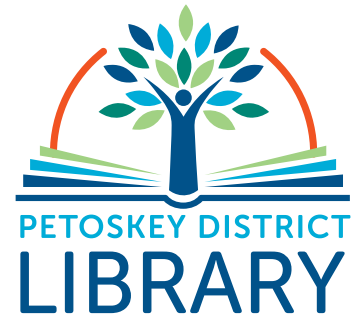


# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



A Human Library visited Petoskey after staff training from the Human Library Organization in Denmark. Residents were able to "borrow" a "book" and have 15 to 30-minute sit down discussions. The books were actual people with an interesting history, trauma, or story to share. Some of the "book" topics included: recovered alcoholic, adoptee, and former extremist.

The building facelift project was completed. This project consisted of fixing the front entry, including the portico and the ramp; new heated sidewalks; tuckpointing the entire building; refurbishing the west end doors; and some Carnegie repairs.





# 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

## Service Highlights

- The children's department did a bit of rearranging. With a little shifting and moving, the children's area now has a dedicated Tween area, for older kids (8-12 yrs. old) to call their own. The picture book collection was shifted to create Themes – a collection to make finding kids' favorite topics easier. It's been successful with a 16% increase in picture book circulation.
- TOPO Nexus built Adventure Kits just for our community! People can now check out a kit on one of three themes: Bear River, Waterfront, or Downtown and go on a scavenger hunt type adventure to learn about history and science of our local area.
- Through a generous grant from the Emmet County Senior Citizen Millage Fund; and partnerships with the Mackinaw, Harbor Springs, and Alanson libraries, we expanded our BiblioBag service, a program to send library materials by mail to homebound residents. With these partnerships, we now can serve residents in the entire county.
- We are able to provide many products free for our patrons through generous community donations: COVID Tests (MDHHS), Narcan (MDHHS), period products (Sisters of Xi Epsilon), and food bags (Manna Food Project).



## Event Highlights:

- The annual New Year's Eve event held in conjunction with Crooked Tree Arts Center saw a record number of visitors who came to celebrate. The Library hosted Paddington Bear, had a selfie station, games, Sticker Palooza, cookies, a S'more Station and musical entertainment from Jeff Pagel. The over 1,000 attendees all celebrated and enjoyed the 9pm ball drop!
- The spring solar eclipse brought 250 visitors to the library to collect viewing glasses, enjoy eclipse themed activities and watch the eclipse!
- Thanks to the Petoskey-Harbor Spring Area Community Foundation and the Friends of the Petoskey Public Library, we were able to upgrade the projector, speakers, and window blinds at the Carnegie Building for the Petoskey Film Series weekly movies and other library hosted events.



- We were one of 21 libraries chosen nationwide to participate in the STEM Tales program through StarNet. This granted program was looking at the effect of media read alouds, and literacy learning on young children and their interest in STEM careers.

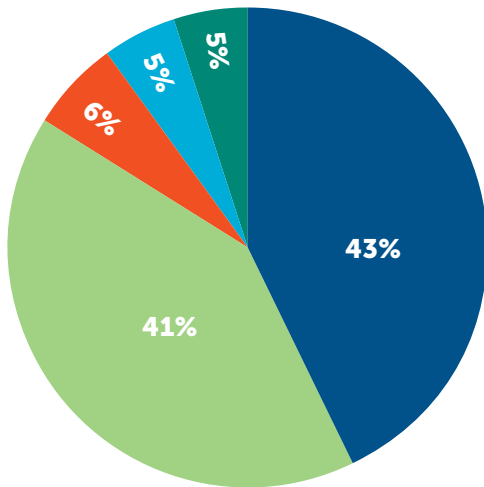
## Administration Highlights:

- The township millage renewals all passed with over 65% of the voters supporting the library!
- During library card sign-up month (September), the Petoskey District Library staff surfaced in four different locations on one day, signing people up for library cards and sharing information about services and events with the local community.
- Staffing highlights of the year included increasing staffing in the adult services department to assist with adult programming and outreach. We also had two big anniversaries this year: Mary Beauchamp has been with us 10 years and Lisa Scholl has been with us for 20!



# 2024 FINANCES

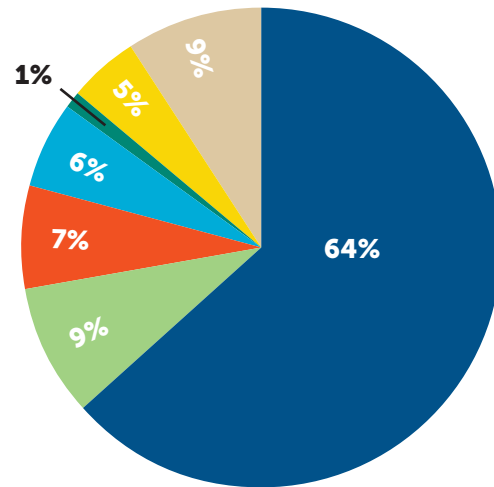
## OPERATING REVENUES:



- City Taxes-Operating: \$633,058
- Township Taxes-Operating: \$607,324
- Federal/State/County Revenues: \$90,042
- Local Library Income: \$74,364
- Grants & Donations: \$67,077

Total Operating Revenues: \$1,471,865

## OPERATING EXPENSES:



- Wages and Benefits: \$918,742
- Library Supplies & Materials: \$132,333
- Programming: \$95,252
- Building & Equipment Maintenance: \$83,268
- Development: \$15,938
- Utilities & Insurance: \$64,603
- Contracted Services: \$123,422

Total Operating Expenses: \$1,433,558

## CAPITAL BUDGET:

City Taxes Allocated to Capital Projects: \$111,950  
Capital Outlay Expenses: \$111,950

## DEBT BUDGET:

City Taxes Allocated to Debt Fund: \$274,544  
Debt Payment: \$274,544

Year-end Fund Balance: \$481,497





# HOW YOU USE YOUR LIBRARY

## Visitors:

- Door counter clocked **92,345** visits - up **6%**
- **7,927** people have library cards - up **8%**

## Read, Watch or Listen:

- Borrowed a total of **166,222** items - up **2%**
- Borrowed **17,790** items from other libraries – down **3%**
- We lent **10,942** items to other libraries – up **6%**

## Used Meeting Rooms in the:

- **Library:** **879** bookings – up **7%**
- **Carnegie:** **383** bookings – down **7%**

## Programs:

- **Adult:** **5,105** people attended **393** programs
- **Kids:** **2,530** kids attended **193** programs
- **Teen:** **803** teens attended **99** programs
- **Family:** **1,935** people attended **54** family programs

## Technology:

- **8,057** logins on library computers - up **8%**
- **32,733** sessions on library Wi-Fi - up **5%**

## Gathered Information:

- **11,219** reference questions were asked - up **19%**
- **208** documents were notarized – up **36%**

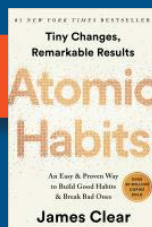


## MOST CHECKED-OUT ITEMS OF 2024



### ADULT FICTION

"The Women" by Kristin Hannah  
BORROWED 138 TIMES



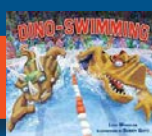
### ADULT NON-FICTION

"Atomic Habits" by James Clear  
BORROWED 17 TIMES



### YOUTH CHAPTER BOOK

"Dog Man" by Dav Pilkey  
BORROWED 95 TIMES



### YOUTH PICTURE BOOK

"Dino-swimming" by Lisa Wheeler  
BORROWED 18 TIMES



### TEEN BOOK

"Demon Slayer" by Koyoharu Gotouge  
BORROWED 71 TIMES



### ADULT MOVIE

"Oppenheimer"  
BORROWED 21 TIMES



### YOUTH MOVIE

"PAW Patrol"  
BORROWED 26 TIMES