



June 2023

LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

2023 SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

June 9th through September 2nd

Children and teens read to earn fabulous prizes. As a bonus- if we collectively reach the goal of 161,000 minutes read, the library will receive an Infinity Game Table!

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.

FUN FRIDAY! @ MINERAL SPRINGS PARK

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. (June 23rd - August 11th)

Start the weekend right! Children and their caregivers are invited to move, dance, and craft with Miss Kaitlin. This program is weather contingent and takes place at the Mineral Springs Park Pavilion.

TECH TAKE APART

Tuesday, June 13th and August 1st at 12:30 p.m.

Ever wonder what the inside of a computer looks like? Come find out when we dissect and explore the innards of everyday tech items. For ages 10+

THREADED TOGETHER - BRACELET WORKSHOP

Thursday, June 15th and July 6th at 2:00 p.m.

Make friendship bracelets at the library. We'll provide all the materials you'll need to make woven, beaded, braided and binary bracelets!

ROCK PAINTING

Thursday, June 22nd and August 3rd at 12:30 p.m.

Paint and create at the library! Learn to create patterns and designs with lake rocks, or follow your inspiration to a new and lovely garden creation!

TV PUPPETRY WITH ALEX THOMAS AND FRIENDS

Wednesday, June 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to puppeteer and use a monitor in the style of puppetry developed by Jim Henson for film and television. Space is limited for this unique event and **registration is required**. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#). Ages 8+

BUILD! @ THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, June 28th, July 12th, and August 9th at 11:00 a.m.

All ages are invited to build with Lego, Magna Tiles, blocks and more. Each session has a different theme and unique challenges!

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 5 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, June 21st 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!

BUSY BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, June 27th 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 2022*. [Reserve a copy online](#), or call the library at 231-352-4671.

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A DEATH IN THE LIBRARY: MOVIE MURDER MYSTERY

Thursday, July 13th - session times vary

You are invited to the wrap party of a lifetime, or at least the Director's life. One of the guests committed the crime and it's up to you to solve the case. This murder mystery game is intended for teens and adults, up to 10 participants per session. **Registration is required for this program**. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

JOURNALING WORKSHOP

Wednesday July 26th at 11:00 a.m.

Bullet journaling and art journaling have become popular ways to express your creativity and organize your life. Join the library as we explore how to make a journal that's right for you and come up with prompts to ignite your imagination. Fun for all experience levels.

ESCAPE ROOM: ALL TOGETHER NOW

Saturday, July 29th - session times vary

The fab four have left a right mess! You must escape their yellow submarine and discover the secrets they have left along the way. This escape room is designed for up to 6 players per session. **Registration is required**. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#). For ages 8+

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY HOURS:

SATURDAY, JULY 1st: CLOSED

SUNDAY, JULY 2nd: CLOSED

MONDAY, JULY 3RD: 10 am TO 4 pm

TUESDAY, JULY 4th: CLOSED

REGULAR HOURS RESUME JULY 5th



Alex Thomas and Friends



PUPPETRY WORKSHOP



Benzie DISTRICT
SHORES LIBRARY
630 Main Street Frankfort, MI 49635
(231) 352-4671

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH
@ 6:30 PM

Learn how to puppeteer and use a monitor in the style of puppetry developed by Jim Henson for performance on film, and television productions. In this workshop, you will have the chance to test your skills at puppet eye focus, lip sync, and movement!

This program is open to adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up.

Space is limited.

Registration is required

Register at benzieshoreslibrary.org or call the Library at 231-352-4671

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE PUPPETRY WORKSHOP](#)

CONGRATS FHS CLASS OF 2023!

FHS SENIORS SHARE THEIR FAVORITE BOOKS WITH US

Once again, some of our Seniors were gracious enough to share with us their favorite or most inspiring book. Thank you, seniors, for letting us be a part of your education. We wish you a world of success and lots of time to read!

Kaitilain Bocanegra

My favorite book of all time has got to be [The Hate U Give](#) by Angie Thomas. This book is very inspirational to me because of all the things it proves and shows the reader. This book shows that anything is possible. I think it moved me and changed the person who I am today. It somehow inspired me to help other people move forward and change their lives. I think I like this book because it shows the reader how real the society is and how far they'll take it. This book really shows how much people can change and how society really bends the rules to let things slide.

Kaylie Burk

My favorite book of all time is [Winterdance](#) by Gary Paulsen. This book was recommended to me in my junior year of high school and I quickly learned why. The book has stuck with me throughout the past few years and I think back on it often. The entire book is rich in storytelling because it is a nonfiction book recalling the true story of the author's experience running the Iditarod dog race in Alaska in the 1980s. Before and during the race, Gary Paulsen is completely transformed by the triumph and tragedy he experiences. My favorite moment in the book is when Gary Paulsen is doing a training run with his sled team and they encounter a group of skunks in the woods,

ultimately leading to a hilarious series of events. Although he never truly won the race, he got memories and stories that lasted a lifetime. I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in adventure and wants a book that will genuinely keep you turning the page.

Alexandra Holmes

My favorite book of all time is [The Autobiography of Malcolm X](#) as told to Alex Haley for a variety of reasons. I personally love witnessing how much a person can develop and evolve in an environment that preys upon their own failure, which Malcolm displays beautifully. Malcolm constantly dealt with systemic oppression and racism his entire life, but instead of standing down, he made a change in the world. I love how the novel provides a multitude of differing perspectives on the somewhat controversial topics of religion, racism, and America's centuries-long mistreatment of people of color. I enjoy hearing about these ideas since they are topics that aren't typically discussed in usual day-to-day life which, I feel, need to be. This book is a great insight into the hard, depressing lives that most people of color experienced in the mid-20th century, and how Malcolm revolved his life around finding change. I would recommend this novel to anyone who is looking to bring new opinions and mindsets into their lives to expand their thinking.

Andrew Holmes

I have not read a lot of books. The only times I have read books are for classes in school. Besides that fact, I would have to say the book I have connected with the most would have to be *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* as told to Alex Haley. In the book, Malcolm tells about all of his hardships and how he dealt with them and kept on going. He got himself out of a dark hole when he was in prison and bettered himself, and at the end of the book he was a well known leader of the Islamic faith. This connects to me because I myself have gone through a lot of things where I had to learn from my actions and keep on going and better myself. This is why I connect to Malcolm X and it is one of the best books I have ever read.

Kallystah Kowalewski

I do not have a favorite book, but one that stands out to me is [The Third Eye](#) by Lois Duncan. It is about a teenage girl named Karen, age eighteen that can predict the outcome of consequential situations. She has a spiritual gift and helps solve two cases of murder by seeing visions of where the victims were at. I can connect this book to my personal life because I believe in a spiritual world. I am able to open "my third eye" and connect with spirits and the non-living. That sounds bizarre. I know that everyone can do it. It just takes a lot of duration and effort except it works. This book has had an impact on me because my grandma has a very similar story. She has always been able to predict whether an event or person will end horribly wrong or even great. This novel has changed my perspective on reading and enjoying books that serve a purpose.

Logan Lewis

My favorite book of all time is [Hatchet](#) by Gary Paulsen because it relates to the outdoors, which I love. Brian the main character in the book, has to survive in the wild with nothing after his plane crashes. The way he survives in the wild and the experiences he goes through remind me of when I would go out in the woods and build forts and survival camps with nothing similar to what Brian did in the book. The action and the thrill of what is going to happen next keep you stuck in the book waiting for his next problem to come up. Paulsen's style of writing keeps you calm one second and the next it is a wild storm not knowing what the outcome will be. Also it relates to real-world survival lessons. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves the outdoors. It's a thrilling book that keeps you wondering: will he make it or will he give up?

Emma MacKenzie

My favorite book of all time is [Ana's Story](#) by Jenna Bush. I read this book because my friend said that she liked it and neither of us like reading. After I started reading the book I fell in love with it. Ana's story is a lot more difficult than mine but we have a couple things in common. Ana's grandma's boyfriend and my mom's ex-boyfriend were very similar, although Ana's grandma's boyfriend was much

more extreme. I still feel connected to the book. Both Ana and I had lives that were very difficult until we fell in love with these boys. After Ana fell in love, he helped her get out of the toxic and abusive households. After I fell in love, he helped me get out of my toxic and manipulative household. Ana still talked to her father and I still talk to my mother and father but we both live in healthier places. I feel the reason I love this book so much is because it shows how other people can go through the same thing as I did and even worse. This book has humbled me very much to know that even if I think that life is hard, there are worse things that can happen.

Trevor Moody

My favorite book of all time is [Red Rising](#) by Pierce Brown. I read it because my dad recommended it to me and I immediately fell in love with it. The story is enticing, with many characters that are carefully crafted, giving the reader a feeling of a personal relationship with each and every one. The story also tackles subjects such as racism but in its own fun sci-fi way, with there being many different classes of people, ranging from red, hence the title Red Rising, to gold. The reds are confined to working in mines their entire lives, born there and never given any knowledge of the outside world, while the golds are the higher-ups, controlling nearly all of the solar system and treating the other classes as lesser. This story is intense, with many twists and turns, lots of violence, and beautiful writing. I recommend this book to anybody, even if you do not enjoy reading, as the story, along with the beautiful language used to craft that story, is unforgettable.

Ethan Payne

While I don't necessarily have a favorite book, a book that sticks in my mind when thinking of memorable books is the original [Jurassic Park](#) by Michael Crichton. One of the reasons Michael Crichton's Jurassic Park is so memorable to me is due to its heavy contrast with its film adaptation counterpart, with the key difference that stuck with me the most being the level of man-meets-ancient-bird violence that unfolds. With the film, a handful of the dinosaur attacks either happen off-camera, are dulled down, or are cut from the story of the movie altogether. The book however, goes into much gorier detail when it comes to the carnage these prehistoric reptiles cause, with the dilophosaurus scene standing out in particular as drastically more gruesome. This book, along with its sequel, The Lost World, stand out to me as must-reads for lovers of the darker aspects of the Jurassic Park films.

Lily Phillips

While I have so many favorite books, one that has always stuck with me is [Beach Read](#) by Emily Henry. As someone who lives in a small town on the coast of Lake Michigan, the author did a great job capturing the feeling of summer here. She brings out the warmth and fun that comes with summer and living on the lake. She accurately captures the beauty of the scenery, and the small town community. This novel reminds me of living here in Frankfort during the summer, and being able to relate and recognize certain aspects of the setting really resonates with me. The way this author develops the protagonist's relationship with the main love interest also sticks out to me. Their dynamic and the way their relationship develops is intriguing and feels so natural. She gives her main characters such complex backgrounds, it makes them feel more realistic. This helps me resonate with the characters, and makes their relationship stick out to me more. I respect how the author is able to include deeper topics and story lines, while also writing a captivating romantic comedy.

Kassidy Snow

I've read a lot of books over the years. But the book that has always been my favorite is called [The Babysitters Club](#). I started reading this series a few years ago. And my sister was actually the one who got me into it. I just really love this book series because it's simple. And they're also not very long books either, and that makes it easier for me to read and actually finish the book. What makes this book so interesting is their fun adventures they go on. Alos, some of the


books in this series have been very addicting. I've read them multiple times without getting bored.

Kinzi Stockdale

My favorite book of all time is [All the Bright Places](#) written by Jennifer Niven. I read this book when I was a junior. This book really brings perspective to life. This book is a compelling and beautiful story about a girl who learns to live from a boy who intends to die. The main character, Theodore Finch, is diagnosed with bipolar disorder and struggles with manic and depressive episodes. In the story, Theo paints his entire room blue, including the ceiling, which symbolizes his struggle with depression. Even though Theodore was struggling with depression himself, he saved Violet from jumping off a bridge late one night. Once they met, they brought life back into each other. Theodore began living for Violet. From the outside, both of these characters look perfectly happy. This book brings out the concept of how someone who looks content from the outside perspective may not truly show their emotions. This story brings awareness to depression and bipolar disorder. This book connected with me because sometimes people may not know how you truly feel. They may see you as the perfectly happy person that you present, but little do they know, many humans are struggling inside with more than someone else might comprehend.

Skylar Werden

My favorite novel of all time is [The Martian](#) by Andy Weir. It takes place in the near future, about 2035, and is about a man named Mark Watney who gets stranded on Mars after his team abandoned him. The majority of the story takes place during his time on Mars, detailing his day to day life. I love this novel for many reasons, but one main catching point for me was the realism that went with it. Everything that happens in the novel is very scientifically sound. Being a science fiction and space fan, this really piqued my interest. As Watney battles against science struggling to survive while stranded on the desert planet, his character goes through many struggles that many could not imagine before the read. While reading this book I found myself completely incapable of setting it down, and that is a huge reason why I love it. I strongly recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a simpler yet extremely captivating read.



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Titles shared at the May book share:

West with the Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge
Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano
Boys from Biloxi by John Grisham
The Story Teller by Jody Picoult
Horse by Geraldine Brooks
March by Geraldine Brooks
Granny Brand - Her Story by Dorothy Clarke Wilson
Transitions by William Bridges and Joan Bridges
Agatha Christie - Twelve New Mysteries by 12 women mystery writers
Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
Swing Low: a Life by Miriam Toews
The daughters of Yalta : the Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans : a story of love and war

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