

# 2023 Winter/Spring NEWSLETTER

## Beaver Island District Library Endowment Fund

You can support the BIDL 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 Benefactor's Bookshelf. Of course, donations larger than \$300 are always appreciated as well.

Please make checks payable to:

The Beaver Island District Library  
Endowment Fund and mail to:

Beaver Island District Library  
26400 Donegal Bay Road  
Beaver Island, MI 49782

Be sure to include your message for engraving.

Please include your name, address, phone and email address.

Donations are tax deductible up to the full extent of the law. Please consult your financial adviser.



## Seniors— We Need Your Input!

The Library has the opportunity to apply for a grant of \$10,000-\$20,000 to help us meet the needs of an underserved or special needs group of our community. We are considering the senior population as our community to address. We have some ideas— like providing CD players for audio books, increasing our audio and large print collections, home deliveries of materials (books, movies, audio books), technical support of our website access and ordering materials from us online to name a few. Would you be interested in participating? Do you have other ideas? We need your thoughts by the end of January as the grant is due the end of February and will take some time to write up.

Email us at [island.library@gmail.com](mailto:island.library@gmail.com), call 448-2701 or stop in to chat!

## Get to know the BIDL Board of Directors

### **Erin Martin-Holmes**

I was born and raised on Beaver Island. I moved to North Carolina and lived there for 25 years. I worked in early childhood education while in North Carolina. I have one son who is now in college. I moved back to the island 2-1/2 years ago and I have recently joined the Library board this year. Things that I enjoy most are spending time with family and friends, hiking, traveling, reading, and cross stitching.

### **Denise McDonough**

I have lived on the island for 43 years. I married Tim McDonough in 1979 and have raised my family here.

I was honored when I was approached to serve on the Library Board. I have had a life long love of reading, and actually worked at the Hall Fowler Library in Ionia, MI when I was a teenager. I truly believe that the core of any community is their library and our island is no exception.

### **Kim Mitchell**

I have been on the board for about 9 years. We moved here in 2013 from the Ann Arbor area and live here year-round. I have a degree in Early Childhood Education, with a minor in Children's Literature. Years ago, I started a weekly free parent/preschool playgroup at the Gregg Fellowship Hall, incorporating story time, free play, art, movement, and singing. I'm very proud to be on the board, and especially supporting the relationship between the school and the library.

### **Becca Foli**

I joined the Beaver Island Library Board as a trustee in 2016. I grew up in Kalamazoo and graduated from MSU with a degree in Therapeutic Recreation. Throughout college I worked at the MSU library and at the Lansing Park District. I also worked as a Recreational Therapist and as a campus minister at the U of I. Now a full time BI resident with my husband, Bryan, I manage our rental homes, sub at school and I work at Whiskey Point Brewery Co. I enjoy volunteering and serving the Beaver Island community in any way I can.

### **Monica Longlet**

I was born in Kalamazoo, am married to Dave, and mom to Katie, Peyton & Wil. I am a Spartan fan, fine arts major, museum docent, dog mom, cat mom, bread baker, foodie, gardener, crocheter, avid reader, nature lover. We made 15 moves in 30 years. Now we are happily living full time on Beaver Island!

### **Stephanie Harrington**

I am Steph Dondero-Harrington. A year ago, I bought 50 acres and moved here from Kalamazoo to build an off-grid homestead. I work at Power's Hardware full time and love my job there. I am an avid reader and a comic book collector! I believe libraries are so important for communities and hope to be an asset to the BIDL board!

# Our Newest Board Members

## Cynthia Pryor

I am living here full time with my husband, Bob, after moving from the Upper Peninsula in 2017. I work with St. James Township in data base administration; play fiddle and cello when I can with local musicians; sing alto in the Christmas Cantatas and thoroughly enjoy my life on Beaver Island. My passion is the ancient history and understanding of this place called Beaver Island.

## Acacia Warmerdam

I recently moved to the island with my husband and three children, taking on the magnanimous task of restoring an old Island treasure to its former glory.

I am an author and avid reader. As my library grew, so did my appreciation for all literature and my desire to be involved.

As a preservationist, I look forward to serving the community in various ways.

## Beaver Island District Library JAIL BOOK DELIVERY PROGRAM



*After much time and effort to join forces with Beaver Island's Correctional Facility (holding cell), the library proudly announces it's Book Delivery Program to inmates! Books donated by the Community are hand-selected based on inmate's preference through personal requests collected from letters. In some cases, in an attempt to accommodate the Island's inmate, used books are purchased online. By the quantity of letters of appreciation, Book Delivery Day is highly anticipated.*

**On a serious note:** BIDL is offering pickup/delivery of reading/audio requests from **FOREST VIEW COMMUNITY** residents. Simply call 448-2701 or email: [island.library@gmail.com](mailto:island.library@gmail.com). Winter hours are Mon-Fri. 9-5 and Saturday 10-5. We look forward to accommodating your literary preferences.

For long term loans, the library is planning to have CD players for audio books available . So if you need one to listen to your audio book, let us know!

Also in the Spring, Summer, and Fall, there is a small Free Library located in Caitlin's Garden behind the library. Patrons are encouraged to borrow the books while enjoying the garden areas of the Library. Book donations and monetary contributions may be made to keep the Free Library filled and may be left at the circulation desk.



## 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. Zoom will also be available for attendees.

Jan. 18: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Gamus

Feb. 15: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

March 15: *The Lindbergh Nanny* by Mari-ah Fredericks

April 19: *Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni

May 17: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby VanPelt

June 21: *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult

## BIDL Wish List

Helping hands are greatly appreciated for the following:

- ◇ Spring and Autumn grounds clean up
- ◇ Memorial Day weekend planting
- ◇ Summertime Plant watering
- ◇ Event help (children's events and author events)
- ◇ Setting up and taking down the Book Tent (HINT: our biggest wish is to have a cement slab and building erected for a permanent outdoor book sales.)

Items Appreciated:

- ◇ Small shop vac with attachments for minor cleaning

# 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 Director at 231-448-2701.

# JUST FOR KIDS

## Story Hour With Sam

### Updates

Calling all readers!! As story hour continues throughout the winter and spring, we are looking for some volunteers to be guest readers at story hour! We would ask that you read the selected book to the kiddos and, if your schedule allows, stick around for the craft! Story hour will continue to be on Thursdays at 1pm throughout the winter and spring. If you are interested at all or would like more information, please reach out!!

## Summer Reading Program 2023

### All Together Now

Despite the cold and snow, we are beginning to prepare for the 2023 Summer Reading Program! With the theme of *All Together Now*, we'll spend the summer teaching the kids all about community and the importance of being involved and using our voices. There will be lots of opportunities for teen and adult programming as well, so keep your eyes open for more updates the closer we get to summer!! We are so excited for what we have in store as we dive into community connections with patrons of all ages! So come along with us, All Together Now!!



## LEGO CLUB

Kids of all ages, join Lego Club at the Library on Saturdays. We will have challenges, games and competitions at all levels!

Snacks will be provided.

Lego Club will begin on Jan. 7th  
at 1 p.m.

## Feb. 4– Take Your Child to the Library Day

Join us to celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day on Feb. 4th!

11 a.m. Story Hour reading

1 p.m. Lego Club

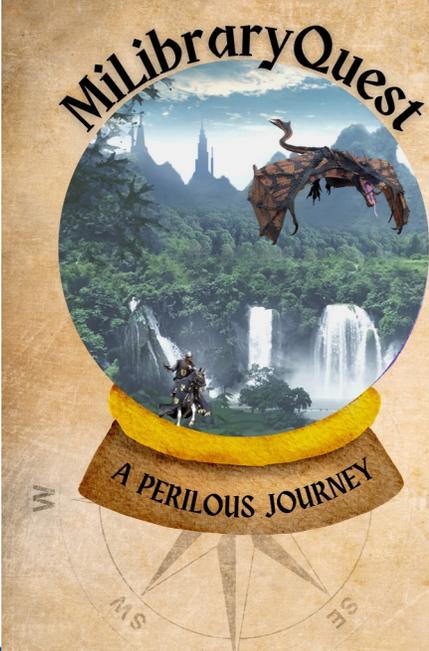
3 p.m. Harry Potter Hogwarts Battle:  
A cooperative Deck building game

All day: A Library Scavenger Hunt,  
crafts/activities and snacks!

Evening: Author visit

# TEEN CORNER

## WINTER QUEST



Calling all Michigan teens:  
The Winter MiLibraryQuest is Dungeons and Dragons themed.

Grab your sword and shield and get ready for a virtual adventure!

Solve riddles, take part in the quest, and enter to win a prize from your library.

Join MiLibraryQuest from February 1 to February 28. Visit [mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest](https://mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest) or scan to get started:



## Teens Can Join in the Summer Reading Program Too!

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## ROLE PLAYING AT THE LIBRARY

Teens are invited to a monthly D&D type role playing game at the library beginning January 21. Games will be held on Saturday afternoons from 3-5 pm. Our first set of 7 games will be *Harry Potter: Hogwarts Battle: a cooperative deck building game*.

If there is enough interest more games will be started! Come join in the fun!

## Teens! Check out the new Books

Each month, new books arrive just for the teens (in YA and J sections). Some are graphic novels, others non-fiction, but most are fiction (novels).

The new books are placed on display on the top of the shelves in the teen area. Look up for a great read!

# MI Library is NOW

[MiLibraryIsNow.com](http://MiLibraryIsNow.com)



## More Improvements at the BIDL

The front and back posts were replaced this fall with NEW posts. Greenwald and BC Construction completed the work in just a few short days.



## Renown Beaver Island Artist Created 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, was contracted to create a mural to be displayed above the circulation desk at the library.

Keith has been working on his BI themed creation since summer. On December 16th the mural and artist arrived on the ferry.

We hope to see it installed this winter. We are very excited to work with Keith and have another wonderful piece of his work on display.

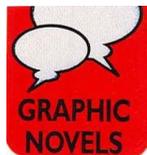
BIDL will host an unveiling in February. All will be invited to the event. Watch locally for details. A "Meet the artist" event will be held this summer.



## New Categories

### Historical Fiction

An Update of our system allows for a solution to an often asked question... "Where is the Historical Fiction?" Throughout the library, this sub-category of fiction is identified with a blue sticker at the top of book spines.



Another new sub-category is JE GRAPHIC (Juvenile elementary graphic fiction), quite a popular selection.

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