

2012 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale was a huge success with the Friends netting \$5,999.05. We thank all of the many volunteers who sorted books throughout the year, the legions of helpers who moved books and worked during the sale. A special thank you to the U.S. Coast Guard, Frankfort Football Team, Chairperson Jan Robb and Book Sort Chair Mary Link. A big thank you to Rick Rineer who donates building space to store books all year.

What do the Friends do?

Wonderful support is provided to the library by the Friends for a variety of projects. The purchase of miscellaneous equipment, the book sale, ground maintenance and gardens, newsletter, planned giving project, district library development, book bags, Great Books, and board books for babies are all Friends of the Library projects. They also support collection development by continuing to fund the library newspaper digitization and hosting, DVDs, and Overdrive. They provide funding for audio books on CD, Playaways, financial publications, health newsletters and the Book Page.

The Friends promote staff and board development by underwriting training, workshops, conferences and the library's annual strategic planning workshop. They provide support for technology including computers, software, the on-line public catalog, wireless access, digital newspapers and Ancestry Library Edition.

The Friends are able to provide all of this through membership dues, memorials and donations, public computer printing fees, the on-going book sale, the annual book sale, and book bag sale. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Library, the membership form is available on-line or in the library.



Unloading boxes from one of the 19 truckloads.



Too many books to choose!



Frankfort football team players take a break from practice to help unload book boxes.



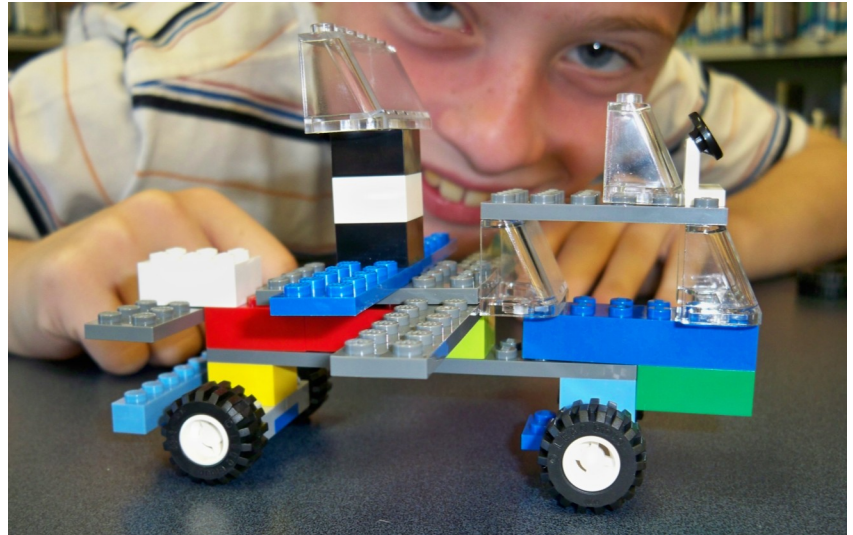
Volunteers having fun helping at the book sale.

SUMMER READING WRAP-UP

Summer reading programs at BSDL take many forms—each offering something unique for our wonderful library kids. We are pleased to have had so many sign up for our independent Summer Reading Program, (242 this year!) and each read for at least 24 hours, earning a coupon booklet of prizes and discounts generously donated by businesses throughout Benzie County. Our sincere thanks to Helen Dewey for organizing this county-wide event each summer. Helen and friends booktalk to hundreds of students in the Frankfort-Elberta and Benzie Central school systems each spring. Kids come into the library eager to register for the program and to find titles volunteers have shared.

From mid-June through early August, BSDL offered a different program each weekday for children. On Mondays, Char Taber presented rhymes and songs for infants and toddlers during Circle Time. Char volunteers to do this happy work for BSDL. Tuesday mornings, Miss Julie had great fun with the Young Writers Group. Miss Stacy played games with kids on Wednesdays. Thursdays mornings found kids gathering for Story Hour with Miss Julie, and on Friday mornings, it was time to create and build with Miss Stacy and her Lego™ Club.

A word of thanks to library patrons for their patience during children's programming sessions. BSDL does tend to get rather lively from 10:00 to 11:00 on summer week days! We will do our best to bring the volume and activity level back to 'library standards' at 11:00 a.m. next summer. Again, we appreciate your understanding, as we strive to make children feel welcome and valued at the library.



One of the many creations from this summer's Lego program.



Augie and friends enjoy a game of chess. A special thank you to Augie for sharing his Lego™ Table and Lego™ Duplos for the summer months. This table was enjoyed mightily by many little ones!



FALL STORY HOUR

Tuesdays in October
10:00 a.m.

Please join us for a time to enjoy stories, sing, move, and watch puppet shows. We will cover a variety of fall topics and end each session with a related craft project. All preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to join the fun!

The library will host a Thursday morning playgroup and Lego Duplo™ time at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Great New Reads for BSDL Kids from Miss Julie

J Fiction Titles:

The Lions of Little Rock – (Kristin Levine). Set in 1958, this story finds 12 year old Marlee facing changes and challenges...her brother is off to college, she’s starting a new middle school—and Marlee doesn’t talk. A feisty new friend, Liz, enters the scene and together she and Marlee take on segregation and dangers to both families.

Breaking Stalin’s Nose – (Eugene Yelchin) A 2012 Newbery Honor selection—this brief novel captures the “cat and mouse” chase that pits 10 year old Sasha’s whole world against him in Stalin-era Russia. This book gets at the heart of a society that asks its citizens, even children, to report on relatives and friends.

Game Changers – (Mike Lupica) Ben McBain, 11 year old ‘jack of all trades’ on his football team, can handle any position...but Ben dreams of being quarterback. The only thing standing in his way is the coach’s son, Shawn O’Brien. A story of the conflict between being a good teammate and pursuing personal dreams and friendship.

If you enjoyed the Emily Windsnap books by Liz Kessler...you’ll enjoy her newest group of three—starting with Philippa Fisher’s Fairy Godmother. Instead of a fairy godmother, Philippa is thrilled to get “Daisy”—her same-age fairy godmother. What begins as an exciting proposition is soon fraught with complications as the two can’t get along, yet need to join forces to solve the messes they’ve created together.



Congratulations to Eric on winning the Crystal Mountain Water’s Edge Pool pass as part of the Summer Reading Program.

THE MANY HATS OF A LIBRARIAN



Hilary maintains our popular Playaway collection



Cindy cataloging new materials.

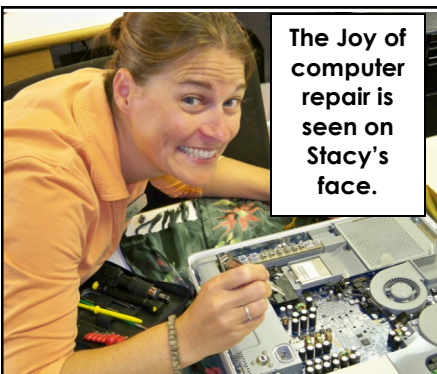


Miss Julie brings stories to life for patrons of all ages!



In August, the library collected pet food in exchange for fines to help local animal shelters.

It is quite a task running a library. We have a large circulating collection with digital and print materials to maintain. We have computers in constant need of updates. When things break, we fix them. We make connections with the community. We have stories to share and puppets to bring to life. We are your librarians.



The Joy of computer repair is seen on Stacy’s face.



Stacy verifies that microfilm is labeled correctly before digitization.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!

By Cathy Carter, Director

New Fiction

Some of the new non-fiction books that caught my eye are TASTING AND TOURING MICHIGAN'S HOMEGROWN FOOD by Jaye Beeler, AIR: THE RESTLESS SHAPER OF THE WORLD by William Logan, the HISTORY OF THE WORLD IN 100 OBJECTS by Neil MacGregor and the 20th CENTURY IN POETRY. (I liked this books so much I bought it!)

The staff skips reading the new books in the summer, so there will be more books available for patrons. A few of the new fiction titles that look intriguing are BIRDS OF PARADISE by Diana Abu-Jaber, the BARTENDER'S TALE by Ivan Doig, TRAPEZE by Simon Mawer and TRAVELER OF THE CENTURY by Andres Neuman.

Non Fiction: Scientific Discoveries

The following non-fiction titles each tell about a scientific discovery. Each describes the discoverers and the compelling adventures that resulted in explaining phenomena that we take totally for granted.

The DISAPPEARING SPOON by Sam Kean makes tracking down the elements of the periodic table and the people who were involved fascinating. The author believes that the periodic table of the elements is one of the greatest achievements of humankind.

NORTHERN LIGHTS by Lucy Jago tells the story of the Norwegian scientist who pursued the explanation of the northern lights at great personal sacrifice and who faced opposition to his ideas at every turn.

LONGITUDE by Dava Sobel describes the relentless vision of one man to solve the biggest scientific dilemma of his day. It is the story of never giving up.

ICE FINDERS by Edmund Bolles recounts the extremely unlikely discovery and explanation of the ice age which was greeted by nearly universal disbelief throughout the scientific community.

The MEASURE OF ALL THINGS by Ken Alder details the competition, during the time of the French Revolution, to measure the world.

These titles read like thrillers and all shed some light on scientific discoveries and on genius.

Some "one word" non-fiction titles that are too good to miss include DUST by Joseph Amato, COD and SALT both by Mark Kurlansky and ZERO by Charles Seife. The non-fiction collection offers a breadth of material and good reads.

Books That I Think I Should Have Liked, but Didn't

Have you ever read a book that everyone was raving about but which did not appeal to you? Has a friend ever recommended a book to you and you couldn't finish it? Everyone has such different tastes in books! Personally, I know there are books that are prize winners or very well-reviewed and I know I should like them, but I just don't. SHIPPING NEWS by Annie Proulx is one of those books. I have tried on several occasions to read it and have even tried to listen to it. I couldn't seem to care enough about any of the characters to finish it. LITTLE, BIG by John Crowley has been recommended to me many times. Every time I try to read it, I can't imagine spending my reading time on this book. The SEA by John Banville and SENSE OF AN ENDING by Julian Barnes are both Man Booker Prize winners. Both are beautifully written. I read them and I think I should have liked them more than I did. An author that gets great reviews and who is very popular is Ian McEwan. When I read his books, the writing gets in the way. His writing seems self absorbed to me. Although Picoult is a best selling very, very popular author, I can't seem to read her books.

I have a long list of books that I didn't think I would like, and ended up loving. I tried Cormac McCarthy's ALL THE PRETTY HORSES at least 10 times before I got past page 11 and suddenly I could not put it down. I had a similar experience with PEOPLE OF THE BOOK by Geraldine Brooks. Although, generally speaking, I am not a fan of Brooks, I ended up loving this book. For years, I avoided reading OUTLANDER by Diane Gabaldon because I didn't think I would like a story with time travel in it, but it became one of my favorite books. I had made up my mind not to read REMAINS OF THE DAY by Kazuo Ishiguro. When I finally read it, I loved it. The writing is poetic and the story beautiful. I knew I would not like OLD FILTH by Jane Gardam, but this is a wonderful story about an elderly British man who learned about life before he died. The LIFE OF PI, Yann Martel's tale of a boy adrift on the ocean with a tiger, didn't sound like my kind of book, but was perfect.

Books with a Theme

This summer we had our easel up with the heading “Books To Read Before Going Off To College.” It was interesting to see the titles that were suggested reading! Many were the ones you would expect including BRAVE NEW WORLD, FAHRENHEIT 451, TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD, TALE OF TWO CITIES, HAMLET, ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN and the GREAT GATSBY, to name a few. One very interesting title was BEING WRONG: ADVENTURES IN THE MARGIN OF ERROR by Kathryn Schulz. This book is about mistakes and how they shape us. The author writes, “I encourage us to see error as a gift in itself, a rich and irreplaceable source of humor, art, illumination, individuality, and change.” A book about how illuminating it is to make errors seems like a perfect reading suggestion for someone going to college (or maybe for anyone). Another surprising suggestion was Anna Quindlen’s SHORT GUIDE TO A HAPPY LIFE which is about making the most of every precious moment of life. (One title that was not suggested, but perhaps should have been, is another short Anna Quindlen book, BEING PERFECT. In this book she says that perfectionism is not ok and that it is important to free yourself from “the perfection trap.”

Mysteries

In the July 27, 2012 Wall Street Journal, John Lanchester reviewed five mysteries “that will stand the test of time.” His choices were THE MURDER OF ROGER ACKROYD by Agatha Christie, GAUDY NIGHT by Dorothy Sayers, ROSEANNA by Maj Sjowall and Per Waloo, POLAR STAR by Martin Cruz Smith and BROKEN SHORE by Peter Temple. No one could argue with the choice of Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers. Although I think that POLAR STAR is one of the best books, mystery or otherwise, that I have ever read and BROKEN SHORE is a superb mystery, I think it was brave of Lanchester to chose two contemporary books for his list of books “that will stand the test of time.” It’s much easier to choose books for this list that have actually been around for a long time. (A contemporary one I might add is Adrian McKinty’s COLD, COLD GROUND, a mystery taking place during the troubles in Northern Ireland.)

I was a bit surprised that Josephina Tey’s book, DAUGHTER OF TIME, was not on the list. It seems like that title is on every “mystery must read” list. (Maybe he is choosing books which exemplify the time period in which they were written, not those written about a different time period.) Personally, I would have included a Rex Stout mystery. It seems to me that any Rex Stout mystery stands the test of time. FAMILY AFFAIR is one title I would definitely include on the list. And, really, no detective holds a candle to Archie Goodwin. Even Lucas Davenport takes a back seat to him. The BIG SLEEP by Raymond Chandler is often considered to be a classic mystery and fits the criteria of evoking a time and place, but of being relevant for readers of any era.

If such a list of Michigan mysteries existed, I would have to say that Robert Traver’s ANATOMY OF A MURDER is a fabulous story and certainly has a great sense of both the time and the place. INDIAN DRUM by William MacHarg, published in 1917, immerses the reader in a mystery that takes place on the Great Lakes and has lasting appeal.

Many mysteries that stand the test of time, favorite series and new books are available at the library, through MeLCat, and as downloadables through Overdrive. If you need help using any of these services, just give us a call.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to sort books for the book sale. If you are interested, please call the library, 352-4671 or stop in for more information.



Great Books Discussion Group

October 11th
Selected poems by
Wisława Szymborska.

October 25th
“Body of the
Condemned” by
Michel Foucault.

November 8th
“Interpreter of Maladies”
by Jhumpa Lahiri

**The Group meets every
other Thursday at 3:30
p.m. The readings are
available at the library.**

THE EBOOK QUESTION

The question of how e-Books impact libraries and library circulation is one that is asked often. Our library circulation for print materials and e-Books is still very high. Those of us who work, volunteer or use the library all love books. We love the feel of books, but many of us also have e-Readers of some kind because we love reading... whatever the format. We want our library patrons to find books that they like and that they are happy to read whether they get the book from the library on their iPad, Kindle or in print form. There is nothing like a good book... regardless of the format.

BOOK SHARE GROUP

The Book Share Group has changed dates. The group now meets the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m.

Do you like hearing about books? Are you interested in books that other people are reading? If so, the book share group is for you. Everyone is welcome to share titles or just listen.

“REFLECTIONS BY THE BAY”

The *Reflections* series, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is open to the public, and is free of charge.

October 17th at 7:00 p.m.
 "Internet Safety"
 with Mike Pasche

There is no Reflections program for November & December.

BSDL: BOOKS & BENCHES

What a busy summer at the library! Patrons and staff are happy with how the renovation has made the library laptop friendly. The last two summers we have found that more seating is needed. Alyce Riemenschneider, the library designer, has suggested two benches. The benches are comfortable, beautiful and perfect for our needs. We hope to purchase the benches in January. The Friends welcome contributions to our “bench fund!”



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A big change is coming! From now on the Friends will be mailing ONLY the annual membership issue (the Winter issue) of the quarterly newsletter. The other three issues will be accessible only through the library's website, www.benzieshoreslibrary.org

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Hours:
 Monday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.