

## A Dynamic Duo for the Library: Lori and Jess Smith Make an Impact Through Friendship, Family, and Philanthropy

The Petoskey District Library has long been a cornerstone of community life, offering not only books and resources but also a sense of belonging. For mother-daughter team Lori and Jessica Smith, that sense of belonging has blossomed into something even more powerful: a shared mission to support the Library and all that it stands for.

Lori first joined the Friends of the Petoskey Public Library (FOPPL) thanks to a gentle nudge from her friend and long-time Library supporter, Jan Smith. An avid reader and passionate community member, Lori found the mission of FOPPL to be a perfect match for her values. "I just love the Library — the programs, the people, the location — it's such a vibrant place," she said. So, when Jan suggested she fill a seat on the board, Lori didn't hesitate.

Jess, too, found a natural connection to the Library. Having moved frequently during her childhood, public libraries were always a constant: a familiar, welcoming space in every new town. "The Library was the first stop," Jess shared. "No matter where we moved, I could go to the Library and feel at home." That deep-rooted connection fueled her passion for making libraries accessible and inclusive. "The Library levels the playing field for everyone," she said. "It's a universal home."

Together, Lori and Jess are reimagining what it means to support the Library. For Jess, that means redefining philanthropy itself. "Philanthropy shouldn't be reserved for people with money — it's about time, energy, and care," she explained. "Anyone

can volunteer. Anyone can be part of building something great." And Lori? She was ready for a big idea.

Inspired by her background as a "stage mom," Lori began dreaming up a fresh kind of fundraiser, something that would bring people into the Library to see for themselves just how special it is. Tired of traditional banquets and formal events, Lori wanted something immersive and full of personality. That's where Jess came in.

The two began brainstorming, playing off each other's strengths, and before long, "A Night at the Library" was born, with the full support and creative input of the Friends of the Library Board, who helped bring the idea to life.



The event promises to be an unforgettable celebration of literature, food, and community. With Jess's knack for planning and her natural hospitality, and Lori's creative spark and boundless enthusiasm,

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## A NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY RETURNS!

### Thursday, October 9th

The Friends of the Petoskey Library will host "A Night at the Library" fundraising event on Thursday, October 9, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

This year, the theme is "The Other Side of the Story" and will feature live performances by local actors. Inspired from popular novels, the short skits will include scenes from "Wicked," "Salem Witch: the Fire & the Silence," and "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs."

Performances of literary monologues will take place throughout the Library too. Local craft breweries and food vendors

will offer drinks and culinary delights.

Tickets are \$100 per person with all performances, food, and drinks included.

**To allow for event set-up, the Library will close at 3:00pm that day.**

Don't miss this opportunity to visit the Library after hours, socialize with friends and community members, enjoy drinks and food from local businesses, and support the Library!

Tickets will be available to purchase on the Library's website or at the Library. All proceeds from the event will go toward the Library's programming and materials.

## September is National Library Card Sign-up Month



Celebrate "Library Card Sign-up Month" this September! Discover the incredible resources and opportunities available at your local Library by signing up for a Library card or renewing your card before it expires!

Today's libraries are vibrant community centers offering much more than just books. At PDL, you'll find a range of programs, book clubs, creative workshops, story times, and much more. PDL has the resources you need and with our growing digital collection and services, there's something for everyone. Getting a Library card is easy and is an essential step toward academic success and lifelong learning. Look for our table in the community in September and sign-up today!

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 • NOON-3:00PM**

Health Dept. of NW Michigan - 3434 M-119, Ste A, Harbor Springs

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • 11:30AM-12:30PM**

Friendship Center of Emmet Co. - 1322 Anderson Road, Petoskey

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 • 10:00AM-1:00PM**

Pennsylvania Park - 411 E. Lake Street, Petoskey



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the event is shaping up to be a highlight of the Library's calendar. Both Lori and Jess appreciate the help of the Friends of the Library Board as well as the "A Night at the Library" committee for creating an evening that will be a true reflection of the Petoskey spirit, all while showcasing the Library as the heart of the community.

For Lori and Jess, the experience of planning the event has been as rewarding as the event itself. "My mom is my best friend," Jess said with a smile. Lori added, "Life is short. It's such a gift to work on something meaningful with my daughter. We dreamed this up together, and now we get to bring it to life."

Their love for the Library and each other shines through in every conversation, every meeting, every shared task. And both agree that FOPPL is a perfect entry point for anyone looking to get involved. "It's such a welcoming group," said Lori. "Generous, kind, supportive." Jess added, "If you're wondering how to give back to the community, this is an easy and rewarding first step."

When asked to describe the Library in just a few words, Jess answered without hesitation: "Universal home." Lori echoed her sentiment: "Safe place."

For these two incredible women, the Petoskey District Library isn't just a building filled with books, it's a symbol of connection, compassion, and possibility. And thanks to their vision and dedication, it's a place that will continue to grow and thrive for years to come.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS



### Learn about the People Who Shaped the Future

This is History Makers! During each program, we'll focus on someone from the past who has helped shape the future. Listen to a read-aloud of a picture book biography and do a craft or activity based on the accomplishments of the person. (For children ages 5 to 8.)

**CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT • SATURDAYS • 2:00PM-2:45PM  
SEPTEMBER 20 • OCTOBER 18 • NOVEMBER 15**

### Build a Love of Reading with Storytime

Our Storytime program resumes September 15 for **children ages 0-5**, along with their caregiver. Join us in the Children's Program Room and let's nurture a love of reading and books while building early literacy skills through stories, songs, and rhymes.



**MONDAYS • 11:00AM-11:30AM • SEPTEMBER 15-NOVEMBER 24**

### Weekly Chess Club Resumes Sept. 8

Learn to play chess or play against others. Young people ages 8-18 are welcome anytime! Chess Club is mentored by Robert Bemben, Robin Ray, and Adam Masek. For more about the PDL Chess Club, go to [petoskeylibrary.org/chess](http://petoskeylibrary.org/chess).

**MONDAYS • 3:30PM-5:30PM • LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM**

### Introduction to Body Safety Class

Caregivers are invited to join us with their children for this 15-minute introduction to the Body Safety Class where books will be provided to take home to help children learn about safe/unsafe touches, body privacy, and when to speak up. Books include *Keeping My Body Safe!* (4-5 year olds), *Know What? Your Body is Yours!* (6-8 year olds), *Keep Your Body Safe* (9-11 year olds). Email Child Abuse Protection & Education Council at [director@CAPEace.org](mailto:director@CAPEace.org) or call 231-675-5047 to register.

**SATURDAY • OCTOBER 11 • 10:30AM-10:45AM**

### Evening Playgroup to Continue

Are you a parent of a little one who always misses out on the Library's morning programs due to your work schedule? We've got some good news for you! Our evening playgroup will continue twice a week into the fall months for children up to age 5 and their caregiver.

**TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS • 5:30PM-6:45PM**



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## Join the New Graphic Novel League!

Get pumped about these new graphic novels on their release date. Join us in the Children's Department where we'll talk about the book and do an activity. Graphic Novel League, unite!



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 • 4:00PM**

*Witches of Brooklyn:  
Curse and Reverse*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 • 4:00PM**

*Two-Headed Chicken:  
Chaos in the Cosmic Library*

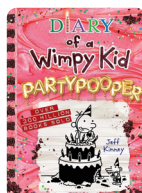


**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 • 4:00PM**

*Refugee*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 • 4:00PM**

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid:  
PartyPooper*



**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 • 4:00PM**

*Barb and the Leech Queen*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • 4:00PM**

*Dog Man: Big Jim Believes*



## Stories and Play with Miss Lisa

Join Miss Lisa for play and discovery in the Children's Program Room. Little ones 0-5 and their grown-ups can interact with toys and books that support early learning and development.

**WEDNESDAYS • SEPTEMBER 10-NOVEMBER 26 • 11:00AM**

## A Musical Journey for Young Minds



Dive into the enchanting world of music with 'Little Waves,' a free children's program presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO). Designed for curious minds aged 4 to 10, this innovative initiative invites young explorers to discover the wonders of music and instruments in a relaxed and informal setting. Led by the talented GLCO

percussionist, Tim Mocny, 'Little Waves' offers an extraordinary opportunity for children to explore various musical instruments and genres. Each session features different GLCO musicians.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 • 10:30AM-11:30AM**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 • 10:30AM-11:30AM**

As many of you noticed, our building got a new roof this spring, and we're happy to report that the leaks are gone and the project is complete! Thank you for your patience throughout the process.

The Library, opened in 2004, is beginning to show signs of wear, and it's time to start planning for long-term upkeep. One of the four strategic priorities adopted this spring is to **Protect Our Building**, ensuring it remains a welcoming, functional, and beautiful space for years to come.

Next year, we'll be reviewing how the facility is used, assessing mechanical systems, and identifying interior and exterior needs, including aesthetics. Our goal is to develop a comprehensive plan for phased improvements starting in 2029, guided by feedback from last year's survey.

We're committed to keeping PDL a place you're proud to visit. And for now, we expect things to stay quiet and dry!

## Downtown Trick-or-Treating

Stop by the library for candy on Saturday, October 25, from 10:00am to Noon during Downtown Petoskey's Trick-or-Treat!



## Monthly Chess Tournaments

Petoskey Chess Club holds chess tournaments each month on the upper level of the Carnegie Building, across the street from the Library. The Swiss-style tournaments are rated by the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF). Competitors of all skill levels ages 8-18 are invited to participate, but USCF membership is required. For more info, go to [petoskeylibrary.org/chess](http://petoskeylibrary.org/chess).



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 • 6:00PM-8:00PM**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 • 6:00PM-8:00PM**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 • 6:00PM-8:00PM**

*Doors open at 5:30pm with games starting at 6:00pm*

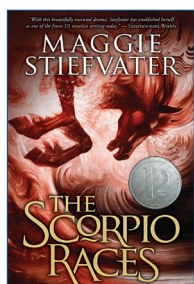




# TEEN PROGRAMS

## Teen Think Tank Meets Sept. 2nd

The PDL Teen Think Tank 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.



## Fall 2025 Teen Book Bundle

Sign up to get a book bundle, complete with a young adult book, craft kit, and snack. You can sign up on the PDL website calendar, or call 231.758.3113. This fall's book is **The Scorpio Races** by Maggie Stiefvater, about fierce water horses which surge out of the sea and locals try to capture and train the dangerous animals.

**Register between September 24-October 3;**

**Pick up bundles on or after October 13 at the Teen Desk**

## Teen Maker Thursday

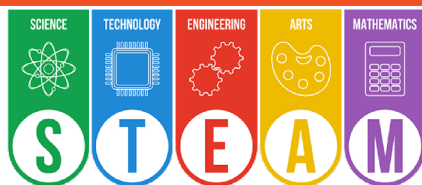
We meet the **third Thursday of the month at 4:00pm** in the Makerspace for a fun maker project! For ages 11-18.

**SEPTEMBER 18:** Galaxy Jars      **OCTOBER 16:** Cocoa & Coloring  
**NOVEMBER 20:** Quilted Art

## Teen STEAM Projects

Do you enjoy learning about STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)? Join us on the **third Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm in the Makerspace** as we explore different topics. Want to learn, but have limited time? You can pick up a set of instructions and try at home. Program intended for ages 11-18.

**SEPTEMBER 16 :** Volcanoes      **OCTOBER 21:** Constellations  
**NOVEMBER 18:** Pixels and Art



## Anime Club Returns Sept. 5

Calling all tween/teen fans of anime and manga! Anime club is for fans in 7th-12th grades and features activities, snacks, and of course, anime! (Club is canceled when school's not in session.)

**EVERY FRIDAY • 3:30PM • CLASSROOM**

## SAT/PSAT Preparation Workshop

Taking the PSAT and SAT can help set you up for college success, and we want to help you! Join us for a series of five Saturday workshops designed to help you do your best on these tests. Felix Alvarado, director of Straight "A" Academy, will teach tools to assist you in getting a great score to wow college administrators and scholarship committees. Seats are limited so please register for this series through the PDL website calendar. Materials and a light snack provided.



**SATURDAYS: SEPTEMBER 6 THROUGH OCTOBER 4**  
**1:00PM-3:00PM • CLASSROOM**

## Freedom to Read Trivia Night

Celebrate Freedom to Read Week with a fun trivia-filled night! Trivia will cover the history of the First Amendment, censorship around the world and throughout history, and different media that has been targeted by censors. Cool swag for everyone who participates, and prizes for the winners. (For teens and adults.)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 • 5:30PM-6:30PM • CLASSROOM**

## Halloween Monster Mash

Ages 12-18 are invited to our Halloween party! We'll have snacks, games, music, and prizes for those who dress up!

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 • 4:00PM**



## Veterans Day Card Making



Bring your creativity to help make cards thanking veterans for their service this Veterans Day. We'll supply materials. Donate your card to the American Legion or give to a veteran you know.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**  
**3:30PM-5:00PM • MAKERSPACE**

**November is International Games Month! All month long, we'll be having fun playing and learning new games in the Makerspace or in the Classroom!**

**Jane Austen Game Night**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 • 4:30PM**

*All ages are invited to join us for these fun programs!*



**Table Top Cafe**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 • 4:00PM**

**Family Game Night**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 • 4:30PM**



# 250th Birthday Celebration!

## Learn to Make a Posy Bouquet with Emlia Acres

In honor of Jane Austen's 250 birthday, we will be learning how to make a posy bouquet. Posy bouquets were a social must in the Regency and Victorian eras. Each flower had meaning, plus the pleasing fragrance was helpful during a time period when hygiene practices were not quite at today's standards. Materials provided. Registration is required. (For ages 14 to adult.)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 5:00PM**  
**LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM**

## Jane Austen Game Night

November is International Games Month! And, you know who loved a good game? Our birthday lady, Jane Austen! This program is a chance to learn and play the games that our favorite characters played throughout Jane's novels: Whist, Vingt-Un, Commerce, Backgammon, and more! Light snacks provided, along with several decks of cards. (Program intended for ages 8 and up.)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 • 4:30PM • CLASSROOM**



**REGISTER FOR EVENTS THROUGH  
THE LIBRARY'S WEBSITE CALENDAR**

Join us for an Austen Afternoon Tea Party! Everyone is encouraged to dress in fashion of the British Regency Era (1795-1835) in which Austen centered her stories. (If you don't have an outfit for the occasion, please wear clothing similar to the time period.) Tea and other light refreshments provided. Registration is required. (For ages 12 to adult.)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 • 2:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

## Austen Afternoon Tea Party

## Exploring Creativity in the Regency Era

Join us for a special afternoon Exploring Creativity program with local artist and illustrator Betsy Petersen. Betsy will spotlight popular art mediums and artists of the Regency Era, then guide us in creating our own art project that Jane Austen might have been impressed with, or at least, we'll have fun trying! Registration is required. (For ages 12 to adult.)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 • 2:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

## Other Austen Programs This Fall

In addition to the programs listed above, some of our recurring programs will celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday too, including:

- Our Page Turners Book Club will be discussing Austen's *Mansfield Park* at its October 14 meeting.
- The November 12 Petoskey Film Series at the Carnegie will feature 1995's *Persuasion*.
- The November 19 Petoskey Film Series at the Carnegie will feature *Clueless*, the popular 90s movie based loosely on Jane Austen's novel *Emma*.

## A ADULT PROGRAMS

## Ranked Choice Voting

Learn more about the effort underway to put an initiative on the 2026 election ballot to pass ranked choice voting in Michigan. Presenters from Rank MI Vote ([rankmivote.org](http://rankmivote.org)) will discuss why they believe ranked choice voting makes our elections better by allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 • 6:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**



## AARP Driver Safety Class

Learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's challenging driving environment. This course is designed for drivers age 50 and older and you may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completion. Registration is required.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 • 10:30AM-4:30PM**  
**FIRST FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

## Inside the Mind of a Serial Killer

Join us for a gripping presentation by Dr. Thomas J. Broxtermann who will delve into why serial killers captivate public imagination, exploring their psychopathic behaviors, and profiling some of the most notorious figures in history. Dr. Broxtermann brings a unique perspective as both a veteran street cop and a university professor in criminal justice and forensics. Known for his engaging, down-to-earth style, he combines real-world experience with deep psychological insight to deliver a thought-provoking program.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 • 6:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

## Learn How to Compost

Emmet County Recycling staff will provide information on the best composting practices to help you turn yard waste and food scraps into nutrient-rich soil in this interactive free workshop. Registration is required on the PDL website event calendar.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 • 1:00PM-3:00PM • CLASSROOM**





# ADULT PROGRAMS

## RECURRING PROGRAMS

### A Third Place for 20-40 year olds

Everyone needs a third place! When you're not at home (first place) or work/school (second place), where can you go to spend time with others? And, where's a place you can go that doesn't cost anything? Now you have an option! Hosted by our "Gen Z" friends, young adults are invited to drop in and join in a board game or just hang out and chat. Can't make the in-person event? Find "A Third Place" group on the Geneva app too!

**FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH**  
**6:30PM-8:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

### Apple User's Group

If you use Apple tech products (iPhone, iPad, Apple watch, Mac), or have an interest, please join us in the Lower Level 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.



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 • 5:00PM-6:00PM**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 • 5:00PM-6:00PM**

### Brush Calligraphy

Begin your calligraphy journey this fall at PDL! We'll be learning lowercase letters. Worksheets will be provided. Bring your own brush pens or pens will be provided. Registration required through PDL website event calendar. (For teens and adults.)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 • 4:00PM-5:00PM • CLASSROOM**

### Bullet Journal Planning

Let us help you set up your bullet journal or planner. All you need to bring is your notebook or planner of choice and your favorite beverage. We will provide all kinds of supplies, resources and videos to give you inspiration. Registration required through PDL website event calendar. (For teens and adults.)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 • 4:00PM-5:00PM • CLASSROOM**

### Button and Pin Making

Learn how to use some of our most popular Makerspace tools! Let us show you how easy it is to create your own pins, magnets, and key chains with our 1-inch, 2-inch, and 3-inch button makers. Registration required through the PDL website event calendar. (For teens and adults.)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 • 4:00PM-5:00PM • CLASSROOM**

## 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, except Thanksgiving week when it will meet on Nov. 25, 2025.

Kim Block • *President*      Amy Janssens • *Vice-President*  
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Moira Donahoe • *Student Trustee*

### Creative Card Making with Chris

Learn techniques to make your own greeting cards with plenty of options for individual creativity and sentiment choices. At each class, you will create three cards using a variety of techniques. No experience necessary. All supplies provided. Registration required.

**THURSDAYS: SEPTEMBER 18 • OCTOBER 16 • NOVEMBER 20**  
**5:00PM-6:45PM • CLASSROOM**

### French Conversation Group



Join us every Friday 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.

**FRIDAYS • 5:00PM-6:00PM • CLASSROOM**

### Knitting Group



Stop in and join our group of knitters and crocheters! Any age and level of expertise welcome, though it's best to have some basic skills. Bring your supplies and enjoy some time knitting while sharing patterns, resources, questions, and ideas.

**WEDNESDAYS • 1:00PM-3:00PM • 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR MEETING ROOM**

### Lake Street Ensemble



String players of all abilities are welcome to join our small orchestra. Those attending play a variety of music and just have fun. Bring your instrument, a stand, and attend one of our practices to see if it's right for you!

**EVERY THURSDAY • 10:30AM-12:30PM**  
**CARNEGIE BUILDING (UPPER LEVEL)**

### Mah Jongg



If you enjoy playing this popular game, join us! Players at each table decide on rules at the outset, though most follow the National Mah Jongg League.

**TUESDAYS • 1:00PM-3:00PM • CLASSROOM**



### Petoskey Ukulele Players

Join our group of amateur, self-taught musicians open to new members of all skill levels. Share resources and advice while enjoying a play-as-you-learn experience.

**THURSDAYS • 12:30PM-3:00PM • CLASSROOM**





## Straits Area Amateur Radio Club

The Straits Area Amateur Radio Club (SAARC) is dedicated to providing reliable emergency communications. PDL is proud to partner with SAARC to encourage ongoing skill development in amateur radio operations. New members welcome!

**10:15AM-12:30PM • LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM**

**OCTOBER 18 • NOVEMBER 15** (No Meeting in September)

## Exploring Creativity with Betsy

Get the creative juices flowing with local artist and illustrator Betsy Petersen! In each class, we explore creativity through art-based projects inspired by famous artists. Supplies provided. Registration required through the PDL website calendar.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 • 7:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 • 7:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

(Don't miss Betsy's afternoon program on November 15 for our Jane Austen series of events too!)

## Get One-on-One Technology Training

Microsoft products, Google apps, and more! We're here to help you learn! Call 231.758.3124 or schedule an appointment at: [calendly.com/petoskeylibrary/tech-help/](https://calendly.com/petoskeylibrary/tech-help/).

## Page Turners Book Club Moves to Second Tuesday of the Month!

Join us at **5:30pm in the Second Floor Meeting Room** for a discussion and refreshments. New members welcome!

**SEPTEMBER 9:** *Michigan's Company K: Anishinaabe Soldiers, Citizenship, and the Civil War* by Michelle Cassidy (2023)



**OCTOBER 14:**  
*Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen (1814)

**NOVEMBER 11:**  
*I Cheerfully Refuse* by Leif Enger (2024)



## Wild Ones of Northwest Lower Michigan

Wild Ones is a national organization promoting environmentally sound landscaping practices through the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plants. Our local Wild Ones chapter returns to the Library beginning in November.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 • 10:30AM-12:30PM • CLASSROOM**



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

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## FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Maestro Libor Ondras

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra is celebrating 25 years! What began as a small group of passionate musicians from Emmet County has grown into northern Michigan's award-winning orchestra,



bringing world-class performances and music education

to families across seven counties. **Join the Friends of the Library on Monday, September 22, at 7:00pm in the upper level of the Carnegie Building, for a presentation by Maestro Libor Ondras, GLCO's music director.** He will share GLCO's story and introduce the season's concerts. Ondras will also review the book, *Beethoven's Hair*, a tale of one lock of hair and its amazing travels – from 19th century Vienna to 21st century America.

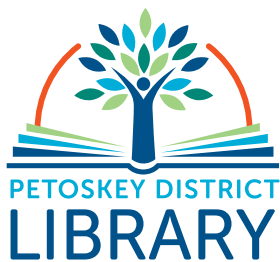
## FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Solar Light Kits for Ukraine

For more than two years, a group of 40 members of the local Presbyterian church have been assembling lithium ion battery packs that go inside individual solar light kits. These light kits are distributed for free to people living in eastern Ukraine who have not had electricity for over three years. Eight hours of exposure of the solar panels charging the battery packs results in 24 hours of light or the ability to charge a cell phone. **Join the Friends of the Library on Monday, October 27, at 7:00pm in the upper level of the Carnegie Building, for a presentation by Rick Donahoe about this ongoing initiative.** After a 35-year engineering career in the oil, gas, and nuclear industry, Donahoe has started non-profit organizations and is working on becoming a commissioned pastor.

## FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Raising Third Culture Kids

Learn about the teaching abroad process in a presentation by local retired teachers **Sue and Brad Moffatt on Monday, November 24, at 7:00pm, in the upper level of the Carnegie Building for the Friends of the Library's last speaker series in 2025.** The Moffatts will share some of the incredible adventures they experienced, both in Morocco and Asia, and discuss how raising Third Culture Kids (TCKs) shaped their worldview and their children's. TCKs are individuals who spent a significant part of their developmental years living outside their parents' home country.





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## LIBRARY HOURS

### Monday–Thursday

10:00AM–7:00PM

### Friday

10:00AM–6:00PM

### Saturday

10:00AM–5:00PM

### Sunday

12:00PM–5:00PM

## LIBRARY CLOSED

### Labor Day

September 1

### A Night at the Library

October 9 (close at 3pm)

### Thanksgiving

November 27

November 28



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Registration for programs can be done by calling the Library or visiting the events calendar at [petoskey.librarycalendar.com](http://petoskey.librarycalendar.com)

## Michigan SOS Mobile Office Visiting Library on September 8

Petoskey District Library will be hosting the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) mobile office on Monday, September 8, from 10:30am to 3:30pm, in the main lobby to assist people in handling many of the same transactions conducted at brick-and-mortar offices, such as applying for a first-time Michigan ID, renewing a driver's license or ID, converting to a REAL-ID, completing most vehicle transactions, registering to vote, and more! Those planning on taking advantage of the MDOS mobile office at the library should review the Secretary of State's information on transaction types and related fees, available through links on the Library's website calendar. Though not required, appointments for the mobile office are strongly encouraged to reduce wait times. To schedule a time for your mobile office visit, call 231.758.3121 or email [jhaven@petoskeylibrary.org](mailto:jhaven@petoskeylibrary.org).



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## Capt. Smith: Was the Deck Stacked Against Him?

Join us for a presentation by historian David Kaplan on the life of Captain Edward J. Smith, from his boyhood home in Hanley, England, to his final day onboard the Titanic. The presentation will emphasize the incredible odds against Captain Smith that resulted in the Titanic's collision with an iceberg and concludes with how Captain Smith is remembered. David Kaplan is a retired teacher and has been a Titanic historian for over 50 years. He's been a member of the Titanic Historical Society for over four decades, and has been fortunate to have meet 18 survivors of the Titanic tragedy, some more than once.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6  
6:00PM–7:00PM  
CARNEGIE BUILDING**

## Petoskey Fall Chess Classic October 18



Sign up now for our third annual Petoskey Chess Fall Classic, a U.S. Chess Federation sanctioned event. Visit our website at [petoskeylibrary.org/chess/](http://petoskeylibrary.org/chess/) to get all the details and a link to register online.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18  
9:00AM–7:30PM  
CARNEGIE BUILDING**

## Naajimijimedaa: Let's Find Food

Author Kathy Kae will discuss Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians' newest book, *Naajimijimedaa: Let's Find Food*. The book shares information about foraging in northern Michigan, and includes 40 different traditional foods, how to harvest, process, and cook with them. Besides great recipes, the book also shares stories from tribal members about traditional foods. Join us to learn more and enjoy delicious corn soup and fry bread prepared by tribal elder Barb Richmond! Registration is required through the Library's website calendar.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25  
2:00PM–3:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

## Petoskey Film Series Fall Schedule

(Doors Open 6:30pm • Program starts 7:00pm • Carnegie Bldg)

Sept. 3 - Pan's Labyrinth (2006)  
Sept. 10 - Sneakers (1992)  
Sept. 17 - Bridesmaids (2011)  
Sept. 24 - The Invention of Lying (2009)  
Oct. 1 - Saturday Night (2024)  
Oct. 8 - Good Night, and Good Luck (2005)  
Oct. 15 - A Good Person (2023)  
Oct. 22 - Waitress (2007)  
Oct. 29 - Psycho (1960)  
Nov. 5 - The Grizzlies (2018)  
Nov. 12 - Persuasion (1995)  
Nov. 19 - Clueless (1995)  
Nov. 26 - No movie showing due to holiday

(Movies intended for adult audience)

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