



June 2021

EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Book Share Group

Wednesday June 16, 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.

Fun Fridays!

Fridays, June 18th - August 13th @ 10 a.m.

As long as the sun is shining, Fun Fridays will be held at 10am at the Marina Pavilion where we will be moving, crafting and reading all summer long.



"Pretty sweet set up you got here."

With a nice view, cool breeze and plenty of WiFi, the library patio is great place to work, read, or just relax.

Summer Reading Program 2021!

If the traffic in Downtown Frankfort is any indication: Summer has arrived and with it brings the Summer Reading Program to Benzie Shores District Library! This year our summer reading program is Tails and Tales which means it is time to get WILD about reading and get your paws on a good book. Our summer reading challenge kicks off Friday, June 11th and is a great way to encourage reading and earn fun prizes!

We are celebrating all kinds of animals from pets to Pikachu! This is a great year to unleash your imagination at the library. Starting June 14th, We will be hosting crafts and coloring pages for pick up on Make-it Mondays. Return your coloring page to the library to have it put on display on our wild wall. Alternating Thursdays, beginning June 24th, the library will host the Teen Table outside from 3-4 for drop in crafts, like DIY chalk, button making and bead pets. This year we also see the return of Fun Fridays, June 18th, at the library. As long as the sun is

shining, Fun Fridays will be held at 10am at the Marina Pavilion where we will be moving, crafting and reading all summer long.

To join our summer reading challenge children can be registered at bit.ly/bsdtails and teens can register at bit.ly/teentails.

See you at the library!
-Miss Kaitlin

FAVORITE READS FROM FHS CLASS OF 2021

One of the joys of being a librarian is watching our youngest patrons blossom into lifelong readers. Students may one day forget how to diagram a sentence, or add complex fractions, but they will never forget the book that showed them the joy of recreational reading. Some of our Seniors were kind enough to share with us their favorite reads. We wish the class of 2021 all the success in the world and a lifetime of great reads.

[ERAGON](#) by Christopher Paolini

My favorite book of all time is Eragon by Christopher Paolini. The constant action and suspense is irresistible. Eragon is faced with evil forces and has to fight his way to justice with his Dragon Saphira. Together they destroy an entire army and save a city. The book draws you in with an iron fist grip. I could not seem to put the book down, I've read it over four times.
--Kirk Beeman

[THE CATCHER IN THE RYE](#) by J.D. Salinger

My favorite book of all time is The Catcher In the Rye by J.D. Salinger because it has stood out to me immensely among the various books I've read in my lifetime. The author does an incredible job in adding details exactly where they are needed, and not adding too many of them either. This is the reason, this book lured me in entirely, but the reason it was such an outstanding read was for the humor. The humor of the main character, Holden, is a unique and genuine one to observe because he is so authentically and cynically himself when it comes to the ways he describes the world around him. Reading such a new and authentic voice like his made me realize that there will always be books out there for you to love, even if books aren't your things. - Trianna Bonilla Flores

[HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN](#) by J.K. Rowling

One of my all time favorite books is Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling. One of the many reasons I find this story compelling is because of how much we hear about Sirius Black, and how dangerous he is. It was very interesting to see Harry develop an impression of this man he has heard so much about over the course of the story, only to realize that he was completely different. It was a really innovative concept to have someone you thought to be a villain, actually turn out to be more of an ally than you would think. -Carter Felty

[THE DA VINCI CODE](#) by Dan Brown

My favorite book of all time would have to be The Da Vinci Code by world renowned author Dan Brown. This book remains at the top of my list due to multiple reasons. To begin, when I read The Da Vinci Code, it was unlike any other piece of literature that I had ever read up to that point. The use of rhetorical devices such as word choice, hyperbole, and alliteration all contributed to the power of this novel. To add, an important thing that keeps The Da Vinci Code as my favorite, would be the strong supporting series. Following my finishing of The Da Vinci Code, I was alerted to the fact that Dan Brown had in fact written a book in the same series, even prior to The Da Vinci Code. As I read my way throughout the Robert Langdon series including, Angels and Demons, The Lost Symbols, and Inferno, I would find myself thinking and trying to understand the mind benders. While my words cannot do justice to the ingenuity of these books, I can encourage you to check them out for yourself. With a more of a thrill and mysterious tone, you will find yourself engrossed in the happenings of Mr. Langdon.
--Seth Johnson

[THE ELEVENTH PLAGUE](#) by Jeff Hirsch

My favorite book of all time is The Eleventh Plague by Jeff Hirsch. The reason that this is, and has continued to be my favorite book is because of the general style of the book, and remembering how easily I lost track of time when reading it. The contrast of the non-fictional story line with such real and strong emotions evoked by the main character, as well as the introduction of new, complex, and impressionable characters being thrown in at every twist and turn in the story, made for quite the story. This is one of few books that has had me eager to find free time that I could spend reading rather than my usual hobbies. --Connor Lamerson

[HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE](#) by J.K. Rowling

One book which meant a lot to me as a kid was Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. I started reading the Harry Potter series with my parents when I was in kindergarten, and as I got older my parents would pull out the books and we would read them together. I also spent many long car trips listening to the series on audio. Harry Potter is a series which I will always remember as an integral part of my childhood. -- Ella Larsen

[A CHILD CALLED "IT"](#) by Dave Pelzer

My favorite book of all time is A Child Called "It". This book above all has given me great humility in the fact that I was fortunate enough to grow up in a loving household. This book is a true story about one of the most horrific cases of child abuse in modern history. This book is very important to me because it brings awareness to the tragedy that is child abuse. Without reading this book I would have not been able to comprehend the environment that some children face on a daily basis. This book in particular has inspired many people to come forwards on their own experience with child abuse and has lead to them being able to battle the trauma that comes along with it. I believe that the cycle can only stop when society recognizes that this is not a

problem of history that has been addressed, and that there are still so many more cases of child abuse that do not get the attention they deserve. -Daniel Newbold

[RANGER'S APPRENTICE SERIES](#) by John Flannagan

Throughout my years in school reading I've never had one book stand out to me much less a series when compared to the Ranger's Apprentice series by John Flanagan. After the first book I was instantly hooked with the story and the characters. Following the character Will as he is introduced into the rangers corps an elite group of archers and defenders of the kingdom they call home. The reader follows Will from the time he's an apprentice travelling on quests of glory, to the time he teaches his own apprentice. I found each book more exciting as I learned more about Will and watched as his character slowly developed from book to book. Each time I read the book, I'm taken on an exciting journey to far away lands with fascinating story lines and characters. -- William O'Dwyer

[CAT'S CRADLE](#) by Kurt Vonnegut

My favorite book of all time is Cat's Cradle or anything by Kurt Vonnegut. His books are so bizarre and insane yet very clever and mind blowing. "My name is Yon Yonson, I come from Wisconsin, I work in a lumber mill there..." --August Pasche

[RANGER'S APPRENTICE SERIES](#) by John Flannagan

My favorite book of all time is the Ranger's Apprentice series. This is my favorite series of books because they hook you. Although I haven't finished the series yet, there is still a great plot and overall a great story. It is well action packed, well written, and keeps the reader on edge. This series has impacted me because I never really read a lot throughout my childhood. It wasn't quite something that I found interesting, until I started reading the Ranger's Apprentice. Another way I can tell that it's a great series is that the last time I read one of the books was a couple years ago and yet I still remember them. Although there is a saying "don't judge a book by its cover" each one of the Ranger's Apprentice books has a cover that makes the book look suspenseful and thrilling which is another great way to hook a reader. --Christopher Provo

[ELEANOR AND PARK](#) by Rainbow Rowell

I wouldn't say that I have a favorite book but I definitely have some that have changed my life, one of those being Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell. I loved how real it was, being set on the story of a girl who isn't the prettiest, or the richest, or the smartest. In fact, she was more the opposite of those things than not. In a world full of fairy tales and happy endings, it's nice to have a dose of reality to keep you grounded. It's only human to realise that sometimes cliff hangers don't have explanations and miracles don't always come to be. --Clover Roeters

[DARTH BANE: DYNASTY OF EVIL](#) by Drew Karpshyn

My favorite book is "Darth Bane: Dynasty of Evil" by Drew Karpshyn. It is the last book in an amazing trilogy. It's my favorite because of the incredible character development. Every time there is a fight, the "enemy's" motives are explained and you begin to feel an internal conflict on who you want to win. Also the plot twist at the end blew my mind. --Walker Schindler

[HITLER'S SECRET](#) by William Osbourne

I have many favorite books, but the book that made me love reading and get me very intrigued was Hitler's Secret by William Osbourne. This story was very action packed and kept me on my heels at all times. I am not the greatest reader nor do I like it a lot, but this book made me want to read more and continue reading that would waste hours of my time after school. This story is something that continues to illuminate how this book has changed my thoughts on reading and how I go into books when I first start reading. The storyline in the book twists and turns and leaves you on the edge of your seat wanting to hear what will happen next. This book is a great read for anyone and will keep people hooked into the story even if they aren't a great reader or don't like reading like me. --Jack Stefanski

The [BERSERK](#) series by Kentaro Miura. The books have amazing writing and illustrations. The series has a great story that captivates the reader and makes them want to read more. The book is on the gruesome side as the main character, Guts cuts through his enemy to reach his goal. There are plenty of tragic moments and even more triumphant moments. The book captures the medieval time period very well for a fictional series. I hope to one day finish the series as there are 39 books and the series is not over yet.

--Andrew Tondur



Construction Updates

Woot woot, roof roof! Construction continues on our expansion. 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.

Julie

[KLARA AND THE SUN](#) (Kazuo Ishiguro) took me on an interesting emotional journey. I found it interesting to invest feelings in both the human and 'Artificial Friend' characters. Ishiguro's writing is beautiful. Very unique.
[ONE BY ONE](#) (Ruth Ware) has been my most recent read via Libby. When you are warm on the beach you'll enjoy this twisty, frozen, who-did-it mystery set in the French Alps.

Kaitlin

Watching: The Twilight Zone original series. I was raised on the Twilight Zone, the Outer Limits and the Night Gallery, so when we recently acquired a swath of [TWILIGHT ZONE](#) DVDs I gleefully have been checking them out over the course of the past month. From the McCarthy-era inspired "Monsters are Due on Maple Street" to my perennial favorite, "I Sing The Body Electric" about the sweetest electric grandmother, these dvd's are well worth a watch!

Reading: Grisha Trilogy. In addition to the twilight zone I absolutely devoured the Netflix series [SHADOW AND BONE](#) which is based off of the series of YA fantasy novels by Leigh Bardugo. It is rare that you will see me favor a TV series over a book, but this series did a marvelous job of bringing depth and nuance to the characters and the world of the books. If you were a fan of the series, or just love a fun fast paced fantasy, DEFINITELY pick up the books. [SIEGE AND STORM](#) (Book 2) has me so excited for season 2. (Pirates? PIRATES!)

Doing: Getting ready for Summer Reading! It starts on Friday, June 11th don't-cha-know? Children can be registered at bit.ly/bsdltails and teens can register at bit.ly/teentails.

Stacy

Reading: Mostly book reviews about books I won't get a chance to read the next few months. You will all have to tell me what you're reading! I just started listening to the [ANTHROPOCENE REVIEWED](#) by John Green. This is a collection of essays "on a human-centered planet" by the author of "The Fault in our Stars" and "Turtles All the Way Down."

Watching: My daughter and I are slowly working our way through Rolling Stone's list of "[The 100 Greatest Sitcoms of All Time](#)." We try to get one sitcom in per day. We've enjoyed the variety of classics and newer shows. I've enjoyed introducing some of my old favorites to my daughter.

New Favorite Quote: "Books are like TV, only slower and in your head." -Michael Che

Nancy

I have spent most of my free time gardening this past month. So instead of a current book I am recommending an author I enjoy. Susanna Kearsley writes well researched historical fiction with a twist of the paranormal and romance. Sounds like an unlikely combination but you will find yourself immersed in the stories...not doubting the unusual is possible. I recommend you start by reading [WINTER SEA](#) and find yourself shuttled between present day and 1708 Scotland. Enjoy the ride!

Molly

Hello library lovers! This month, I have been reading two of the library's newest manga books, [THE WAY OF THE HOUSE HUSBAND](#) by Kosuke Oono and the [ATTACK ON TITAN -- Colossal Edition](#) by Hajime Isayama. I was already a big fan of Attack on Titan (a dystopian tale of a civilization of humans who are under constant attack from a race of giant, human-like creatures) from watching the TV series, but seeing it in its original form gives me a whole new appreciation for the story. The Way of the House Husband is the hilarious story of an ex-Yakuza assassin who is (often unsuccessfully) acclimating to his new life as a stay-at-home-husband.

I have also deeply enjoyed a few articles in the May 10 and 17 issues of [New Yorker Magazine](#) (available in print at the library, or through our [FLIPSTER](#) digital magazine service). The article with the headline "Cold Case" offers a logical explanation to a long-unresolved and rather spooky occurrence-- The Dyatlov Pass incident-- in which a group of hikers in Russia all died in mysterious circumstances, prompting amateur sleuths from around the globe to theorize everything from murder to bigfoot to aliens. As someone who has always been fascinated with Dyatlov Pass, the New Yorker article discussed points that even I was unaware of and left me feeling like I had a much more thorough understanding of the case than ever before.

The second article also deals with the paranormal. "The U.F.O. Papers" in the May 17, 2021 issue was one of the few pieces of media in recent memory to cause chills to run up my spine. I won't ruin the fun of reading by saying too much, but if you don't mind feeling a little uneasy with your reading, you should definitely check it out!

BOOK SHARE

Looking for a good book? Join our Book Share Group via Zoom. Book Share meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. (via Zoom). [Contact us](#) to have the Zoom link emailed to you, or follow the link found [here](#) just prior to the program.

May Shares

[FIREFLY LANE](#) Kristin Hannah

[DEAD LAND](#) Sarah Paretsky

[THE BADASS LIBRARIANS OF TIMBUKTU](#) Joshua Hammer

[EVERY DAY IS A GIFT](#) Tammy Duckworth

[ISHMAEL'S ORANGES](#) Claire Hajaj

[THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW](#) A.J. Finn

[HEART OF FIRE](#) Mazie Hirono

[THE SECRETS YOU KEEP](#) Kate White

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