



Meet "Otis" our new friend who sits on the dock of the bay. He has been spotted numerous times out our window. Once, he even came to storytime!

Reflections by the Bay presents...

"Walking the Caminos, Santiago, Spain"
with Mike Viilo and Greg Wright
Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m.

"Improving Your Health with a Wellness Plan"
with Emily Kmiecik
Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m.

No Program in March

"Nordic Ski Walking for Everyone :
Improve your balance and Stability"
with Pete Edwards
Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library : a note to our members

The Friends thank you for your support throughout the year. Your generosity allows us to accomplish so much for the library and to offer more services to our library patrons! Your dues are the foundation of our fundraising effort and are of the utmost importance. Now is the time to renew your Membership. A remittance envelope is enclosed for your convenience. You may also renew online.

This past year we have provided funding for the DVD collection, Overdrive, the Summer Reading Program and other children's activities, books on CD and Playaways, and many, many more projects. The Friends make it possible for the library to offer all the extra services that make it so special.

Thank you again for your support. We welcome any suggestions you may have so that the library may better serve you.

Newsletter Change

There are some changes underway in the manner in which the quarterly newsletter will be distributed, on a trial basis, this year. Paid members will have two options for receiving the newsletter:

1. If you wish to receive a copy in the MAIL, please include a note with your remittance requesting a mailed copy.
2. If you wish to receive it by email, please include an email address with your remittance.

The newsletter will continue to be available on the library's website. The proposed changes are the result of redirecting funds from the newsletter to library projects.

BSDL Introduces its Co-Stars!

Each month, beginning in January, we will be spotlighting one of the MeL (Michigan Electronic Library) databases, endearingly referred to by the staff as our “co-stars.” Many of you are familiar with MeLCat, the statewide interlibrary loan service from which books & movies and a variety of other media that we don’t own can be ordered. Many of you are probably not familiar with the MeL Databases which offer an inexhaustible resource of credible and diverse information. It is our hope that by highlighting some of the databases our patrons will see how valuable MeL can be.

January’s “co-star” is the Health & Wellness Resource Center on MeL.org. This collection provides instant access to carefully compiled and trusted medical reference materials. It includes nearly 400 health/medical journals, hundreds of pamphlets, over 700 health related videos from partner Healthology, Inc., articles from 2,200 general interest publications and links to reputable health websites, a fantastic resource for those with healthy New Years resolutions!

Winter 2013 Story Hours

Calling all preschoolers! Beginning Tuesday, January 15th, Story Hour will resume at BSDL. Bundle up and come to the library at 10:00 a.m. for reading fun! Themes include: penguins, snow owls, bears, hibernation/naps, bundling up for snow and making soup. After hearing a story or two, we will sing and move, watch a puppet show and then make a theme-related craft to take home. This is a great time to gather with friends and share some happy time with books!



Great Books Discussion Group

January 24th at 3:30 p.m.
“A Lady with a Dog” by Chekhov

February 7th at 3:30 p.m.
“The Black Cat” by Poe

February 21st 3:30 p.m.
“Yellow Wallpaper” by Gilman



Congratulations to Ella! She guessed the correct amount of candy in our jar of goodies. Do you think she will share?



First graders from Frankfort Elementary School show off their library crafts. The first grade classes visit once a month for library time with Miss Julie.

Tax Forms

The production of some 2012 major tax products, including the Form 1040 and the Instructions for Form 1040 is impacted by the recent passage of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. At this time, we do not have an estimate as to when products will become available on IRS.gov or in print.

Many federal and state tax forms and informational publications will eventually be available in print form at the library. Copies can be made or printed from online tax sites using BSDL's public access computers for 15 cents a page. The public workstations may also be used for filing tax returns electronically. Please let a staff member know if you think you need more than 45 minutes to file. Library staff cannot give tax advice, but can assist with locating and printing forms. **Find tax information and print out forms from these links:**

Federal: <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>

State: <http://www.michigan.gov/taxes>

"It's income tax time again, Americans: time to gather up those receipts, get out those tax forms, sharpen up that pencil, and stab yourself in the aorta." - Dave Barry

Financial Publications

The library has several financial publications including ValueLine, Barron's, and the Wall Street Journal. These publications are purchased courtesy of State Savings Bank, West Michigan Bank and Trust and the Friends of the Benzie Shores District Library. The Financial Times and Consumer Reports Money Advisor are also available through patron donations.

New Magazines

Are you a magazine person? If so, we have some great, new magazines for you. This year we decided to take a serious look at our magazine collection and by polling other Michigan libraries, bookstores and our patrons, we have revamped our collection. Some of the new magazines we now get are MAKE (you have to see this to believe it- projects galore), FIELD AND STREAM, EATING WELL, VEGETARIAN TIMES, MENTAL FLOSS, BACKWOODS HOME, and REMINISCE. You are welcome to check out past issues.

New DVDs

In addition to many donations of DVDs, the Friends of the library provide additional funding to supplement our DVD collection with new blockbuster titles, as well as special collections. The Friends recently provided funding for new exercise DVDs. DVDs can be checked out for one week and may be renewed if not on reserve. Reserves can be placed on popular titles, such as **DOWNTON ABBEY (seasons 1 & 2)**.



Above: The Grinch (a.k.a. Steve Elrick) and his dog "Max" hear the Whos down in Who-ville. **Below:** Brooklyn by the Bay enjoys one of the many new magazines on BSDL's shelves.



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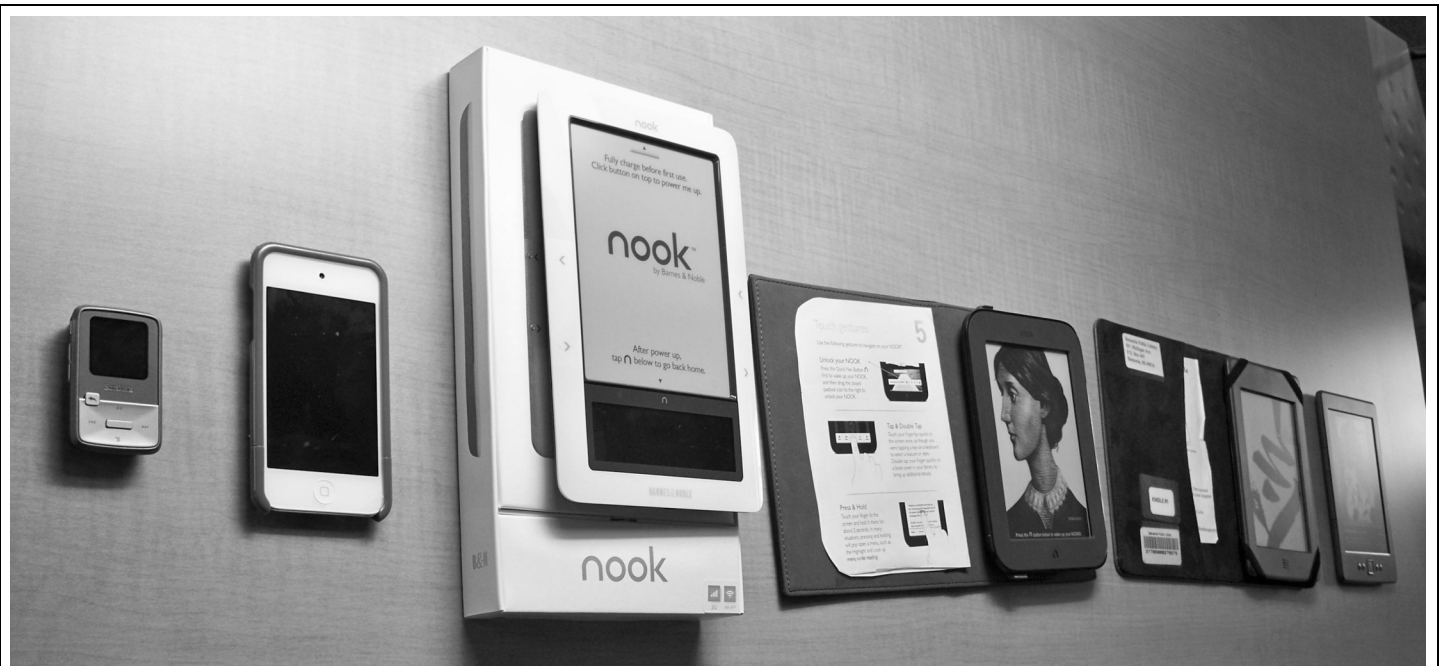
For the first time in history, the Benzie Shores District Library is unable to purchase some materials on behalf of community residents. Several major publishers refuse to sell e-books to libraries at any price, while other large publishers sell with restrictions and/or at prices far above consumer prices

Simon & Schuster, Macmillan and Penguin currently deny wide access to their e-books for our nation's 112,000 libraries and roughly 169 million public library users. Penguin recently launched a pilot with a few large library systems. Hachette licenses older titles (backlist) to libraries and has a pilot underway regarding newer titles. HarperCollins caps library licensing to its titles to 26 circulations; and Random House sells many of its titles to libraries at a much higher price than to consumers.

America's libraries have always provided unfettered, no-fee access to reading materials (no matter the format), which fosters educational opportunity for all. To deny library patrons access to e-books that are available to consumers- and which libraries are eager to purchase or license on their behalf- is discriminatory.

Our patrons want ebooks and we will continue to invest in the 21st century services and resources our patrons demand and deserve. We continue to support the American Library Association as they make best efforts to work with publishers to find a fair solution to these access problems.

To learn more about BSDL's ebook and audiobook services and resources, please visit www.benzieshoreslibrary.org.



A photo of the many devices that were on display at our last eUsers Open House. These sessions are designed for patrons wanting to get started using "Overdrive", the library's digital collection. Program attendees learn how to download eBooks and audiobooks to their portable devices, and also how to search for titles in the digital catalog.

The library has instructions on how to get started using Overdrive available at the Circulation desk. Overdrive works with most devices. Many devices allow material to be browsed and downloaded on the device, without the need for a computer. Books are automatically checked back in, so there are no late fees associated with eBooks.

Visit <http://upnorth.lib.overdrive.com> to get started!

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

By Cathy Carter

Easel Titles

Are there books you have read again and again? Recently, we set up the easel with the heading BOOKS I HAVE READ AGAIN AND AGAIN. Some of the books that patrons have read over and over are LITTLE DRUMMER GIRL, SHELL SEEKERS, ENGLISH CREEK, WAITING FOR THE MORNING TRAIN, AND LADIES OF THE CLUB, SPEAK, INKHEART, OUTLANDER, ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN and of course all of the Harry Potter books and the Hunger Games trilogy. What book do you read again and again? Check us out on Facebook for a complete list of books people read again and again.

Forgotten Books

There is a category of books that I call “Forgotten Books.” These are books that I love, are not read much anymore, are not classics, but are just good reads that I would hate to see disappear from our reading landscape. Nancy Pearl, librarian and author of books about books, has a publishing imprint called Nancy Pearl’s Book Lust Rediscoveries, which are her “forgotten books.” One of the books on that list that I quite like, but find puzzling, is TOWERS OF TREBIZOND by Rose MacAulay. If you appreciate old, British humor, this book is full of absurd situations. This book is also very perceptive and thoughtful and has an ending that will pull the rug out from under you. It seems as if many of my “forgotten books” are old, English titles such as the Jeeves books by P.G. Wodehouse and THREE MEN IN A BOAT by Jerome K. Jerome which are hilarious. Other “forgotten authors” are romance writers Georgette Heyer and Eve Ibbotson. THE VIRGINIAN by Owen Wister is considered to be a western, but is really a novel about the aloneness and isolation of those who lived in the west. Another good novel set in the west, but not often read, is A LANTERN IN HER HAND by Bess Streeter Aldrich. The saga THE FAR PAVILIONS by M.M. Kaye, set in India, is so full of drama and adventure that it is impossible not to be immersed in it for days. Another saga set in India is THE RAJ QUARTET by Paul Scott. One of my favorite, nearly forgotten books, is Neville Shute’s A TOWN LIKE ALICE, truly a perfect book. “Forgotten” mystery authors might include Rex Stout, Josephine Tey, Ngaio Marsh, Del Shannon and Dorothy Sayers. Two Michigan books that I hope people keep reading are INDIAN DRUM by William MacHarg and ANATOMY OF A MURDER by Robert Traver. The library owns the “forgotten books” that have been mentioned. If you know of titles that you would like to read or re-read, we are happy to help you track them down through MeLCat.

New Books

Non-fiction.... Many non-fiction books are worth reading, enjoying and contemplating. A few of the new ones the library owns are MY IDEAL BOOKSHELF, THE GREAT RAILROAD REVOLUTION by Christian Wolmar, CHASING MONARCHS by Robert Pyle, 100 SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT ALZHEIMER’S by Michael Pollard, FORKS OVER KNIVES, THE COOKBOOK by Del Sroufe, SEWARD: LINCOLN’S INDISPENSABLE MAN by Walter Stahr, GREAT ADVENTURES: EXPERIENCE THE WORLD AT ITS BREATHTAKING BEST, WORLD’S BEST TRAVEL EXPERIENCES, and GREAT BUILDINGS.

Fiction.... The scope and variety of new fiction is always amazing. One of the most original of the new fiction books we have available is WHERE’D YOU GO, BERNADETTE by Maria Semple. The characters are quirky and compelling and the story is refreshing.

Mystery.... Mysteries are such a popular genre and there is never a shortage of outstanding mysteries. COLD, COLD GROUND by Adrian McKinty is an exceptional mystery that takes place in Ireland during the “Troubles.” The detective is sometimes as dark and as troubled as his country.

Science Fiction... Two ‘cold’ books that are the most recent installments in popular series are COLD DAYS by Jim Butcher and COLD CITY by F. Paul Wilson.

Fine new Westerns and Romance books are added to the collection on a regular basis. Don’t forget that titles we do not own may be available for download through Overdrive, or from other libraries through MeLCat.

Thank You!

A very special thank you to all the patrons who spoiled the BSDL staff this holiday season with candy and baked goods.



Coming Soon!

Catalog Card Drawing Contest! This winter, the library is planning to partner with the Oliver Art Center and the art department at the Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools to hold a "Catalog Card Drawing Contest." Details coming soon!



Lego™ Club! Our popular Lego program from the summer reading program will be offered again this spring. The program is geared for grades 3-6. Participants will discover a world of "bricks and books" at the library. Dates TBD.

New Catalog! The library is investigating upgrades to our current catalog/circulation system. As our tech librarians say, change like this is "exciting and terrifying all at once!"

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 Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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