

Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah

Fall ~ Winter Newsletter

2024-25

Up-Coming Events . . .

BAKE SALE - December 14 10-2
Fundraiser for the Darcy Library
during "Christmas Magic" in
beautiful downtown Beulah
BVTrailhead

BAKE SALE - February 8 10 - 2
Fundraiser for the Darcy Library
during "Winter Fest" in beautiful
downtown Beulah BVTrailhead

On-Going Events . . . at the library

The Darcy Book Club
10:30 Third Thursdays

The Friends of Darcy Library
Board meeting, 3rd Wednesday of
the month 10:30 a.m.

The Trustees of the Darcy Library
The third Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Carol on computers and
reading with Denny
Thursdays 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

"Whatever the cost of libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation." Walter Cronkite

As a loyal friend/member of the Darcy Library, you know how important having a local library is. Darcy Library is determined to have remarkable book selections, new movies and use of computers for the community. These take a considerable amount of money. We depend on your contributions through memberships, donations, memorials and attending our fundraisers. Without this caring community we could not offer what we do. We really want to be fun for children and are pleased to offer "reading with Denny" program. Fun also applies to the children's summer reading program which is very successful. We want to keep the gifts of reading to build strong, early readers and to support struggling readers. Stay involved, it is essential. With your support we can continue to fulfill our mission to the Darcy Library of Beulah.

The Friends fundraiser is the bake sale. The Friends have a bake sale three times a year. We have volunteer bakers and volunteers that work during the sale. Our first bake sale of the year is held in February during WINTER FEST; next is the FALL FEST in October and then during CHRISTMAS MAGIC in December. It goes without saying, we have successful bake sales when we have many bakers providing lots of baked goods. Please consider helping us by baking a specialty of yours. It would be greatly appreciated. We enjoy selling cookies, bars, cakes, breads, muffins, etc. Our bake sales are held in the Trailhead in Beulah unless otherwise noted.

Susan Goff President, Friends of the Darcy Library Board

Mary Osborn, Vice President, Newsletter
Vicki Carpenter, Secretary
Barbara Rathhaar, Corresponding Secretary
Trudi Hook, Treasurer
Ted Wood, Investments



Did you know that the word Incunabular relates to the earliest stages of any form of publishing?

Spring/Summer Donations

Darcy Donations

Alicia Rush
Wm Bekkering & Gwen Van Dorp
Mary Theresa Centilivre
Nick & Fran Frost
Allen & Rosalie Jongerkrijg
Chloe McGehee
Marilyn Skold
Richard & Diane Sosnowski

In Memory of Janice Schoonmaker

Phil & Vicki Carpenter
Brian & Jane Cook
Richard & Sharon Current
Kris Dykstra
Dr. Nick & Fran Frost
Thor and Susan Goff
George & Catherine Granlund
Rory & Michelle Heckman
Barry & Catherine Hahn
Mike & Debbie Laslo
Marti Mollema
Dan Schoonmaker
Ann Strehle & Barb Skurdall
Matthew & Abby Smith
Terry & Betsy Taylor
Robin S. Vatalaro
Mike & Robin Wendland
Rav & Pat Zawacki

In Honor of

Dan & Trudi Hook by Carolyn Carlson,
Roland Rowland, Lloyd Roland & Carrie
Naughton

Emilia Beth Stoner by Phil & Vicki Carpenter



In Memory of

Dennis Ambo by Ruth Ambo
Pat Jehle by Elaine Vanderberg
Peggy & Wally Nelson by Richard & Connie
McClear
Jeff Olney by Dawn Olney
Ronald Seymour by Mary Seymour
Sharon Snell by Nancy Foust, Thor & Susan Goff



The Library Board of Trustees

It was a busy summer for everyone in Benzie County including the members of the board. After the early completion of the library refresh, we had a well attended open house on a sunny Spring day. Everyone was pleased with the result of the refresh and liked the calming fresh new look.

Kris did a beautiful job with the Summer children's Programs. Also the library welcomed a new employee, Phillip Ayers to the staff this summer. Come in and say hello to Phillip on Tuesdays and Thursdays Karen Saylor resigned as director this Fall. We wish her well in her future endeavors. The personnel committee is searching for and interviewing candidates for a new director.



Current board as of November 1, 2024

Ann Strehle, President: Term ends 11/26 (elected by Benzonia Township electorate)

Cathy Hahn, Secretary: Term ends 11/26 (appointed by Benzonia Township Board)

Dan Schoonmaker, Treasurer: Term ends 11/28 (appointed by the Beulah Village Council)

Debbie Laslo, Term ends 11/24 (elected by Benzonia Township electorate)

Betsy Taylor, (completing Annie Marshall's term): Term ends 11/24 (elected by Benzonia Township electorate)

Chloe McGehee, Term ends 11/26 (elected by Benzonia Township electorate)

Debbie Laslo is seeking re-election to the board. Betsy Taylor is seeking to be elected to the board after completing Annie Marshall's term.



Board Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

The Public is welcome. Meeting changes will be posted.

Our Summer Reading Program

Our summer reading program was full of adventure! From falcons and hawks to tortoises and geodes, the kids and their families who participated were treated to an amazing assortment of visitors, animals and hands-on experiences. We would like to thank the staff of North Sky Raptor Sanctuary, “Unearthed” and “Cognition” of Beulah for the time and enthusiasm they shared during our special events. Thank you to our faithful volunteers who helped with our Olympic Games and safely cracking 20 geodes. And a special thank you to the Friends of Darcy Library for their generous support in funding the special events and extra supplies.



Winners and Prizes

We had over 90 people participate in our summer reading program with the kids reading over 600 books, the teens over 50 and the adults reading over 280 books! Nicely done everyone.

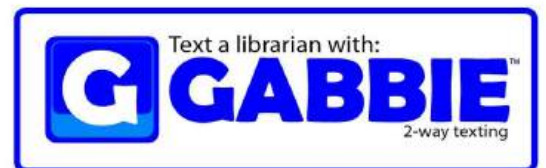
Congratulations to Ryne and Emma Cowie for completing the Summer Reading Adventure Bingo challenge and winning the Grand Prize which included an adventure kit, pop-up tent, Paw Patrol blanket and a variety of children's books

Fun and Busy Times

We enjoyed a fun and busy summer at Darcy Library with our faithful, year-round patrons, the return of our summer patrons and families and the welcome of many new patrons. It is always encouraging to hear positive comments like the family who has returned here for 24 summers and whose children, especially *love this library!* There was also the young patron who attended the “Adventure with Rocks” program who commented “I’ve never been to a library like this” after playing a group game sorting rocks and then heading outside to crack his own geode.

Officer McKinley

Many thanks to our patrons for their generous support of the students at Benzie Central. The gifts of food and clothing items will help our local kids get the school year off to a great start! Special thanks to Officer McKinley for the many ways he supports our students throughout each school. We wish them all an awesome year!



Have a reference question, or need to renew your books?
Text 231-383-6804 to text-chat with a librarian today!

Cookies, we love cookies and baked goods!

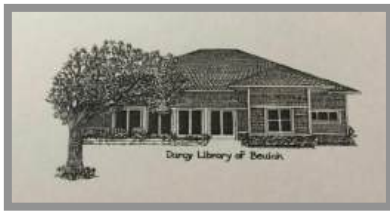




Christmas Magic
Saturday, December 14th, 10 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.
BVTrailhead in beautiful downtown Beulah

On October 5th, 2024, during Fall Fest in Beulah, the Friends of Darcy Library, held their fundraiser bake sale in the Trailhead building in downtown Beulah from 10:00 to 2:00p.m. It was a very successful bake sale. We are so grateful that we had so many new bakers and, of course, our very loyal bakers and we thank them kindly. We are grateful to the volunteers that help set up the bake sale and those that are keep the platters replenished. There were lots of cookies and various baked goods - we even had some focaccia. We would welcome and appreciate more bakers. Our next fundraiser bake sale will be during Christmas Magic in Beulah, Saturday, December 14th. If you are a baker, you can sign up in the library in November/December or contact co-chairs: Susan Goff 882-9873 or Mary Osborn 616-724-6957.





The Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah
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7238 Commercial Avenue
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Bake Sale Fundraiser for the Darcy Library at the Trailhead
Saturday, February 8th 10 - 2***



Sign up at the Library to provide baked goods -
Please leave your name and good contact information.