



## June 2024

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit <https://bit.ly/BSDEvents> for a full calendar of events

### YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

#### CIRCLE TIME FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

*Mondays @ 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.

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON GAMES!

*Mondays @ 2:00 p.m.*

A rotating weekly feature of familiar and new games for all ages.

#### FAMILY FUN DAY

*Tuesdays @ 2:00 p.m. Begins June 18th*

Join us for crafts, activities, games and more!

#### FAMILY STORY TIME

*Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m. June 12th - August 14th (no story time July 3rd)*

Join us for stories, music, movement activities and more to celebrate reading, books and the library. Weather permitting, story time will be held in the lawn next to the library.

#### DIGGING THE PAST: EXPLORING ARCHEOLOGY

*Friday, June 21st @ 12:30p.m.*

The Benzie Area Historical Museum and Benzie Shores Library are ready to take you on an adventure through artifacts and archeology at the library! Learn how archeologists uncover and examine artifacts with hands-on activities. Program runs 90 minutes and is designed for ages 8 - 14. [REGISTER](#) to reserve a spot!

#### FUN FRIDAY!

*Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. in Mineral Springs Park (Begins June 21st)*

Get ready to move, groove and have a whole lot of fun in Mineral Springs Park. Story and craft to follow. Weather permitting.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### ADVANCED DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

*Saturday, June 8th @ 11:45 a.m.*

Are you an adventurer at heart? Then join us for BSD's Dungeons and Dragons Group. This group meets monthly to play Advanced Dungeons and Dragons. This program is for Adults and Teens.

#### THE MORNING CRAFTER

*Thursday, June 13th @ 10:30 a.m.*

Unleash your creativity and set your intentions for the future at our Vision Board Workshop! Whether you're looking to spark creativity, focus on personal growth, or simply enjoy a fun and reflective activity, this workshop is for you. Intended for adults and teens. Registration not

required, but is helpful for planning purposes. Register at <https://events.getlocalhop.com/morning-crafter-vision-boards/event/uKSqUhr8v3/>

### **FEEDBACK FRIDAY - COFFEE WITH THE DIRECTOR**

*Friday, June 14th @ 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.*

Join Library Director, Stacy Pasche for coffee, tea, and snacks in the Program room. Hear about the library's upcoming plans and let us know what you'd like to see @ **your** library.

### **BOOK SHARE**

*Wednesday, June 19th @ 10:30 a.m.*

Join us to talk 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! Meets the third Wednesday of the month.

### **BUSY BOOK CLUB**

*Tuesday, June 25th @ 4:00 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 of 2023. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

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### **NEW STAFF at BSDL!**

Join us in welcoming Heidi Gatzke as our new Children's Librarian! Heidi has worked as a librarian in public libraries for nine years with a focus on children and families. She was born and raised in Traverse City and after many years living in other parts of the US and abroad, she is thrilled to be back in Northern Michigan. When not at the library, she enjoys traveling, hiking and knitting. Welcome Heidi!



# HARMONY GARDEN

## DEDICATION Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

at the Benzie Shores District Library Harmony Garden  
630 Main St. Frankfort, MI 49635

As part of our celebration, there will be a **FREE** hand bell concert at **1:00 p.m.** at the Garden Theater, featuring the Frankfort United Methodist Church "Bells of Praise", visiting choir "Bell's of Bethlehem" from St. Cloud Minnesota, and solo handbell artist David Frank.

### FINDING HARMONY IN FRANKFORT

In 2020 the view outside my office window was a pile of dirt. That pile transformed into a beautiful new addition to the library. In the Spring of 2023, we welcomed a new pile of dirt to get creative with. By fall, we had a beautiful new garden. The takeaway is, if you are patient, you can do really cool things with a pile of dirt.

In 2015, Frankfort resident Dr. George Hagen approached the Library board about a memorial donation to honor his wife, Marilyn. Dr. Hagen's wish was for the library to use the funds for a music themed project that would reflect his wife's love of music. The Library was tasked with finding a music themed project that would reflect both the mission of the library and honor the musical legacy of Marilyn Hagen. After exploring several options, the idea of a children's music garden blossomed.

Music plays a part in literacy in many ways. Just as taste, textures and colors aid a child's sensory development, so does music. Even before babies are able to talk, their babbling and sound-play helps them to develop the neural pathways necessary for listening and speaking. Children mimic music and sound they hear as an additional way to understand and make sense of the world around them.

The garden's interactive music installments, known as Harmony Bells, were manufactured in England by Percussion Play. The bells are specially tuned so that when played together there is no discordant note. And they are not just for children! It has been a joy to watch people of all ages explore the garden and the instruments.

Landscape Architect, Carolyn Thayer (Designs in Bloom) created the garden layout to be in harmony with the area's natural surroundings. Her design incorporated native plants wherever possible to create habitat for pollinators, birds, wildlife, and beneficial insects. Jim Grabowski of Upland Meadow provided the stonework and hardscaping.

It is important to note that the library and surrounding grounds are built on land that was granted to the city for civic purposes. The open space, the dog park, Mineral Springs Park, the library, and now this garden are all a reflection of the community's long standing recognition of the importance of public spaces.

The Dedication Ceremony for the Harmony Garden is planned for Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. We invite all ages to join us to celebrate this gift of music to the community. As part of our celebration, there will be a FREE handbell choir concert later that afternoon at the Garden Theater at 1:00 p.m. The concert will feature The Frankfort United Methodist Bells of Praise, along with Marilyn Hagen's daughter Diane with her visiting choir, the St. Cloud Minnesota Bells of Bethlehem. The concert will also feature handbell soloist David Frank. It is sure to be a very special event and we hope you can join us.

Stacy Pasche,  
Library Director



## congrats FHS class of 2024!

I came across this thank you card we received from the class of 2024 when they were in the fourth grade. Said another way, it seems like yesterday when we received this card from the fourth graders!

Every year, we ask the Frankfort High School 12th grade English class to share with us their favorite book, or a book that is special to them. I am please to share some of the answers we received.

### **Elliott Hammon**

My favorite book is [THE BOOK WITH NO PICTURES](#) by B.J. Novak. Every year, NHS members walk to the elementary school and participate in Read Across America Day. All of us chose 1 or 2 books to share to the bigger 5th graders or the tiniest little ones. Last year, Mrs. Chisholm asked me if I wanted to read "The Book With No Pictures." I was hesitant at first, as reading a book with no pictures in kindergarten might not be the best idea. After reading it to Mrs. Juras' class, everyone loved "The Book With No Pictures." This book personally connects with my medical journey and past hardships. The first half of the book is boring, annoying, and difficult to go through, exactly like my first year after surgery. The second half of the book, representing the past two years and today, are exciting, thrilling, and full of awesome surprises. When reading it to the kindergarten class, they were not amused or reacting to the first half. But after the entire book, the class realized it was their favorite book. I had realized as well that it was my favorite books and one of the best books in the world.

### **Erin Lovely-Reid**

I think that my favorite book would be [REACHING DUSTIN](#) by Vicki Grove (1998) because it gives real-life issues that may be happening, how judging people may affect them, and how If you feel something is wrong, report it to an adult. This book is about a young girl who loves to write and dreams of becoming a journalist and a young boy who is always dirty and is excluded. The young girl was assigned to interview the boy for the school paper and quickly judged him based on his actions. As she began to interview him she started to understand him more as time went on. When he suddenly stopped going to school she snuck to his house and saw everything that was going on with him at his home. Once she found out she did many things to try to get him back to school and make the adults aware of his situation to help him make a life of his own that is different from his family life. The book Reaching Dustin shares that you don't know what happening in someone's family life so you shouldn't judge them and how with some effort you can help make someone else's life better.

### **Aiden Sweeney**

[INTO THIN AIR](#) written by the accomplished author Jon Krakauer is one of the greatest nonfiction books of all time resulting from the book's amazing imagery and use of metaphors, flashbacks, irony, and humor. Krakauer throughout the development of this story creates an account of his experiences during the 1996 Everest expedition turned tragedy. Throughout the story, Krakauer does an amazing job providing comedic relief to the reader adding to the book's overall versatility. Throughout the process of reading this book, I was bombarded by feelings of anticipation, excitement, tragedy, and silliness. The book is littered with metaphors that act as a catalyst for the author to use to build connections between characters and make strong engaging connections with the reader. Into Thin Air is the only book throughout my entire life that I have ever read and not wanted to put it down simply because it was too engaging, entertaining, and influential. Imagery in the book made for a very immersive experience while reading I found myself connecting to the characters and genuinely caring for their well-being, a feeling

that was then amplified due to the book genre, remembering it to be a true story. Several people in the book face extreme danger whether it was oxygen deprivation, altitude sickness, unstable terrain, or heights all of these events and scenarios added to the value of the book and were masterfully expressed by his literary devices.

### Kylee Harris

My all-time favorite book would have to be [THE GIVER](#) because of the unique dystopian society, the author's meaning behind why there are no painful memories, and the coming of age. At first, the main character, Jonas, thinks he is living in a perfect world until he discovers the hidden terrible things that happen. The author then has Jonas realize he is living in a dystopian society after he discovers the infanticide that is taking place. The author's father had memory loss and she was inspired by it to make a book that eliminated painful memories. I love how she connected her life to a book that she was willing to share with the world. Jonas's coming-of-age story develops as he gains a memory. The Giver comes along and gives Jonas wisdom and knowledge, so as he becomes an adult at the end of the book he learns maturity and sacrifice. Overall, the book is my favorite because of the unique society, the author's meaning behind the book, and Jonas's coming of age.

### Eliza Frary

My favorite book I've read during my time at Frankfort is [ALL THE BRIGHT PLACES](#) by Jennifer Niven. I think this book provides an informative insight into mental health, especially with teenagers. The reader gets to witness one of the main characters, Theodore, go through mental struggles from an interesting perspective. I enjoyed following the two main characters, Theodore and Violet, as they learned to navigate life as teens. Their life stories flowed together in such an interesting and exciting way, and created a wonderful novel. The author does a great job of portraying realistic relationships and struggles growing up. This novel changed my perspective on life, and finding hope no matter your situation.

### Gavin Payne

My favorite book is [PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTNING THIEF](#) by Rick Riordan because of the storytelling, plot, and involvement of my passion for Greek mythology. The storytelling is also peak when they run into many well-known creatures from Greek mythology, such as the Hydra, Medusa, Minotaurs, and Centaurs. Riordan fits these characters extremely well, forcing Percy and his friends to work around them and team up to figure out how to defeat them. The pacing of this book works extremely well with the plot. For example, Percy and his friends can use fast travel which he learned he could do through talking with his father. Finally, it's helped spark my intrigue for mythologies, as some of these stories fit characters that we all know so well, such as Hercules, Zeus, Poseidon, etc. into new ways of viewing them, and how they treated their children. We first read this book in the sixth grade by Mrs. Hammon, and I fell in love with this book, along with a lot of Riordan's other work. I read the rest of the series throughout high school for AR tests. I even read some of his other series that cover Norse mythology, [Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard](#), and the Egyptian Mythology, [The Kane Chronicles](#). Overall, I'm happy I found this book, and overall the author and I have enjoyed reading every book through these 3 series.

### Harley Redburn

My favorite book of all time probably has to be [THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS](#) by John Boyne, the reason it is my favorite book is because of the realness of the book, it explains the trouble that the Jewish experienced during this time and perfectly captures the brutality of the time. The main aspect of this book is showing how life can be so close together despite being on two different sides of the world. This child named Bruno befriends someone who is captured in the containment camp on the other side of the fence. He is unaware of what this camp actually represents because he is so young, however he quickly learns what it is. Later on in the book after he became good friends with the kid in the camp, he goes missing. The kid stops showing up to their daily talks and meetings through the fence, during this time is when Bruno learns of what the camp is for. The child got taken away and sent into punishment for talking to Bruno through the fence. This really shows the brutality once again, just for talking through the fence he got put into holding and punished, the open and honesty of the author in this books helps the reader understand what these people were going through. The open concept of the book and its honesty of what is going on makes it my favorite book, the imagery created by this book is one of the best I've ever read.

### Kaleigh Hutchinson:

My favorite book, and an easy reread is [I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST](#) by Mason Deaver because of normalization of therapy, tackling issues not common in romance books, and reconnection. After being kicked out of his parents house, highschool senior Ben De Backer is forced to move in with his sister, Hannah, and her husband Thomas, and finish the last half of senior year at a new school. Technically this book is a romantic novel, but it takes so much more, like parental rejection, anxiety disorders, and family issues. When Ben is put into therapy, it's stated multiple times in the book from his therapist, friends, and family that it's not a bad thing, and plenty of people consider therapy. Mason Deaver handles topics like these in a way that most authors don't achieve; makes sure the readers knows that having parental issues or anxiety disorder isn't weird, and won't keep from succeeding in life and finding love. Deaver also explores reconnection with Ben and Hannah, growing up they didn't have a close relationship due to the large age gap and perception on parents. Although Ben was forbidden from seeing Hannah after she moved out, she was the first person Ben reached out to after being kicked out. Mason Deaver's writing strikes deeply into the heart, making *I Wish You All The Best* a heartwarming story of romance, real world troubles, and easily one of the best books.

### Payton Miller

There are many books that I like and have read but my favorite series is Piggy and Gerald by Mo Willems. This book has always been one of my favorites since I was young, it is so easy to read and just overall a funny series. These books have always brought me joy and laughter since I was young and even when I see or read them now, I laugh. There are many different books and different stories but my



absolute favorite has to be [THERE IS A BIRD ON YOUR HEAD](#). These books remind me of my childhood and they are all different and all exciting. I suggest that all people should read these books or read them to the younger generation.

### **Reno Roeters**

My favorite book that I read through my high school year was [A CHILD CALLED IT](#) by Dave Pelzer. I'd go as far as to say that it is the best book on this planet because of the family dynamic, the downward spiral of the family, and the inspiration of the family. I was recommended this book by my sister. She was impacted by this book and it seemed interesting so I gave it a shot and I was not disappointed in the slightest. The story follows a boy who started with a pretty normal life with parents who loved him but with time something changed in the family dynamic. His mother started drinking frequently and the more this happened his father started distancing himself from his wife, the story follows the downward spiral of this family and what they did to the child called it. This dynamic of the family is so essential to the story/plot and how it develops. The mother starts treating it differently than the rest of the children, she starts abusing and treating him like a worthless nothing. The story is inspiring and beautiful in an awful way, it shows that hope will prevail in even the worst of circumstances and this is why I feel that it is the best book ever written.

### **Aiden Mitchell**

My favorite book is [THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR](#) by Eric Carle, as it is the most well written and thought out piece of literature. It was the only book throughout my academic career that I fully read. The caterpillar enjoys gobbling down some food and proceeds to become a butterfly. His diet of an apple, 2 pears, 3 plums, 4 strawberries, 5 oranges, chocolate cake, ice cream cone, pickle, swiss cheese, salami, lollipop, cherry pie, sausage, cupcake, watermelon, and a green leaf spread across a week-long span was truly encouraging. The woolly bear's heroing adventure of munching on food and getting ill from doing too much inspired me to slow down on my food intake so I do not get sick like my homeboy The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

### **Fletcher Anderson**

The most memorable book I read throughout high school is [A CHILD CALLED IT](#) by Dave Pelzer. This is the best book in our library because of the gruesome imagery and structure of the text. This book is about child abuse and how a young boy overcomes his violent parents. Throughout the book, there is gruesome imagery that makes it feel real in your mind causing a sense of emotion for the young boy. Another big reason this book is so great is the way the author structured the text. You have no choice but to keep reading because of the way the text pulls you in. If you are looking for an entertaining read, I would recommend this book to anyone willing to expand their knowledge.

### **Amaya Borton**

My favorite book that I have read is [UGLY LOVE](#) by Colleen Hoover. This book was a very heartwarming, eye opening, and it conveys a lot of emotion between men and women. It's about a young man who was on his way back from the hospital with his newborn and got in a car accident. He wasn't able to save the child, and his girlfriend moved back with her mother because of it. He always held the guilt above his head and couldn't come to terms with falling in love again. He finally had met someone who he was able to be comfortable with, but still couldn't accept the fact that he was able to fall in love again. He had always brushed it away when someone mentioned his love life. He had then realized one day that he needed to let go and he needed assurance from the one person in his life that he had once loved in order to move on with his future. When he had finally got the consoling he had needed it was a very heartwarming and eye opening moment for him and conveyed a lot of emotion.

### **Emmerson Farmer**

A book that stands out to me is [A MAN NAMED DAVE](#) Pelzer because it is one of the most inspiring stories I've ever heard. It is a true story of how he found himself after all of the trauma he endured throughout his previous story, A Child Called "It". One of the reasons why this book stands out to me is through the imagery of his conversations with the therapist who is trying to help him. Most of the time, it almost feels as though you are in the conversation. Another reason is because you can feel the emotions that were going through his young mind after everything that he went through. You can tell that though in the end he persevered and made it, it was a struggle. The last reason this book stands out to me is because it is the perfect end to the series that he created about his real-life story. Throughout the series, you want him to win. It makes you crave success for Dave, and you go on his journey with him. This book stood out to me because it made me so very grateful for everything that I have, and all of the amazing people that I have in my life.

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### **Candela Pernil-Fernandez**

My favorite book has been a mystery book that is about an inspector. It was a long time ago since I am a person who doesn't read much so it is difficult for me to like a book since I haven't been used to it. I like this book because it is easy to read and very interesting and short and in my opinion that is what makes

it a good book. The evidence that make this book so good is how easy is to read and is short and interesting. It is a book that is about an inspector who goes discovering cases of all kinds of things and tells the story of how he achieves them with the help of his companions and how a lot of things happen to them. The conclusion of why this is my favorite book is because a book that is short and easy to read sometimes brings you more joy than a long book.


#### Grace Wolfe

My favorite book of all time is [IT ENDS WITH US](#) by Colleen Hoover, because of the rhetorical devices used in the book. The author uses many similes to draw the reader in and create tension. The author uses the simile "Those words wrap around me like a warm blanket" (p. 112). The author uses the comparison of two things to develop the characters and their interactions in the story. The author also uses metaphors to build the relationship between the main characters. "I really am a drug" (p. 126). The author uses these to convey the emotions and themes of the story, creating an entertaining plot that keeps the reader engaged. Lastly, the author uses symbols in the story to keep tension between the main characters. The main character, Lily, has a heart tattoo on her shoulder symbolizing both the joy and pain that she has experienced throughout life. The novel uses rhetorical devices such as similes, metaphors, and symbols to create a thrilling plot to keep the reader reading.

#### Kaiden Moore

My favorite book is [FOR ONE MORE DAY](#) by Mitch Albom. It is the best book ever because It connects with the reader and it shows how to forgive and how to help people out of despair. I was recommended this book by a friend. In the first part of the book, you get introduced to this guy trying to end it all because he wasn't invited to his daughter's wedding. He felt like a failure and was a major drunk and fell into despair. He went through trying to kill himself twice and it then led to him thinking and changing. He then forgave himself. I connect to this because I've felt like a failure and I was in a bad state of mind for a while. As I read this, it showed me that I should sit with myself and bring myself out of this mind, talk with people around me, and forgive things. I recommend it for anyone that is struggling and really needs a big change.

Congrats to the class of 2024! We wish you success, however you define it.  
We also wish you plenty of time to read!



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