

ith a shared love of nature, and especially water, Todd and Amanda Wolter have found northern Michigan a perfect fit for building their lives together. The two had met at Indiana State University where they both received their teaching credentials. But after five years of teaching in Indiana, they decided it was time for a change. Inspired by memories Amanda had of visits to northern Michigan during childhood, they both decided to quit their jobs and move north.

Todd explained there were other motivating factors for choosing to relocate. "Northern Michigan provides fun outdoor activities in all four seasons as well as some affordable property to help us build a small farm." The couple first landed in Manistee while they searched

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- Todd Wolter

for teaching positions in the tip of the mitt area. Soon they had accepted positions at Alanson schools with Todd teaching English and Amanda becoming the K-12 music teacher. They were happy – working and building their new dream life.

Then Amanda was pregnant and the unbelievable joy and life fulfillment a baby brings put them on a new path. Both Amanda and Todd wanted Talula to have her first impressionable years at home with one of her parents. They both agreed that Todd would leave his teaching position to be a full-time caregiver for their new precious family addition.

Like most new parents, Todd began seeking activities for Talula outside their home and one of the first stops for them was the public library. Having books be a part of Talula's everyday life was important and by 18 months, Talula had developed a strong attachment to books and listening to stories. Todd was impressed with the Petoskey District Library, calling it "one of the best children's libraries that you can come across in a rural town." He loves the layout and choices the Petoskey Library offers. He said he truly appreciates the fact that each week there are new books available to bring home and share. Todd also enjoys seeing Talula play with friends she's made at the library. She runs into the children's room and counts every little person as her friend – whether she has met them or not!

It was important for Todd to provide an environment that would help Talula not only learn to read, but to socialize with other caring adults and little ones her own age. Storytime at the Library is "hands down, one of the best



things to do each week," Todd said. Talula gets to interact with Megan, the children's librarian, and all the other children. It is one of Talula's favorite activities each week. The books, songs, and finger plays are repeated, and repeated, and repeated again, until the next week's storytime changes that repetition. - Story continues on page 6 -

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Charlie's View From Above **JUNE 27**



Summer Reading Kicks Off June 2 with Floats & Goats



Looking for motivation to read more this year? The PDL staff is ready to help! **On Friday, June 2, at 6:00PM join us in the outdoor labyrinth for**

FLOATS & GOATS at our annual open house to kick off the Library's summer reading program, which runs from June 2 through August 11. Local 4-H Club members will be on site with some of their animals, providing a petting zoo for families to enjoy. Boosting the shelves at home, the Friends of the Library will be handing out brand new books to kids and PDL staff will be offering rootbeer floats. Be sure to pick up your reading bingo cards at the event or anytime after June 2 at the Library.

Practice Reading to LadyAnnaBella!

Paws to Read is back! This summer kids can practice reading



to LadyAnnaBella, an adorable Shih Tzu therapy dog who will be here with her owner Sandra on Wednesdays from noon to 2:00PM. Call 231.758.3112, email childstaff@petoskeylibrary.org or stop by the Youth Services Desk to schedule a 15-minute session to read to our fun, furry friend.

> WEDNESDAYS NOON-2PM JUNE 14-AUGUST 9

PICK UP LIBRARY MATERIALS ANYTIME USING OUR 24/7 LOCKERS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Outdoor 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-ups.

> MONDAYS • 11:00AM JUNE 12-AUGUST 7

Baby Storytime

Learning begins at birth and you are your baby's first teacher. Join Miss Lisa for music, movement, and playtime with your baby. We 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-ups.



TUESDAYS • 11:00AM JUNE 6-AUGUST 8 NO STORYTIME ON JULY 4

STEAM Tween

Tweens ages 9–12 are invited to join in on some fun, educational activities. Focus is on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. (*Program held at the outdoor labyrinth, but will be canceled if raining.*)

THURSDAY, JUNE 1 • 3:30PM THURSDAY, JULY 13 • 3:30PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 • 3:30PM

Petoskey Open Chess Classic

Register now for the Petoskey Open Chess Classic, a U.S. Chess Federation sanctioned event. See our website for more information or email rjbemben@ gmail.com to learn more.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 FIRST ROUND STARTS AT 9:30AM Carnegie Building 451 E. Mitchell Street





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

Splishy, Splashy Science - Stories and Songs Celebrating Water

Join storyteller Jen Strauss for a wet and wacky program about water. Come swim and sway, splash and play your way through water adventures, create a rainstorm, sing a rainbow and imagine that you are on a journey to the ocean.

> WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 • 11:00AM Children's Program Room

Meet a Mermaid

It's your chance to meet a mermaid! Gather with us outside for a story. Wonderful time for a magical summer photo!

> WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 • 2:00PM Outdoor Labyrinth

North Sky Raptors

Learn more about birds of prey from the raptor ambassadors at North Sky Raptor Sanctuary. Get an up-close look at live raptors and hear more about conservation in an event that's fun for the whole family!



TUESDAY, JULY 25 • 11:00AM Outdoor Labyrinth

Hula Hoop Dancing

Let's do some twirlin'! Join us outside for a fascinating, interactive program designed to spread the joys of the hula hoop. All ages are welcome!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 • 3:00PM Outdoor Labyrinth

Get to know the Makerspace!

Join us as we explore the equipment and supplies that are available in the Library's Makerspace, located on the lower level. There's a lot more than craft stuff, including a 3D printer! Let us show how you can get creative!

> FRIDAY, JUNE 30 • 2:00PM-3:00PM FRIDAY, JULY 21 • 2:00PM-3:00PM FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 • 2:00PM-3:00PM





Petoskey Library Board members and staff just said goodbye to our first student trustee.

Last year the Library Board added a non-voting student member. Students eligible to serve on the board include all high school juniors and seniors who live within the Library's service area of the City of Petoskey and the townships of Bear Creek, Little Traverse, Resort, and Springvale. The board decided this would be a good way to connect with the younger population and give them a voice on what happens at the Library. I have to say that I was a bit skeptical about whether any kids would be interested and if that student would be effective. Well, once again, kids rose up and met the challenge.

As an aside, anyone complaining about the "new generation" must not know many teens. Young people today are smart, empathetic, and willing to stand up and do good work. I have much hope for our world because I see who is coming our way.

We were certainly pleased with the applicants we had. It made the decision difficult, but the process worked. We found a superb addition to our board in Isabel Dunn. She took the challenge seriously, did her homework, attended meetings, and voiced her opinions. She had some difficult moments to get through, but she had the gumption and calm demeanor to do the job of listening and trying to find good solutions. Isabel was a great student to help us tweak our requirements and application process for new members.

While at the time of writing, we do not have our new student on board yet, they should be appointed sometime by early June. Follow our social media or check our website for the announcement. Whomever you are, I look forward to working with you and hearing your ideas for the Library. And a big thank you to Isabel for a job well done! We wish her the best of fortune in her future endeavors.

TEEN PROGRAMS

RECURRING PROGRAMS

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.

JUNE 15: Candy Sushi JULY 20: Macrame AUGUST 17: Tie Dye (on the Outdoor Labyrinth)

SUNNY SONG WILL NEVER BE FAMOUS ULL NEVER BE FAMOUS

PDL Summer 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 summer's book bundle is *Sunny Song Will Never Be Famous* by Suzanne Park.

Register between June 1–15, pick up the bundles June 23 at the Teen Desk.

Teen STEM Grab and 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. Kits are intended for ages 11–18 and available on the following dates:

TUESDAY, JUNE 20: 3D Hologram Projector TUESDAY, JULY 18: Waffle Gardens TUESDAY, AUGUST 15: Engineering Earthquake Challenge

Teen Game Night

Join us on the **fourth Thursday of the month at 4:00PM** for gaming fun! We have board games, card games, tabletop RPGs, and a Nintendo Switch. July's Game Night will feature a Super Smash Bros. Tournament!

> JUNE 22 • JULY 27 • AUGUST 24 Lower Level Teen Area

Teen Advisory Board Meets June 13

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. Meeting starts at 4:00PM in the lower level classroom and on the Discord server.

COMING UP IN JUNE

Life Hacks: Preparing for Car Ownership

Getting ready for adulthood is tough, so let us help you out! On June 8, Chaya Milchtein will be sharing information on how to be prepared for car ownership. In addition to being an automotive educator, Chaya is a freelance writer and speaker. She's been featured on NPR, USA Today, and Forbes Magazine, helping people to feel confident buying and maintaining their vehicles. Program intended for teens ages 14–19.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8 • 4:00PM Lower Level Classroom

Teen Character Carnival

Join us for a teen-led extravaganza, featuring cosplay, games, and food! Everyone is encouraged (but not required) to dress up as a favorite character. We will have a Library-wide scavenger hunt and a chance to play a one-shot RPG! Program will take place in Lower Level Classroom for patrons ages 12-19.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 • 4:00PM

COMING UP IN JULY

Life Hacks: Healthy Living

Getting ready for adulthood is tough, so let us help! On July 6, we will learn some basics about living healthy, from basic hygiene to "should I call the doctor?" Program intended for teens ages 14–19.

THURSDAY, JULY 6 • 4:00PM

Lower Level Classroom

Outdoor Water Party

July is for water fun! Gather outside the Library at the Labyrinth and be prepared to get wet! Program for patrons ages 12-19.

TUESDAY, JULY 11 • 4:00PM-5:00PM

Worried About Finals? Teen Study Labs Available

Come down to the lowel level teen area and get ready for finals! We will have brain snacks, de-stressing activities, and designated spaces for groups and individuals to study. Drop in after school on any of the following dates:

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 • WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 • THURSDAY, JUNE 8



COMING UP IN AUGUST

Life Hacks: Voting

One of the most important rights we can exercise is the right to vote. Learn about how and where to register, how to research candidates, and how, when and where to cast your ballot! (Program intended for teens ages 14–19.)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 4:00PM

Lower Level Classroom

Fantasy Trivia Night

Test your knowledge of all things fantastic! Fantasy trivia will cover books, movies, and tv shows. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, plus everyone gets to choose a door prize! (For ages 11-18 and their families.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 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.

The discussions started at the Petoskey District Library on April

24, followed by another on May 22, when participants discussed several short stories. Our third program will be on Monday, June 26, at 5PM in the Classroom to discuss The Glatstein Chronicles by Jacob Glatstein. Our last book for this program will be announced on Wednesday, June 28, at our #SupportTheirStories Community Read Kick-off! We have copies of each book available for those who wish to participate in the program This program is for teens and adults.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Mah Jongg Open Play

A ADULT PROGRAMS

Looking to join in on the popular game of Mah Jongg? During the summer months, we'll have the Lower Level Classroom set

up for Mah Jongg every other Tuesday for players to drop in and join a game. No instructor will be on hand.

> EVERY OTHER TUESDAY JUNE 6 - AUGUST 29 (No class on July 4) 1:00PM-3:00PM



Keep Calm and Color On

Coloring has been shown to calm the brain and help your body relax so it just may be the perfect activity for stressed out adults! Some time spent coloring may help improve sleep and decrease feelings of depression and anxiety. Adults are invited to drop in anytime during the hour to chill out and color in a casual environment. Bring your own coloring books or pick from our selection. Supplies will be provided along with snacks.

EVERY TUESDAY JUNE 6 - AUGUST 22 5:30PM-6:30PM Lower Level Classroom (except 7/25 at Carnegie Building)

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, instruction and resources.



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

A GAME OF BIRUS AND WOLVES

Page Turners Book Club

Our book club titles are selected quarterly by the participants. Join us in the Large Meeting Room (upper level) for a discussion and refreshments inspired by the story! New members welcome!



THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH • 5:30PM

JUNE 20: A Game of Birds and Wolves by Simon Parkin JULY 18: Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club by J. Ryan Stradal AUGUST 15: To be determined ... Join us and help choose!



A ADULT PROGRAMS

COMING UP IN JUNE

Discovering Central America

Emily Meyerson and Harry Kitchen recently retired and traveled for 11 weeks through six countries from Guatemala to Panama.



They often joined other backpackers on transportation, volcano and jungle treks, and shared interesting meals. Hear about this fascinating region as well as learn how to develop a long-term travel itinerary including costs and logistics.

MONDAY, JUNE 5 • 6:30PM Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St

Understanding Carbon Pricing

Who would have thought a retired oil company executive would be talking about carbon pricing? Join Bill Bray for a presentation and discussion on carbon pricing that even Big Oil and others across the political spectrum say makes sense as we seek to make our world a better place.

MONDAY, JUNE 19 • 5:00PM to 6:30PM Lower Level Classroom

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Learning to read is the first thing children do when they begin their school career and prepping them for that adventure is part of parenting. Talula, who just turned three, has a very large vocabulary partly because of stories she hears during story time and books shared each week. Todd explained that the "public library is the epitome of a democratic system and I love the fact that it is a safe place with caring adults where all kids are welcome." Talula just lights up when they arrive and says hello to Belfry the owl when entering the children's room.

Talula loves the Library for the joy it brings. She gets to play with her friends, find new story adventures, play with toys, and have fun with new and caring grownups. Todd and Amanda love the Library because all those things strengthen Talula's path towards reading. They look forward to their every visit – knowing that not only is it fun, but it offers the joy of watching your child learn and develop and strengthen reading skills and provides great ideas to support Talula at home. Todd and Amanda know Talula will be a successful student because of the "solid foundation of reading she is getting from the Library."

THE LIBRARY BOARD

Made up of five residents of the City of Petoskey appointed by the Mayor, the Board is responsible for creating policies and overseeing the budget. Members serve without pay, meeting the fourth Thursday each month at 5:00pm in the classroom.

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Local Trails and Wheelways

Brent Bolin, executive director of the Top of Michigan Trails Council, will provide an overview of the group's trails and an update on the collapsed area of the Little Traverse Wheelway between downtown Petoskey and East Park. He will also highlight TOMTC's Trail Safety and Etiquette program.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 • 5:30PM to 6:30PM

Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St

View From Above -No question, we live in a beautiful area.



It's even more beautiful when seen from the air. Charlie MacInnis has been taking aerial photos of our area for years, many published in the *Harbor Light* newspaper and elsewhere. Join him as he presents some of his favorite photos and talks about his experiences in the skies of northern Michigan.

> TUESDAY, JUNE 27 • 6:30PM to 7:30PM Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St

COMING UP IN JULY

Creating Purpose After Retirement

We all are getting results from our lives every day. Not all of our results make us happy. Have you retired and found that you're ready for another adventure? Perhaps you know what you'd like to do, or know there is something more for you, but are unsure of what it is. Learn the steps to create purpose and passion in your life after retirement with local life coach Lynne Zimmer.

> TUESDAY, JULY 11 • 11:00AM to 12:30PM Lower Level Classroom

Communicating During Complex Events

The Three Mile Island nuclear plant accident in 1979, the Y2K controversy in 1999 and, more recently, the coronavirus pandemic presented major challenges for

leaders trying to talk to the public about something strange and complex. Charlie MacInnis will review the methods that worked for the first two and the major changes that have been needed for the coronavirus.



TUESDAY, JULY 18 • 10:00AM to 11:00AM Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St



COMING UP IN AUGUST

Planning and Construction Resources

Planning to purchase property in Emmet County? Considering a plan to build a new structure on your property? Emmet County Planning, Zoning and Construction Resources directors Martin VanBerlo, Building Official, and Tammy Doernenburg, Planning & Zoning Director, will explain what resources their department provides to the community and answer questions concerning planning, zoning, and building resources in the Emmet County.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 • 10:30AM to NOON Lower Level Classroom

Learn to Compost

Emmet County Recycling's Lindsey Walker and other ECR staff will provide information on the best practices on composting in an interactive free workshop. Registration is required and limited to 20 people. Sign up on the Library's website.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 • 10:30AM to 12:30PM

Lower Level Classroom

'Keeping Up North Working' Live

Dan Shumway will host a live recording of "Keeping Up North Working," a podcast that spotlights interesting local residents. Join us for the live interview in the Lower Level Classroom!

MONDAY, JULY 31 • 5:30PM • Grain Train's Tristan Anderson THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 • 5:30PM • LTT president Bob Brill

GEN-X TRIVIA

Join other Generation Xers, and those who love GenX pop culture, for some fun trivia. This family-friendly program will focus on trivia questions about music, trends, entertainment, sports, and other pop culture from the 70s, 80s, and 90s.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 • 6:00PM • TRIVIA OF THE 1970s WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 • 6:00PM • TRIVIA OF THE 1980s WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 • 6:00PM • TRIVIA OF THE 1990s Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St

BYTE-SIZED TECH

Apple User's Group

If you use Apple technology products (iPhone, iPad, Apple watch, Mac), or have an interest, please join us in the Classroom 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 for most questions during the hour-long meeting, or as time permits.

> THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH • 5:00PM JUNE 21, JULY 19, AUGUST 16

Get One-on-One Resources Training

Call the Library at 231.758.3124 to schedule an appointment

FRIENDS

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Classic Cottages of Walloon

Explore the fascinating history of beautiful Walloon Lake through a tour of its many classic cottages. Join lifelong Wallooner Lauren Macintyre, a former president of the Walloon Lake Association who currently writes articles on Walloon history for the *Wallooner*. From pioneer and Native American cabins to the Victorian mansions of corporate magnates, the cottages of Walloon present an enthralling look at Northern Michigan history.

> **MONDAY, JUNE 26 • 7:00PM** Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St

FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Beer Making at Beards

The Friends at the Carnegie will be on location at Beards Brewery to learn all about how to make beer! Join them and Beards' staff for this fun program!

> MONDAY, JULY 24 • 7:00PM Beards Brewery Root Cellar 200 Bay St, Petoskey

FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Dog Days of Summer

Join us for a presentation by Sally Crowley of Pet Pantry in Harbor Springs. Check the Library's website calendar later for more event details!

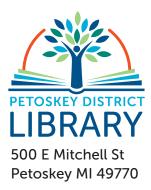
MONDAY, AUGUST 28 • 7:00PM

Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St

Open Mic Night with Charlie Millard

The FOPPL and Beards Brewery are teaming up to present Open Mic Night with host Charlie Millard. Come out, take the mic, and show us your talent! **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 • 6:00PM • BEARDS ROOT CELLAR**







LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday 10AM–7PM

Friday 10AM-6PM

Saturday 10AM-5PM

Sunday 12PM–5PM

LIBRARY CLOSED

Independence Day Tuesday, July 4

Used Book Sale Returns

The Friends of the Petoskey Public LIbrary are holding their popular Summer Used Book Sale again this summer, with board games and jigsaw puzzles also included! Thousands of titles–adult and children; rare and vintage; history and travel; biography and memoir; science and health; cooking and gardening– will be offered for sale. Prices range from 25¢ to \$3. There will again be hundreds of hardcover and paperback fiction titles for \$1!

Can't make it to the sale? You can shop in the Friends' bookstore any time the Library is open. New inventory is added every week!

> THURSDAY, JULY 27 • 10:00AM-4:00PM FRIDAY, JULY 28 • 10:00AM-4:00PM SATURDAY, JULY 29 • 10:00AM-2:00PM Lower Level Classroom

#support theirstories 2023 Community Read

SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT COMING!

Stay tuned to find out what book has been chosen for our fourth annual #supporttheirstories community read, a program that explores complex social issues.

Book Announcement - Check PDL's Social Media WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 Book Discussion and Keynote Speaker MONDAY, JULY 31 • NOON and 7:00PM



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

Yiddish Book Center Virtual Tour

Jennifer Young from the Yiddish Book Center will guide a virtual tour, complete with the story of how the center was founded and the history of Yiddish as a language and culture. Patrons can come to the Lower Level Classroom to view the tour, or contact Nisa at nkesseler@petoskeylibrary.org for the Zoom link.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 • 6:00PM • JOIN US TO WATCH THE TOUR OR WATCH AT HOME VIA ZOOM

Summer Project to Feature Dan Hall's Story Song Creations With Local Children, Inspired By Petoskey Author's Books



Later this summer, the Petoskey District Library is excited to be a part of a cooperative project between Dan Hall's Story Song Creations, Voices Without Borders, and the Cheboygan Opera House. The mission of the project is to encourage students ages 8-10 to read, learn, discuss, and write a song about the stories from *The Adventures of Onyx*, by Petoskey's Tyler Benson. The project includes three days of workshops

followed by one day of editing and rehearsing the song that the students created during the workshops. The song will be performed as part of a multimedia production titled *To Those Who Sail the Icy Waters* to be presented at the Cheboygan Opera House on October 14, 2023.

WORKSHOPS TO TAKE PLACE AUGUST 14-17

CHECK OUR WEBSITE THIS SUMMER FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St

Dan Hall's Story Song Creations









