

Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah

Fall ~ Winter Newsletter

2025-26

Up Coming Events

*Christmas Magic Bake Sale
December 13th 10 - 2 Trailhead
WinterFest- Bake Sale 10-2
February 14 at the Trailhead.
Life-Size Candy Lane at the
Library. February 14th 10 - 2*

On Going Events

*Board of Trustees
3rd Wednesday 3:30 pm
Tech help with Carol & Annie
Thursdays 10 - noon
Friends of Darcy Library
3rd Wednesday 10:30 am
Darcy Book Club
3rd Thursday 10:30 am
Minecraft Guild ~ Every other
Thursday 4:30 pm~5:45:pm*



"What in the world would we do without libraries" Katherine Hepburn

As a loyal Darcy Library patron, you know the extraordinary selection of books, DVD's and materials that can be found when you enter Darcy Library. It is thanks to our faithful donors and members that our Director is continuing, bringing back or adding to these various programs:

Exceptional Summer Reading Program
Game Time
Minecraft Guild
Beginner Sewing (list of programs)
Candy Land - life size
Haunted Library
Book Club.

All these plus connecting to the community by being present at the Beulah Art Fair, Music in the Street and in the 4th of July parade. The amazing staff at Darcy Library is eager to respond to any range of needs, questions or interest in our Benzie community. A special thank you to Philip for our up-to-date website, to Kris for our wonderful children's programs, Carol with computers, and to volunteers that help whenever and wherever. The Friends of Darcy Library Board are very appreciative. With your kind generosity we can further our mission to promote literacy and the love of reading for all in our Benzie community. Your donations will make a significant difference in the life of the library moving forward. Come visit the library so you can see what your generous donations have done and will do. It is donations that built the library, buys new books, DVD's, materials, services, various programs, our storage building and a refresh of the inside in 2024. We are ever so grateful for our donors and members. Please use the enclosed envelope to continue your support.

Not to be missed is the memorial garden area installed in Janice Schoonmaker's memory. Janice was a very dedicated **volunteer** at Darcy Library. There is a wonderful new sitting area that has seen good use with new shrubs and flowers. We hope you will visit the area.

Susan Goff, President
Mary Osborn, V.P., Newsletter
Trudi Hood, Treasurer

Barb Rothhaar Corr. Secretary
Vickie Carpenter, Secretary
Ted Wood, Investments

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for which we are very grateful

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In Honor of

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George Naughton



In Memory of

Sharon Lynn Harrett by Tom Harrett
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IN REMEMBRANCE

DENNY McANULTY

May 29, 2017 - August 16, 2025



Some of our greatest historical and artistic treasures we place
with curators in museums; others we take for walks. -Roger Caras

Thanks to our Bake Sale Bakers

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Our major Fundraiser

The Friends of Darcy Library held their bake sale October 4th during FallFest in Beulah. What a great variety of baked goods. Breads, muffins, cinnamon rolls and yes, lots of cookies. Thank you to our loyal bakers and our new bakers. You absolutely make the day. Thanks to our volunteers that get to the Trailhead early to get everything arranged. Our next bake sale is December 13, 2025 during Christmas Magic in Beulah. On February 14, 2026 during WinterFest in Beulah we will have our first bake sale of 2026. The bake sale is the only fundraiser Darcy Library does. Our bake sales are held in the Trailhead in Beulah. A sincere thank you to the Trailhead board for allowing the library the use of the building and storage room. We are very grateful for this support.

Susan Goff, Co-chair/bake sale

Mary Osborn, Co-chair/bake sale



Summer Reading

Darcy Library's Summer Reading Program brought the world of color, music, and art to all our participants. The children listened to a number of artful stories and had a chance to paint, journal, weave, sew, create clay critters, perform a readers' theater and sing "What a Wonderful World for family and friends. This was all made possible by our amazing volunteers who gave of their time and energy and by the Friends of Darcy Library who generously supported all our events with their financial gifts.

We are grateful to the Benzie Historical Society and Museum for introducing us to journaling, to the Crystal Lake Alpaca Farm for the hands on fleece and info during our weaving week, to the Fiber Shed for helping with fabric for our sewing projects, to Crescent Bakery for donating free donuts to the kids who finished the Reading Challenge, to Oliver Art Center for hosting a "Color Our World" art exhibit, and to State Savings Bank for their donation of goodie bags for our adult readers. We were fortunate to benefit from a Benzie County Community Chest Grant which allowed us to purchase journals, sewing machines, digital cameras, prizes, and a sensory table, all of which helped make our Summer Reading Program spectacular. We are especially grateful for the kids (and adults) who participated in many of our events and rewarded our efforts with creativity and joy! Many thanks to all! ~ Kris



Felting Class



Our Summer Reading program, "Color Our World", found us wanting to provide some colorful activities for adults as well as for kids. We found the perfect match with Maggie Attiyeh, of Three States Fiber. She taught a class on felting and each participant made a 4x6 fiber cherry design.

Maggie came back in September to lead over 12 participants in felting an adorable pumpkin, just in time for fall decorating. Based on the interest, she just might come back later this year. Stay tuned!

~Kris Dykstra

Bark in the Park

This summer, we brought back Bark in the Park! There was a parade to start where we walked around the main street block. Then we had a demonstration by the Benzie County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Dumond and Omar who showed us how they detect narcotics. Questions followed and each person was able to pet/interact with Omar one-on-one. There were some organizations I'm the community who set up tables to offer information. Jan and her dogs, Hank and Iceman, were there from paws & effect. (More to come on this team as we will be implementing their Bark program where kids read to a therapy dog www.pawsandeffectdogs.org). Sam from Sleeping Bear Wildlife Fund (www.sleepingbearwildlife.org) was here and handed out some Mammal Tracks identifications. Jan and Ava, who participate in Betsie Valley District Library, read to a therapy dog program, dropped in as well. The day wrapped up with a Dog Show.



Minecraft Guild

We started the Darcy Library Minecraft Guild in September meeting every other Thursday from 4:30 til 5:45 pm. Players are invited to join us at the library to mine, build and explore together. Minecraft is a game that not only encourages teamwork and cooperative play but is also a game that is a platform for creativity, problem solving and adventure. Players work together to mine resources, build houses, protect against monsters, farm food, and care for animals all in a bright blocky world. We even have a block version of the Darcy Library.



Library Happy Hour

As you well know, libraries aren't just about books; they're also places to support the community and get to know neighbors. With this in mind, we tried something new this summer: Library Happy Hour! Every Thursday evening prior to Beulah's Music in the Street. We offered mocktails, games, bubbles and sidewalk chalk for use in the Library Park, free for anyone passing by. Many thanks to the CLCBA, and all of their volunteers and sponsors, for another great summer of open air concerts.



Life ~ Size Candy Land

This winter will be our second year doing Life-Sized Candy Land at the Library. As part of Beulah's WinterFest celebrations, we will be turning the Library into a land of sweets, games, crafts and prizes. Let us know if you might be interested in volunteering as these events work best with all hands on deck.



The Board of Trustees President's Report

It was a whirlwind spring and summer at the Darcy Library. Our fabulous new director, Christy Trigg and her exceptional staff, Kris and Phillip, had numerous popular activities and programs for young and old throughout the Spring and Summer. In addition, a Darcy Library terrace garden in memory of Janice Schoonmaker was created, dedicated and has subsequently been appreciated by many. All are encouraged to participate everything that the Darcy Library has to offer.

Library Terrace Dedication

On Aug 13th, we gathered to dedicate the new landscaping and outdoor furniture in honor of Janice Schoonmaker and her invaluable contributions to the library. This spring, boxwoods, junipers and creeping phlox were added to the strip of land in front of the flower boxes. Heavy duty composite chairs, tables and a bench were added to the terrace area. A plaque was put up between the large windows near the door. All of this was made possible through a generous donation in Janice's name and the help of the Friends. Every day this summer, someone has been sitting on the new furniture enjoying the garden terrace. Please delight in this lovely outdoor nook for yourself.

Current Board as of November 1, 2025

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

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

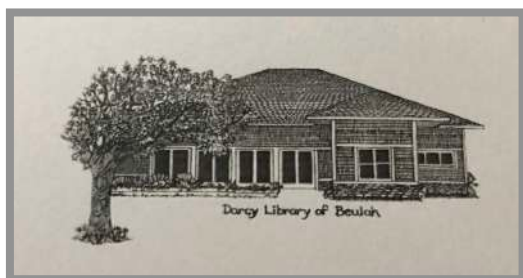
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The Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah

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We love cookies and having Bake Sales! Please help!

The Friends of the Darcy Library are celebrating Christmas Magic - Saturday December 13, 2025 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the TrailHead in beautiful downtown Beulah with a fund raising Bake Sale. Please sign up at the Library if you are willing and able to contribute by baking some Christmas cookies.

Two months later, we are celebrating Valentine's Day by having another Bake Sale during CLCBA's WinterFest. February 14, 2026. Once again, please sign up to help by baking Valentine cookies or any other favorite of yours.

