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Saying YES to our Friends!

Thanks to the Friends of the Petoskey Public Library for their donations towards our new teen area and Michigan Maple Block for the lovely table top! Their funding assisted in the entire lower level shift, and specifically purchased the new teen sofa and table! The Friends continue to support on-going programs like our Lucky Day Book Collection and the Life Long Learning classes. Our Friends love to offer help and we love to say Yes!



With the shift in the lower level, the Friends now have their new Book Sale room. They are enjoying their own space that created more shelf space for books and more storage space for their supplies.



New Hours

Mon—Thurs: 10:00—7:00

Fri & Sat: 10:00—5:00

Sun: Noon—5:00

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Petoskey District Library—2016 Becoming a Yes Library!



Director's Message:



What a stellar year at the Petoskey District Library! We completed Phase II of our space reutilization project by shifting the lower level! We doubled our classroom space adding needed flexibility; we created an enclosed book sale room to help eliminate confusion and provide for Friends' storage; we increased seating in our teen space, and created a Makerspace area that all patrons are welcome to use. A big thanks to the Leo S. Guthman Fund, the Friends of the Petoskey Library, and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation for their support of this project.



The most exciting part of the year was the August & November votes. It was reaffirming to know that we are on the right path. Our two contractual townships (Bear Creek and Resort) passed their renewal millages, both by over 70% AND two new townships passed a millage proposal by over 60% of their voters.

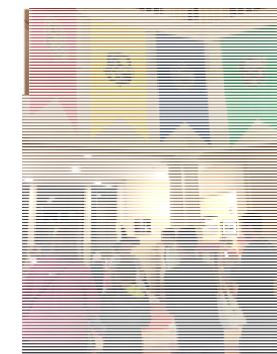


Welcome aboard Little Traverse & Springvale Townships! We look forward to serving you.

~ Valerie Meyerson

Welcome Megan!

We hired our new Children's Librarian, Megan Goedge this past year. Megan has been on board since April, and we are excited to see what she can bring to the library. One of the first tasks on Megan's list was to help plan and implement a Harry Potter Party, in celebration of *Harry Potter and the Cursed Son*, which came out in July. The Harry Potter party was a huge success with over 250 people in attendance! Attendees had an opportunity to be sorted, play Quidditch, make wands and drink some butter beer!



Megan loves the idea of Read-Write-Make-Play and is working hard at bringing all these concepts to the children's area. Look for our new kitchen set, our new automobile table, new service desk, and she is super excited for the new

Bearcub Corner – coming this spring! I hope you have all had a chance to meet her – if not, stop in the children's room and say hello!

The Numbers say YES!



Did you know...

... that our staff is here to help?—just ask any question and we will help find the answer—including help selecting your next favorite book!

8,500 reference questions were answered last year.

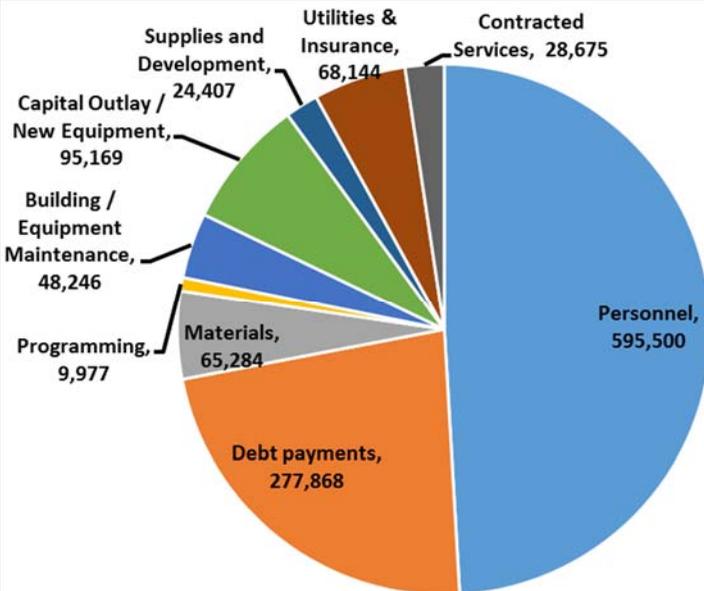
... we have two conference rooms and a classroom available for public use?

Last year our meeting rooms were utilized for 493 non-library meetings.

... the library offers programming for all ages?

2,776 adults attended 249 programs and 3,259 youth attended 329 different programs and we had 1,297 people attend 9 family events.

Expenses ...



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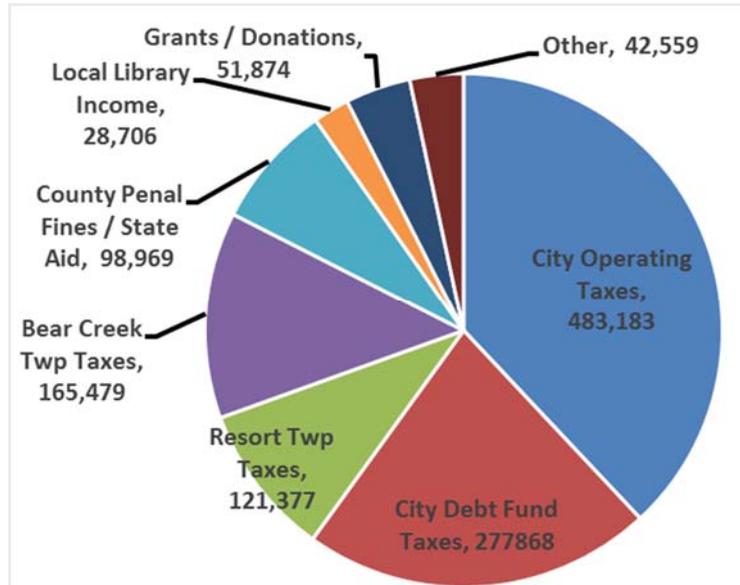
...you can now check out digital magazines and download free music?

We have 50 digital magazine titles to borrow and close to 1 million songs to download. Digital circulation is up 12%!

... residents of the City of Petoskey and Bear Creek, Little Traverse, Resort, and Springvale Townships are all eligible for a resident library card and can borrow materials?

6,337 registered library card holders checked out 125,046 items from the library last year.

Revenues ...



Projected (non-audited) year-end fund balances:

- Debt Fund Balance: \$173,000
- Operating Fund Balance: \$545,941

Bond Debt:

- Principle Owed: \$2,775,000
- Final payment date: 10/1/2028

Saying Yes to the Community!



In order to support our local authors, we hosted a Local Author's Fair this year with over 20 authors in attendance sharing their books, experiences, and knowledge. It was a wonderful endeavor and the participants appreciated the opportunity to visit with and hear about writers in our area.

We once again partnered with Crooked Tree Arts Center in providing a family friendly New Year's Eve celebration. The



over 600 attendees had a great time listening to music, making masks, visiting the glow room, playing with instruments, and interacting with some cool technology.

We are now able to know exactly how our community is utilizing our building and facilities in so many different ways – not just for books. We know that we average over 1,100 people each month using our wifi. We know

we have over 7,000 people each month just coming in our door. We know that our meeting room spaces are booked over 40 times each month! We know that on average, 930 people each month log on to our computers. We answered close to 8,500 reference questions (questions that need librarian expertise to answer!) We proctored 68 exams and notarized 78 documents. We say Yes! each and every day.



Say Yes to our Youth!

And of course, we still have our traditional programming for children, including Story Hour, Babies & Books, PAWS to Read and the new LibLab—a drop-in science/project program for elementary school kids.

We also have some amazing teen programs going, including game nights, The Inklings (a writers group for teens), study labs, movie nights, Anime

Night, and D&D. All these programs are planned with help from our TAB, the teen advisory board.



The big change in the children's room includes rearranging the service desk so the staff is more visible to the public and quicker to assist when you visit.