ages. Contact the library or check our website for more information on our gaming programs. The fall schedule of programs will be on the library website and in the newspaper.

MICHIGAN ELECTRONIC LIBRARY DATABASES

There are changes in the Michigan Electronic Library databases. Some that were offered are no longer available, but there are new ones. If you have never used the MeL databases, you are surely missing out on a wealth of information! Everything from Chilton's car repair, to academic and military practice tests, to full-text articles, are available from home or work through the library website. There are databases that are for children and teachers. The New York Times is available from 1985 to present. On your first visit to www.mel.org we suggest that you start with the tab “About MeL.” There is a video that you can watch to familiarize yourself with the MeL databases to get you started.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

By Cathy Carter



Several authors live in our area (either year around or in the summer) and use the library. They include **Chris Raschka, Bruce Clements, Betsy Howie, Robert Wangard, Jon Hawley, Grant Brown, Laura Shapiro, and Pete Sandman.** We also have had the honor of having such famous authors as **Ann Martin, P.F. Kluge, and Margaret Mallory** stop in the library over the years.

It is not a surprise in this place of such beauty and serenity to have several poets in residence. Some include **Morgan Gibson, Faith Sanders, Tom Marshall and Doreen Fitzgerald** whose poems have been read by Garrison Keillor on The Writer's Almanac. What a good time to read or re-read *WAITING FOR THE MORNING TRAIN* by Bruce Catton. Immerse yourself in what life was like in Benzie County before the automobile.

NEW BOOKS

If you like to read what is popular, this summer the **fiction books** that were reserved most often were *SARAH'S KEY* by Tatiana de Rosnay, the *HELP* by Kathryn Stockett, *PARIS WIFE* by Paula McLain, and *STATE OF WONDER* by Ann Patchett. These books of fiction are all worth reading.

The **non-fiction** books with the longest reserve list were *UNBROKEN* by Laura Hillenbrand, and *IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS* by Erik Larson. *UNBROKEN* takes place during WWII. *IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS* is set in Berlin beginning in 1933.

Two new books that would be great to own for an ‘up North’ home library are *VINTAGE VIEWS ALONG THE WEST MICHIGAN PIKE* by Byron and Wilson, and *IF ROCKS COULD SING* by Leslie McQuirk. The West Michigan Pike book is full of amazing pictures, descriptions and information about the road that is essentially M22. The Rocks book is an engaging children's book that is so fun for everyone. The author spent many years collecting rocks in the shapes of letters. Then each letter of the alphabet is illustrated by a rock picture. If you are a beach walker who loves to pick up rocks, this is definitely the book for you.

The breadth and variety of **non-fiction** titles never ceases to surprise and impress me. Some of the new titles we have added are:

MICHIGAN DOGMAN by Linda Godfrey: is there any factual base to the legend?

WIND TURBINE SYNDROME by Nina Pierpont: health risks of living near wind turbines

101 WAYS TO DO MORE WITH YOUR DOG by Kyra Sundance: more than playing Frisbee, take Fido wind surfing

FIRE SEASON: FIELD NOTES FROM A WILDERNESS LOOKOUT by Philip Connors: watching for fires

YARN GIRLS' GUIDE TO BEYOND THE BASICS by Julie Carles: knitting advice and instructions

DON'T KILL THE BIRTHDAY GIRL by Sandra Beasley: living with life-threatening food allergies

HARE WITH THE AMBER EYES by Edmund De Waal: family history explored through a carved figure

IF YOU ASK ME: (AND OF COURSE YOU WON'T) by Betty White: a compilation of her wit and wisdom

TURN RIGHT AT MACHU PICCHU by Mark Adams: modern look at an historic find

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS by Cathy Carter (Continued)

No matter what you are in the mood to read, there is a book that will suit you. If you are worried, the right book can bring a sense of peace or just serve as a distraction. If you are uninspired, the right book can give you courage. If you just need a break from everything, there is always a book in which you can immerse and forget yourself. Also, if you are in the mood for fun, there is no shortage of books that will make you laugh out loud. If you have any problem finding a book or are interested in what the staff and volunteers suggest, there is a shelf near the new books that says "LIBRARIAN'S CHOICE." Book lists of "readalikes" can be found on the brochure rack. We are always delighted to talk about books and to suggest titles. We all love, love, love books.

Whatever your reading tastes or mood, there are tantalizing new fiction books that you may find interesting:

SOUTH OF SUPERIOR by Ellen Airgood: a woman from Chicago moves to the UP to take care of some elderly ladies

JOY FOR BEGINNERS by Erica Bauermeister: friends challenging and celebrating each other

A PALACE IN THE OLD VILLAGE by Tahar Ben Jellou: proof that you can't go home again

SISTERHOOD EVERLASTING by Ann Brashares: sequel to the "Traveling Pants" trilogy for grown-ups

BORROWER by Rebecca Makkai: uneven, but moving story about a librarian and a young patron

MAINE by J. Courtney Sullivan: good vacation read from beginning to end

BLOODMONEY by David Ignatius: CIA thriller

WRECKAGE by Michael Robotham: a gritty page turner

New genre fiction added this summer includes two new military and seafaring history authors, Philip McCutchan and Tom Grundner. Many of the mystery, science fiction and romance series authors have new books that came out this summer...great beach reading. Be sure to check the BOOKS AND READING GATEWAY at www.mel.org for help finding books in series or readalikes

BOOKS TO READ BEFORE YOU DIE

Every once in awhile we put up the easel and encourage patron input on book ideas. For instance, we had the topic, "The best book I ever read..." or "My favorite book is..." The latest topic was "Before I die, I think I should read..." As to be expected, many, many of the "should reads" were classics. Some of the titles mentioned were: *WAR AND PEACE* by Tolstoy; *100 YEARS OF SOLITUDE* by Garcia Marquez; *MOBY DICK* by Melville; *BROTHERS KARAMAZOV* by Dostoyevsky; *V* by Pynchon; *ULYSSES* by Joyce (mentioned several times...perhaps the "best" book that not many of us have read); *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD* by Lee; *THE ODYSSEY* by Homer; *COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO* by Dumas; *MIDDLEMARCH* by Eliott; *ANGLE OF REPOSE* by Stegner; *EMMA* by Jane Austen

Several **young adult titles** including the *HUNGER GAMES*, *ENDER'S GAME*, and *HATCHET* were on the list, as were current best sellers and some non-fiction titles. The *POWER OF NOW* by Tolle and the *BIBLE* were on the list. But here is my favorite response to "Before I die, I think I should read..." "How to cure whatever it is that is ailing me..."

FAREWELL SWEET SUMMER

SUMMER'S END

Vacation is over;
It's time to depart.
I must leave behind
(although it breaks my heart)

Tadpoles in the pond,
A can of eels,
A leaky rowboat,
Abandoned car wheels;

For I'm packing only
Necessities;
A month of sunsets
And two apple trees.

by Eve Merriam



SEPTEMBER

it rained in my sleep
and in the morning the fields were wet.

I dreamed of artillery
of the thunder of horses.

in the morning the fields were strewn
with twigs and leaves

as if after a battle
or a sudden journey

I went to sleep in the summer
I dreamed of rain

in the morning the fields were wet
and it was autumn.

by Linda Pastan

BOOK SHARE GROUP

The Book Share Group now meets the **second MONDAY of every month** at 9:00 a.m. A few titles shared were *LONG SHOT: MY BIPOLAR LIFE AND THE HORSES WHO SAVED ME* by Sylvia Harris; *JULIET: A NOVEL* by Anne Fortier; *WELSH GIRL* by Peter Ho Davies; and *NEW ENGLAND WHITE* by Stephen L. Carter. The purpose of the group is to talk about books that each person has read. Since everyone has different reading tastes, we all learn about books we might not have heard about.

GREAT BOOKS GROUP

The Great Books Group discussions are on the following Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. The reading selections are available at the library.

Readings from: *Even Deadlier*

October 6: Greed pg. 190-227

October 20: Gluttony pg. 228-257

November 3: Lust pg. 258-296

Readings from: *Great Conversations 3*

(To be announced): November 17; December 1; December 15

THE ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Those of you that remember last year's book sale will recall the Friday night wind and rain storm that ripped up the tent and poured rain on everything. Many volunteers came running and helped move and cover the books with more and more plastic! At this year's book sale we enjoyed beautiful weather which enabled us to have another very successful Book Sale. Many thanks to the volunteers on Friday who worked hard moving books from storage and those on Saturday who organized the books on the tables and handled the sales. **A BIG JOB** well done and the Friends can't **THANK YOU** enough. The income from the Book Sale helps ensure the Friends support of the library's programs and projects. The results of the sale were great. We took in \$6,154.50, which after paying for the tent netted \$5327.50, allowing the Friends to continue to accommodate the library's needs. It wouldn't have been possible without the support of the community and volunteers.

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