



## August 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, 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+

#### **ROCK PAINTING**

*Thursday, 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!

#### **BUILD! @ THE LIBRARY**

*Wednesday, 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, August 16th 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, August 22nd 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. This month's story is "The Souvenir Museum" by Elizabeth McCracken. [Reserve a copy of the book online](#), or you can read this month's story from the Harper's archive at <https://harpers.org/archive/2021/01/the-souvenir-museum-elizabeth-mccracken/>

# TECH TAKE APART

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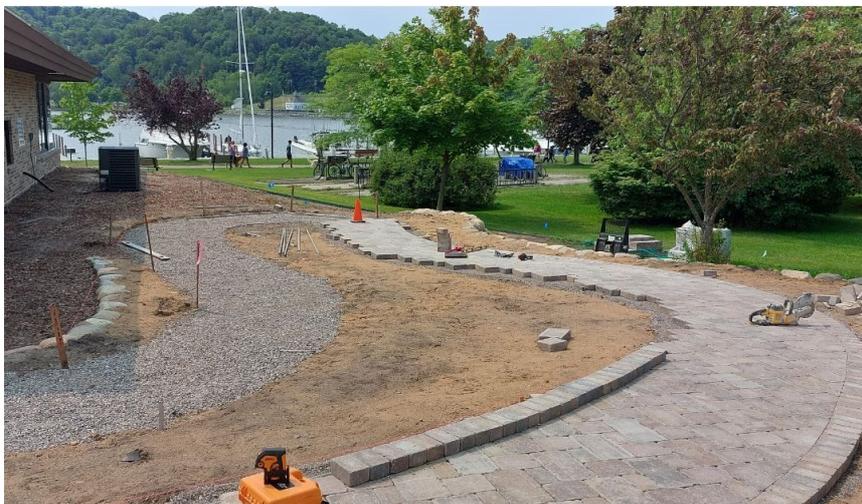


## WELCOME TO THE DECONSTRUCTION ZONE

Ever wonder what the inside of a computer looks like? At tech take apart, we'll dissect and explore the inside of everyday tech items. For ages 10+

BENZIE SHORES DISTRICT LIBRARY

**HARMONY**  
  
**GARDEN**



You may have noticed some big changes outside the Library! Installation of our new Harmony Garden is underway. The garden will be comprised of native plants that will draw birds, bees, butterflies, and more. Educational signage will be used so visitor's can learn how garden plantings play a role in our local ecosystem.

In addition to the natural landscape, the garden will include interactive music installments for all ages. Did you know that music plays a part in early literacy? Just as taste, textures and colors aid a child's sensory development, so does music.

This new outdoor space was designed by Carolyn Thayer of Designs in Bloom. with planting and hardscaping by Upland Meadow. Follow us on social media to watch our progress!



### BOOK GROUPS @YOUR LIBRARY

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**TEENY TINY BUSY BOOK CLUB**  
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 @ 4:00 p.m. Call or visit [benzieshoreslibrary.org](http://benzieshoreslibrary.org) to reserve the current month's selected title.

**Titles shared at the July book share:**

- [LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY](#) by Bonnie Garmus
- [SPARE](#) by Prince Harry
- [CONVERSATIONS WITH RBG](#) by Jeffrey Rosen
- [DINNERS WITH RUTH](#) by Nina Totenberg
- [TOMORROW, TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW](#) by Gabriel Zevin
- [THE POSTCARD](#) by Anne Berest
- [MS. DEMEANOR](#) by Elinor Lipman

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