



## November 2021

### EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

#### **Preschool Crafts**

*November 15th-January 31st*

Make and take crafts return to the library! Beginning November 15th, the library will be offering take home crafts and coloring pages for our young patrons. New crafts available every Monday while supplies last!

#### **Webb Week @ Benzie Shores!**

*December 13th-18th*

December is a big month full of holidays, families, and **SPACE TELESCOPES?!** That's right! December 13th - 18th the library will join 500 sites across the country to celebrate the launch of the James Webb Space Telescope, NASA's next great space science observatory. In honor of this historic launch, BSDL will be hosting after-school science programs on the 14th and 15th, a space themed story time will be held on the 17th, and the week ends with a special interplanetary presentation by Dr. Manuel Bautista, professor of astrophysics on Saturday, December 18th. The Library is also partnering with the [Oliver Art Center](#) for an out of this world community collage, inspired by the Hexagonal mirrors featured on the Webb Telescope. Beginning December 1st, you may pick up your Hexagonal template at either the Library or the Art Center to be part of this community collage.

#### **Book Share Group**

*Wednesday November 17, 2021 @ 10 a.m.*

Our book share group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. We are meeting via Zoom until our library addition is complete. Contact us to have zoom information emailed to you each month, or check the library [website](#) close to program start.

#### **Outstanding Expanding!**

Windows and drywall and duct work, oh my! We know you are as eager as we are to explore our new space. We are experiencing some delays while waiting for parts to arrive, but overall we are seeing progress. For more information and to see how you can help, visit <http://donate.benzieshoreslibrary.org/>



We are thrilled to announce we now have outdoor lockers for 24/7 materials pick-up! View [INSTRUCTIONS](#) or ask a staff member to learn how to use this new service.

This service was made possible by the Friends of Benzie Shores District Library. Thank you Friends!

REFLECTIONS ON THE

# GALES OF NOVEMBER

with our staff shipwreck enthusiast, Molly Yapple



Shipwrecks capture our imagination due to their unique melding of tragedy, grim romance, and unsettling mystery. This November, we have several books detailing this tragic element of our great lakes history on display.

Gordon Lightfoot's classic ballad *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald* served to cement this wreck in the national memory. If you're interested in digging deeper into the Great Lake's most famous wreck, try [MIGHTY FITZ: THE SINKING OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD](#) by Michael Schumacher, [GALES OF NOVEMBER: THE SINKING OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD](#) by Robert J Hemming, and [WRECK OF THE EDMUND FITZGERALD](#) by Frederick Stonehouse.

The Fitzgerald, however, is far from the only ship that has been claimed by the lakes. In 1913, the lake was ravaged by the most ferocious fresh water storm in recorded history. Though November 1913 began as a surprisingly warm and calm month on the water, a low-pressure system began building steam and descended on the Great Lakes on November 7. For the next three days, the hurricane-force winds would drag ten ships to the lakebed, drive more than twenty others into the shore, and claim the lives of 235. For further reading on the 1913 storm, consider [NOVEMBER'S FURY: THE DEADLY GREAT LAKES HURRICANE OF 1913](#) by Michael Schumacher, [DISASTER GREAT LAKES](#) by Megan Long, [STORMY SEAS](#) by Wes Oleszewski, [GREAT LAKES SHIPWRECKS AND SURVIVALS](#) by William Ratigan, and the David Swayze's exhaustive book, [SHIPWRECK! A COMPREHENSIVE DIRECTORY OF SHIPWRECKS ON THE GREAT LAKES](#).

A saving grace for struggling ships were the lake's Life Saving Stations. Working

dauntlessly through tumultuous waters, the brave sailors of the Life Saving Service rescued a great number of ships. Countless sailors were saved by the impressively engineered surfboats as well as the effective breeches buoy system and assured the continued safety and success of the Great Lakes' maritime industry. The only thing capable of beating the gales of November was the Great Lakes Life Saving Service. For those interested in reading further about this, I would absolutely recommend local historian Jon Hawley's latest book [GUARDIANS OF THE MANITOU PASSAGE](#).

These and many more shipwreck books are on display this month at the library.

-Molly

## 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. We are meeting via Zoom until the library's addition is completed. [Contact us](#) to have the Zoom link emailed to you, or check the library's website just prior to the program.

### October Shares

A Slow Fire Burning by Paula Hawkins  
Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead  
Split Ends by Kristen Billerback  
Stay for Love by Katherine Karol  
Seaside Letters by Denise Hunter  
The Wish by Nicholas Sparks  
Malibu Burning by Taylor Jenkins Reid  
Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doer  
Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate  
No Time for Goodbye by Linwood Barclay  
Septembers of Shiraz by Dalia Sofer  
Forever Young by Hayley Mills  
The Storm is Upon Us by Mike Rothschild  
The Far Field by Madhuri Vijay

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