

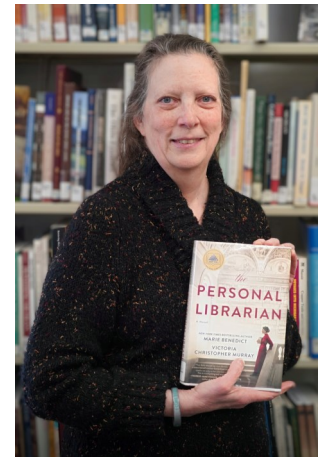


2022 SUMMER/FALL NEWSLETTER

MEET THE STAFF AT BIDL

New Director: Jacqueline LaFreniere

Jacque was member of the staff of BIDL for 6 years prior to moving into the position of Director April 1, 2022. As a former teacher, she is interested in bringing programs to the library that will interest the kids of the Island. In addition, she works to collaborate with other organizations for various programs (such as the 2020 NEA Big Read). Jacque is a voracious reader in almost every genre in the library. You can read some of her reviews in the Wowbrary published weekly. Marie Benedict is one of her favorite authors.



Staff Member: Merry Roe

Merry, or MG as some know her, is a veteran staff member whose expertise touches many aspects of the library's functions. Merry generously shares with others, patron's reviews of what they read, especially fiction as she is a non-fiction addict. Always eager to expand on what the library offers, Merry welcomes suggestions from everyone for expanding the library's capabilities, a community hub for all ages. An absolute favorite of Merry's about the library are the four outdoor sculptures, a generous donation of public art by John Sauve of Sauve Art Foundation and can be enjoyed anytime.



Staff Member: Samantha Bontrager

Samantha recently (2021) moved to Beaver Island with her parents, brothers and boyfriend. She has a degree in Education and has been working with the preschool students at Beaver Island Community School. With her wealth of experience with the kids, and her eagerness to be a part of the community, Sam, will be a great asset to the library staff. Sam says, "I am so excited to be a part of the Beaver Island District Library team!" Sam's "go to" read is in the murder mystery genre of which she enjoys several different authors.





Beaver Island
District Library

invites the island to a
Changing of the Guard Reception

June 30, 2022
5 pm to 7 pm

at

The Beaver Island Library

Please stop by and say Farewell and Thank You to
Patrick McGinnity who served as our previous director.
And Welcome Jacque LaFreniere as our new director.
Light refreshments will be served.



Beaver Island District Library Endowment Fund

You can be a founding member of The Endowment Fund by making a donation or by purchasing a wooden book spine that will be personally engraved with a favorite message, quote or name. Spines come in three sizes: 1", 2", and 3" and cost \$100, \$200, and \$300 respectively. Each book spine can display up to 25 characters. Your "BOOK" will be proudly displayed on the Endowment Founders Book Shelf. Of course, donations larger than \$300 are always appreciated as well. To be considered a founding member, your contribution must be made by August 31, 2022.

The wooden book spines are being fabricated by a collaboration of the Beaver Island Community School students and the St James Boat Shop

Purchase a beautifully engraved wooden book spine, personalized to honor friends and family as a memorial or thank you, to display in the Beaver Island Library.

3" spine \$300 2" spine \$200 1" spine \$100

Please write the name(s) or message in the space below.

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Please make checks payable to: The Beaver Island District Library Endowment Fund 26400 Donegal Bay Road, Beaver Island, MI 49782 Donations are tax deductible up to the full extent of the law. Please consult your financial adviser.



BOOKIES OF BEAVER ISLAND

BOOK CLUB

All are welcome to attend book discussions on the third Wednesday of the month.
3 p.m. at BIDL

June 15: Fencing with the King by Diana Abu-Jaber

July 20: Tin Camp Road by Ellen Airgood

August 17: 100 years of Lennie and Margot by Marianne Cronin

September 21: The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

October 19: Secret French Recipes of Sophie Valroux by Samantha Verant

November 16: The Bear by Andrew Krivak

Ancestry Library Edition Workshops at the BIDL

Saturdays– instruction starts at 1 p.m. (~30 minutes)

Followed by individual search time

July 2: The Basics

July 9: Census Records

July 16: Beyond the Basics

July 23: Immigrants

July 30: Military Records

August 6: Finding your Foreign Ancestors

Ancestry Library Edition available every day Library is open

Friends of the Library



Love libraries and love socializing with others who love libraries? The Friends of the Library is hoping to develop into a group that is both fun for its members, and useful to the library. We are looking for people who would be interested in helping maintain the garden, the book sale tent, be on hand to assist with special occasions, and help with any children's programs the library wants to do. There are many other possibilities, such as assisting with a monthly newsletter or publicizing the monthly book club meeting. Or maybe you have an idea for something you have to offer. All are welcome!

The Beaver Island District Library is a special place, and we have a history of wonderful librarians. Volunteers are welcome at any level of commitment, from setting out refreshments for a special event a couple times a year, all the way to taking charge of the book sale tent. Part-time residents are much valued as volunteers, whether you're here for one month or six. If you'd like to play a part in helping the library serve our community, and meet and work with some friendly people, please call Jacque, our new Director at 231-448-2701.

JUST FOR KIDS



STORYTIME RETURNS JUNE 23!

We are so excited to announce that this summer, the Story Hour Crew will jump aboard a summer of fun and dive into an Ocean of Possibilities alongside the Summer Reading Program. We'll learn all about how to be a pirate, discover treasures in the depths of the ocean, and most importantly— WE'LL READ! Story Hour will be held every Thursday at 10 a.m., and each week we'll have new books to read together, activities and crafts to do, and lots of learning and fun! We are looking forward to diving into the summer with you and your kiddos!

This summer the Beaver Island District Library is once again offering its Summer Reading program to you and your child(ren). The theme this summer is "Oceans of Possibilities".

There are 6 themes throughout the summer. For each theme there will be a "grab and go" bag filled with books, and fun activities for you to use with your child(ren).

June 18th: Theme one: Discover Treasure (Pirates!)

July 2nd: Theme two: Explore New Depths
(Scuba and Submarines)

July 16th: Theme three: Seven Seas: Infinite Stories
(Sea Monsters)

July 30th: Theme four: Our Blue Planet (plastic pollution)
and Theme five: Ocean of wonders (Sea life)

August 13th: Theme six: Uncharted (Deep Sea mysteries)

We will host a Kickoff party on June 18th at 4 p.m. at the library. The theme will be Pirates! If the kids wish to dress up, that would be great! We will have games and food, crafts, and activities. They can also pick up their first grab and go bag.

As a part of this year's program, we will host a family role playing game night at the library in mid-July.

Our Finale will be another party on August 20th at 4 p.m. at the library, with a theme of Deep-Sea Adventure.

Another first for us, we are an official site of Read Squared- an online tracking system of reading which families can sign up for. Earn Digital Badges, and prizes as you (and your child(ren)) read and do activities or attend events. More information will be available at the kickoff party.

BIDL received a grant from LSTA to allow us to purchase more books, games, and virtual headsets (Google cardboard) so that we can create the most awesome program yet! We hope you will enjoy exploring the Oceans throughout the summer with us. Please call the library (231-448-2701), email (island.library@gmail.com) or stop by to sign up for this summer's awesome program,
Oceans of Possibilities.

BEAVER ISLAND
Junior Ranger Book

Pick up your own copy at a Beaver Island District Library and become a Beaver Island Junior Ranger

Name: _____

TEEN CORNER

MI Library Quest

Starting **June 15**, join BIDL in a **TEENS ONLY** quest! Treasures of the Deep will challenge teen explorers to complete a crossword puzzle by finding clues on Michigan Library websites. Answers to the puzzle will include famous pirates, real shipwrecks, and mythological creatures. After teens solve the puzzle they will enter for a chance to win a prize from their local library (BIDL).

Teens will be directed to the MLibraryQuest website where they will find an explanation of the Quest, a link to the crossword puzzle and links to participating libraries' websites. By visiting the websites, teens will collect clues to solve the crossword puzzle. It can be solved online, or printed out and solved on paper. Submit a photo or screenshot of the completed puzzle to be entered for a chance to win a prize determined by their home library.

Quest ends on **July 31**.

Visit www.mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest to learn more!



Teens Can Join in the Summer Reading Program Too!

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MI Library is NOW

MiLibraryIsNow.com



Renown Beaver Island Artist to Create a Mural for the Beaver Island District Library.

Keith Grassmick, son of Brad and Pam McDonough Grassmick of Beaver Island, and whose artwork graces the shelves of the library, is being contracted to create a mural to be displayed above the circulation desk at the library.

We are very excited to work with Keith and have another wonderful piece of his work on display.

The Bear by Andrew Krivak, NEA Big Read.

We did not receive the grant, but we hope we can do some of the planned programs with the help of our partners.

We will purchase 50 copies to be shared with school students and community. Book Discussions will flow around the Island— at school, the library and maybe even at the Brewery!

Movies will be shown at the Community Center— Into the Forest and Arctic.

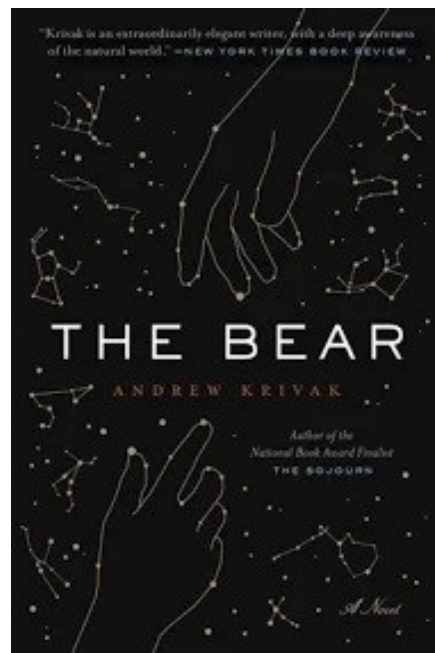
Perhaps the Community Players can pull off another Beaver Tales with a theme of “Surviving on Beaver Island”.

A writing contest around the theme of Island Survival will be held.

The Little Traverse Conservancy still might be able to host a snowshoe workshop with the kids at school.

The Wildlife Club may still host a Hunter’s Safety Class.

So watch locally for details this fall.



Beaver Island District Library is a Read Squared Site!

Oceans of Possibilities will feature ReadSquared, an online reading program that will help you track reading, share book reviews, earn badges and more! Patrons can sign up and download the app. Once they open the app they can share in the mission (Oceans of Possibilities), sign up as a family, and monitor progress towards badges. Attending events will also help earn badges. More information will be available at the summer reading Kick off party June 18.

BIDL Summer Program offered July 18, 1 pm at the school. Sign up NOW as space is limited. Cost \$24 if we reach 15 participants.

Creative Collage for Adults

Adults only please! This class covers design basics while creating layered, mixed media art or a seasonal ornament or art to hang! Optional participant tools: scissors, sewing needle, thread. Limit 15.

(most supplies included)* 2 1/2hr.

Lori Taylor

Michigan author/illustrator

Sign up at the Beaver Island District Library



Upcoming Author Visits!

July 8th, 7 PM: Pat Commins and Elizabeth Rice authors of *Irish Immigrants in Michigan*. Part of the Irish Speakers Series on Beaver Island.

July 18th: Lori Taylor author of *Bamboozled on Beaver Island*. Morning will be ArtsWild with the Museum Camp kids at the school, afternoon Creative Collage for Adults at the school and Evening (7 PM) book signing at the library.

July 27th: 7 p.m. Laurie Lounsberry, author of *Kingdom Forgotten* meet the author and book signing event. A novel about the Strang Kingdom on Beaver Island.

August 10th: 7 pm. Ellen Airgood, Michigan Notable author for her book *Tin Camp Road*. Meet the author and book signing.



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