

How to sum up 2020 at the library? Resilient and community driven. Librarians are known for never tooting their own horn, but I have to say, we rocked for what was a pretty awful year for all. Here's some of the highlights of what the library was able to do and accomplish in year 2020.

Curbside Service: In March, staff helped keep the community comfortable and safe by instituting curbside delivery of library items. Patrons can call or text when they are in front of the building, and staff happily bring items out to their vehicle. The service has been so popular that it is here to stay!

Diversify the Library Initiative:

- PDL Director Val Meyerson accepts a donation of \$1500 from Becky Phillip-Kranig, owner of Bearcub Outfitters, and along with community purchases, the library was able to add 87 diverse books purchased from McLean & Eakin Booksellers to our collection.
- Many local businesses display the WELCOME sticker, Northern Michigan Supports Equality, an initiative created by Aaron Nemec of Boyne District Library, with distribution through the local public libraries.
- Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Petoskey gifted a dozen new books to help increase understanding of what it means to be LGBTQ+.



- In the summer we had a very successful first #supporttheirstories community read, a program encouraging everyone in our community to read, educate, and openly talk about other people's stories or life experiences that are different from your own. The book we chose was *White Fragility: Why it's so Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, by Robin DiAngelo. Along with reading and discussing the book, we encouraged the community to stop by the library and pick up a challenge card, comprised of learning and action items to help the community understand and promote racial justice.

Virtual Library Card Form was created so over 100 patrons had the ability during the stay at home order to access all of PDL's digital collections. From the convenience of home, eligible residents could request a library card number sent to their email in as little as 24 hours. Staff continues to offer this service today!

Digital Services: Expanded the number of Kanopy checkouts per month; increased expenditures on OverDrive collection; added remote, digital access to Value Line and Ancestry.com.

Library Annual Statement

The library was closed for two months due to the pandemic. The staff did an excellent job shifting gears and finding other ways to serve the community. While overall checkouts were down, digital checkouts were up by 26% and the number of cardholders increased by 3%.

Library revenues were over expenditures by 7% and these funds will be set aside for library building improvements. Bond debt continues to be paid, with the last payment scheduled in 2028. For full year end statements, contact the library and speak to the director.



Food for Friends: With your support, we purchased \$760 in gift cards from our downtown restaurants to give to the Women's Resource Center for our annual year end giving tradition.

Outdoor & Virtual Programming: PDL Book Worms wrap-up party, Wild Raptors with Hawk Hill, Tai Chi, outdoor Story Time, Eagle Spirit Dancers, and Jack-o-Lantern Jamboree with pumpkin carving and painting, live music with Holly Keller-Thompson and caricature artist Chris Tamlyn, and library card sign-up month were some of the highlights we were able to host on the library's labyrinth. Virtual programs included Petoskey Poetry Palooza, Endangered Orangutans of Borneo, Code Club, Mount Kili-manjaro, Iditarod Adventure, Ladies of Michigan Lighthouses, Dinosaur Drawing and more!



Growing Readers Together: continued one-on-one tutoring for K-3rd graders. Hosted our final 2020 Family Literacy Night with Oden Fish Hatchery as our community partner.



Beer for Books: A huge thank you to Michael Castiglione with Stiggs Brewery & Kitchen and Lavender Hill Farm for including PDL in their 2020 The Series. Not only did we get to help work three amazing concerts this summer, we accepted a very generous \$750 donation for #beerforbooks.



In October, Public Services Librarian, Jodi Haven, took this beautiful early morning Reading Rainbow picture, posted it to Twitter, and LeVar Burton himself RETWEETED our beautiful library, how cool!