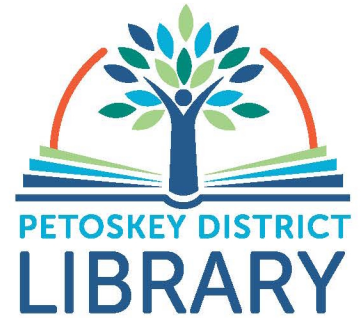


2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Facility Resilience:

Following extensive analysis, we successfully addressed persistent water infiltration issues by targeting two primary areas of concern. First, we completed a full replacement of our 21-year-old roof after identifying multiple points of failure. Second, we repaired the transition area between the library and the adjacent AT&T building to prevent seepage into the lower level. Beyond these structural repairs, we fully remediated the interior by replacing damaged drywall, ceiling tiles, and carpeting, ensuring a safe, clean environment for our patrons and staff.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Protect our Building

- **Infrastructure & Organization:** Through a generous donation from the Friends of the Petoskey Public Library, we installed new shelving to streamline the “books on hold” process and created a “cart corral” to improve workspace organization.
- **Welcoming Entrances:** Through a donation from her friends, a new memorial bench was installed at the “Bell” entrance in honor of longtime supporter and volunteer Mary McCormack, providing a place of rest for all visitors.
- **Modern Meeting Spaces:** We added a sound-dampening meeting booth (generously funded by the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Friends of the Petoskey Public Library), to provide a quiet, private workspace for patrons.

Expand Connections

- **Honors:** We were humbled to receive the **Marty Van de Car Inclusivity Award** from the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce for serving every patron with a smile and making all feel valued.
- **Mobile Services:** Our partnership with the Secretary of State brought mobile services directly in to the library, while the BiblioBag program grew to serve 17 homebound residents across all of Emmet County through a generous grant from the Emmet County Commission on Aging.
- **Education & Family Support:** We served as a temporary home for North Central Michigan College’s early childhood playgroup, which gave us a launching pad for writing a grant with MIFamily Engagement Center for learning stations for our new evening Playgroup (meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings).

- **Outreach:** The Youth Department met strategic goals by hosting pop-up libraries at four local elementary schools during conferences.
- **Community Resources:** The new **Community Cares shelf** on the second floor now serves as a central hub for patrons to find local assistance and service programs. We also cater to younger adults with the launch of **Third Place**, a social meetup for patrons aged 20–40.

Care for Staff

- **Direction:** The Library Board officially adopted the **Strategic Plan 2030**, ensuring our staff has a clear, prioritized roadmap to guide their work and professional growth.
- **Efficiency:** The facility upgrades and new cart corral were specifically designed to hide clutter and improve the daily workflow and environment for our team.
- **Recognition:** Our staff’s dedication to high-level service was the primary driver for winning the Chamber’s Marty Van de Car Inclusivity Award this year.

Cultivate Curiosity

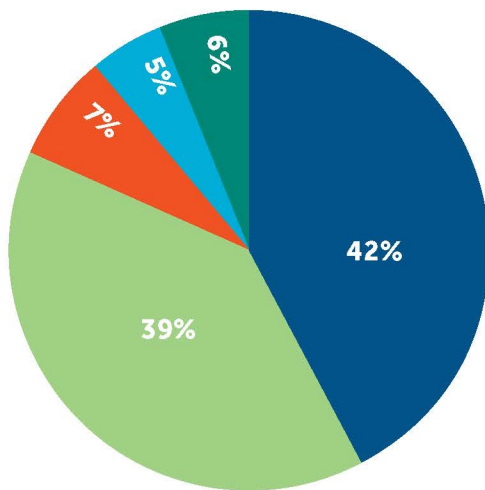
- **Signature Events:** From the second annual “Night at the Library” fundraiser to the “Carnival of Characters” Summer Reading kickoff, we provided immersive experiences that brought stories to life. Art and stories collided for National Library Week when Martina Hahn joined us for a live painting session, bringing ‘Where the Wild Things Are’ to life on canvas while sharing tales with our community.

- **Unique Collections:** We’ve expanded our collection with three new offerings: a circulating Roku service for streaming platforms like Hulu, Disney+ Max, and AppleTV; the ‘Spice Club’—a partnership with the Grain Train designed to inspire culinary exploration; and Yoto cards, which feature childrens music and audiobooks that can be played ad-free, and screen free through a Yoto player or the Yoto app.
- **Future Thinkers:** The Teen Think Tank (T3), a redesigned advisory group, gives teens a platform to provide feedback on collections and community service.
- **Nature & Science:** We hosted 102 patrons for the “Michigan Snakes Alive!” program and distributed 135 white cedar trees for Earth Day in partnership with Neighborhood Forest.



2025 FINANCES

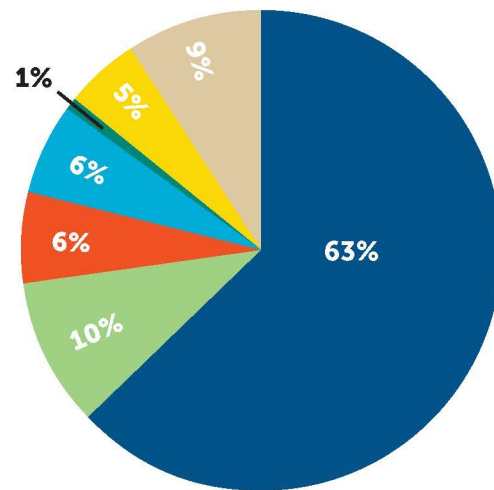
OPERATING REVENUES:



- Township Taxes: Operating \$676,885
- City Taxes: Operating \$626,824
- Federal / State / County \$111,982
- Local Library Income \$84,156
- Grants / Donations \$93,695

Total Operating Revenues: \$1,593,542

OPERATING EXPENSES:



- Wages and Benefits: \$987,628
- Library Supplies & Materials: \$150,081
- Programming: \$101,059
- Building & Equipment Maintenance: \$100,270
- Development: \$11,846
- Utilities & Insurance: \$71,088
- Contracted Services: \$133,840

Total Operating Expenses: \$1,555,812

CAPITAL BUDGET:

City Taxes Allocated to Capital Projects: \$168,890
Capital Outlay Expenses: \$168,890

DEBT BUDGET:

City Taxes Allocated to Debt Fund: \$267,323
Debt Payment: \$267,323

Year-end Fund Balance: \$502,282



HOW YOU **USE** YOUR LIBRARY

Visitors:

- Door counter clocked **95,652** visits – up **4%**
- **8,235** people have library cards – up **4%**

Read, Watch or Listen:

- Borrowed a total of **168,391** items – up **1%**
- Borrowed **17,235** items from other libraries – down **3%**
- We lent **10,751** items to other libraries – down **2%**

Used Meeting Rooms in the:

- **Library:** **1,129** bookings – up **28%**
- **Carnegie:** **423** bookings – up **10%**

Programs:

- **Adult:** **5,330** people attended **439** programs
- **Kids:** **4,320** kids attended **287** programs
- **Teen:** **717** teens attended **83** programs
- **Family:** **1,691** people attended **26** family programs

Technology:

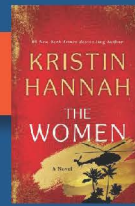
- **7,875** logins on library computers – down **2%**
- **34,937** sessions on library Wi-Fi – up **7%**

Gathered Information:

- **9,789** reference questions were asked – down **13%**
- **269** documents were notarized – up **29%**

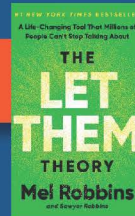


MOST CHECKED-OUT ITEMS OF 2025



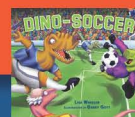
ADULT FICTION

"The Women" by Kristin Hannah
BORROWED 59 TIMES



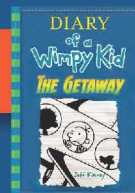
ADULT NON-FICTION

"The Let Them Theory" by Mel Robbins
BORROWED 29 TIMES



YOUTH PICTURE BOOK

"Dino-Soccer" by Lisa Wheeler
BORROWED 19 TIMES



YOUTH FAVORITE SERIES

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney
BORROWED 269 TIMES



TEEN BOOK

"Sunrise on the Reaping" by Suzanne Collins
BORROWED 22 TIMES



TEEN FAVORITE SERIES

"My Hero Academia" by Kohei Horikoshi
BORROWED 104 TIMES



ADULT MOVIE

"Here"
BORROWED 14 TIMES



YOUTH MOVIE

"Paw Patrol"
BORROWED 34 TIMES