LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

The library staff has been hard at work becoming a Yes! Library and providing excellent service to our patrons and the community. While our payoff is satisfied patrons and smiling faces – it is always nice to be recognized for hard work. Not only is a pat on the back nice, it is also reaffirming that we are headed in the right direction. In the last six months we have been acknowledged by two key groups. The Petoskey Chamber awarded the library staff the Service Award for excellent customer service. This award affirmed that our staff is meeting the needs of the greater community. Then, in October, the State Librarian (yes, we have a State Librarian!) presented the library with the Citation of Excellence. This citation was specifically awarded for the staff’s work in the Growing Readers Together partnership with the schools and our efforts to become a Yes! Library. So, not only does our community think we are working in the right direction, our peers do as well. Both of these honors come at a fitting time as we head down a path directed by our strategic planning efforts of 2019. The awards strengthen the customer service foundation that we have been building and give us a great platform to reach higher goals. We all look forward to this coming year and providing excellent service to our community.

Val Meyerson

Petoskey District Library ~ The World is Only a Visit Away
On behalf of the Friends of the Petoskey Public Library, I want to thank Gayle Mroczkowski for her amazing dedication and leadership during her two-year tenure as President of the Friends. Gayle will continue to serve on the Board.

Thanks to business and individual sponsors, as well as silent auction donors, the October 7th Annual Dinner was an amazing success with thousands of dollars raised for the Growing Readers Together literacy initiative. During the program’s first year, young readers were assisted in finding success thanks to the Petoskey District Library and the Petoskey Public Schools. Randy Riley, State Librarian of Michigan, was our very special speaker. Randy’s remarks regarding increasing reading proficiency by the end of third grade complemented the Growing Readers Together program as it begins its second year of operation.

This fall, the Petoskey District Library achieved recognition in the State Librarian’s Excellence Award for their superior customer service and their efforts to create and implement new ways to accommodate visitors.

Finally, I want to thank the Friends for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of this wonderful organization, which is comprised of a group of determined and selfless volunteers.

Check out the Used Book Sale for holiday gifts! We have many gently used books including holiday titles for adults and children.

Our Dear Friend

Jan Smith passed away in late October at the age of 79. Jan was a true advocate and collaborator for the Friends group who fiercely believed in the value and importance of the Petoskey District Library.

Jan served close to twenty years in various capacities on the Friends board, including: the annual dinner committee, the nominating committee, the Carnegie Lecture Series, and the staff recognition brunch. Most recently, Jan took on the Growing Readers Together initiative which promotes increased literacy among elementary children.

As a former teacher, Jan’s passion for education served our library well. She willingly shared her knowledge and expertise so Petoskey area children could benefit. Her creed that “nice matters” extended to all who knew her.

During her recent illness, a Friends board member sent Jan an Albert Camus quote: “In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me lay an invincible summer.” According to her husband John, a Petoskey District Library Trustee, Jan immediately responded with “BE that summer!” A bright light until the end, Jan lives on in each of us who knew her. May her legacy of kindness and generosity impact our community for years to come.
It’s that time of year again! Predict the 2020 Academy Award winners for a chance to win dinner and a movie for two! The person with the most accurate guesses will receive a gift card to Petoskey’s Tap 30 as well as two movie tickets to the Lyric Theater in Harbor Springs. In the case of a tie, the winner will be drawn randomly from eligible ballots. The contest is open to all ages and begins on Tuesday, January 14 and ends Sunday, February 9 at 5:00pm. One entry per person, please. Entry forms are available at the library’s reference desk or on our website.

#petoskeyreads

Petoskey District Library is excited to announce a new, all-ages community reading partnership with Beard’s Brewery and Bearcub Outfitters! Pick up your tracking sheets and instruction bookmark from Beard’s, the library, Bearcub, or McLean & Eakin. Complete the reading goal assigned to your age group, and stop back in the library with a library card (doesn’t have to be a PDL card) and redeem your choice of a $5.00 gift certificate to Bearcub Outfitters paired with either a free kid’s meal from Beard’s or a $5.00 gift certificate to Beard’s. We will have a quarterly drawing per age group and the prize will be one free pizza from Beard’s.
ADULT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Registration is required for some programs.
Please do so by visiting our website’s event calendar or by calling 231.758.3100

Wish Necklaces
Join Dan and Janada Chingwa to create a beaded wish necklace. Dan learned how to bead when he was eight years old and loves to share his knowledge of the history of bead work. Materials will be provided.
Saturday, January 11, 1:00pm–3:00pm
Library Classroom

Borneo: Opportunity for Adventure
Join Mary Campbell and Emily Meyerson on their journey through the wilds of Malaysian Borneo. They will share their experience of the beautiful culture, unique flora and fauna, amazing landscapes, interesting history and delicious food. Starting with the charming cat city of Kuching; into the largest cave system in the world; trekking through the rainforest along the Headhunters trail; seeing incredible wildlife; to hiking to the top of Mt. Kinabalu.
Wednesday, February 12, 5:30pm
Library Classroom

Dress Necklaces
Join Dan and Janada Chingwa to create a beaded dreamcatcher. Materials will be provided.
Monday, January 13, 1:00pm–3:00pm
Library Classroom

Make Your Own Clothes
Sewing Series
Have you always wanted clothes that were just your style and fit your body well? Join instructor Tina Bury for one or both of these six-hour workshops and learn to sew your own clothes. Basic sewing skills helpful: if you can confidently thread your sewing machine, we’ll learn the rest together. Please bring your own sewing machine with all of its supplies. A material list and more information about the class will be emailed to registrants. There will be a one-hour lunch break.
Attendance is limited, registration is required.
Saturday, February 8, 1:00pm–3:00pm
Library Classroom

Lifelong Learning:
Science Fiction
Our Lifelong Learning classes offer continuing education courses on a variety of topics taught by experts in their fields, provided to the public at no charge. Join Diane Cookingham, retired secondary and college English/Humanities instructor, to discover and discuss major themes in science fiction, their evolution over time, and their impact on societal norms. There will be a focus on literature and film advocacy as a companion to entertainment and appreciation of the creative process. Participant interaction and contribution is an integral part of the discussion.
Attendance is limited, registration is required.
Wednesday, February 12, 5:30pm
Library Classroom

Stop by the first floor circulation desk to purchase yours!

PETOSKEY DISTRICT LIBRARY MUGS FOR SALE
$5.00
Makes a great holiday gift for family & friends!
BYTE SIZED TECH

Registration is required for some classes. Please do so by visiting our website’s event calendar or calling 231.758.3100

Digital Services

Thinking about purchasing a digital device this holiday season? Learn about the free library technology resources available anytime or from anywhere, including streaming movie services, eMusic, eBooks, and eMagazines.

Wednesday, December 11, 2:00pm–3:00pm
Library Classroom

Code Club

This group meets every week and learns how to code programs through a variety of applications. Kids love being able to create their own video games and websites, and in the process they will gain useful technology skills! Newcomers and drop-ins welcome.

Mondays, January 13–May 18
4:00pm–5:30pm, Library Classroom

Word 2016

This 4-week tutorial session is a comprehensive guide to Word, the word processing program in the Microsoft Office suite. Learn how to create professional-looking documents and become proficient in Word’s most common elements, as well as some advanced features.

Class size is limited, registration required.

Wednesdays, January 22–February 12
10:30am–12:15pm, Library Classroom

eResources Training

Get personalized technology assistance and instruction on your own device or 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 and Excel, Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, and Forms are also available.

Call the library at 231.758.3124 to schedule an appointment.

MAKERSPACE CLASSES

Stop by and learn how to use the digital equipment and software located in the lower level Makerspace.

All of these classes require registration. Please do so by visiting our online events calendar or calling 231.758.3100

Cricut

The Cricut is an electronic cutting machine that is used with online design software to help you make polished DIY projects. Learn how the Cricut machine works and the basic skills needed to create a simple project.

Wednesday, December 4, 5:30pm

Cloth Bangle Bracelet

Using simple materials, we will make a unique fabric covered bracelet.

Wednesday, December 11, 4:00pm

VCR to Digital Class

The Makerspace has the equipment to help you turn those old family videos on VHS tapes into digital files that can be stored on your computer.

Wednesday, January 8, 4:00pm

Creative Letters

Learn the technique to build your own three-dimensional letter. We will construct a letter and then decorate as time allows.

Wednesday, January 15, 5:30pm

Book Crafts


Wednesday, February 5, 4:00pm

Scanner/Photoshop

Turn slides, negatives, and photos into digital memories using the scanner and the Photoshop Elements program. Bring your own items for the introductory demonstration.

Wednesday, February 12, 5:30pm
YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS & CLASSES

All programs are open to the public. For further information, call 231.758.3112 or email childstaff@petoskeylibrary.org

Shrinky Dink Saturday
Stop in during the library’s open hours to make a keychain, necklace, or trinket out of shrink plastic. While supplies last.
All day on Saturday, December 7
Children’s Mural Area

Graphic Novel Book Club
We’ll create, draw and learn more about this awesome book format. This book club is best for ages 8-12. Special guest teacher Aaron Nemec will visit on January 9 and January 16 to share his comic expertise.
Thursdays, January 9–February 13, 4:00pm–5:00pm
Children’s Program Room

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra
Young Children’s Library Series
Gather your mini-Mozarts and baby Beethovens for our 2019-2020 Young Children’s Library Series! Open to the public at no charge, this family-friendly program is designed to introduce young children to music in an entertaining setting. The monthly, 45-minute sessions are aimed at encouraging children’s involvement and interest in music. Please come jam with us!
Saturday, January 4, 10:30am: Percussion
Saturday, February 1, 10:30am: Vocals
Children’s Program Room

Cardboard Sled Making Workshop
Have you always wanted to build your own cardboard sled to compete in the Winter Sports Park Cardboard Sled Challenge during Winter Carnival? Cardboard and all other essentials will be supplied. Make your sled here, then take it to the Winter Sports Park and register for the race.
Saturday, February 15, drop in 10:00am–2:00pm
Children’s Room

Storytime
Engaging books, songs, and activities to help build early literacy skills for toddlers and preschoolers.
Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30am & 11:30am
Starting January 6

Babies & Books
Songs, rhymes, movement and stories for babies 0-24 months with their caregiver. Older siblings are welcome.
Wednesdays, 10:30am
January 15–February 26

Storytimes encourage language and pre-reading skill development that help your child grow into a successful reader. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate.

For the Love of Laundry
PDL is sponsoring a For the Love of Laundry evening with the Child Abuse Prevention and Education Council. Families can do their laundry for free while we provide snacks and activities for children.
Wednesday, February 19, 4:30pm–7:00pm
Bradford’s Cleaners 621 Pleasant St. Petoskey

Plush Puppy Adoption Party
Choose a plush puppy to call your own. Make a toy for your new puppy and bring it to the veterinarian for its first check up.
Saturday, February 29, drop in 10:00am–noon
Children’s Room

Chess
Learn to play chess or play against others. Open to young people ages 8–18. Please drop in! Chess is mentored by Robert Bemben, Robin Ray, and Alex Bemben.
Mondays, 3:30pm–5:00pm
Children’s Program Room

Chess Tournaments:
Thursday, January 16 & Thursday, February 20
6:30pm–8:30pm
Carnegie Building 451 E Mitchell St

Paws to Read
Spend 15 minutes reading a book to a licensed therapy dog. By reading out loud to a dog who doesn’t judge how well the child reads, the child’s self-consciousness disappears and their confidence grows. Register by calling 231.758.3112
Tuesdays, 3:30pm–5:00pm with Alfie or Lady
TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAMS & CLASSES

Registration is required for some programs.
Please do so by visiting our website’s event calendar or by calling 231.758.3113
Snacks are always part of the plan & newcomers are always welcome!

Fandom Trivia: Holiday Edition
Come down to the teen area and test your fandom knowledge. Prizes will be awarded to the top three, plus snacks for everyone.
Thursday, December 5, 4:00pm

Winter Wonder Week
Join us all week for a celebration of the different ways our community observes the winter holidays!
Monday, December 16, 4:00pm: Holiday Foods
Tuesday, December 17, 4:00pm: Holiday Maker Night
Wednesday, December 18, 4:00pm: Holiday Games
Thursday, December 19, 5:00pm: Holiday Sing-along

Lays Taste Test Challenge
Join us in the teen area to determine which flavor of Lay’s potato chips will reign supreme.
Thursday, January 9, 5:00pm

Teen Study Labs
Get ready for mid-terms here at the library. We will have study space and snacks available, plus a visit from a friendly doggo!
Monday, January 20–Thursday, January 23, after school until closing time.

Interactive Movie Night: Grease
Join us in the lower level classroom for an interactive movie experience and learn to hand-jive!
Thursday, February 13, 4:00pm

Stupid Cupid Anti-Valentine’s Party
Join us in the teen area for a fun-filled afternoon of cookie decorating, piñata smashing, and candy eating.
No romance allowed!
Friday, February 14, 1:00pm

Black History Month Daily Trivia
Come down to the teen desk any (or every) day during Black History Month for a chance to win a prize. There will be a new question and a prize awarded every day.
All February long!

Teen Maker Tuesdays

Tuesday, December 17, 4:00pm: Holiday Maker Night
Celebrate the various winter holidays by creating candy cane sleighs, dreidels, snowflake ornaments, and much more! Please register.
Tuesday, January 21, 4:00pm: Cocoa and Coloring
We will relax and take a break from mid-terms with some hot chocolate and coloring.
Tuesday, February 18, 4:00pm: Quilling
Learn the art of quilling. Supplies are limited, please register.

Ongoing Programs
Teen Advisory Board: Tuesday, December 3, 4:00pm
Teen Game Night: Fourth Thursday of the month, 5:00pm
Anime Club: Every Friday, 3:30pm
Recreational Mah Jongg
A game of skill and luck originating in China 2,000 years ago. Join others at the library who enjoy playing this game.
Mondays, 10:15am–1:15pm

Plant Based Nutrition Support Group
PBNSG is a non-profit organization dedicated to evidence-based education and advocacy of plant-based whole food nutrition. This group meets to empower all who want to optimize their health by following a plant-based, low-fat diet and leading an active lifestyle. Newcomers are always welcome.
Third Monday of the month, 5:30pm
December 16, January 20, & February 17

PDL Page Turners
Our book club meets the third Tuesday of the month. If you have any discussion questions or thoughts you would like to share regarding our current book, please bring them with you to the next meeting! The reading list can be found on PDL’s website.
Tuesdays, January 21 & February 18, 5:30pm
Large Meeting Room

Petoskey Film Series
Films are shown at the Carnegie Building at 451 E Mitchell. Donations are appreciated. For more information on upcoming films call 231.758.3108. To receive weekly email updates send an email to petoskeyfilmtheater4@gmail.com
Wednesdays, Fridays & some Saturdays, 7:30pm

Jane Austen Reading Group
Join other Jane Austen enthusiasts for continuing discussion of the author and her works. The group will be discussing Pride and Prejudice (David M. Shepard edition).
Third Sunday of the month, 2:00pm–4:00pm
January 19 & February 16 (no December meeting)