

LIBRARY SERVICES SURVEY

In the library world we are constantly talking about how library services evolve and change. This has certainly been the case recently. In order to insure that we are providing the range of services at the level the community needs, the Benzie Shores District Library Board regularly surveys the public. We are conducting a library services **survey from June 27—August 6**. Your input is very important to us. The survey results are extremely helpful to the library's strategic planning process, are used to determine how our resources can best be used and to determine what our focus will be in the future.

A printed copy of the survey is available at the library. To respond to the survey online, please visit our website at www.benzieshoreslibrary.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

LAKE TOWNSHIP

Under a library services agreement, residents of the portion of Lake Township that lies within the Frankfort-Elberta School District are now eligible for library cards at the Benzie Shores District Library. On August 2nd, voters living within that area will have the opportunity to maintain full participation in the library through approval of a millage proposal. The cost to taxpayers will be identical to that paid by all other property owners in the library's service area.

Voting will occur at the Lake Township Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 2nd. Absentee ballots are available beginning July 5th. With the approval of this proposal by Lake Township voters, and subsequently by voters throughout the service area, the library will continue to serve Lake Township.

We are very, very pleased to be serving Lake Township. It has been a dream of ours for years.

LIBRARY HISTORY

Compiling the history of the library has been an on-going project! The booklet "THE HISTORY OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN" will be available at the Library in July. **Teresa Mensching** did the research and most of the writing, and **Kay Hommel** did the layout and the editing. The Friends of the Library sponsored the history project. We hope you enjoy reading about the rich history of the public library in Frankfort.



Birdie Wright presenting a donation to **Cathy Carter** in memory of her aunt, **Linda Potts**, who was the first librarian of the Frankfort Community Library (now BSDL). It would have been Linda Pott's 114th birthday.



Aren't books wonderful! How do you decide which one to read first? Glad we joined the library's Summer Reading Program..



Pat Laarman and **Jim MacKenzie** working diligently at Benzie Shores District Library's April Strategic Planning Meeting.

NEW SERVICES

The DVD collection is expanding. It was started this winter with a grant for children and young adult services. All of the DVDs which had ratings of G or PG were primarily for children and young adults. The Friends of the Library are now sponsoring the DVD collection, so some titles that are rated R will be added. (These R rated DVDs will only be circulated to patrons who are 17 and older). We are accepting donations of DVDs. DVDs are also available through the library's Overdrive downloadable service. Most of the Overdrive DVDs are educational rather than entertaining. The Overdrive collection of other downloadable formats, such as e-Books and audiobooks, has been greatly expanded. Access to Overdrive is available through the library's website.

New technology services being offered by the library include laptops which are loaned within the library. A Nintendo DS will be available during gaming programs. The Early Literacy Computer Station for children is very popular. Two people can use it at once, which makes it really fun. The gaming events are growing and are well attended. We are also testing the Ubuntu Linux operating system on two of the public computers.

DIGITIZED NEWSPAPERS

This winter we had the **Benzie County Record Patriot** newspaper digitized as the first phase of a three phase project. The library owns a collection of bound volumes of this newspaper, but it has been very difficult for researchers to access. Most of the papers are fragile and not indexed. Soon the digitized newspapers will be available at a library computer station. Searching them will be easy and fast. They will be searchable by keyword and date. We hope to have this service available by July 1st.

The second phase, depending on funding, will be digitizing the **Benzie Record**, which we plan to begin in July. The last phase will be to have the digitized newspapers available online and through the library's webpage. Although every project is a group effort, we had some extra help on this one. **Helen Dewey** did the original research for the project, **Jon Hawley** procured many of the bound volumes, **Sandy Olsen** inventoried and sorted the papers. **Roland Halliday** tracked down missing issues so the digitization could be as complete as possible, a foundation funded the project and **Stacy Pasche** did the research, organization, and implementation. This is an amazing service for everyone who wants to know more about Benzie County.



“REFLECTIONS BY THE BAY”

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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PROGRAMS WILL NOW BE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00

July 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.

“Sharing Life Lessons and Stories”
by Susan Ager

August 17, 2011 7:00 p.m.

“Asian Carp: An Uncertain Future”
by Dan O’Keefe

September 21, 2011 7:00 p.m.

“Migration of the Monarch Butterfly”
by Norman Brown

October 19, 2011 7:00 p.m.

“Cookbooks and Cooking”
by Jim Voltz

November 16, 2011 7:00 a.m.

“In Search of Westmoreland”
by Ross Richardson



Augie Pasche enjoys playing a video game while Sue Luedke reads the newspaper.



BSDL installing a new library sign.



Ted Curran presenting his Reflections by the Bay program: “Americans in Afghanistan--What the West is Doing.” His program was very well attended. The audience came away with a better understanding of the United State’s involvement in Afghanistan.



One World, Many Stories...

Benzie Shores District Library
Summer Reading 2011

Library fun 5 days a week!

Mondays:

CIRCLE TIME - 9:30 a.m.
(June 13 - August 29)

*Rhymes and play for infants & toddlers with Miss Char.

Tuesdays:

YOUNG WRITERS GROUP 11:00
- noon
(June 21 - August 9)

*Young writers (ages 8 - 8th grade) are welcome to come for an hour of creative writing. Bring your imagination and be ready to have fun with words!

Wednesdays:

GAMES - 3:00 p.m.
(June 22 - August 10)

*Join Miss Stacy for games at the library! Board games and puzzles to share with friends, or bring your DS for summer game time. Don't have a DS? The library has one to share!

Thursdays:

STORY HOUR - 10:00 a.m.
(June 23 - August 11)

"One World, Many Stories" is our theme. Listen to stories from around the world, make a craft, sing and see a puppet show!

Fridays:

TAKE IT/MAKE IT!
(June 24 - August 12)

*Come to the library any time between 10:00 and 5:00 and pick up a story/project packet...take it and make it!



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

for kids age 2 - High School
(June 10 through August 13)

Mark you calendars:

DRUMMUNITY!

Thursday, July 14th @ 3:00 p.m.
FREE...EXCITING FAMILY FUN
with Lori Fithian of Ann Arbor

Drummmunity!

Thursday, July 14, 2011

3:00 p.m.

FREE FAMILY PROGRAM



Drumming at the library!?
Of course!



The whole family gets to drum, sing and dance together when Lori Fithian of Ann Arbor brings her unique "Drummmunity!" program to BSDL. She'll bring the drums, YOU get to play them! Come, play and hear rhythm stories from around the world. We'll head to West Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean Islands, Brazil, and beyond.....

as we create our own global village community drum orchestra — *DRUMMMUNITY!*

CHANGES ON THE “FRIENDS” BOARD: HATS OFF TO PEG AND GERI!

Longtime library volunteers, **Geri Hyams** and **Peg Strong**, have both retired from the Executive Board of the Friends of the Library. Peg Strong, a librarian, volunteered at the library during summers before she retired. Once she and her husband, Bud, moved to Michigan Shores she became a year around volunteer. Geri, who retired after working in a school library, began volunteering at our library when she and her husband, Al, moved to Michigan Shores. Peg and Geri volunteered at the Benzie Shores District Library for nearly 20 years. Both were kind enough to volunteer their husbands for many special library projects, as well. **Al** and **Bud** helped with the Friends annual book sale for many years. Bud helped with millage elections, Al with special programs and, of course, he provided the library with his lovely photographs.

It has been a great joy for the staff and public to have Peg and Geri as part of our library community. They generously gave their time, talents and resources to the library for many years. The Friends organization and the library benefited greatly from their dedication and expertise. A bonus of knowing them is their love to read and talk about books. Although we feel a great sense of loss that they are no longer volunteers, we continue to appreciate their insight on books and library services.

FAVORITE TITLES

Generally speaking, we try to write about some of the new titles that are available in series, fiction or non-fiction. However, the past few weeks we have had an easel in the library (and on Facebook) that says, “What is the best book you read this year?” The list reminds me of the W. Somerset Maugham quote, “The only important thing in a book is the meaning it has for you.” We were overwhelmed with responses! Children, young adult and adult titles were posted. Here are some of the titles that have touched our patrons this year.

A few of the adult fiction titles suggested are *WINTER GARDEN* by Kristin Hannah, *HELP* by Kathryn Stockett, *LEFT NEGLECTED* by Lisa Genova, *ROOM* by Emma Donoghue, *THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN* by Garth Stein, and *GLASS RAINBOW* by James Lee Burke.

Children’s chapter books that were posted are *LIGHTNING THIEF* by Rick Riordan, *PENDERWICKS* by Jeanne Birdsall, *AMAZING COWS* by Sandra Boynton, and *MOCKING-BIRD* by Kathryn Erskine.

Recommended non-fiction titles suggested by patrons are: *UNBROKEN* by Laura Hillenbrand, *LIFE* by Keith Richards, *CLEOPATRA* by Stacy Schiff and *MONUMENTS MEN* Robert M. Edsel and Bret Witter.

NEW BOOKS

The new books always cover a variety of subjects from a gamut of genres. *GETTING MORE: HOW TO NEGOTIATE TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS* by Stuart Diamond, *SEX, DRUGS AND SEA SLIME: THE OCEAN’S ODDDEST CREATURES* by Ellen Prager, *HOW TO BUILD, MAINTAIN, AND USE A COMPOST SYSTEM* by Kelley Smith, and *THE DRESSMAKER OF KHAIR KHANA* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon represent a tantalizing sampling of new non-fiction titles.

New fiction includes *BLOODMONEY* by David Ignatius, *THE PEACH KEEPER* by Sarah Addison Allen, and also the most recent additions to science fiction, mystery and fiction series. If you don’t find what you need, please ask the staff and they will make a recommendation.



Left: Game programs continue to be popular. **Nora Pashe** and **Helen Er-ginkara** enjoy a dance off at a Saturday Dance Revolution program.

Right: Children’s area decorated by **Julie** for the Summer Reading Program: “**One World, Many Stories.**”



BOOK SHARE GROUP

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

A few of the recently shared titles are: *Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History* by Robert M. Edsel and Bret Witter; *Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Lemmon; and *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.



GREAT BOOKS GROUP

The Great Books Discussion Group will not meet until after Labor Day.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The Friends **Annual Book Sale** is being held **Saturday, August 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** This is your opportunity to pick up really good “reads” and also support the work of the Friends of the Library. Book donations for this event will be accepted at the library until Saturday, August 13th.

Please check the circulation desk at the library for opportunities to volunteer for the book sale. Your support and help is always appreciated. Don't miss the buying opportunities on sale day. Really good books at a really great price.

Your support and help is sincerely appreciated!

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