



January 2023

EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

SATURDAY STORY TIME

Saturday, January 7th at 10:30 a.m.

Listen to stories, sing songs and make a special craft with Miss Kaitlin! Designed for preschool age children but all are welcome.

CIRCLE TIME FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Infants and toddlers and their parents/caregivers will have fun rhyming and moving! With a focus on repetition, each week children build their repertoire of rhymes both old and new! There is an informal playgroup following Circle Time.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & TEENS

MAH JONG MONDAYS

Mondays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Accomplished players and interested participants alike are invited to rattle the tiles and join the fun each Monday from 2 to 4 PM in the Library Program Room.

TECH TUESDAYS

Tuesdays 10:30 AM to noon

Need some help using the library's digital services? Have a tech issue giving you some grief? The library offers one on one basic tech help on Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

BOOK SHARE

Wednesday, January 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a cup of coffee or tea and talk about books. Share what you have read recently and find out what fellow community members have been reading. This is a great way to discover new books!

ADVANCED DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Saturday, January 14th at 11:30 a.m.

Are you an adventurer at heart? Then join us for BSDL's Dungeons and Dragons Group. This group will meet monthly to play Advanced Dungeons and Dragons. Meets the second Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m. This program is for Adults and Teens.

HISTORY OF FRANKFORT HARBOR

Thursday, January 19th @ 4 p.m.

Boats, maps, docks, and furnaces! Andy Bolander, chief historian of the Benzie Area Historical Society will lecture on the development of Frankfort harbor from a sparse settlement in 1859 to the modern day. Whether you call it Betsie Bay, Frankfort Harbor, Lake Aux Becs Scies, we hope you join us!

BOOK TO BIG SCREEN : Book and Film Discussion at the Garden Theater

Saturday, January 21st @ 3 p.m.

Join us for a FREE screening of the film *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*, based on the book by Gabrielle Zevin. Several copies of the book are available at Benzie Shores District Library. You can also listen to the audiobook using the Hoopla app- all you need is your library card number. There will be a book & film discussion following the movie. This program meets at the Garden Theater. Sponsored by the Garden Theater and Friends of BSDL.

TEENY TINY BUSY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 24th at 4 p.m.

The book club for busy people! Each month we discuss a SHORT story in less than an hour. Meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Each month's reading is from *The Best American Short Stories 2021*. [Reserve a copy online](#), or call the library at 231-352-4671.

SUPER PASSWORD SATURDAY

Saturday, January 28th 10 a.m. to Noon

A technology professional will be available to help you set up a password manager program to keep your passwords safe, secure and accessible only to you!

MONET, MITCHELL, AND ME: A PAINTER'S PILGRIMAGE

Thursday, February 16th @ 1 p.m.

In 2022 Ellie traveled to Paris to see an exhibition of paintings by art world giants Claude Monet & Joan Mitchell. From there Ellie and her husband Roo Davison traveled to places along the River Seine where Monet and Mitchell had painted. Inspired, Ellie did some painting of her own. This presentation will follow Ellie's travels from Paris to Honfleur and Etretat on the Normandy coast. Ellie will share with us not only her art, but also photos of the French countryside, and artwork from Impressionist Monet and Abstract Expressionist

Mitchell, set to the music of Erik Satie. This is sure to be an intriguing exploration of what it means to be an artist. Q & A to follow.

The Garden Theater & Benzie Shores District Library present

BOOK TO BIG SCREEN

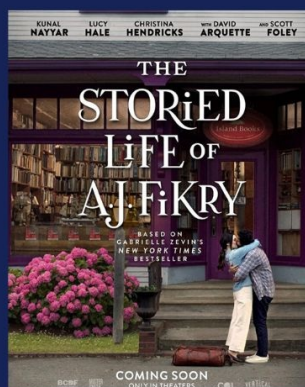
BOOK & FILM DISCUSSION

Saturday, January 21, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.
at The Garden Theater

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Read the book. See the film.

We are so excited to partner with our Friends at the Garden Theater to bring the first Book to Big Screen program to Frankfort! Reserve a copy of the book [THE STORIED LIFE OF A.J. FIKRY](#) by Gabrielle Zevin from the Library (or download the audiobook using your library card and the HOOPLA app). Then, join us at the Garden Theater on Saturday, January 21st at 3 p.m. for a free screening of the movie. There will be a book & film discussion following the movie.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Benzie Shores District Library and the Garden Theater.

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A History of FRANKFORT HARBOR

with Andy Bolander

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023 4:00 P.M.

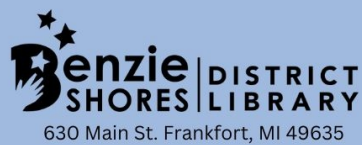
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Hidden Treasures in the Library

There are over 25,000 titles in the library, and yes, we think some are better than others. Some are absolute gems. Some of those gems are best sellers you may already be familiar with. We'd like to take a moment to highlight some titles that may not be so popular but we think are pure gold. They are books that we revisit often and take joy in recommending to others.

Jennifer

Everytime I am at a loss of what to read or just want something comforting, I tend to check out an Elizabeth Berg book. The characters in her books tend to be well developed, relatable, and sometimes quite flawed. The wide range of characters, relationships, and settings allows this author to be kind of a "something for everyone." From romances, sibling relationships, to starting over in life, Berg's books remind me of watching a wonderful drama on Netflix. I think my favorite titles are [SAY WHEN](#) and [WHAT WE KEEP](#).

Nancy

I usually never read a book twice, however I often recommend these titles to others:

[GIFT OF RAIN](#) by Tan Twan Eng
[THE ADDRESS](#) by Fiona Davis
[NIGHT CIRCUS](#) by Morgenstern
[ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN](#) by Stein

Julie

[A GIRL NAMED ZIPPY](#) by Haven Kimmel is a title that I would describe as a gem. It's a memoir of a middle class girl from Indiana who grew up in a family of colorful characters. Her telling brings scenes to life with hilarity. A short while after publishing Zippy, Kimmel followed up with [SHE GOT UP OFF THE COUCH](#) which continues the family story with special focus on her mother's journey to college. I love reading biographies, and these honest stories of common folks had heart and humor.

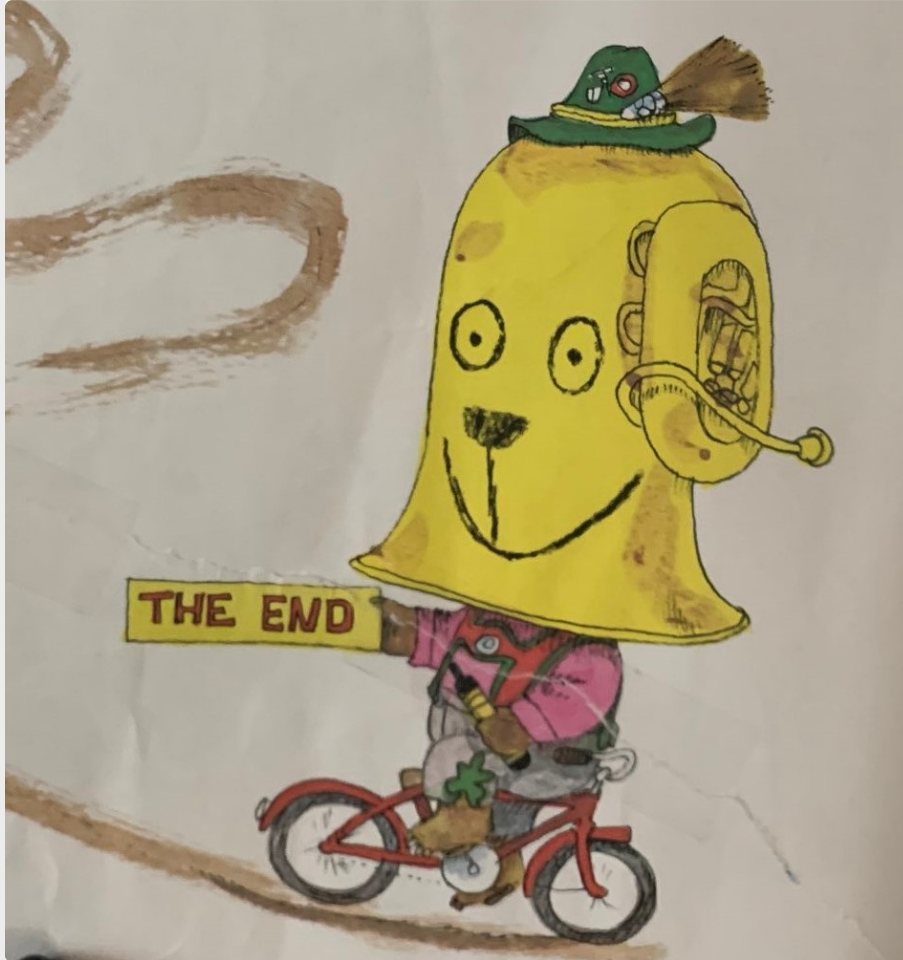
Kaitlin

The hidden gem I love is [LISTS OF NOTE](#) compiled by Shaun Usher. This book compiles interesting lists and often shows pictures of the original handwritten lists kept by notable people. I am forever making lists and this fun and enlightening read that has a little something for everyone. There is so much humanity and humor kept in these lists. There are lists like the "Cowboy Code" written by Gene Autry, Silvia Plath's "Back to School Commandments" and a contract of chores written by Kurt Vonnegut giving his wife full

permission to "nag, heckle, and otherwise disturb" if he does not complete his chores in a timely manner. Absolutely worth a browse!

Stacy

For fun, I like to revisit any Richard Scarry book, particularly the [BEST STORY BOOK EVER](#). They were favorites of mine growing up, and my own children loved them as well (especially Schtoompah). I see so many parallels between Frankfort and Busy Town that some days I expect to see Schtoompah marching down Main Strait with his tuba. "My, he is a funny fellow."



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