

Shorelines Newsletter



May 2021

EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Book Share Group

Wednesday May 19, 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.

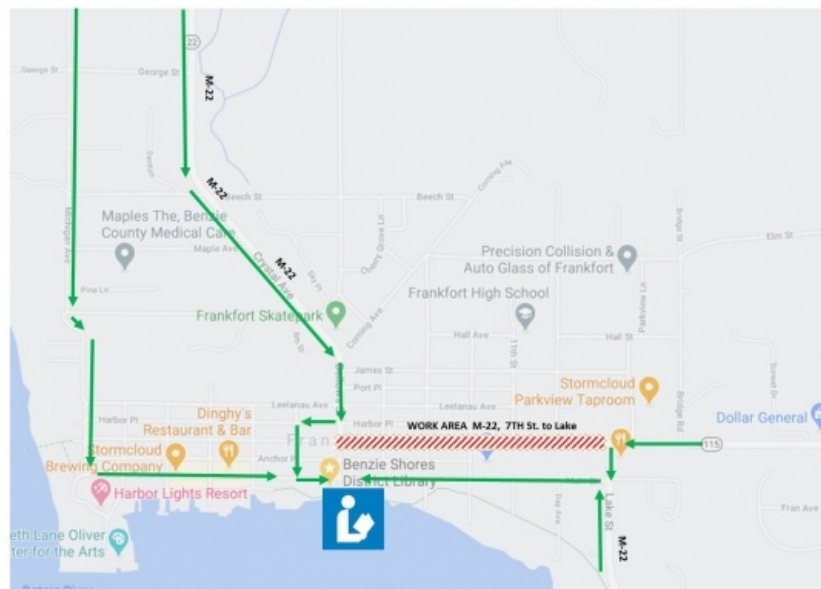
Book Bingo!

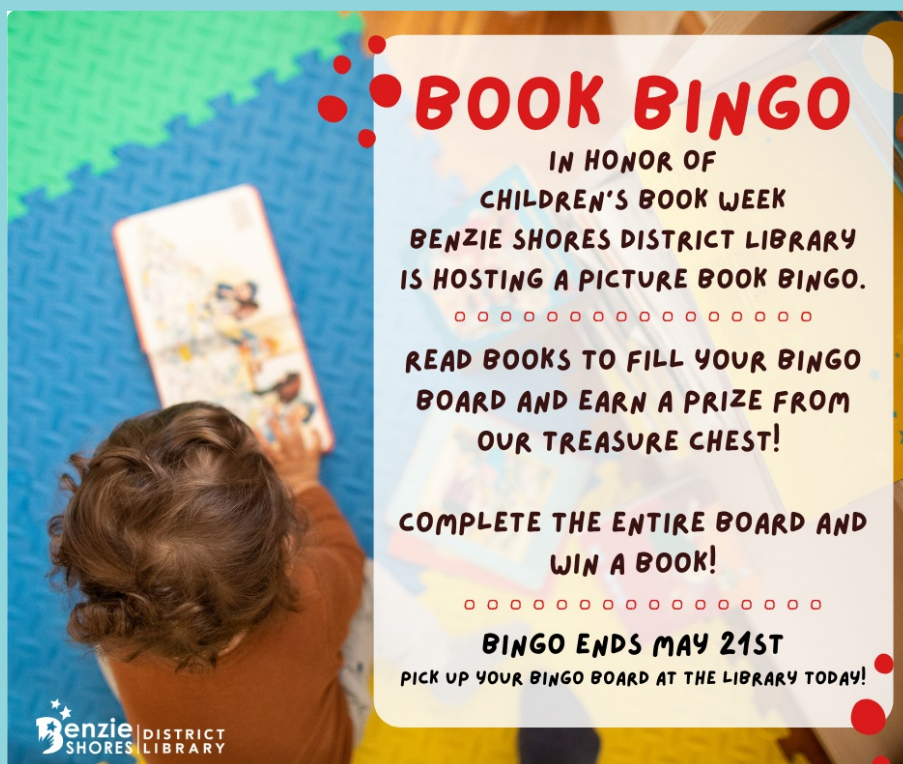
In honor of Children's Book Week (link), BSDL is hosting a picture book bingo. Read books (or have them read to you) to fill your bingo board and earn a prize from our treasure chest. Complete the entire board and win a book! Pick up your bingo board at the library today. Ends May 21st.

COMING SOON!

Our Summer Reading Program for Children and Teens will kick-off in June and we can't wait! This year's theme is "Tails and Tales."

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.frankfortmich.com/news_detail_T31_R84.php





100 BOOKS TO READ BEFORE YOU DIE

During the pandemic, our patron Carol Gunkler was determined to read every title on the [100 Books You Should Read Before You Die](#) list. It was such a joy providing these titles for her and sharing her journey through the classics. She was kind enough to share her experience with us.

CAROL'S 100 BOOK JOURNEY

I didn't plan to read 100 books. When COVID hit, I started reading books I had lying around the house. By the end of the first month of lockdown, I had finished my books, with the exception of cookbooks, yet the pandemic continued.

I was intrigued by a list of the 100 Books You Should Read Before You Die I found online. This list contained many of the classics I had read in high school and college, only now some of them even sounded interesting! I contacted the library and asked for [WAR AND PEACE](#) and the [ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN](#). I reasoned those would carry me through until the end of the pandemic. Unfortunately that was not the case, so I called the Library and asked for Sherlock Holmes and William Faulkner.

I kept reading. Soon, I was reading 3 to 4 books a week. I was reading faster and faster and enjoying it more and more. Before I knew it, I had read 20 books on the list. There was no stopping now, I had to read all 100 books. Some books I loved, some I didn't. I didn't like [WUTHERING HEIGHTS](#); too many loose ends. I loved the [COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO](#); that's the way to get even! I

learned [ANIMAL FARM](#) is not about pigs. I also enjoyed Hemingway, Faulkner and Steinbeck.

After roughly 13 months, I had completed all 100 books. Now what? Back to the Library!!

-Carol Gunkler



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.

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: [QUANTUM SPY](#) by David Ignatius. When not writing a foreign affairs column for the Washington Post, Ignatius writes spy novels. The plot of this book appealed to me because the race to build a quantum computer is grounded in the very real tech and intelligence warfare.

Reading: Recently, while watching a program about Frank L. Baum on [American Experience](#) (PBS), I learned it is widely believed that Baum's inspiration for the Emerald City was based on the "White City" Columbian Exposition at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. I had no idea of the size of the 1893 Fair! This inspired me to pick up Erik Larson's [DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY](#), one of Larson's more popular titles that I had not read. This book combines my love of Fairs, Festivals and Theme Parks with my enjoyment of a gritty true crime novel. As you can imagine, few books carry both of those elements.

On Deck: Next month, my book club is reading [WRITERS AND LOVERS](#) by Lily King.

Julie

I recently listened to [THE SILENT PATIENT](#) by Alex Michaelides via Libby. The narrator was excellent and the story was dark and twisty!

I've also been shamelessly revisiting [DOC MARTIN](#) via Hoopla. I love Doc Ellingham--not dark, but very fun and twisty!!

Kaitlin

Reading: This April, in honor of National Poetry Month, I read [SORRY I HAVEN'T TEXT YOU BACK](#) by Alicia Cook. This poetry book focuses on relationships, grief and mental health challenges with straightforward and highly relatable prose. One of the interesting features of this book is the A side poems and the B side poems. The first half of the book are traditionally structured poems while the second "B Side" of the book reimagines those poems as blackout poetry giving depth and interesting twists to the text. (Available on Hoopla)

Playing: Pokemon Ultra Sun. Pokemon celebrates its 25th birthday this year and it is just as popular as it was when I was an 8. There are exponentially more Pokemon than the original 151 creatures, but the values of friendship, responsibility, and teamwork remain the same. If you are looking for a solid refresher course on Pokemon check out [DK's Pokémon Visual Companion](#) or [Brands We Love: Pokemon](#) by Sara Green.

Cooking: [HEROE'S FEAST: The Official D&D Cookbook](#) while it sounds gimmicky even the uninitiated will enjoy this high fantasy inspired cookbook. While the names of the recipes come straight out of the Feywilds, this book has a delicious Fondue Recipe (Community Cheese pg. 119), and mouthwatering meatballs (Delzoun "Tide-me-overs" pg. 90) This cookbook is perfect for foodies and fantasy lovers alike!

Nancy

I recently read [THE ROSE CODE](#) by Kate Quinn. She continues to write historical fiction that is well referenced and a good story. I heartily recommend it. "The Rose Code" explores the lives of a few of the individuals chosen to work at Bletchley Park in England during WWII. There have been many books written about WWII and you may be tired of the topic. However, the characters and their backgrounds, the interactions and the complicated nature of their work is the central focus of the book. It gives us some insight into the motivation and intellectual requirements needed in the many aspects of this important operation.

Jodi Picoult's newest [THE BOOK OF TWO WAYS](#) was interesting. It starts a bit slow but I found the information about archaeological burial site digs to be very interesting. I felt like I wanted to slap the main character often...but the story of two possible futures and the historical perspective in ancient Egypt made up for my lack of patience with the character.

[THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY](#) by Matt Haig is getting a lot of press and it is a good imaginative book. It explores the possibilities that we think we desire in life and the subtle realization of what is really important. So many books so little time! Enjoy.

Molly

This past month, my reading/watching/listening time has been dramatically cut into by the fact that I recently purchased a virtual reality headset, so much of my downtime has been spent watching climbers traverse the Khumbu Icefall, fighting zombies in a postapocalyptic New Orleans, and fishing on quiet lakes in South Korea. Seeing the views from Everest did, however, inspire me to revisit one of my all-time favorite books-- [INTO THIN AIR](#) by Jon Krakauer. Krakauer's wonderful descriptions of the climb, from the culture of Namche Bazaar to the mountain peaks that tower over you from all sides, are the perfect way to further immerse myself into the world of Everest and remind myself that, while I may be safely standing in my living room, the people surrounding me in this virtual world are in a real life and death struggle against the elements. Since my eyes are kind of occupied with the headset on, I opted for the audiobook. I had never listened to Jon Krakauer narrate any of his works before and his voice and tone add greatly to the story. The audiobook made for a fresh experience and by the time disaster struck I was as engrossed in the terror and tragedy as if it was my first time reading it.

I am still working my way through the Oscar Nominees for Best Picture and, therefore, watched [PROMISING YOUNG WOMAN](#). It's a surprisingly lighthearted movie about a very heavy subject matter, but fantastic performances by Carrie Mulligan and Bo Burnham keep the movie feeling believable (sometimes gut-wrenchingly so) throughout. I have also been watching the new Ken Burns documentary on [ERNEST HEMINGWAY](#).

I hope you all are having a wonderful spring and looking as forward as I am to summer! It's not far off now!

BOOK SHARE

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April Shares

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

[The Mirror and the Light](#) by Hilary 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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