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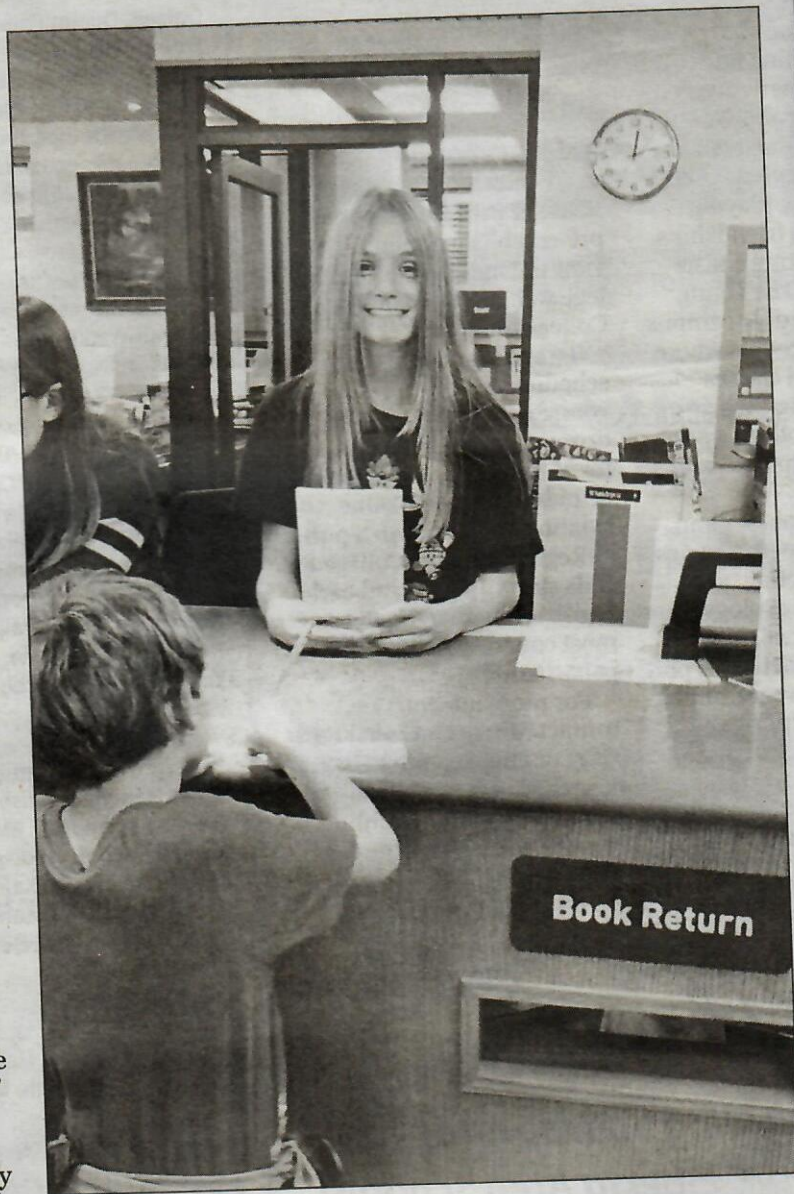
THOMPSONVILLE—The Benzie Shores District Library was one of 20 libraries chosen by the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, to receive a 2017 Summer Teen Intern Grant.

The grant has allowed the library to hire teen interns to assist in the implementation of its summer reading program, while also helping teens gain real world work experience. The grant was made possible by the generous sponsorship of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

The library worked with Frankfort High School guidance counselor, Anne Gwaltney, to recruit interested teens. Teens were interviewed and selected by Gwaltney and Stacy Pasche, assistant library director. The teens selected for the 2017 Library Intern Program are Jaden Johnson, Ella Larsen and Isabella Robison.

"We've had our interns for a few weeks now, and the program has exceeded expectations," Pasche said. "The interns are a joy to work with. They have helped to create our summer reading program materials and data entry for our reading program statistics. This type of work is important, but very time consuming. Having the interns has freed up much needed staff time. Frankfort is busy in the summer, and the library is no exception."

As part of the program, the teens will also plan and implement their own library program, an Eclipse Viewing Party from noon to 3 p.m. on Aug. 21. They will plan moon themed crafts and activities. Eclipse viewing glasses will be available for those in attendance.



Jaden Johnson is one of three teen interns brought on by the Benzie Shores District Library after receiving a grant for the Young Adult Library Services Association. (Courtesy photo)