



NEW 2019 LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday: 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

- New Magnets Available At Front Desk! -

June 2019 Newsletter

Find Out What's New!

Programs for your whole family.

BOOK CLUB



Join Now!

The Benton Public Library holds a meeting every month.

No purchase necessary. Books on loan through the Southwest Wisconsin Library System.

Kindles!

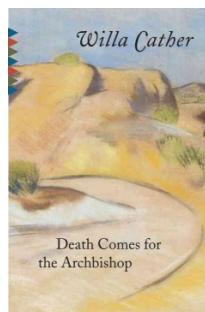


Check out a Kindle tablet and read eBooks at home!

Having a hard time finding the book you want to read?

With our online service,

Overdrive, we provide Kindle tablets ready for patrons to check out. Come into the library and let us know what books you would like to read. We will fill up the Kindle with your requests. Ask for more information at our front desk!



Book Club JUNE 23 - 2:00 PM *Death Comes for the Archbishop* By Willa Cather

In 1851 Father Jean Marie Latour becomes the Apostolic Vicar to New Mexico, and he faces the lawlessness and loneliness of the

frontier as he tries to spread the faith. [CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE BPL EVENTS!](#)

Summer Library Program 2019 Universe of Stories

SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:
reading and activities at the library for children 2 years old and older

June 11 to July 16

• Universe of Stories:
Tuesdays 10-10:45 a.m.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE!](#)



Puzzles & Board Games!



You can check out and take home a puzzle and board games for 2 weeks.

We have a wide selection of 200 to 1,000 piece puzzles.

Get family and friends together to play some games. Test the mind with trivia! Keep your minds quick with fast-moving card games!

[Click Here To See Full List of New Puzzles and Board Games!](#)



Trivia

How many letters does the Hawaiian alphabet contain?

Come into the library and submit your answer at the front desk! The first winning answer gets a prize!

Did You Know...

Articles about the Benton Public Library found in *Benton Mining Times* and *Benton Advocate*.

- **December 19, 1895:** Benton Public Library located in *Mining Times* - H. A. Breese, librarian. 100 first class books. Cost of membership fifty cents for two years.
- **September 29, 1911:** Free library and reading room open to public in M.E. church parlors three nights a week. 544 books were loaned out during its first year of service.
- **April 12, 1912:** The Wisconsin Library Commission placed a collection of books constituting a traveling library at the M.E. parlors. Books could be borrowed on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings.
- **November 15, 1923:** The Benton Library Association was formed as a result of a joint meeting of the Fortnightly Club and the Camp Fire Girls. The library board was elected: President, Mabel Kreuger; Vice President, Alma Latham; Secretary, Ella Nicolay; Treasurer, Ethel Eberts; Olga Sproule, Minnie Leitzell, and Ferne Byrne. The Benton Library was located on the second floor of the Municipal Building. The first librarians were Cora Rockwell and Ella Nicolay.

The Camp Fire Girls were organized in 1918 by, first President, Dr. X. P. Bent. Charter members were Ethel Woodworth, Olive Howard, Alma Latham, Ida Graham, Ella Fowler, Golden Ebert, Catherine Leitzell, Henrietta Bowman and Mary Fowler. This group reorganized as the Home Economics Club in 1924.

The Fortnightly Club was instituted January 17, 1920 at a meeting in club rooms over the Rock Store. Charter members were: Belle Quinlan, Belle Billingsley, Annie Dawson, Ella Nicolay, Ruth Brown, Olive Carter, Mabel Krueger, Clara Bevers, Ruth Wilkins, Dr. X. P. Bent, Olga Sproule and Ethel Eberts.

- **November 23, 1923:** At a meeting of the Benton Fire Company it was decided to turn the second floor Rest Room area of the Municipal Building over to the Fortnightly Club to be used as a public library.
- **December 14, 1923:** The Benton Public Library Association announced that it would be open for business Saturday afternoon December 22nd from two to five o'clock. Friends of the movement subscribed 25 cents per month, for one year, to create a fund for the purchase of current fiction and latest books. All subscribers were members of the Association had a voice in its management. All were encouraged to become subscribers and members. In assistance, to ensure the start of the Library, the University Library Extension loaned close to 200 volumes for a period of six months. Gifts or loans of books from the public were also accepted.

Present Day: The Benton Village Board is embarking on the task of building a *New Library* as part of a *Community Center!*

This Community Center building will facilitate; (1) new space for the library and museums; (2) centralized government offices; and (3) spaces for public or private meetings, gatherings, and family celebrations.

Along with FEH Design and the Core Planning Committee, the public is invited to attend the meetings and join the Advisory Task Force.

Work on the Task Force involves five evening meetings. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 13 at 6:00–7:30 PM at the Benton High School.**

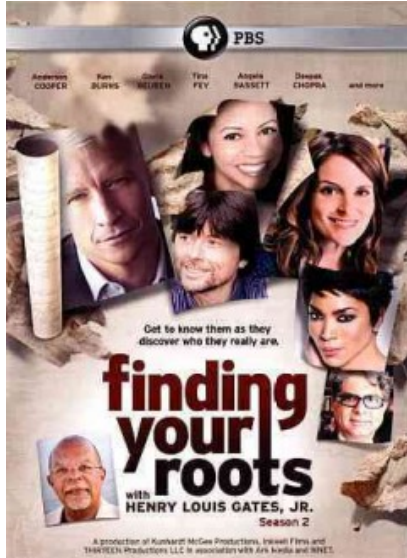
Subsequent meetings: **June 27, July 24, July 25, and August 8 at 6:00 PM**

We understand, however, that you may be unable to attend every meeting.

We encourage the entire community to join in and help move Benton forward.

[New Books! Click Here To See Full List Of New Items](#)

[New Movies! Click Here To See Full List Of New Items](#)



Finding Your Roots: Season 1-5

Dr. Henry Louis Gates uses genealogy and DNA science to trace the ancestry of celebrities.

Find many more movies and TV shows
for the whole family to enjoy!



[Browse the Benton Public Library card catalog for books, audiobooks, and DVDs in our local area!](#)



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Unwind With A Book This Summer!

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