Tim Bigelow grew up in Columbus OH. Both of his parents were big readers, so it was no surprise that he also learned to love the written word. Throughout his childhood, he and his family spent many months in northern Michigan escaping the hot humidity of central Ohio. He even spent many summers at Camp Algonquin on Burt Lake. At one point before graduating high school, Tim read all of Hemingway’s books and stories, and he was sure that those characters were his destiny. As fond as he was of the area, from the age of 17 – 65, Tim never came back north, but he never forgot the feeling of being in this happy place. That feeling stayed with him, and after he retired and his wife was tired of the summer heat, the two of them came north for a vacation...and they never left.

He purchased a home in the country and went to town looking for connection. Even though Tim and his whole family are big readers, buying books was the family norm and throughout his childhood he never stepped foot in a library. However, his search for connection and his curiosity got the best of him one day and he finally wandered in to the Petoskey District Library. He instantly felt a comradery – that same warm feeling he gets living in northern Michigan. He felt welcomed and at home. Tim says, “Libraries have changed. They were not like this when I was growing up – they are now a place of inspiration and passion.”

Tim now lives in Springvale Township and is ecstatic that he receives his library privilege as a resident. Tim visits the library two or three times a week: checking out new books and new adventures; experiencing new music; even finding new TV series to watch. “I am always astounded at what I can find at the library. I even found my attorney by attending an Ask the Lawyer session.” Tim states that the library not only makes his life easier, but it keeps his mind sharp by always having new programs, movies, and books to feed his curiosity. The library is his second place – the place he is most comfortable outside his home. While he may not be Nick Adams, he did come home to Michigan, but “If the library weren’t here, I’m not sure I would be...”
We are a Yes! Library. We like to provide services that our patrons ask for. While this works well for the public library, when this attitude spills over into personal life, it can cause some problems. This is an issue I have always had. I thought I had a handle on it. I thought I had good tactics under my belt to have thoughtful and immediate responses to all requests. These tactics typically work, but for some reason lately I am feeling overwhelmed. I’m not sure if it’s that my tactics broke down, or if it’s just life right now. What I did do is look at my plan for when a request comes in and how I respond. It seems to be sound – I just need to remember to use it.

Here is my process... When asked to do something, I thank the person for asking (it is flattering to be asked) and let them know that I need a day or two to think about it. Then as I ponder, I ask these questions:
1. Do I really have time for this project?
2. Am I truly qualified to take this on?
3. Does this project align with my passion, will it bring joy?

Yu-Gi-Oh
Join Teen Advisory Board member Ethan as he teaches you how to play the Yu-Gi-Oh trading card game! Kids do not have to own their own cards to learn; Ethan will provide cards. Learn and have fun dueling! Suggested for ages 7 and up.

FRIDAYS • 4:30PM

Little Waves with Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra
The Little Waves theme is My Favorite Instrument with an emphasis on learning about the different instrument families in the orchestra!

SATURDAY, MARCH 12: Horns 10:30AM

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

These three questions are crucial. I write down my answers because writing helps me solidify my thoughts. If I answer “yes” to all three, and I’m excited about it, I jump on board. However, if even one of those answers is “no”, I think about the balance and whether this is right for me. Having a sound reason to turn down an offer makes the response easier. Sometimes, even if I answer “no” to one or two of the questions, I may still decide to take it on. A lot of thought and reasoning is key. This mindful decision-making will carry me through a project to the end because of the commitment I made up front. Without that, such an endeavor can quickly become a burden. Being aware of how these decisions may affect my day-to-day life is crucial because an imbalance inevitably results in more stress, which none of us need, especially right now. So, remember to think mindfully and have fun!

Books and Bricks

We’ll talk about books and build with LEGO! Kids will get a free copy of the featured book and complete a LEGO challenge. This program is appropriate for children ages 8–12 years old.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
3:45PM-4:30PM

Leap Into Science

Let’s explore WIND! The goal of this hands-on workshop is for children and families to have fun exploring science and books together, think scientifically, and build positive attitudes towards science learning in informal community settings.

In partnership with the Franklin Institute and the Detroit Zoo.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9
11:00AM

Story Adventures with TOPOnexus

Join TOPOnexus for an active outdoor adventure beginning at the Library labyrinth with a short story, followed by a mini walking route (a half mile or less). We will use our senses (including wonder!) to explore four themes that make Petoskey special – water, rocks, trees, and town. Wrap up at the labyrinth with an exciting book hunt and leave with your own book. Bring strollers, good walking shoes and whatever you need for an on-foot adventure! This program is appropriate for children ages 3–8 years old, siblings are always welcome!

TUESDAY, MAY 24
TUESDAY, MAY 31
11:00AM-12:00PM
Library Outdoor Labyrinth

Explore with the entire family!

The PDL Youth Services staff is excited to get another season of great outdoor programming started this spring!

In partnership with the Franklin Institute and the Detroit Zoo.
TEEN PROGRAMS

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Anime Club
Calling all tween/teen lovers of anime and manga! Anime club is for fans in 7th-12th grades and features activities, snacks, and anime (of course)!

FRIDAYS • 3:30PM
Library Classroom

Teen Maker Thursday
We meet the third Thursday of the month at 4:00pm in the Makerspace for a fun maker project!

MARCH 17: Rock Painting
APRIL 21: Earth Day Terrariums
MAY 19: Sharpie Tiles

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 YA book bundle is part of PDL’s National Endowment for the Arts Big Read community read and the book we’ve chosen is Hearts Unbroken by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee).

Register between March 3–March 17, pick up bundles on Thursday, March 24 at the teen desk.

Book discussion:
TUESDAY, APRIL 26
4:00PM
Library Outdoor Labyrinth
(Rain location is the Large Meeting Room)

The Return of Teen Game Night
Due to Covid, Teen Game Night has been on hiatus for quite some time...but we are coming back! We are starting with board and card games, and snacks of course!

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
4:00PM
Teen Area

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! Activities are from NASA@ MY Library and STARnet Libraries.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15:
Make Your Own Compass
TUESDAY, APRIL 19:
Earth Layers Fan
TUESDAY, MAY 17:
Binary Bracelets

MARCH

Daily Women in STEAM Trivia
Every day in March, we will feature a new trivia question about a woman who has made/is making contributions in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and/or mathematics! Get the answer right and there will be candy coming your way.

EVERY DAY IN MARCH
Teen Area

APRIL

Poetry Month Haiku Challenge
April is National Poetry Month and we are celebrating with a Haiku challenge! Every participant will get to choose a prize from our teen prize stash.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5–
TUESDAY, APRIL 12
Teen Area

Teens, please add your Haikus or other poetry creations to our Poet-Tree in the Library’s main lobby throughout the month of April!
The Return of the Switch!

It is time to welcome back our Nintendo Switch! Come ready to play, have snacks, and be with other teens. Games available to play include Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Mario Kart 8, and Just Dance 2020!

THURSDAY, APRIL 28
4:00PM
Teen Area

MAY

Star Wars: Revenge of the Fifth Trivia

Test your knowledge, Padawan, and see if you have what it takes to become a Jedi Master!

THURSDAY, MAY 5
5:00PM
Library Classroom

Cursive Workshop

Have you always wanted to learn how to write in cursive, but haven’t had the opportunity? Join us to learn the basics of how to form letters and short words in cursive style handwriting!

TUESDAY, MAY 24
4:00PM
Makerspace

“READING A VARIETY OF DIVERSE BOOKS HELPS TEENS CHALLENGE ASSUMPTIONS AND GROW MORE EMPATHETIC AS HUMANS.”

NISA KESSELER, Teen Services

ADULT PROGRAMS

BYTE-SIZED TECH SPRING 2022

Apple User’s Group

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

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
5:00PM
MARCH 16, APRIL 20, MAY 18
Library Classroom

Excel 2019

This 4-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 20–MAY 11
Library Classroom

Advanced Excel 2019

This one-day class follows the basic Excel class and includes lessons on advanced functions and mail merge. Registration is required.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
10:30AM–12:15PM
Library Classroom

Additions to the Library of Things

Come visit the second floor reference department and see all of the cool new items we’ve added to the Library of Things collection, all available for check-out:

• 2 sewing machines
• Food vacuum sealer
• Ice cream maker
• Waffle & waffle cone maker
• Various, unique cake pans
• Ghost hunting kit
• Food dehydrator

Resources Training

Get personalized technology assistance and instruction on your own device or public computer. Learn about the free digital library resources available with your library card—including how to download eBooks, eMusic, eMagazines and stream movies. Instructional, self-paced sessions in MS Word & MS Excel, Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, and Forms are also available. Call the library at 231.758.3124 to schedule an appointment.
Page Turners Book Club
Our book club meets the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm in the large meeting room. Titles are selected quarterly by the participants. Join us for a discussion and refreshments inspired by the story! New members are always welcome. Registration is appreciated, but not required.

MARCH 15: Tin Camp Road by Eileen Airgood
APRIL 19: The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai
MAY 17: Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley, companion title to this spring’s An American Sunrise by Joy Harjo

Sew Your Own Garments
Join instructor Tina Bury for one or both of these full day sewing sessions. Please bring your sewing machine and all of its accessories, all other supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26: Raglan T-shirt
10:00AM - 5:00PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 9: Yoga Pants
10:00AM - 5:00PM
Library Classroom

Bumps in the Night
Join a local paranormal research group with 20 years of experience to learn all about the paranormal, including who they are, what they do, and how they do it. Bumps in the Night offers investigations and research of residential and commercial locations. Come see their evidence of local ghostly findings! This program will be offered virtually on Zoom and in-person.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
6:00PM
Library Classroom

Great Decisions
Does your inquisitive mind wish to dig deeper into current foreign policy issues? Join us for an informal study of topics compiled by the Foreign Policy Association as the most critical global issues facing American today. We look forward to meeting with other curious minds in the quest to understand the world a little better. Registration is required.

Pick from two monthly sessions:
SECOND TUESDAY, 6:30PM–8:00PM (Zoom only)
SECOND WEDNESDAY, 3:30PM–5:00PM (Zoom or in-person)
Library Classroom

MARCH 8 & 9: Russia and the U.S.
APRIL 12 & 13: Outer Space
MAY 10 & 11: Climate Change

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read
In 2021, Petoskey District Library was awarded a 2021-22 NEA Big Read grant. The grant supports the programs, events and activities offered this March–May 2022 as our community reads Joy Harjo’s An American Sunrise. Partners include Good Hart Artist Residency, Harbor Springs Festival of the Book, Little Traverse Bay Bands Niigaandiwin Education Department, and Little Traverse Literary Guild.

Kick-off
Book distribution and Eagle Spirit Dancer Roberta Shalifoe will perform.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 5:30PM
Crooked Tree Arts Center Ross Stoakes Theater, 461 E Mitchell St

Poetry Month Poet-Tree
We invite the public to add an original poem to the tree in our Lobby. Bring in a poem, or stop and write one at our writing station next to the tree!
MONTH OF APRIL

Margaret Noodin
Anishinaabe Poet and Educator
EARLY MAY

Cecilia LaPointe
Poet and writer published in anthologies, booklets, chapbooks, dissertations, journals, magazines, and online Indigenous-Native publications.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 7:00PM
Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St

Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked The World Film Screening
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 7:00PM
Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St

Book Discussions
DATES AND TIMES TBD

AND MORE!
FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE:
First Contact: When the Indians and Europeans First Met

Part of our NEA Big Read programming, northern Michigan author Robert Downes will discuss the first encounters between Indigenous peoples and the Vikings, Spanish conquistadors, English colonists and French voyageurs with a special focus on the Ojibwe and Odawa people of the Upper Great Lakes. Downes will have his books available for signing and purchase after the program.

MONDAY, APRIL 25
7:00PM
Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

What building in Petoskey has the most stories? The Petoskey District Library, of course! In addition to checking out books, did you know that there are hundreds of gently used great books for sale downstairs in the Friends of the Petoskey Library Book Store?

Kids books are 25¢ and 50¢, with a few specially priced. They've been donated by generous friends like teachers, parents, kid’s book collectors, and even other kids!

Come often to see the fast changing, well organized children's books! From board books to picture books, leveled readers, easy chapter books, and fiction, non fiction, crafts, sports, and graphic novels, there is sure to be something you'll want to take home. Plus, you'll be supporting all of the awesome programs at your local library with your purchase!

“Why did dinosaurs become extinct? Because they did not read!” Come visit and get a book at the only used book store in town!

FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE:
Birds of Michigan

Join Wayne Pope for a natural history program containing still photos and video clips of Michigan’s notable bird species such as Piping Plovers, Trumpeter Swans, and Common Loons. Topics will include bird feeding and courtship behavior, best locations for viewing birds, and photography tips. Wayne will also read poems that have been inspired by his favorite species.

MONDAY, MAY 23
7:00PM
Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St

FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE:
Pigeon River State Forest

Scott Whitcomb, Director of Office of Public Lands at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, will be speaking about his experience working at the Pigeon River State Forest. The Pigeon River Country State Forest is the largest block of undeveloped land in lower Michigan, 106,000 acres. Home to Michigan’s elk herd, vast forests, wild rivers, and a recreational destination for many, it is a special area with many unique values.

MONDAY, MARCH 28
7:00PM
Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St

CANCELED

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ARE EXCITED AND BUSY PLANNING A BIG FUNDRAISING EVENT, COMING TO PDL THIS OCTOBER!

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THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
SAVE THE DATE
A NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY
OCTOBER 7, 2022
Friends, fundraising, food, and fun!
National Library Week at Beard’s Brewery

National Library Week (April 3–9, 2022) is a time to celebrate our nation’s libraries, library workers’ contributions and promote library use and support. The theme for 2022, “Connect with Your Library,” promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology, media, programs, ideas, and classes, in addition to books. Most importantly libraries also connect communities and people to each other.

Join us at Beard’s Brewery for a PDL pop-up library to celebrate National Library Week with beer, books, and fun!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
5:00PM–7:00PM
Beard’s Brewery
215 E Lake St

Community Shred Day

Encore Financial Group, Petoskey District Library, and Rasmussen, Teller, & Caron CPA’s 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 at 555 Michigan St. Bring your boxes to be shred and recycled! Limit is 5 bankers box size boxes per vehicle.

SATURDAY, MAY 7
9:00AM–12:00PM
555 Michigan St