



May 2022

EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

CIRCLE TIME FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Hello, we've missed you! Our popular Circle Time Program is back! 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.

TECH TUESDAYS

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m 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 BINGO

ALL MONTH LONG

Download a bingo card or pick one up at the Library. Complete 5 book bingo activities in a row (vertical, horizontal or diagonal) and reach BINGO! Give your completed bingo card to library staff to be entered into a drawing for one of several prizes. All ages can play!

[BSDL Spring Book Bingo for Adults](#)

[BSDL Spring Book Bingo for Kids](#)

MOVIES FOR MULTI-TASKERS

Friday, May 13th & May 27th 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Like movies but struggle to sit still? Do you like to talk during movies? Join us on Friday afternoons for a movie in our program room. We'll have tables available for crafting, coloring, needlework, etc. Bring your own project or get creative with the Library's craft and coloring supplies. This month's features:

Friday May 13th: Akeelah and the Bee, Rated PG

A young girl from South Los Angeles tries to make it to the National Spelling Bee. -IMDB

Friday May 27th: Max, Rated PG 2015

The story of a military dog that helped American Marines in Afghanistan returns to the United States and is adopted by his handler's family after suffering a traumatic experience. -IMDB

FANTASY CHARACTER CREATOR WORKSHOP

Tuesday May 17th at 3:30 p.m.

Wizards, Detectives, and Cyberpunks— Oh My! Table top role playing games have never been more popular, and half the fun is figuring out who you want to be! Join us as we walk you through creating your own alter-ego in some of the most popular fantasy games. Great for beginners, writers and curious creatives. Intended for ages 13 and up.

BOOK SHARE

Wednesday, May 18th at 10:00 AM

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!

OPEN LEGO

Wednesday May 18 at 2:00 p.m. (FEAS Early Release)

You bring the creativity, we'll provide the bricks. Open Lego play at the library for ages 5+. Children age 8 and under must have an adult present.

SATURDAY STORY TIME

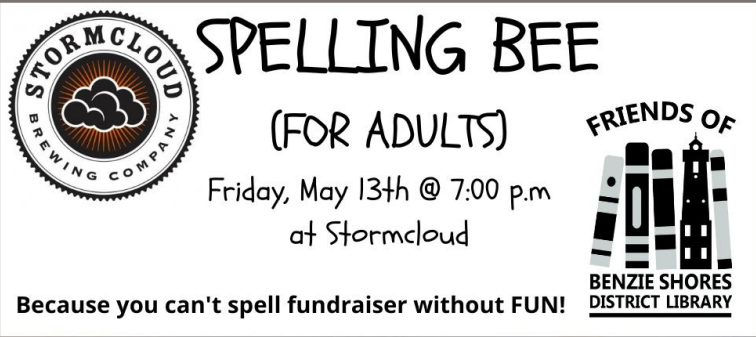
Saturday, May 21st at 10:30 AM

Join us for a special story time! ay is Mental Health Awareness Month. Join us for our May story time all about big emotions and how to handle them. We will sing songs, read stories, and make a "calm down" sensory craft. This program is intended for pre-school and school age children.

JOURNALING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, May 24th at 6 p.m.

Do you keep a journal, or have you ever wanted to start? Journaling is a great way to organize your thoughts and express yourself. In this program we will explore writing prompts, bullet journaling, and the benefits of putting pen to paper! This program is intended for adults, but all writers are welcome.



The poster features the Stormcloud Brewing Company logo on the left, which is a circular emblem with a cloud and sunburst. To the right, the text reads "SPELLING BEE (FOR ADULTS)" in a large, hand-drawn font. Below this, it says "Friday, May 13th @ 7:00 p.m at Stormcloud". On the right side, there is a logo for "FRIENDS OF BENZIE SHORES DISTRICT LIBRARY" featuring a stylized building. At the bottom of the poster, it says "Because you can't spell fundraiser without FUN!". Below the poster is a photograph of two women in a library setting. One woman is holding a green marker and writing on a small whiteboard, while the other woman is looking at an open dictionary titled "THE NEW SHORTER OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY".

Stormcloud Brewing Company's annual spelling bee has returned!

All registration fees and 50% of pub proceeds between 6-8pm on the evening of the event will be donated to the Friends of Benzie Shores District Library!!!

The best part about this Bee is there is no public speaking necessary! Participants will be given a mini whiteboard to write and submit each answer, so you can leave your middle-school-spelling-bee-induced stage fright at home. For more details and to register (hurry to register- space is limited!), visit stormcloudbrewing.com/spell

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Library could use help distributing flyers within the community. Please let us know if this is something you'd like to help out with!



and now, a message from the director

BSDL Library Director
Stacy L. Pasche

May is teacher appreciation month and I'd like to take a moment to thank our teachers for everything they do, especially for making the library a part of your student's education. It means the world to us that within your tight and overburdened schedules, you make library access a priority for your students. Thank you.

As the weather is finally getting warmer, we once again have students walking to the library after school and teachers are bringing their classes in for visits. One consistent thing we've noticed is students are never too old to play with the library's train table.

Each year, the 6th grade concludes their academic year with a large research project. For years, the "lovely library ladies" as their teachers affectionately and alliteratively refer to us, have assisted students with this project. We love seeing their research journeys take off as they discover the world "beyond google."

Our long running "Circle Time" program for babies and toddlers started again last month, after a long hiatus due to COVID and construction. As those babies grasp their first board book, I can't help but wonder what their sixth grade research project topic will be someday. Pardon the cliché, but yes, they do grow up too fast.

I can imagine no greater environment than to grow up with the library. Soon, Frankfort will congratulate the class of 2022, and we hope they continue to keep their love of the library well into their adult years. So to the class of 2022, I say CONGRATS and be sure to stop in and see us after graduation. The train table will be waiting for you.

-Ms. Pasche, aka "Lovely Library Lady"

CONGRATS FHS CLASS OF 2022!

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!

My favorite book of all time is [ANIMAL FARM](#) by George Orwell. I read it for the first time by myself in eighth grade, and I have read it multiple times since then. It was a book with so much symbolism that I still sometimes think and rethink what different characters stand for. It does such a good job of putting a terrible situation into context that the average person can digest, which makes it a book that I would recommend to anyone. George Orwell plants this deep, heavy sense of dread as over time; the reader watches the rules of the farm become more and more warped and twisted, until they realize that the original plot has completely changed and the original characters are unrecognizable. The most reliable characters become unreliable, the most determined get thrown aside, and the gentlest become discontented but unable to do anything about it. It is truly the most gripping and upsetting book that I could never put down.

--Lee Aldrich

Though I am not typically one to be considered a reader, one day Mr. Thompson had sent us to the library to select a new book for Accelerated Reader. While I was chilling there, I thought that, "Well, I have to pick one," I ended up getting a book called [DOG TAGS](#) by C. Alexander London. To my surprise I ended up really liking the book about the dog who lost his owner to war and the new relationship the dog forms with his new owner. The back and forth of progress and regression, and the building of trust, follows a lot of parallels in my life. The way they both get each other into trouble--and out of it--resembles me and my friends. - Clay Bigley

My favorite book of all time is [HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS](#) by J.K. Rowling. I read the entire series one year of school, and have thought about re-reading it ever since. The author does an amazing job of scene and character description in every page, and with developing the characters throughout the entire series. This book in particular was the one that hooked me onto the series with the action and adventure that is packed in the book. I love getting lost in a book, and this one did it better than anything else I have ever read. --Jared Coxe

My favorite book of all time is [NOTES FROM THE MIDNIGHT DRIVER](#) by Jordan Sonnenblick. There are a few books that I think are good, enjoyable, and fun; you would describe them with weak adjectives. But there are some that affect me in a different way, like this one. I relate to this book heavily. The young boy, aged 16 at the time, committed a crime, drunkenly hitting a gnome with his parents car while lashing out. This caused him to get charged, but luckily he got probation, and volunteer work, which was almost exactly the situation I was in, facing possible criminal charges, aged 16 turning 17. We were both living with our mother and got lucky with our prosecution. I had to know how this kid's story turned out. I had to know how he dealt with this and how he changed. In a way I really felt like I was reading my own book. The young man helps an older gentleman, and hates him. Every day they argue and bicker and never get along, so much so that he writes to his parole officer several times, and she demands he stay as his partner. Later on they bond over things they never thought they would, sharing a deep love of music, and you get to see the young man mature and deal with his situation. --Wes Droben

My favorite book of all time is [WILD MAN ISLAND](#) by Will Hobbs because of his weird fictional story. I love it so much because it involves a boy's curiosity and adventure that is woven together by the author in a beautiful way. The author does an amazing job of making you stay engaged with the action and adventure in the book. The book makes you want to read it all day until it's finished and then once you finish reading it you want it to continue and not be over. The main character Andy is on a trip where his dad went missing some years ago and wants to find the truth of what happened to him, so he kayaks to the island where his dad was last seen. I don't want to spoil the rest, but trust me you don't want to miss out on it. Overall the book is well written and constructed through the author's events and plot. This book is a

must read for anyone interested in adventure, action, and mystery.
-Ethan Evans

"I have many favorite books, but one book that I have enjoyed reading is [THE BLOOD OF OLYMPUS](#) by Rick Riordan. It is the final book of a five book series titled The Heroes of Olympus. One of the reasons I enjoy reading this book is because it is a fast-paced action book that packs plenty of drama between the main characters of the book and how they have to overcome major challenges as they try to save the ancient city of Olympus. I can relate to this book as well because I have overcome so many challenges in my life and am determined to get things done. This book in some way has helped me overcome my challenges, that is one of the main reasons why I really like this book. --Logan Foster

My favorite book is [WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS](#) by Wilson Rawls. This book is by far my favorite book in a lot of ways. The first reason that this book is my favorite is how engaged I was with it. This book caught my mind and allowed me to sit down and forget about everything else going on around me. The book was also a book that I could relate to. The story of the kid in the book reminded me a lot of me wanting to be outside and explore the woods. The book was such an amazing read and it is one that I read multiple times, and a book that really just catches my mind and eyes. It also taught me the dangers of being outside as well and what can happen out in the wilderness. - Camryn Lewis

My favorite children's book of all time is [CARS AND TRUCKS AND THINGS THAT GO](#) by Richard Scarry. This was my favorite book because as a little kid I was obviously interested in trucks, and my goodness, did this book have every car or truck that you could think of. My favorite car in the book was the mini tow truck that Mr. Mouse would use to tow all of the mice vehicles in the town. This book impacted me in a positive way because this made me get into reading and started making me read every single night before bed. I would recommend this book to any young child as it has beautiful illustrations and always makes you want to turn to the next page. --Blake Miller

My favorite book of all time is [GOING BOVINE](#) by Libba Bray because of its casual nature and its surprising use of vocabulary and story development. The author does an incredible job in appealing to the target audience of high school teenagers by connecting to them talking about living a lackadaisical life and not really feeling the motivation that is portrayed in other media. The reason the book lured me in is because it was simply recommended to me by my tenth grade English teacher, Mr. Thompson. The humor of the book is a main attraction and the story the author tells about the disease that overtakes the life of the protagonist and molds the story around is enthralling. This book is unapologetically itself and that's what I love about it. --David Opdyke

My favorite book of all time was [GHOST](#) by Jason Reynolds. I read this book when I was in eighth grade and it has stuck with me for a while. Castle, the boy in the book, has a rough relationship with his father who attempted to kill him by chasing him with a shotgun down the road after a night of drinking. This spirals the boy in many different directions making him strive even harder in anything he does. This leads the boy to finding a passion in sprinting and trying to be faster than anyone on the track team at his school after the coach offers him a spot on the team. The boys on the team tease him and ridicule him for not being as wealthy but he makes them eat words with his blazing speed and hard work. -Hunter Osborne

My favorite book of all time is [A MAN NAMED DAVE](#), which tells the true story of the life of a man that grew up with child abuse. The story talks about the troubles that he faced because of his upbringing, and his general lack of trust and connection with people. This story brings awareness to the long-lasting effects of child abuse, as does its prequel, A Child Called It. This story is also a testament to the life that the main character, Dave, faced in the military, and how he worked to make something of himself starting so low. This story is a great example of a character overcoming adversity, and becoming a motivational speaker against child abuse. -Devin Payne

My favorite book of all time is [BASEBALL GREAT](#) by Tim Green because it talks about a boy named Josh LeBlanc, a baseball prodigy and how his dad who was a semi-pro baseball player pulled him from the school-oriented baseball team to join the best travel baseball team around the area and this was the first time he started working out because the team would workout every day, but there was something fishy going on in the background. He found out that everyone was taking steroids and the main character has to try to figure out how to put a stop to this and continue his baseball dream.

My favorite book of all time is [AMERICAN ROYALS](#) by Katharine McGee. The reason I love this book so much is because of how creative the author gets with the characters. She intertwines the relationships between each of the characters, and throws many curveballs at the audience. I also loved how

much she develops the personalities of each character throughout the book. Seeing each of them change and grow as people was interesting to read about. I loved going to Petals and Perks in downtown Frankfort, getting a coffee, and reading this book for hours on the couches. Reading this book gave me something to look forward to and was a great experience. -Gracie Walrad

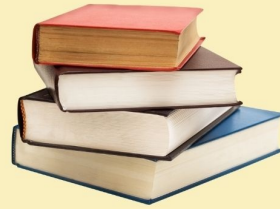
My favorite children's book of all time is [THE GIVING TREE](#) written by Shel Silverstein because it tells a full lifetime story with all the ups and downs. This book demonstrates the journey from childhood all the way up to old age. The author creates a sense of loss that accompanies the real world and life in general. --Griffin Anderson

My Favorite book of all time is [HATCHET](#) by Gary Paulsen because of the way that it kept me encouraged to read. This book was one of the books that I actually liked because of its outdoor setting and suspense. This is by far the best book I have ever read because of the outdoor adventure. The characters in this book made it a good book because of the way they lay out the details and tell how to survive in the wild. Books have never been my thing, but this one book really caught my attention. --Matthew Odette

A book that will always stand out to me is [THE WEDDING](#) by Nicholas Sparks. This book was eye opening to the realistic side of love, marriage, and true devotion for one another. This book elucidates the hardship of a lifetime commitment with a partner and how falling out of love can happen. This book taught me to always listen to my emotions and take time to understand your feelings and goals for yourself and for how you want to live your life. This book is beautifully constructed between two characters and shows the ups and downs between people who are close to you, and express dedication to make things work between a partner, a friend and even with yourself. -Emma Yagle

BOOK SHARE

A LISTING OF THE TITLES SHARED AT THE WINTER BOOK SHARE. JOIN US TO SHARE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN READING. BOOK SHARE MEETS THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10 A.M.



[The Last House on the Street](#) by Diane Chamberlain
[A Narrow Door](#) by Joanne Harris
[Lenin's Tomb](#) by David Remnick
[The Memory Librarian](#) by Janelle Monae
[Windigo Moon](#) by Robert Downs
[Poet Warrior](#) by Joy Harjo
[Women of the Copper Country](#) by Mary Doria Russell
[Every Last One](#) by Anna Quindlen
[Conversations with people who hate me: 12 Things I Learned from Talking to Internet Strangers](#) by Dylan Marron
[A Tree Grows in Brooklyn](#) by Betty Smith
[To Paradise](#) by Hanya Yanagihara
[Cloud Cuckoo Land](#) by Anthony Doerr

Have you read something you'd like to share? Join us for Book Share the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. We share and talk about books we've read and enjoyed (or sometimes not enjoyed). It's a great way to learn about new and interesting titles!

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