

Are you a bibliophile? A bibliophile loves books..the pages, pictures, binding, and shape. Bibliophiles tend to collect books. While bookworms love to read, bibliophiles do not necessarily read the books they own. Just having them in their possession is rewarding. There comes a time when the books do not fit on the shelves and move to boxes or other storage areas. Some bibliophiles become bibliomaniacs. Bibliomaniacs find it next to impossible to part with a book, regardless of the condition and usefulness of the item.

If this describes someone you know, then you probably have been faced with trying to eventually unload boxes of books that were in storage too long. These books are out of date, tend to smell mildewy, and often have been the home to insects or rodents.

Few people ever want to throw away books, but sometimes it is necessary. Before your book collection gets out of control, read this brochure and follow our advise:

There is no such thing as reading too much! However, there are many examples of surplus books. This year, while cleaning out the garage, the attic, or your bookshelves remember to :

REDUCE!

REUSE!

RECYCLE!

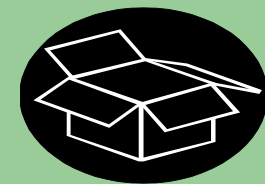
Take care of your collection!

Contact your library:
Benzie Shores District Library 352-4671
Benzonia Public Library 882-4111
Betsie Valley District Library 378-2716
Darcy Library of Beulah 882-4037



Too Many Books?

A message from
the Libraries of
Benzie County



REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!

REDUCE!

Reduce the number of books you collect. Residents and visitors of Benzie County are fortunate to have four public libraries stocked with books on all subjects. These libraries purchase new books regularly. If the library does not have a book, each of the libraries is more than willing to Inter-Library Loan special items that you may want to borrow.

REUSE!

Reuse books. Share with your family and friends. Are you a resident of Frankfort? Each May, residents put items by the curb hoping many of these items will find new homes and not end up in the landfill. Or, check out Abe Books (abebooks.com), Amazon (amazon.com), and Craig's List (www.craigslist.org) and see if your books have any special value. Perhaps you would like to sell them.

Finally, donate books that are in good condition to the libraries for their annual book sales. Call your local library to check on sale dates and to see if they are accepting donations. Looking to claim a tax deduction for donations? Count your books before you bring them in. The Libraries will provide a receipt or donor letter for tax purposes. However, they do not assign monetary value to donated items. The taxpayer is responsible for any claim.

The libraries differ on when they are able to collect donated books. Storage is a concern for all. Again, call and ask what the policies are. Although the libraries have differences in collection and sale dates, they are in one mind regarding donations : some items should not be donated to a library!

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS :

Books in bad condition :

Check all donations to ensure that they are still securely bound. Also check to make sure they do not have a musty odor, mildew stains, are dirty or soiled.

Magazines : Even National Geographic

Reader's Digest Condensed Books :

Though often pretty, these books do not sell in book sales. Look for classes and workshops on "altered books", so that you can turn your Reader's Digest collection into art.

Encyclopedias: Multi-volume sets are difficult to sell or recycle.

Textbooks :

It is understood that you paid a bundle for those text books still stored in your attic. They may be in great condition and not even very old. Unfortunately, they have no value in the library collections or in used book sales. Difficult as it may be, these books may need to be recycled.

RECYCLE!

Recycle books that you no longer want but are not suitable for library donations. Benzie County residents are fortunate to have recycling centers throughout the county. Books can be recycled IF hard covers are removed. Use a utility knife to slice off the covers. The covers are disposed of with your trash. The pages from the books can be added to the paper recycle bins.

Recycling Sites — There are 7 recycling sites provide throughout the county. All are for **residential use only**, and are open 24 hours a day — 7 days a week. Three roll-off containers are at each site.

- Almira Township Park on Ole White Road
- Benzonia at Wesco Store
- Beulah at Village Municipal Parking Lot
- Frankfort at Glen's Market
- Honor at the Road Commission on US31
- Lake Ann at Lake Ann Elementary School on Bronson Lake Road
- Thompsonville on Lindy Road & CO 669



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