

“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.”

– Mason Cooley

Benjamin Martin was incarcerated for ten months at the Emmet County Jail. Ten months is a long time for anyone to sit in a small jail cell. Hour by hour, day by day, there just is not much to do, and very little human interaction. Currently the jail no longer provides in-house reading materials for the inmates. They do however, provide tablets for the inmates to use that house a very small, un-curated collection of books. The tablets cost the inmates \$5 per month. The only way inmates can receive reading materials is via this tablet, or by purchasing them from an approved vendor. This is certainly not at the top of any inmate’s to-do list.

The Friends of the Petoskey Public Library were periodically providing reading materials each month for the now defunct jail library. At one point during the Covid pandemic, an inmate wrote to the Petoskey District Library requesting specific topics and titles to be brought to the jail. This prompted the Library to take a look at the needs of the inmates and try to figure out a solution.

Children’s Librarian Lisa Scholl worked with the Emmet County Jail, and devised a system where inmates could write a letter to the Library requesting books on a topic or by an author. Lisa would then “shop” in the Friends’ Bookstore at the Library for titles to meet these requests. Once a month she would visit the jail to deliver the books. Lisa stated that by the “Library providing this service, inmates gather a sense of caring.” Lisa has since turned the reins of the program over to co-worker Mary Hohlbein, who has jumped in with gusto. She stated that the Library is a resource for the inmates to grow and learn, “over 50% of the book requests are for non-fiction titles.” Mary also explained that the Library provides a system for the inmates to not only continue their lay education, but to feel a connection to the community while they are serving their time.



Benjamin participated in the Library program for 9 of his 10-month sentence. Benjamin is a bit old fashioned and prefers actual books instead of digital reading. He always looked forward to Library Day – it was “the best day of the month.” Even though the inmates are allowed only two books a month, there was always the opportunity to swap titles with other inmates in their area. He liked to read Stephen King and James Patterson, so Benjamin would keep a lookout for these authors or similar stories that were traveling around the jail. Benjamin regrets his actions that caused his incarceration. He has served his time and is ready to move on. “It’s tough getting work, he said, there are lots of jobs out there, but people are very selective, some won’t even call back.” Benjamin is thankful though because he currently lives in town and can easily get to his two jobs. On top of that, he loves to give back to the community by volunteering at Brother Dan’s pantry.

Benjamin is very grateful. He appreciated the Library program as it helped him pass time as he served his sentence, and showed him that “people still had faith in him as a part of the community.” He was especially appreciative of Mary, knowing that she takes time to personalize her selections for the inmates. She made him feel human. Benjamin still reads and spends time at the Library, selecting his own books now, but every once in a while, he stops Mary for a suggestion.



FROM THE
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Partnerships and collaborations. Everyone is doing them and grantors love them. Joining forces can be a lot of work for all parties, but it usually pays off in the end. The communication can be trickier, the process can be difficult, and often steps must be repeated, and repeated again. The adage “it’s easier to do it myself” sometimes screams loudly, but the “whole is greater than the sum of its parts” always wins out.

When partnerships work, they truly bring more for everyone involved. The Library has many such partnerships. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra offers *Little Waves*, a fun and unique program here at the Library for our kids and the Orchestra receives exposure and meets part of their mission to entertain, inspire, and educate. We partner with the Crooked Tree Arts Center for the annual New Year’s Eve event. We invite many people into the Library that may or may not have visited before and we get to be a part of a wonderful community event. By providing additional space, Crooked Tree Arts Center adds more exposure and the ability to expand the event.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

All programs take place in the Children’s department, unless otherwise noted.

STORYTIME

Baby Storytime

Join Miss Lisa for music, movement, and playtime with your baby. We will help little ones build early literacy skills while bouncing, singing, exploring board books, and playing together. This storytime is for babies 3–24 months and their grown-up(s).

TUESDAYS • 11:00AM
MARCH 7–APRIL 25
NO STORYTIME MARCH 28

Storytime

Read, talk, sing, write, play, that is what we’ll do today! Storytime models these five practices to support development of early literacy skills. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate in the fun and learning! Storytime is for toddlers, preschoolers, and their grown-up(s).

THURSDAYS • 11:00AM
MARCH 2–APRIL 27

Little Waves

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Young Children’s Library Series gives children an opportunity to learn, hands-on, about orchestra music and instruments. Little Waves is for children ages 4–10.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
10:30AM



STEAM Tween

Focus is on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. This program is for tweens ages 9–12.

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH • 3:30PM

MARCH 9: In a Minute challenge
APRIL 13: Captured dragons
MAY 11: Chemical reactions

Chess Club

Learn to play chess and play against others. Open to children and teens ages 8–18. Please drop in! Chess is mentored by Robert Bembem and Robin Ray.

MONDAYS • 3:30PM–5:00PM



Chess Tournaments

Join other chess players ages 8–18 for these monthly Swiss tournaments!

THURSDAYS, MARCH 16 & APRIL 20 • 5:30PM
Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St

End of year Chess Tournament

SATURDAY, MAY 13
12:00PM–8:00PM
Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St

Graphic Novel Club

Do you love reading graphic novels? Do you like talking comics? Explore a graphic novel (they are J GR NVL in the library catalog) each meet up! We'll talk about the book of the month and do an activity. Ages 8–12.

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH • 4:00PM–4:45PM

MARCH 28: *Bug Scouts: Out in the Wild*

APRIL 25: *I Survived Hurricane Katrina*

MAY 30: *Killer Underwear Invasion*



Baby Prom

Calling all kids (and their grown ups) who have completed or are currently taking part in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! We want to celebrate all of that reading with a party! Join us for dancing, photos, and fun. If you're not taking part in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and want to sign up, please join us.

SATURDAY, MAY 6 • 11:00AM



Nature Play

Nature Play is for toddlers and preschoolers who, with caregivers, will make observations in their natural surroundings. Children will be invited to touch and smell natural objects such as fruit, seeds, plants, and herbs. We may get messy, so please dress children accordingly.

**WEDNESDAYS • 11:00AM
MAY 17–JUNE 7**

Outdoor Labyrinth
Weather permitting

Flying Clovers Homing Pigeons

Kids of all ages! Join Mike Netzky and the 4-H Flying Clovers to learn about homing pigeons! Pigeons love to fly, and if released from their home loft, they will often go 'ranging' out, flying miles and miles around just for the fun of it, before coming home for food and shelter. Come learn about and visit with real homing pigeons. They will be brought here in their traveling loft for you to explore, plus get to look at, hold, and release these fascinating birds!

THURSDAY, MAY 18 • 4:30PM

Outdoor Labyrinth, loft will be parked on Waukazoo Ave.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

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We also partner with the Public Schools of Petoskey to provide a book delivery system. We spend time training the media aide who then registers new cardholders and teaches the students how to use our catalog to find items they need. The requested items are then delivered to the high school via the school-to-school delivery system. The kids receive easy access to the Library's collection to help support their studies. The Library expands our reach.

The Library and School also partner for the Growing Readers Together program. The Library spends time recruiting and scheduling tutors and students and provides the space and materials for tutoring. The school shares information with the teachers, assists in training the tutors, and provides programming for the parents. Growing Readers Together is a successful program because both partners bring something crucial to the table and are willing to work together for the best outcome for all.

Partnerships are good for all involved especially when all sides put the time and effort into creating the synergy for the best outcomes.



National Craft Month



MARCH IS NATIONAL CRAFT MONTH!

EXPLORE HOOPLA & CREATIVEBUG WITH YOUR PETOSKEY DISTRICT LIBRARY CARD.





TEEN PROGRAMS



RECURRING PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Board

The PDL Teen Advisory Board is your opportunity to join with other teens to help plan and create the services, programs, and collections that you want in the Library! Newcomers are always welcome.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7
4:00PM**

Makerspace & Teen Discord

Anime Club

Calling all tween/teen fans of anime and manga! This club is for fans in grades 6–12 and features activities, snacks, and anime!

**EVERY FRIDAY
3:30PM–5:00PM**

Lower Level Classroom

Teen Maker Thursday

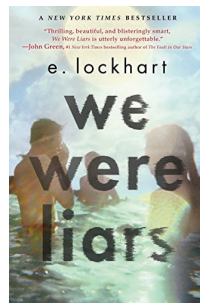
We meet the **third Thursday of the month at 4:00pm** in the Makerspace for a fun maker-project! For ages 11–18.

MARCH 16: String Art
APRIL 20: Nailed It! Earth Day Edition
MAY 11 (second Thursday): Mother's Day Make & Take

PDL Spring Teen Book Bundles

Sign up to get a book bundle, complete with a YA book, craft kit, and snack! You can sign up on the library website, or call 231.758.3113. This spring's book bundle is *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart.

Register between March 1–15, pick up the bundles March 22 at the Teen Desk.



Teen STEM Grab & Go Kits

All kits are put together by members of the Teen Advisory Board and will be available while supplies last at the teen desk! For ages 11–18.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21: Solar Energy
TUESDAY, APRIL 18: Dirt Batteries
TUESDAY, MAY 16: The Red Black Mind Meld

Teen Game Night

Join us on the **fourth Thursday of the month** for gaming fun! We have board games, card games, tabletop RPGs, and a Nintendo Switch!

**MARCH 23, APRIL 27, & MAY 25
4:00PM**
Teen Area

Brush Calligraphy

Join Nikki as we continue our calligraphy journey! We will be working on adding special effects and learning how to layout quotes and phrases. Worksheets and pens will be provided, you are welcome to bring your own brush pens. **For teens and adults. Registration is required.**

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH • 4:00PM
Lower Level Classroom

MARCH 22: Bouncing
APRIL 26: Flourishing
MAY 24: Layout & Composition

MARCH

Life Hacks: Basic Finance

Getting ready for adulthood is tough, so let us help you out! We will discuss and learn some basic finance and budgeting for beginning adulthood! For ages 14–19.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2
4:00PM**
Makerspace

APRIL

Life Hacks: Food

Part of being on your own is buying and preparing your own food. We will discuss and learn tips for meal planning and budgeting, plus some easy recipes to try out on your own! For ages 14–19.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6
4:00PM**
Makerspace

Minute to Win It Game Night

Join us in the Teen Area to compete for prizes and bragging rights! For patrons in grades 7–12.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13
4:00PM**

MAY

Interactive Movie Night: Star Wars: The Force Awakens

May the 4th be with you! Join us while we watch and participate in the introduction of Rey, Finn, and Kylo Ren! We will follow up with a round of Star Wars trivia. For ages 11–18 and their families.

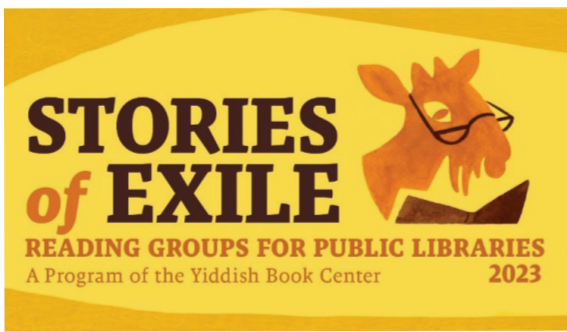
**THURSDAY, MAY 4
4:00PM–6:30PM**
Lower Level Classroom

Life Hacks: Time Management

Multitasking is stressful and hard! We will help you learn how to organize and prioritize in order to minimize stress and reduce the need for multitasking. For ages 14–19.

**THURSDAY, MAY 18
4:00PM**
Lower Level Classroom





The Yiddish Book Center's Stories of Exile is a reading and discussion program to engage teens and adults in thinking about experiences of displacement, migration, and diaspora.

Using Yiddish literature as a portal, the program will feature works in translation that explore narratives which grapple with questions of homelands, journeys, identity, and belonging. Reading groups will compare these works written in Yiddish in the early and mid-20th century to works by contemporary writers from all across the globe.

Join us for three book discussions, with a fourth book discussion to be announced in the summer newsletter! We have copies of each book available for those who wish to participate in the program. This program is for teens and adults.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 5:00PM: Three short stories: *Bread*, *The Payback*, and *A Seder in the Taiga* by Yenta Mash

MONDAY, MAY 22, 5:00PM: Three short stories: *The Greenhorn*, *Little Red Bird*, and *April 19th* by Chava Rosenfarb

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 5:00PM: *The Glatstein Chronicles* by Jacob Glatstein

THE LIBRARY BOARD

The Library Board is made up of five residents of the City of Petoskey appointed by the Mayor. The Board is responsible for hiring the Director, creating policies and overseeing the budget. Members serve without compensation.

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A ADULT PROGRAMS

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Great Decisions

Continuing an 8-part, informal study and discussion of topics compiled by the Foreign Policy Association on global affairs. Read the articles provided and then meet via zoom to discuss. Registration is required for Zoom access. To receive the meeting ID and passcode, please email Mary Hohlbein mhohlbein@petoskeylibrary.org

WEDNESDAYS
6:30PM–8:00PM (Zoom only)

MARCH 8: China & the U.S. with UofM Professor Ann Lin

MARCH 22: Economic Warfare with St. Olaf Professor Menevis Cilizoglu

APRIL 12: Politics in Latin America with Scott Smith

APRIL 26: Global Famine with MSU Professor Cynthia Donovan

MAY 10: Iran at a Crossroads with NCMC Professor Scott LaDeur

MAY 24: Climate Migration with NCMC Professor Charles McCaffrey & St. Olaf Professor Tony Lott

Page Turners Book Club

Our book club titles are selected quarterly by the participants. Join us for a discussion and refreshments inspired by the story! New members are always welcome.

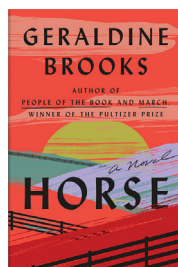
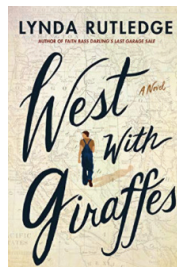
THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH • 5:30PM

Large Meeting Room

MARCH 21: *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

APRIL 25 (we will be meeting on the fourth Tuesday this month): *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

MAY 16: TBD



PUPS Ukulele Group

Join the PUPs (Petoskey Ukulele Players), a group of amateur, self-taught musicians open to new members of all ages and skill levels. They offer a play-as-you-learn experience, share advice, some instruction and resources.

EVERY THURSDAY
12:30PM–3:00PM

March 2–April 13
Children's Program Room
April 20–May 25
Lower Level Classroom

Cinq à Six French Conversation Group

Join us for an opportunity to converse in French in a casual and friendly environment. This group is for anyone wishing to practice speaking French, from debutants to fluent francophones – all are welcome.

EVERY FRIDAY • 5:00PM
Lower Level Classroom

Apple User's Group

If you use Apple technology products or have an interest, join us to share and learn from one another in a friendly environment. Mary Jean Meyerson, instructor and Apple enthusiast, will lead the group on various topics and be available to answer questions.

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH • 5:00PM

Lower Level Classroom

MARCH 15, APRIL 19, & MAY 17



A ADULT PROGRAMS



Make Your Own Greeting Card Series

Have you always wanted to make your own greeting cards? Want to learn more techniques for rubber stamping and paper crafting? Join card making extraordinaire Chris Smith for a card making series. At each session, you will create 3 cards, focusing on a variety of different techniques, including direct to paper, watercolor pencils, alcohol blends, generational stamping, die cuts, embossing, and more! All supplies will be provided. **Registration is required for each class in the series.**

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 8, APRIL 5, & MAY 10
5:00PM–7:00PM
Lower Level Classroom

Brush Calligraphy

Join Nikki as we continue our calligraphy journey! We will be working on adding special effects and learning how to layout quotes and phrases. Worksheets and pens will be provided, you are welcome to bring your own brush pens. **For teens and adults. Registration is required.**

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH • 4:00PM
Lower Level Classroom

MARCH 22: Bouncing
APRIL 26: Flourishing
MAY 24: Layout & Composition

Get to Know Your Sewing Machine Part 1 & 2

Bring your sewing machine and all its accessories to these two 5-hour workshops. Instructor Tina Bury will show you how to wind the bobbin and thread the machine, talk about the most common issues when using your machine and how to avoid them, and familiarize you with the most useful stitches. A quick project will be sewn together to get you started. It is recommended that you attend both sessions, **separate registration is required for both parts.**

PART 1: SATURDAY, MARCH 18
10:00AM–3:30PM
Lower Level Classroom

PART 2: SATURDAY, MARCH 25
10:00AM–3:30PM
Lower Level Classroom

Mah Jongg Beginner's Course

Learn how to play the popular game of mah jongg in this four-week course so that you are ready and confident to join a game next time you have the chance! It is suggested that you attend all four sessions of this course. **Space is limited, registration is required.** Registering for the first session will register you for all.

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 29, APRIL 5, APRIL 12, & APRIL 26
(No class on April 19)
1:00PM–3:00PM
Lower Level Classroom

Microsoft Excel

This three-week tutorial is a basic guide to Excel, a spreadsheet program to store, organize, and analyze information. Learn how to create formulas and charts, use functions, format cells and do more with your spreadsheets. **Registration is required.**

WEDNESDAYS
10:30AM–12:15PM
APRIL 12–APRIL 26
Lower Level Classroom



Microsoft Word

This four-week tutorial is a comprehensive guide to Word. Learn how to create professional-looking documents and become proficient in Word's most common features, as well as some advanced features. Registration is required.

WEDNESDAYS
10:30AM–12:15PM
MAY 17–JUNE 7
Lower Level Classroom



Community Shred Day

Encore Financial Group, Petoskey District Library, and Rasmussen, Teller, & Caron CPAs are excited to partner again to offer a complimentary document shred day! A Shred-It truck will be on site in RTCCPA's parking lot, behind the Library. Bring your boxes to be shredded and recycled! **Limit 5 bankers box size boxes per vehicle.**

SATURDAY, MAY 20
8:00AM–11:00AM
555 Michigan St. Petoskey



Sew Your Own Garment Classes

Bring your sewing machine and all of its accessories and join instructor Tina Bury to sew your own clothing! You may attend one or both classes. **Registration is required to receive the material list.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 15: Raglan Dress or T-shirt
10:00AM–5:00PM
Lower Level Classroom

SATURDAY, APRIL 22: Four Gore Skirt
The gored skirt is a type of A-line skirt with many different triangular panels sewn together.
10:00AM–3:30PM
Lower Level Classroom



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Petoskey Farms Vineyard & Winery

Join Tracie Roush, co-owner of Petoskey Farms Vineyard & Winery, to hear about the history of their business and what it takes to successfully run a winery in northern Michigan!

**MONDAY, MARCH 20
7:00PM**

Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St



FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Challenges & Opportunities for Women's Health in Northern Michigan

In partnership with the League of Women Voters (LWV), join obstetrician-gynecologist Dr. Mary Ivey, the Northwest Michigan Health Department, and Planned Parenthood for a health panel discussion about the organizations and resources available to women in northern Michigan. There will be time for discussion, questions and answers with the panelists.

**MONDAY, APRIL 24
7:00PM**

Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St

FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Post Election Analysis

The 2022 elections featured one of the highest levels of voter turnout ever in a non-Presidential election. Join NCMC Professor Scott LaDeur to ask what the data can tell us about the outcome of this election and the voters who participated? Why did Democrats expand their margin in the U.S. Senate but lose their majority in the U.S. House? We will examine the influence of the first congressional election in Michigan after the work of the Independent Redistricting Commission as well as local voter data in Emmet County.

**MONDAY, MAY 22
7:00PM**

Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St

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IT'S NOT A SECRET...

Located on the lower level, the Friends of the Library Bookstore is open anytime the Library is open! Books are reasonably priced from 25¢–\$3 dollars! There are also puzzles to either exchange or purchase.

All proceeds help the Library with developing the collection, programming and projects. Thank you for your support, both by donating gently used books and purchasing 'new' reads!"



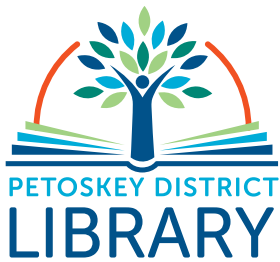
QUOTES FROM BOOKSTORE PATRONS:

"I love the bookstore, it is a great way to find something new to read. With the diversity of selections and the affordability of the sale, it inspires me to try reading about new topics that I might not have tried before!"

"I'm from Charlevoix and am a visitor for the Holocaust exhibit. While looking around the facility, I saw the OPEN neon sign and wandered in with my mother. She loves to buy a few books to read later."

"Nana, can we buy a dinosaur book?"





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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday
10am–7pm

Friday
10am–6pm

Saturday
10am–5pm

Sunday
12pm–5pm

LIBRARY CLOSED

Easter
Sunday, April 9

Memorial Day
Monday, May 29



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Registration for programs can be done by calling the Library or visiting the events calendar at calendar.petoskeylibrary.org/

National Library Week at Duffy's Garage & Grille

National Library Week is April 23–April 29. It is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support.

The theme for 2023 is *There's More to the Story*. Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to eBooks, and more. But there's so much more to the story. The Petoskey District Library's Library of Things lends items like museum passes, games, musical instruments, and tools. Library programming brings communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, storytimes, crafting classes, and lectures. Library infrastructure advances communities, providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs.

Join us at Duffy's for a PDL pop-up library to celebrate National Library Week! We will showcase little known services and items that are now available at the Library. You can challenge your favorite librarian to a tabletop Nintendo Switch Mario Kart race and more! All week long, **Duffy's will donate \$1 for all draft beer purchases to the Petoskey District Library**. Stop by for beer, books, and fun, while supporting your local Library and downtown business.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
5:00PM–7:00PM
Duffy's Garage & Grille
317 E Lake St
Petoskey

