



February 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

SATURDAY STORY TIME

Saturday, February 4th at 10:30 a.m.

Listen to stories, sing songs and make a special craft with Miss Kaitlin! Designed for preschool age children but all are welcome. Saturday Story Time is the first Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m., Sept. through May.

CIRCLE TIME FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

Every Monday at 10:30 a.m.

Infants and toddlers and their parents/caregivers will have fun rhyming and moving! With a focus on repetition, each week children build their repertoire of rhymes both old and new! There is an informal playgroup following Circle Time.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & TEENS

SUPER PASSWORD SATURDAY

Saturday, January 28th 10 a.m. to Noon

A technology professional will be available to help you set up a password manager program to keep your passwords safe, secure and accessible only to you!

NEW PROGRAM

ADVENTURES IN LISTENING

Wednesdays in February at 2:00 p.m.

True listening is one of the greatest gifts we can give another person. Listening is also a gift we can give ourselves because there is so much to learn from others. Yet, listening is a difficult skill to learn to do effectively. During this four part series, led by Maggie Vanhaften, we will discuss why listening is hard and how we can improve.

MAH JONG MONDAYS

Mondays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Accomplished players and interested participants alike are invited to rattle the tiles and join the fun each Monday from 2 to 4 PM in the Library Program Room.

TECH TUESDAYS

Tuesdays 10:30 AM to Noon

Need some help using the library's digital services? Have a tech issue giving you some grief? The library offers one on one basic tech help on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

BOOK SHARE

Wednesday, February 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a cup of coffee or tea and talk about books. Share what you have read recently and find out what fellow community members have been reading. This is a great way to discover new books!

ADVANCED DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Saturday, February 11th at 11:30 a.m.

Are you an adventurer at heart? Then join us for BSD's Dungeons and Dragons Group. This group will meet monthly to play Advanced Dungeons and Dragons. Meets the second Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m. This program is for Adults and Teens.

TEENY TINY BUSY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 28th at 4 p.m.

The book club for busy people! Each month we discuss a SHORT story in less than an hour. Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Each month's reading is from *The Best American Short Stories 2021*. [Reserve a copy online](#), or call the library at 231-352-4671.

MONET, MITCHELL, AND ME: A PAINTER'S PILGRIMAGE

Thursday, February 16th @ 1 p.m.

In 2022 Ellie traveled to Paris to see an exhibition of paintings by art world giants Claude Monet & Joan Mitchell. From there Ellie and her husband Roo Davison traveled to places along the River Seine where Monet and Mitchell had painted. Inspired, Ellie did some painting of her own. This presentation will follow Ellie's travels from Paris to Honfleur and Etretat on the Normandy coast. Ellie will share with us not only her art, but also photos of the French countryside, and artwork from Impressionist Monet and Abstract Expressionist Mitchell. This is sure to be an intriguing exploration of what it means to be an artist.

Seating is limited, so arrive early. This presentation will also be available via zoom. The zoom link will be posted on the library website, benzieshoreslibrary.org closer to the event date.

Thank you Benzie Area Historical Society!

If you missed Andy Bolander's presentation about the History of Frankfort Harbor, it is available on the Benzie Area Historical Society's [YouTube channel](#). Thank you to the BAHS for making this program available! It was enjoyed by many.



Our first "Book to Big Screen" program was a huge success! Thank you Friends of the Garden Theater and Friends of BSDL for making it possible. And to answer the most common question of the evening- YES, we are going to do it again! Watch for a date and title announcement in the coming weeks!

Monet, Mitchell & Me

A PAINTER'S PILGRIMAGE

WITH ARTIST
ELLIE HAROLD
Thursday, February 16th
@ 1:00 p.m.

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Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Saturday, February 4th is Take Your Child to the Library Day

📖 Preschool Story Time at 10:30am


📖 Explore our STEM and Learning Kits

📖 Free Books & STEM Activities provided by
the United Way and Newton's Road*

*limited supply

www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org

📖 Stop in for Crafts and Coloring



BOOK GROUPS @YOUR LIBRARY

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TEENY TINY BUSY BOOK CLUB
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Titles shared at the January book share:

[REAWAKENED FOREST](#) by Sally Cook
[WORLD OF CURIOSITIES](#) by Louise Penny
[LUCY BY THE SEA](#) by Elizabeth Strout
[THE CUT](#) by Jon Wemlinger
[THE NURSE'S SECRET](#) by Amanda Skenandore
[DEMON COPPERHEAD](#) by Barbara Kingsolver
[EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF AN ORDINARY MAN](#) by Paul Newman
[THE GARNER FILES](#) by Windkur
[OUR MISSING HEARTS](#) by Celeste Ng
[FOSTER](#) by Clare Keegan
[GRACELAND AT LAST](#) by Margaret Renkl



and now, a message from the director

Stacy Pasche,
Library Director

Dear Friends,

I recently saw a sticker that said "keep libraries weird", a play on the Austin, TX marketing slogan "keep Austin weird." After almost three years of providing library service during a global pandemic, there may be a desire to return to normal. But what is normal? Normal is constantly changing, so perhaps normal should not be the goal.

Every library is unique; the collections, patrons and staff offer different experiences. Libraries are for everyone. They are places to explore creative and unique ideas. Libraries are home to a variety of materials and resources for all people and interests. They provide access to technology and services that help to create a more informed and connected society. As an institution, there is nothing quite like a public library. So yes, libraries are weird.

It takes a lot of people to keep the library the weird and wonderful gem that it is and we are grateful for you all. While libraries are free to use, they are not free to run. We are thankful for our many donors and our Friends of the Library who provide program sponsorship, advocacy and funding for many of

the services and equipment that make our library so special. And we're especially thankful for our patrons, who's diverse interests and curiosity will keep the Library weird for years to come.

Stacy Pasche
Library Director

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