

Petoskey Ukulele Players: Finding Joy, One Strum at a Time

On a Thursday afternoon at the Petoskey District Library, something unexpected happens. Laughter drifts down the hall. Familiar tunes - Beatles songs, train ballads, gospel hymns, even a reimagined Christmas classic, fill the room. At the center of it all are the Petoskey Ukulele



Players, affectionately known as the PUPS, a group that has turned four strings and a welcoming library space into a powerful source of community, connection, and joy.

The PUPS began modestly, as many good stories do. Kathy Brady, then a nurse at the Friendship Center, was encouraged by her friend Mary Clinton to try the ukulele. Kathy resisted, until Mary went on vacation and left her a ukulele with a simple directive: Here, take this. Kathy taught herself a few chords from YouTube and quickly discovered how much fun the instrument could be. She wondered how many unused ukuleles might be sitting in attics or basements, waiting for someone to pick them up and play. An ad placed in Silver Threads brought the first enthusiastic response, and a small group began meeting, no name, no grand plan, just people learning together.

Over time, the group grew. COVID disrupted in-person gatherings, and when meetings resumed, inconsistent space at the Friendship Center created a challenge. The search for a new home led them to the Petoskey District Library, where consistent space, a welcoming atmosphere, and crucially, technology made all the difference. A large screen allowed music to be shared clearly, iPads replaced overflowing binders, and everyone could finally see and hear each other.

Eventually, the group needed a name. "PUPS" won out and the Petoskey Ukulele Players officially came into their own. Today, about 15 regular members attend weekly, with more than 30 active participants overall. New faces appear regularly, often retirees, sometimes people navigating loss or big life transitions. Some stay, some don't, but all are welcomed.

While the ukulele is often thought of as a simple instrument, the PUPS have embraced the idea that it can be as easy or as challenging as you want it to be. The group is not about formal lessons; Kathy and Mary describe themselves as mentors, offering resources, encouragement, and a supportive environment. Members teach each other, revisit tricky songs, and celebrate progress together. A milestone moment came when the group mastered "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," a song more complex than it sounds. Playing it successfully at a library sing-along felt like a collective triumph.

The group's impact extends beyond music. Members range widely in age and background, including a homeschooled teenager who attends with his mom, gaining musical experience, confidence, and community along the way. Others have joined after becoming widowed, finding companionship and purpose through weekly music-making. For Mary, the ukulele and the people who play alongside her,

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Drop the Needle with PDL and Find Your Joy!

In celebration of National Library Week, the Library is heading downtown to spin tracks from our brand-new vinyl collection (created with funds donated by the Friends of the Petoskey Library).

Join us at Malted Vinyl from 5:00-7:00pm on Friday, April 24, as we share favorite albums, talk music with the community, and show off what's now available to borrow. We'll also be signing up new library cards on the spot—because finding your joy might be as simple as discovering your next favorite record. National Library Week celebrates the power of libraries and library workers to connect, inspire, and strengthen our communities, one joyful track at a time.





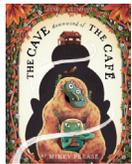
A LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGES

Hatch-along with Emmet County 4-H

PDL is partnering again with Emmet County 4-H for our third Chicken Hatch-along, offering both young and the not-so-young an opportunity to learn about embryology during the month of March. Youth ages 8-12 can join local 4-H leaders twice a week for three weeks in the Makerspace to learn about embryology from start to finish by examining the eggs and discussing the progression of a baby chick with (hopefully) a successful hatching of chicks! Youth do not need to be current 4-H members, but will need to become one to participate in the afterschool activities. Class size is limited to 10. Those registered will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, beginning on March 5, and on the following dates: March 10, March 12, March 17, March 19, March 24, and March 26. Register online at <https://hatch-a-long.4honline.com>. The hatch-along will be available for everyone to view on the lower level anytime the Library is open! (See adult section for information on a program for adults interested in raising chickens at home.)



Cafe at the Edge of the Library



Booger stew, bag of bats, and farts, too! *Rene & Glumfoot in The Cafe at the Edge of the Woods* and *Rene & Glumfoot in the Cave Downwind of the Café* are the inspiration for this wildly fun and gross event. Let's make booger stew (it's only slime), whip up moldy muffins (with kinetic sand), and if you dare, guess some icky scents! Kids can also take home a PDL color changing mug!

MONDAY, MARCH 30 • 2:00PM-3:00PM
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM

Raising Kids in a Digital World with Sesame Street

Gather in the Children's Program Room for this fun, 45-minute program where children (ages 3-5) and their parents or caregivers can explore healthy digital habits together through storytime, creativity, and movement — guided by the beloved Sesame Street characters you know and love.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 • 11:00AM-11:45AM



ALLERGY-FREE EASTER EGG HUNT!



MSU Alumni and Emmet Co. 4-H are teaming up with PDL again this year for another food-free egg hunt, along with other activities, inside the Library. Intended for ages 2-6, the event is set for Saturday, March 21, from 10am-11am.



Storytime Fun Twice a Week!



Our Storytime program takes place two days a week in the Children's Program Room.

Storytime introduces your child to books, rhymes, music, puppets, flannelboard stories, taking turns, paying attention, and being in a group. Every Storytime is different, but they're always a lot of fun! (For children ages 0-5, along with their caregiver.)

TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS • 11:00AM-11:30AM
MARCH 3 through APRIL 22

Flower Frogs for Kids

Let's think spring and play with flowers! A flower frog helps make lovely arrangements! Join us in the Children's Program Room where we'll create our own flower frog with air dry clay.



SATURDAY, APRIL 25 • 1:00PM-2:00PM

'Little Waves' Children's Music Program

Little Waves is a free children's program presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO). Designed for curious minds aged 4 to 10, this initiative allows children 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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 • 10:30AM-11:30AM
SATURDAY, APRIL 11 • 10:30AM-11:30AM

Dear Street

Join us to read about Alice, a little girl who loves her neighborhood and the street she lives on. When she encounters grumpy neighbors, Alice gets an idea to write short letters to little things around her town that she loves and then hide them for people to find. The result opens her neighbors' eyes to the wonderful things surrounding them.



This story celebrates community and connection and inspires us to practice gratitude and mindfulness. After sharing what we love about where we live, we'll draw or write a letter that we can hide around town. Help spread the love and bring a smile to someone's day! (For ages 4-8 with an adult.)

FRIDAY, MAY 8 • 3:30PM-4:15PM • CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

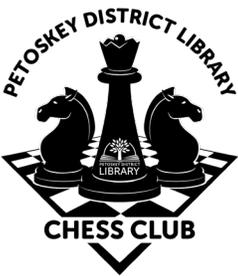
YOUTH PROGRAMS

Music Monday

Play, move, and groove at Music Monday! This is a great opportunity to connect with each other, move around, and listen to some kid-friendly jams! Drop-in any time in the Children's Program Room or stay the whole time! This program is best for ages 0-5 though siblings and children of all ages are welcome.



MONDAYS • 10:00AM-11:30AM • MARCH 2 through APRIL 27



Weekly Youth Chess Club

Learn to play chess or play against others. Young people ages 8-18 are welcome to drop in. Chess Club is mentored by Robert Bembem, Robin Ray and Adam Masek. For more info, go to petoskeylibrary.org/chess.

**EVERY MONDAY • 3:30PM-5:30PM
LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM**

Wow on Wednesday

Looking for a non-digital activity for your older kids? Each week, we'll be featuring a new craft, taste-test, or simple challenge for ages 8 to 12 in the Tween Space. Drop in anytime during the hour for screen-free fun!

**WEDNESDAYS • 3:30PM-4:30PM
MARCH 4 through APRIL 29**



Outdoor Messy Play

Join us in the Outdoor Labyrinth where kids can explore their senses while getting messy. Activities might include water, paint, shaving cream, and scents. Program for toddlers and preschoolers, and their grown up(s).

WEDNESDAYS • 11:00AM-11:30AM • MAY 6 through MAY 27

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 for children up to age 5 and their caregiver.

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR

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National Library Week (NLW) is an annual celebration that highlights the vital role libraries and library professionals play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. NLW began in the mid-1950s, when leaders from the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers noticed a nationwide decline in reading. Together, they formed the National Book Committee to promote leisure reading as a way to improve education, income, and overall health. The belief was simple: when people rediscover the joy of reading, they naturally become supporters of their public libraries. The first National Library Week launched in the spring of 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!"

For 2026, National Library Week will be celebrated April 19-25, with the theme Find Your Joy—a message that beautifully connects our past, present, and future. While reading habits and library use have evolved dramatically since NLW began, reading is on the rise within certain demographics. Once people find their joy in a book, they're often hooked for life.

This year, we're also highlighting another joyful way to connect with the library: music. Join us as we celebrate our new vinyl collection at Drop the Needle and Find Your Joy at Malted Vinyl on Friday, April 24, from 5-7 p.m. The past year has truly been a stellar one, filled with joy across the library. We introduced new services like Spice Club, launched new programs including Playgroup and Spanish Club, enjoyed the dedication of our amazing Friends Group—especially their Night at the Library event—and perhaps most joyfully of all, celebrated a dry building after completing our roofing project!

To cap off the year and set the stage for finding even more joy ahead, we were honored at the Chamber's Celebration of Champions event with the Marty Van de Car Inclusivity Award. This award recognizes an organization that "breaks down barriers and fosters change to create an inclusive and welcoming community for all." We are deeply grateful for this recognition of the work we strive to do every day.

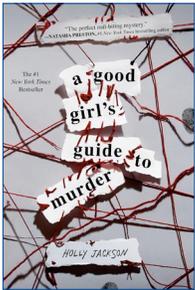
Here's to a new year filled with even more opportunities to Find Your Joy—at the library and beyond.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Think Tank Meets March 3rd

Hey teens! Want to help plan and create the services, programs, and collections for teens at the Library? Contact Nisa at 231.758.3148 and sign-up for the Teen Think Tank! Newcomers always welcome. Meeting starts at 4:00pm in the Lower Level Classroom and on the Discord server.



Spring Teen Book Bundle

Sign up to get a book bundle, complete with a young adult book, craft kit, and snack. Register online through events calendar, or call 231-758-3113. This spring's book will be **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder** by **Holly Jackson**, a twisty teen mystery.

Register between March 4-18; Pick up bundles at Teen Desk on or after March 26

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 for ages 11-18.

MARCH 17: Fossil Dig

APRIL 21: Water Cycle Bracelets

MAY 19: Aurora Art



Teen Maker Thursday

We love seeing what gets made in our Makerspace when teens start creating! Join us on the **third Thursday of the month at 4:00pm** for a fun maker project! For ages 11-18.

MARCH 19: Mini Zen Gardens

APRIL 16: Arm Knitting

MAY 21: Messy Art in the Labyrinth

Anime Club

Anime Club is for tween and teen fans of anime and manga! Grades 7th-12th grades are welcome to join us for activities, snacks, and of course, anime!

EVERY FRIDAY • 3:30PM-4:45PM

LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM

(Club canceled when school's not in session)



Whodunit? Play Life-Size Clue!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be in the game? Life-Size Clue makes you the game piece and the library's classroom the game board! Wander around the various rooms, hypothesize whodunit, and have fun too! (For tweens, teens, and adults.)



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 • 4:00PM-5:30PM • CLASSROOM

Fabric Heat Press Tutorial

Learn how to use the Makerspace's heat press to add words and designs to tote bags and more. (For tweens, teens, and adults.)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 • 4:00PM-5:00PM • MAKERSPACE

Name that Tune: Bardcore Edition

Join us for Name that Tune Trivia, with a twist! Instead of the original version of the songs, we'll play the Bardcore version. Bardcore is a musical genre of medieval-inspired remakes of current popular music. See if you can recognize your favorite songs when played on lutes and flutes! (For tweens, teens, and adults.)



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 • 5:00PM-6:00PM • CLASSROOM

Brush Calligraphy

Teens and adults - Begin your calligraphy journey learning how to write lowercase letters. Bring your own brush pens or pens will be provided. Registration is required on website calendar.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 • 4:00PM-5:00PM • CLASSROOM

Star Wars Day

Star Wars fans of all ages are invited to test their knowledge of all things Star Wars! Prizes will be given for those who demonstrate mastery of the force. Registration is appreciated, but not required. May the 4th be with you!



MONDAY, MAY 4 • 6:00PM-6:45PM • CLASSROOM

Minute to Win It!

Try your luck at fast-paced games and challenges, some are physical and some mental, but all are FUN! We'll have prizes for those who rise to the occasion (For tweens, teens, and adults.)



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 • 4:00PM • MAKERSPACE

Button and Pin Making Tutorial

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. (For teens and adults.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 • 4:00PM-5:00PM • CLASSROOM



Mysteries of the Blood Moon

A total lunar eclipse, known as the "Blood Moon" due to the red appearance, will be visible from 4-7am on March 3 throughout North America. Learn about the science of the Blood Moon and the cultural history surrounding this relatively rare phenomenon with PDL librarian and NASA eclipse ambassador Nisa Kessler.

MONDAY, MARCH 2 • 6:00PM-6:45PM • CLASSROOM

Jane Austen Fan Club

Jane Austen fans, unite! Enjoy some tea and cake as we celebrate the May 9, 1814, publication of Mansfield Park. We'll discuss the book and play trivia and games based on the book. Registration is appreciated, but not required. Drop-in guests are welcome!

SATURDAY, MAY 9 • 2:00PM-3:30PM • CLASSROOM

The Infra-Ordinary: All That Goes Unnoticed



goodhart
artist residency

PDL is partnering with Good Hart Artist Residency to offer a writing workshop with artist-in-residence Alecia Beymer. The workshop will focus on how we move in the ordinary without often recognizing all the components of our lives. We will work on our skills of attunement and becoming aware of what is around us, what rests in the unseen and the things deemed unpoetic. We will explore other modes of being in the world: the sensory, felt, and affective experiences we might avoid or move away from quickly because of our consciousness, or the next task that is looming in front of us! (Registration is required. Program for ages 13 and older.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 • 4:30PM • 2ND FLOOR MTG ROOM

Ask The Lawyers

In celebration of Law Day 2026, members of Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association are hosting a free "Ask The Lawyers" event on **Friday, May 1, 4:00-6:00pm**, at the Carnegie Building. Participating attorneys will be available to answer legal questions.

A ADULT PROGRAMS

Secretary of State Mobile Office Hours

The Secretary of State mobile office returns and will be set up in the Library Lobby to assist people in handling many of the same transactions conducted at brick-and-mortar offices! Though not required, appointments are strongly encouraged to reduce wait times. See the PDL website event calendar for more information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 • 10:30AM-3:30PM • LOBBY

Great Decisions Continues



Join fellow foreign affairs hobbyists to discuss the year's top issues in another "Great Decisions" eight-part series, a program by the Foreign Policy Association (fpa.org). Briefing books, with articles about each topic, are available at the Library. Email mhohlbein@petoskeylibrary.org for Zoom link or more information.

11:00AM-1:00PM VIA ZOOM OR SECOND FLOOR MEETING ROOM

MONDAY, MARCH 9:

"Ukraine and the Future of European Security" by Thomas Wright

MONDAY, MARCH 23:

"Multilateral Institutions in a Changing World Order" by Scott Bessent

MONDAY, APRIL 6:

"The Future of Human Rights and International Law" by Jendayi E. Frazer

MONDAY, APRIL 20:

"United States Engagement with Africa" by Jose Enrique Alvarez

Climate Driven Migration: What It Means for Communities Like Ours

PDL is partnering with the League of Women Voters of Northern Lower Michigan for a presentation by Scott Drinkall, a policy advisor and doctoral researcher at George Mason University, whose work centers on climate policy, migration, and public systems. Join this discussion to better understand how climate change affects migration decisions and impacts community resilience.



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 • 5:30PM-7:00PM
LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM OR VIA ZOOM**

Get One-on-One Resources Training

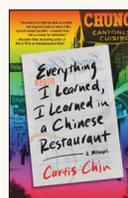
Need tech assistance? Call 231-758-3124 to book a session!

Page Turners Book Club

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

MARCH 10: *Everything I Learned, I Learned*

at a Chinese Restaurant by Curtis Chin (2025)



APRIL 14:

Adventures in the Louvre by Elaine Sciolino (2025)



MAY 12: *Raising Hare* by Chloe Dalton (2025)



A ADULT PROGRAMS

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Adult Chess Club

Challenge yourself against other chess enthusiasts! No membership needed. The Library will provide a few chess sets, but feel free to bring your own set..

MONDAYS • 12:30PM-2:30PM
LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM



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 Users 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 as time permits.

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH • 5:00PM-6:00PM
MARCH 18 • APRIL 15 • MAY 20



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: MARCH 19 • APRIL 16 • MAY 21
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



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 this spring, when it will meet on Tuesday, March 24.

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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 • 2ND 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 • 11:00AM-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 (MAR 3-APR 7) • 1:00PM-3:00PM • MAKERSPACE
TUESDAYS (APR 14-MAY 26) • 1:00PM-3:00PM • CLASSROOM



Petoskey Ukulele Players



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

EVERY THURSDAY • 12:30PM-3:00PM
MARCH 5-APRIL 9: CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM
APRIL 16-MAY 28: LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM

Spanish Conversation Group

This program is for those wishing to practice speaking Spanish as well as those who are native Spanish speakers wanting to improve their English – all are welcome. Join us in the Lower Level Classroom as your schedule permits to converse in Spanish in a casual and friendly environment.

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH • 5:30PM-6:30PM
FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH • 10:30AM-NOON



Summer Reading Kickoff: Friday, June 5

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 • SEE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR LOCATION
SATURDAYS: MARCH 21 • APRIL 18 • MAY 16

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 meets at the Library November through April.

10:30AM-12:30PM • LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM
SATURDAYS: MARCH 14 • APRIL 11

Cluck-tastic Chicken Talk

As part of our Hatch-along at the Library, our partners at Emmet County 4-H are offering a program for adults to discuss the pros and cons of having your own backyard chickens.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 • 2:00PM-3:00PM • CLASSROOM

Page & Pantry Spice Club

PDL has teamed up again with Grain Train Natural Foods Market to bring you a monthly spice adventure. Stop by the Library's

main desk starting the first of every month to pick up a free spice kit, complete with an info sheet to help you explore new flavors at home. (One per household, while supplies last.)

MARCH: Aleppo Chili Peppers **APRIL:** Sumac **MAY:** Za'atar

Improv Night at the Carnegie

Join us on *Thursday, April 2, at 7:00pm, in the Carnegie Building for an evening with The Dean's List*, a group of local actors directed by Dean Tahtinen who has spent more than 20 years immersed in improv comedy! You'll enjoy improv games and see ways to reduce stress, build confidence and brain power - all while having fun! The group will share the joy of "yes, and" through a lively, interactive experience. Come discover new skills, connect, and laugh!



North-South Passenger Rail Project



Broad support from the community and funders has allowed Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities to press for passenger rail between north and south Michigan. Rail will achieve energy-efficient, safe travel, and economic development in communities all along the route. Join us for a presentation by Groundwork's Transportation Program Manager Carolyn Ulstad to learn about the North-South Passenger Rail Project.

THURSDAY, MAY 14 • 6:00PM-7:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING

Microsoft Excel Tutorial

This free four-session tutorial is a basic guide to MS Excel. Learn how to create formulas and charts, use functions, format cells and do more with your spreadsheets. Registration required.

WEDNESDAYS • 10:30AM-NOON • CLASSROOM
APRIL 1 • APRIL 8 • APRIL 15 • APRIL 22

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Cabin Fever Book Sale March 1-7

The Friends of the Petoskey Public Library invite you to their annual **Cabin Fever Sale in the Bookstore on the Library's Lower Level, March 1 through March 7**. All books will be half price with most paperback books \$1.00 and hard cover books \$1.50 (unless otherwise marked). Jigsaw puzzles will be \$1.00. Now's your time to stock up!

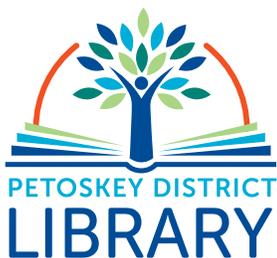


Friends' Annual Board Meeting Scheduled for March 3

The Friends of the Petoskey Public Library will hold its annual meeting on **Tuesday, March 3, from 5:15pm-6:45pm in the Library's Lower Level Classroom**. All members are encouraged to attend to hear committee reports and to discuss goals for the year. Non-members interested in learning more about the group and/or becoming involved in this volunteer group are also invited.

New Members Always Welcome!





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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday

10AM–7PM

Friday

10AM–6PM

Saturday

10AM–5PM

Sunday

12PM–5PM

LIBRARY CLOSED

Easter

Sunday, April 5

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25



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231.758.3114

Registration for programs can be done by calling the Library or visiting the events calendar at petoskey.library.calendar.org.

Celebrate Earth Week: Register Your Child for a Free Tree



Neighborhood Forest
giving trees to children

The Library is thrilled to announce its participation in Neighborhood Forest's 17th Annual Free Tree Program as part of April's Earth Week celebrations! Register your child to receive a free tree to plant at home or, if you don't have a child participating, purchase trees to plant this spring, or donate to fund trees in our community — \$5 helps place a tree in the hands of a child. Register online through March 15 at www.neighborhoodforest.org/registration-services/?school=98252. Trees (6–12 inches tall) will arrive around Earth Day (April 22). Neighborhood Forest aims to provide native and/or fruit-bearing, depending on our region. Other products that are purchased by you will be fulfilled by Neighborhood Forest. Families who register will receive details about tree pick-up or distribution closer to Earth Day. Planting instructions, care tips, and species details will be emailed to you along with a notice when the trees arrive, and will also be available in the Resources section of the Neighborhood Forest website. Thank you for helping us celebrate Earth Week and grow a greener future together!

Community Shred

Petoskey District Library is holding its annual **Community Shred program on Saturday, May 16, from 8:00am to 11:00am**. Local residents may drop off up to 5 boxes (bankers box size) of documents to be shredded during this free event! A Shred-It truck will be on site in the parking lot of Rasmussen, Teller & Caron, P.C. and later transport all shredded material to the Emmet County transfer station.



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helped carry her through the illness and loss of her husband. For Kathy, whose father was a professional musician, the PUPS have deepened her love of music.

At its heart, the Petoskey Ukulele Players embody what libraries do best: create inclusive spaces where people can gather, learn, and find joy together. As Kathy puts it, the group is "a place to have fun." No one is judged, no one is excluded, and everyone is invited to strum along.

The PUPS meet Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. Curious residents are encouraged to stop in, sit in, or even borrow a ukulele from the Library of Things and give it a try. And, as the group's closing song reminds us: Happy trails to you—until we meet again.

Youth Chess Tournaments



Petoskey Chess Club holds tournaments each month at the Carnegie Building. The Swiss-style tournaments are rated by the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF). All skill levels ages 8-18 are invited to participate, but USCF membership is required. For more info about youth chess, go to petoskeylibrary.org/chess/.

Monthly Chess Tournament
THURSDAY, APRIL 16 • 6:00PM-8:00PM

Annual PDL End-of Year Chess Tournament
SATURDAY, MAY 23 • 1:00PM-7:30PM

Petoskey Film Series Spring Schedule

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

- March 4** - Good Fortune (2025)
- March 11** - Wait Until Dark (1967)
- March 18** - The Ballad of Wallis Island (2025)
- March 25** - Challengers (2024)
- April 1** - Zero Hour (1957)
- April 8** - Waking Ned Devine (1998)
- April 15** - McFarland, USA (2015)
- April 22** - Arthur the King (2024)
- April 29** - American Fiction (2023)
- May 6** - Ruby Sparks (2012)
- May 13** - Safety Not Guaranteed (2012)
- May 20** - Casablanca (1942)
- May 27** - Way, Way Back (2013)

(These Wednesday night movies are intended for an adult audience)

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