



August 2021

EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Book Share Group

Wednesday August 18, 2021 @ 10 a.m.

Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. We are meeting via Zoom until our library addition is complete this fall. [Contact us](#) to have zoom information emailed to you, or check the library's [website](#) 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.

Pokémon Party

Wednesday, August 4th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Calling all Pokemon trainers! Drop by the library August 4th from 1-2 p.m. for fun, games, and Pokemon! *All outdoor programs are dependent on fair weather and current MDHHS programming guidelines.*

UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Monday September 6, 2021

The library will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

September 10-12th, 2021

Due to the Ironman Competition, in anticipation of large crowds in close proximity to the library, the library will be CLOSED September 10-12th. We apologize for the inconvenience. Regular hours will resume Monday, September 13, 2021.



COVID Information

Visit the [Benzie Leelanau District Health Department](#) for current COVID information, including vaccine information.
Michigan.gov's COVID-19 Hotline 1-888-535-6136. Or email COVID19@michigan.gov.
[Munson Healthcare COVID FAQ](#)
[Statewide PPE and Hospital Bed Tracker](#)

There has been a lot of noise in the library lately. We've had roofers, carpenters, electricians and masons hard at work the past few weeks. The noise hasn't phased us as it is the sound of progress!



Visit <http://donate.benzieshoreslibrary.org/> for more information about our BIGGER little library!

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

We are thankful to have a staff with a variety of reading and viewing tastes Here is a sampling of what your favorite librarians are currently reading, watching, scrolling, and streaming.

Julie

Alexander McCall Smith's [TINY TALES](#)—I needed 'charming' and McCall Smith delivered! The sort of book that was perfect to have at my bedside to close out the day. I have also been listening (via LIBBY) to Glennon Doyle's [UNTAMED](#). Doyle has an honesty and insight that is well-spoken. It provided a lot of food for thought about empathy and self care.

Kaitlin

Watching: I have absolutely been loving the series LOKI this past month. (Did you know Loki has his own [self-titled YA novel](#)?) and In preparation for the next Marvel TV series, I read the collected "[WHAT IF?](#)" comic collection available on Hoopla. This comic series reimagines the marvel universe by asking questions like "What if Cap and Bucky survived World War II?" and "What if the Avengers never existed?" This is great for anyone who has read a comic and wondered "What if...?"

Reading: [BOX IN THE WOODS](#) by Maureen Johnson, This is the most recent addition to the Stevie Bell Series. After her adventures at Ellingham Academy, aspiring detective and true crime enthusiast Stevie Bell takes on a new case at a summer camp. It has all the grisly fun of a slasher film paired with the engaging and dynamic writing I adored from the original trilogy. This is hands down one of my favorite YA series and I am so happy to have the most recent installment on our shelves.

Playing: Stardew Valley, a darling farming game which has me looking at my backyard with new eyes. This game has led me to doing my own research and picking up [SMALL-SPACE VEGETABLE GARDENS: growing great edibles in containers, raised beds, and small plots](#) by Andrea Bellamy and "Plantiful: start small, grow big with 150 plants that spread, self-sow, and overwinter" by Kristin Green. Though with how quick this summer has gone I have a feeling my gardening will stay virtual for the time being.

Stacy

Read: It has been the summer of non-fiction for me. [PREMONITION](#) by Michael Lewis highlights the reactions of some key players in the pandemic that you've probably never heard of. I also listened to [EMPIRE OF PAIN](#) by Patrick Radden Keefe. The book is a comprehensive history of the Sackler family and how they built their fortunes by marketing and manufacturing the drug oxycontin, a catalyst of the opioid crisis. These titles are available for download through the library's [UP NORTH DIGITAL COLLECTION](#).

Molly

This month, I have been reading [CELLS AT WORK](#) by Akane Shimizu. It personifies all the functions and threats the human body experiences, especially focusing on a plucky red blood cell and a mysterious (and ferocious) white blood cell as they try to protect the body from pneumococcus, an allergy to cedar pollen, influenza, and a scrape wound. At once ridiculous, campy, and brutal, Cells at Work gives a very new (and downright cool) perspective on the inner workings of the human body.

I am also reading a manhwa by Kim Hyun Sook called [BANNED BOOK CLUB](#). Banned Book Club is an autobiographical account of the author's experiences starting college in 1983, under the oppressive, totalitarian fist of South Korea's Fifth Republic. She soon finds herself as the youngest member of a banned book club, where she encounters the censorship and brutality of the regime first-hand. The book is massively entertaining and surprisingly informative. Not only did it educate me on the history of government reform in South Korea -- a topic I knew virtually nothing about -- but it also reminded me of the universal importance of reading and the rebellious power that uncensored access to information provides.

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July Shares

[THE REBEL ANGELS](#) (The Cornish Trilogy Book #1) by Robertson Davies

[MEET ME AT THE MUSEUM](#) by Anne Youngson

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

[AGE OF WOOD](#) by Roland Ennos

[KLARA AND THE SUN](#) by Kazuo Ishiguro

[THE CLOCKMAKER'S DAUGHTER](#) by Kate Morton

[THE PARIS LIBRARY](#) by Janet Skeslien Charles

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