



March 2021

EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Book Share Group

Wednesday March 17, 2021 @ 10 a.m.

Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 .m. (via Zoom). [Contact us](#) to have zoom information emailed to you, or the follow the link found here just prior to the program.

Take Home Crafts and Story Time Kits

At this time, there is no in-person story time at the library, but we've created kits for you to host story time at home! Each kit has stories, an educational interactive, and activities to help young minds grow! Perfect for pre-schoolers and young learners. We also have a weekly take home craft for our young library visitors. Available via curbside, or just ask at the circulation desk.

Tax Forms

The library has a small selection of federal and state tax forms and booklets available; however, any form may be downloaded directly from the IRS and Michigan Treasury. We can print any form for .15 cents per page.

<https://www.irs.gov/forms-instructions>

<https://www.michigan.gov/taxes>

WiFi Access

The library currently has no workspace or reading space inside the library; however, the WiFi is accessible in the library parking lot and patio. We also have hot spots and Chromebooks available for check out. Chromebooks and Hotspots may be borrowed for 3 days. Contact us for more information and availability.



Construction Updates

Concrete has been poured and the next step is erecting the structural steel. Visit donate.benzieshoreslibrary.org for details about our expansion and renovation project, or to donate to the library's capital campaign. While we have raised the majority of construction costs, funds are still needed for furnishings and landscaping.

WHAT THE EYES DON'T SEE

with author **Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha**

Sunday, March 21, 2021

5:00 pm

Virtual Conversation

LIVE via Zoom

Benzonia Public Library

Join the author as she discusses a story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City. Conversation facilitated by Liz Kirkwood, Executive Director of FLOW (For Love of Water), Traverse City.

Register now for this FREE program or visit www.benzonialibrary.org to register



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Info. 231-882-4111 or www.benzonialibrary.org.



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(231) 641-0200

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(231) 944-1568

We are looking forward to our virtual visit with Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha! A special thank you to MIHumanities and the Benzonia Library for making this happen. We have several copies of [WHAT THE EYES DON'T SEE](https://benzieshoreslibrary.org) available. You can call us or reserve a copy online at benzieshoreslibrary.org.

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LIBRARY LIKEABLES (a.k.a. staff picks)

We are fortunate to have staff with what can only be considered eclectic taste. Here is a sampling of what your favorite librarians are currently reading, watching, scrolling, and streaming.

Stacy

Currently Reading: [LEAVE THE WORLD BEHIND](#) Behind by Rumaan Alam
Read: [KING OF CONFIDENCE](#) by Miles Harvey (a [2021 Michigan Notable Book](#).)

Watching: Older films selected from [1001 MOVIES YOU MUST SEE BEFORE YOU DIE](#). Enjoyed watching [CHARADE](#) with Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant. This title is available using the library's HOOPLA streaming service.

Scrolling: I've been day dreaming about a swimming pool I will never have. A lot of good ideas can be found in [Sunset](#), [Atomic Ranch](#), and [Architectural Digest](#), all of which are available using the library's [FLIPSTER](#) digital magazine service.

Julie

Read: Jacqueline Woodson's [BROWN GIRL DREAMING](#) (a National Book Award and Newbery Honor winning Juvenile autobiography available at BSDL). SO wonderful!

Kaitlin

Watching: [MONTY PYTHON PERSONAL BEST](#), because coming up on a full year of COVID-19 it helps to always look on the bright side of life.

Reading: [THE INHERITANCE GAMES](#) by Jennifer Barnes, a fast paced YA mystery/thriller about a young woman who suddenly inherits a mansion and billions of dollars from a stranger.

Scrolling: [The Internet Archives CD-ROM Software Library](#). Specifically, I am very excited to find a version of Microsoft Encarta which has one of my favorite

trivia games "MindMaze". I cannot tell you how many hours I spent combing through this castle. For an explanation of what MindMaze was and why it hits me right in the nostalgia read [this review](#) by Kotaku Australia.

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February

[SAVING FREEDOM](#) by Joe Scarborough

[THE COLOR OF AIR](#) by Gail Tsukiyama

[THE HEART GOES LAST](#) by Margaret Atwood

[THE FOOD OF A YOUNGER LAND](#) by Mark Kurlansky

[THE PLEA](#) by Steve Cavanagh

[THE LIONS OF FIFTH AVENUE](#) by Fiona Davis

A Local History Deep Dive with Molly

As denizens of the northwest corner of this pleasant peninsula, we have a great many things to be thankful for. From the astounding natural beauty that surrounds us to the endlessly warm and gracious community that embraces us, life in Benzie County and its neighboring areas is special for a myriad of reasons. Beyond the lakes and the dunes and the solemn, snowy woods, we are also special because we are rich in local history. Thanks to the diligent and thorough research of local historians and authors, as well as the contributions of our friends at the Benzie Area Historical Society, our history is kept alive. At the library, we feel so lucky to have a robust section of local history spanning all sorts of subjects. Whether you're interested in shipwrecks, ski resorts, or anywhere in between, we are proud to offer materials that are not just educational, but delightfully entertaining.

One subgenre of local history that I had the pleasure of exploring recently is Frankfort's history of sports and high school athletics. In Pete Sandman's book, [WHEN BASEBALL WAS KING](#) in Frankfort, Michigan, Sandman compiled newspaper articles, historic photos, and entertaining anecdotes to bring to life the story of the Frankfort-Elberta Athletics baseball team. With classic 1920s nicknames like Doc, Syl, Red, and Pep speckling their roster, the Athletics of the 20s paved the way for a baseball franchise that was as precious to the town (stores and offices would often close so everyone could attend the game) as they were successful, finally culminating in the peak year of 1954, when the Athletic's clinched the National Baseball Congress Men's Semi-Professional state title - the smallest community to ever earn such a distinction. The Athletics disbanded in 1967, but the legacy of the team lives on in those who remember it.

Also by Sandman is [IF YOU HAVEN'T PLAYED FRANKFORT, YOU HAVEN'T PLAYED FOOTBALL!](#) The story of the community's football tradition in the last 100 plus years chronicles Frankfort High School football team from their inception in 1901, through the 1980's, including their 1959-1960 seasons when they pulled off a 21-game unbeaten streak! With team photos dating back to the very beginning of the program, team rosters showing the generational inheritance of football in the community, and fantastic tales of both ecstatic victory and crushing defeat, *If You Haven't Played Frankfort, You Haven't Played Football!* reminds us all why "Panther Pride" is more than just school spirit.

The area's gliding history is documented in [SOARING AND GLIDING THE SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE AREA](#) by Jeff and Pete Sandman. The 1937 Midwest Soaring Meet took place just north of Empire. Originally, the planes were brought aloft by towing them along the beach with a Ford Model A roadster, equipped with nine-by-13 inch donut tires to counteract the sand. As you can imagine, this method of takeoff was not exactly sustainable. Lewin Barringer, the general manager of the Soaring Society of America stated in his 1940 book *Flight Without Power*, "Some of the best places in America are the sand dunes in the vicinity of Frankfort, Michigan, which offer unlimited facilities for landing on the beaches." *Soaring and Gliding* carries the reader effortlessly through the daring and romantic tales of unpowered flight in the Sleeping Bear area and demonstrates the lasting impact those gliding meets had on the area's tourism and reputation as a recreational destination.

Henry James once said, "It takes an endless amount of history to make even a little tradition." Whether you choose baseball, football, gliding, or a completely different subject matter, we invite you to explore the wealth of our local history collection.

-Molly Yaple

Molly is the library's Youth/Tech Services Assistant. She joined the BSDL team in January 2020.

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