



April 2021

EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Book Share Group

Wednesday April 21, 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 Circle Time Kits

At this time, there is no in-person story time at the library, but we've created kits for you to host our popular circle time program 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.

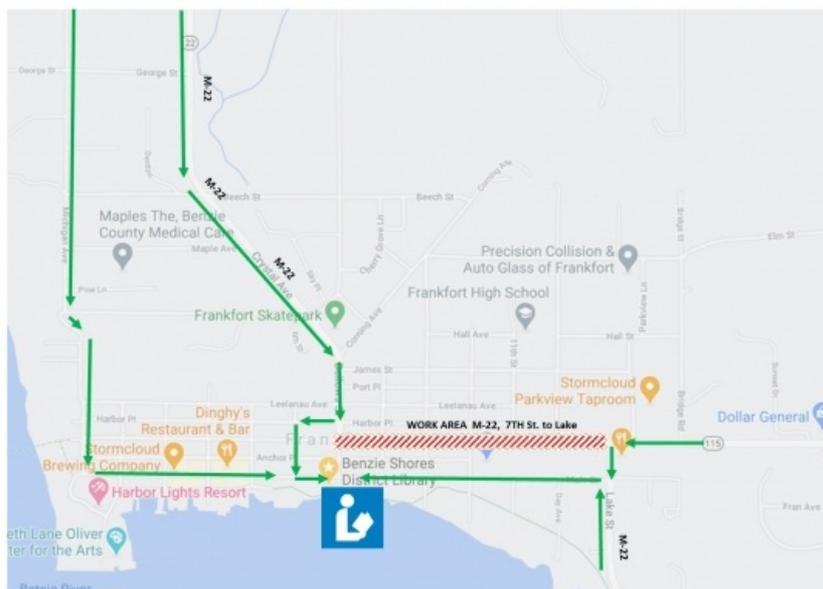
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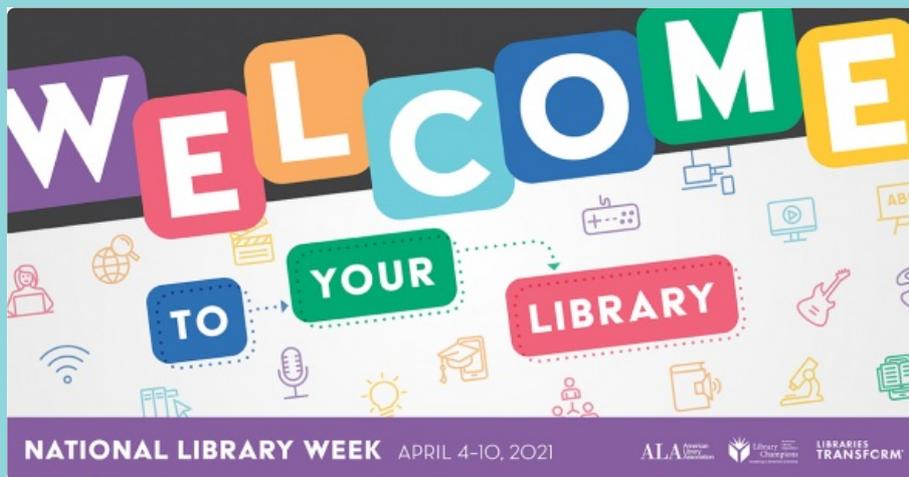
WiFi Access

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.

City of Frankfort/MDOT Road Improvement Project

Frankfort is undergoing extensive road work on M-22 beginning at the bottom of Gateway Hill (A&W) through the blinking light on 7th St. Depending on your usual route to the library, this work may require a detour to get to the library. The project won't be finished until October 2021. When complete, we will have new lighting, sidewalks and much improved water infrastructure. We look forward to the finished project! For more information visit https://www.frankformich.com/news_detail_T31_R84.php





Construction Updates

Carpentry work continues. Very exciting to see the addition begin to take shape! Visit donate.benzieshoreslibrary.org for details about our expansion and renovation project, or to donate to the library's capital campaign.

THE LIBRARY THAT PATIENCE BUILT: A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Is it time for a COVID retrospective? I suppose comparing where we were a year ago to where we are today is helpful to gauge how far we've come. It does feel like we are nearing the end of the pandemic, but I recognize we still have a way to go before the library will return to "normal." While I plan and prepare for multiple scenarios for how the summer may go, my focus remains on how best we can serve our patrons TODAY.

As of this writing, the B.1.1.7 COVID-19 variant was identified in Benzie County.

According to the local health department, "research shows the B.1.1.7 variant is more easily spread than other variants." While vaccine distribution is encouraging, Munson Medical Center currently has 23 COVID patients in the ICU and the hospital is at 72% capacity (<https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98159-523641--00.html>). Pandemic fatigue is real, but please hang in there and stay safe.

Under current MDHHS guidelines, we are operating at 50% capacity, which translates to 24 people in the building (including staff) at any given time. We have yet to reach that, so the doors will remain open, but until the staff is fully vaccinated and the capacity limits are lifted, we will not have workspace or reading space available in the library and time limits will be enforced so that everyone has a chance to use the library safely. Curbside service is still available if you prefer to not come inside.

As we strive for "normal", we also have another unique layer of complications and that is the library is currently under construction. While we are assured we won't need to close the library for any extended length of time, there may be periodic days and times where we may need to close. We will do our best to keep those days to a minimum and provide as much advanced notice as we can.

And I know I may sound like a broken record, but I cannot thank our community enough for the support we have received for our expansion project coupled with the patience you have granted us during the pandemic. I am so grateful to all of you and it pains me to have to ask for more patience as we near the finish line. My desk is full of fabric, paint and carpet samples. These keep a smile on my face and serve as a reminder there's a great big beautiful tomorrow. I look forward to revealing our new spaces to you all!

Stacy

Oliver Art Center's Little Free Art Galleries

CALL FOR ART



What is this? Much like the philosophy behind the Little Free Libraries, these little galleries will have 'wee' art available to anyone! OAC's Little Free Art Galleries will be located in three places: Oliver Art Center at 132 Coast Guard Road, Century 21 Northland at 408 Main Street, and Benzie Shores District Library at 630 Main Street - all in Frankfort!

How does it work? Volunteers make art on a small scale (all artistic talents welcomed) and place in the gallery. Visitors may view the art, take the art, leave their own art, or make a monetary contribution via our website at oliverart.org.

Want to participate? Great! Simply place in the gallery of your choosing or stop by Oliver Art Center and leave it with them to place. Supplies can be purchased at any arts and craft stores - mini canvases or board, matted paper or photos - we just ask that it is ready for display! We are looking for all mediums from paintings to sculptures to fiber work and much more!

OR Stop by OAC and purchase a Supporter Bag! Comes complete with a 4"x4" mini blank canvas, 4 sheets of small artist paper and 4 small pots of paint - only \$10 and all proceeds benefit the program!

Want more information? Contact Brian or Mercedes at Oliver Art Center:

info@oliverart.org | 352-4151



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

Read: [BEFORE THE FALL](#) by Noah Hawley. Hawley is not only a bestselling author, but also a television writer, director, and producer, and screenwriter. He is the creator of the FX series, [FARGO](#).

Reading: [THE SANATORIUM](#) by Sarah Pearse. Mystery set in an abandoned sanatorium turned luxury hotel in the Alps. This book had me at "abandoned sanatorium."

On Deck: [THE PUSH](#) by Ashley Audrain. Dark thriller that may appeal to fans of Lionel Shriver.

Watching: Reruns of Mike Judge's [KING OF THE HILL](#). Knitting while watching the antics of Hank, Boomhauer, Bill and my favorite, Dale Gribble makes a perfect ending for any kind of day. You can even stream the [KING OF THE HILL](#)

[soundtrack](#) from Hoopla!

Julie

Read: [CASTE](#) by Isabel Wilkerson. One of those books that shakes you to your core and shifts your perspective. Good, important read.

Kaitlin

Reading: [DEAR MR HENSHAW](#) in honor of Beverly Cleary. Reading this was like visiting an old friend. This book started my love of epistolary novels, stories told using documents and correspondences, which I am eternally grateful for.

Watching: [FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF](#). What is it about the warm weather that makes you want to play hooky? Of course, there is no chance of my skipping work so watching the experts is the next best thing!

Scrolling: It is Citizen Science Month! Citizen Science is a way for everyday people to help contribute to the scientific community in a wide variety of ways. By playing internet games, entering data and even observing your pet's behaviors you can help further research on a wide range of topics. Because I feel like I am always on the go, I'm a fan of the online only projects that can be done on a lunch break. You can go to <https://scistarter.org/finder> to find a project that fits your interests and your schedule. (Don't forget you can also celebrate by checking out a STEM kit from the library!)

Nancy

Read: Nancy really enjoyed the [PARIS LIBRARY](#) by Janet Skeslien Charles.

Molly

Watching: I have been trying my best to see all the Best Picture nominees before the Academy Awards Ceremony and so far my favorites have been SOUND OF METAL and NOMADLAND (book based). Despite their rather different subject matter (Nomadland centers on Fern-- an older woman who turns to nomadic van life after losing everything--while The Sound of Metal follows Ruben-- a young man whose career as a heavy metal drummer is thrown into disarray after he suddenly and catastrophically loses his hearing) both films meditate on the concept of loss and change while demonstrating the universal truth of such things; we must adapt and move forward, even when our "new normal" will never be the normal we once knew. These titles are not available to libraries yet, but we will add them to our collection in the near future.

Reading: I deeply enjoyed the new graphic novel adaptation of [SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE](#). Whether you're a fan of the novel or have never read it, the graphic adaptation by Ryan North and Albert Monteys faithfully imbues the spirit of the original while still finding fresh ways to interpret Kurt Vonnegut's classic.

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February

[Baker City Brides](#) Series by Shanna Hatfield

[The Mirror and the Light](#) by Hillary Mantel

[The Giver of Stars](#) by Jojo Moyes

[The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek](#) by Kim Michele Richardson

[The Terror](#) by Dan Simmons

[And the Mountains Echoed](#) by Khaled Hosseini

[News of the World](#) by Paulette Jiles

[The Warmth of Other Suns](#) by Isabel Wilkerson

[Four Hundred Souls](#) by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha Blain

[An American Marriage](#) by Tayari Jones

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