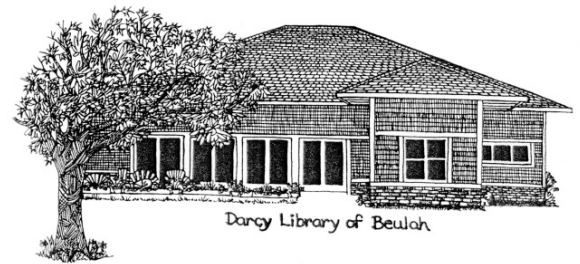


Friends of the Darcy Library Spring/Summer 2023 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Summer Reading Registration

June 3 10 a.m.

Book Sale August 5th

Sidewalk Sale Days 10 - 4 p.m.

Remembering your Story,

August 21st 3-4 p.m. with Pat
Sheafor

Bake Sale, Oct. 7th 10 a.m.

Fall Festival

Bake Sale February 10, 2024

10 a.m. WinterFest

Recent and Ongoing

Cookie Decorating, DaniJo

Local Author Night,

Monday at the Movies

Darcy Book Club, 3rd

Thursday 1:30

Computers with Carol &

Reading with Denny,

Thurs. 12 - 4:30



News flash - Effective June 1, new hours for the library. MWF 10:00 - 5. TTh 10 - 6. Sat 9 - 1

from the President of the Friends . . .

"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a librarian can bring you back the right one." Neil Gaiman, author

PURPOSE "The mission of the Friends is to provide financial support to the Library Board, to help provide the library with materials and services and to encourage educational and recreational use of the Darcy Library's resources by residents and visitors. Additionally, the Friends provide financial support for the upkeep/repair of the Darcy Library."

Entering through the library door to find the book(s) you want to read, the movie you hoped to see or a computer you need to use is right here in Beulah; and so helpful to so many in this community. Please use this great benefit for Beulah/Benzonia.

Our next bake sale fundraiser is during Fall Fest, October 7th from 10 - 5. We are wishing to include more than cookies - think about breads, rolls, cupcakes, muffins and bars. We would certainly welcome more bakers so please consider baking and donating your specialties for our fundraiser sale. A huge THANK YOU to our BAKERS and to the BUYERS of the cookies. You are most appreciated. The bake sales are very important to the library.

Following are a few of the great movies now available at the Darcy Library: *A man called Otto*, *The Banshees of Inisherin*, *Tar*, *Top Gun*, *Women Talking*, *Till*, and *The Whale*.

Susan Goff, President

**Vice Pres ~ Mary Osborn Secretary ~ Vicki Carpenter
Corr. Sec. ~ Catherine Granlund Treas. ~ Trudi Hook**

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR WHICH WE ARE SO GRATEFUL!

In Honor of

Ann Strehle & Barb Skurdell. ~ John & Lynn Vinkmulder

In Memory of

Carol Bowman

Ann & Tom Lyons, Margaret Tewson

Lois Anderson.

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We thank you in advance for your contribution in our donation envelope



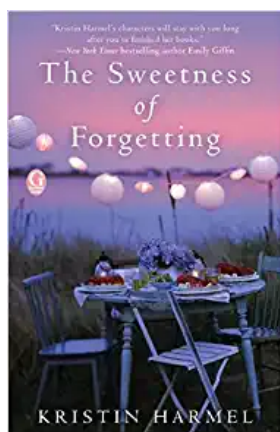
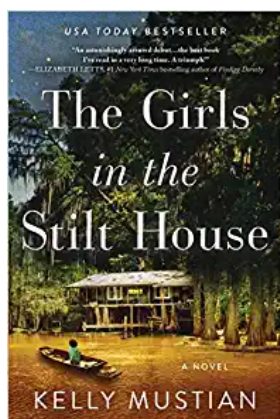
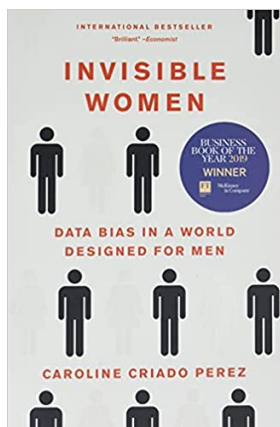
Jody Meyers at the recent Cookie Decorating class with Dani Jo.

Happenings at the Darcy



Ted and Catherine modeling the new aprons at Winterfest Bake Sale.





The Darcy Book Club

Darcy Book Club meets every third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Darcy Library. Books have been chosen in advanced by the current members and are available through the library.

Some of the current books the Book Club has enjoyed discussing are ***Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed by Men* by Caroline Criado Perez**. As the title indicates, this award-winning nonfiction read argues that products, services and most everything created has been inadvertently designed with male biases to the detriment of female users. For example, from drug tests to automobile safety testing, females have not been considered in the testing and outcomes. Thus, this gender gap has had and continues to have serious impact on the lives of women in all areas from politics, industry to local services. It was a wakeup call and a lively discussion.

Our April book was ***The Girls in the Stilt House, a debut novel by Kelly Mustian***. If you enjoyed *Where the Crawdads Sing*, then you will like this one. It is set in Mississippi in the 1920's and focuses on two young women, one white and one African American, who must overcome extreme loss and persevere. Their growth and strength is a key part of the novel as they deal with personal and societal difficulties. The writing is impressive and takes the reader into a world as dense as the struggles these two have to overcome. It was a big hit with the Book Club.

May's selection is ***The Sweetness of Forgetting by Kristin Harmel***. It is also available at the library. Check it out and join us on May 18 for a good discussion. *Marilyn Smith*

June	<i>Demon Copperhead</i> by Barbara Kingsolver
July	<i>My Name is Lucy Barton</i> by Elizabeth Strout
August	<i>The Rabbit Hutch</i> by Tess Gunty
September	<i>Horse</i> by Geraldine Brooks
October	<i>The Light We Carry</i> by Michelle Obama
November	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> by Bonnie Garmus
December	Choose next year's books



Darcy Library of Beulah


Summer Reading Program Registration

“All Together Now”

Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

You are invited to a special registration for our 2023 Summer Reading Program!

There will be time for stories and a chance to adopt a “Reading Buddy”. The kids will be able to “adopt” a stuffed dog or cat as a “reading buddy and will agree to take good care of it and read to it over the summer (and beyond). ☺

 **Stories and activities are best for grades K-3 but all are welcome.**

Special guests include Officer Suzanne Maul and her therapy dog, Briggs, and library volunteer Carol McNulty and her therapy dog, Denny.



Please call Darcy Library at 882-4037 for more information.

Darcy Library is located one block east of Main Street in Beulah.

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email: melcat@darcylibraryofbeulah.org

Summer Reading Program

Wednesday, June 21, 5:00 p.m.

How does your garden grow?

This is a family event!

Friends from Grow Benzie and Lost Lake Farm will stop by with planting ideas for Adults while the children listen to garden stories, decorate clay pots and plant seeds. There will be fruit and vegetable bingo with produce as prizes and, if time allows, some quick fix treats!

Wednesday, June 28, 1:00 p.m.

Create!

We'll read stories about quilting, have some quilters stop by and work at making our own quilt squares. There will be fabric quilt squares to paint which will be used to make a community quilt.

Wednesday, July 12 1:00 p.m.

Friendship!

Friends are an important part of any community. We'll share some great stories, make friendship bracelets and paint "kindness" rocks.

Wednesday, July 19 1:00 p.m.

Teamwork!

Stories about working together and solving problems. Kids will work on creating their own marble maze and play giant yard games.

Wednesday July 26 1:00 p.m.

All Together Now!

It's a Library Field Day with a few stories first,

Remembering Your Story

Pat Sheafor

Sometimes as we sit around a fire or dining table with friends and family, we start to tell 'stories'. A researcher of history recently commented, "It was amazing, as soon as their stories started to be told, they came alive." The importance of sharing our stories is that we all have them AND if we don't write them down, they are lost to our families when we are gone.

Pat Sheafor has led a number of series using Richard Morgan's *Remembering Your Story*. This book and its process, involves a 10 week series of gatherings or one can do it by oneself with a commitment to the process and time in both circumstances.

Another process is that of *StoryWorth*, a commercial venture through the internet. Pat recently completed an almost two year process using their program - with the result that she has written *Third Culture Kid - Memories to share with her* extended family who now have the book and photos to keep these stories alive.

Not too scholarly, not too scary, fun to compose and remember.

Come to the Darcy Library on August 21st from 3 to 4 p.m. for an hour of descriptions of two possible ways to get started on YOUR story. Pat will share her experience with these possible, friendly ways to write your stories - as short or as long as you wish to make them, as detailed, serious, and funny as you want them to be.

The trick is to get started!

From the Darcy Library Board



Dan Schoonmaker, Director Karen Salyer, President Ann Strehle, Dan Hook, Debbie Laslo, Cathy Hahn, and Chloe McGehee. Annie Marshall was absent.

The Board has been busy this Winter and Spring reviewing, updating and finalizing the library policies. We want to give a huge thanks to Director Karen Saylor and Friends member, Janice Schoonmaker for their tremendous contributions to complete that onerous task. We are extremely grateful.

The Darcy Board would like to thank Dan Hook for his steady and insightful leadership for the many years he was Board president. He will be missed! We also welcomed new Board member Chloe McGehee this winter. Chloe brings experience as a librarian and has a passion for books and libraries.

Some patrons expressed an interest in being able to access the library in the mornings during the week. We are pleased to announce that the Board has responded to that request and starting June 5, 2023 through September 30, there will be a trial of extended hours and Saturday 9 - 1

Trial Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 - 5, Tues & Thurs 10 - 6

SAVE THE DATE

Library Book Sale

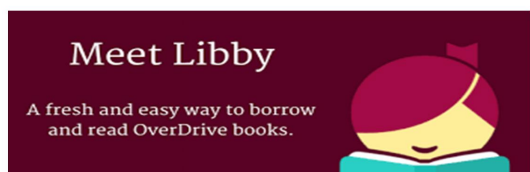
During Beulah Sidewalk Sales

Saturday, August 5th 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Quality books, DVDs, CDs, AudioBooks ~ All for \$2.00 each

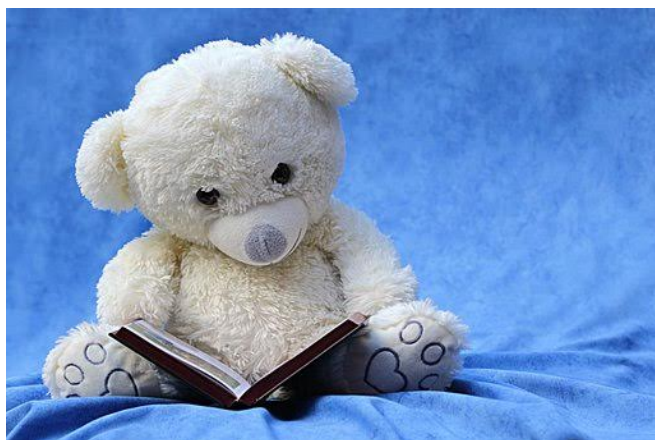
Accepting donations of GOOD used books 7/22 9 - 1

Volunteer News – Spring 2023



Have a reference question, or need to
renew your books?

Text 231-383-6804 to text-chat with
a librarian today!



Between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023, two in-house volunteers provided 689 hours of service in and on behalf of the library. Carol and Denny McAnulty contributed 486 hours in computer repair and maintenance and Denny's "Read to Denny" program. The Board and Friends of the Library provided 245 hours in planning for library maintenance and operations and fundraiser events. This brings our total documented hours of service to 1415.

"Event Volunteers" were active during the presentation of the August book sale, the very popular Haunted Library and the July, Octoberfest, Christmas Magic and Winterfest bake sales. They provide the many undocumented hours that are generously given by members of the community-at-large in assisting with and supporting library events, programs and activities on an as-needed basis.

Special thanks go to Pete and Tim Volas, owners of the Eden Hill Greenhouse, who overwintered some of the library's large outdoor plants in their greenhouses. We truly appreciate their generosity.

While volunteers perform a variety of jobs, our basic goal continues to be to assist our librarians in the provision of a variety of quality library services to the community. Thanks to everyone who supports the library in word, thought and deed!

Janice Schoonmaker

*Volunteers . . . have style
They're fiercely independent.
If you have to ask how much they cost,
You can't afford them. . . .
They are the only human beings on the face
Of this earth who reflect the Nation's
Compassion, Unselfishness, Caring, Patience, Need
And just plain Loving One Another . . .*

Erma Bombeck. 1927-1996

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Return Service Requested



Coming in August! Keep an eye out for updates on a collection for Benzie Academy, our local school pantry. Items needed and dates for the collection will be announced in July. It all fits with our Summer Reading Program "All Together Now!"