We hope you enjoy this quarterly newsletter of events at the library. If you would like a copy mailed to your home, please join the Friends of the Petoskey Library. Sign up for eNews to receive an emailed version at www.petoskeylibrary.org

**IDITAROD ADVENTURE**

Karen Land, three-time veteran of the famed annual Alaskan Iditarod Race, will be visiting with her sled, equipment, and Noggin, one of her sled dogs, on **Friday, May 15 at 7:00pm in Crooked Tree Arts Center’s Ross Stoakes Theater**, located at 461 E Mitchell St. Karen will speak about what it takes to be a dog musher and what she enjoyed about sled dog racing through the remote wilderness between Anchorage and Nome. Registration is not necessary. Open to the public at no charge, all ages are welcome!

**LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR**

With the year of “no change” behind us, the staff of the Petoskey District Library is raring to go with our new mission, vision and stated values backing us up. Our mission, to nurture knowledge, drive discovery, and connect community, will be the foundation that holds up all we do. Our services will build upon our stated values:

- **Welcoming** – to be an inclusive and safe environment where all patrons are treated equitably with kindness and empathy;
- **Dedicated** – we are reliable and knowledgeable and ready to provide answers;
- **Community** – we provide a clean, comfortable space for all and strive to be an integral part of the greater Petoskey area;
- **Discovery** – we are a place to explore, have questions answered, find new joys, and continue life-long learning through books and programs;
- **Resources** – we provide materials in a variety of formats for reading, learning, and entertainment.

We will begin this new venture with our strategic priorities, which will eventually lead us closer to our vision of supporting and enhancing the lives of the greater community, becoming the place for answers, enrichment, and community for all.

*Val Meyerson*

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**HOURS:**

Monday–Thursday
10:00am–7:00pm
Friday & Saturday
10:00am–5:00pm
Sunday
12:00pm–5:00pm

**LIBRARY WILL CLOSE:**

4/12/2020: Easter Holiday
4/17/2020: Inventory
5/25/2020: Memorial Day

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LETTER FROM OUR FRIENDS’ PRESIDENT

The Library continues to offer many programs and services despite the gray days of winter. The Friends closed 2019 with a successful and well attended Candy Cane Village event followed in February with a well deserved Staff Appreciation Brunch.

The Used Book Sale continues with a special Cabin Fever Book Sale February 29–March 9. As always, the Used Book Sale committee accepts used books which are for sale during regular business hours on the library’s lower level. The Friends support the Growing Readers Together program and assist with the monthly Family Literacy Night dinners.

As the promise of spring replaces gray days with more sunny days, the Friends will prepare for our summer Used Book Sale and continue to support the library's literacy efforts.

Anne Lewis

Cabin Fever Used Book Sale

Winter is still here. Need a good book to cheer you up on these cold, dreary days? All used books will be 50% off! Visit the Friends of the Petoskey Library’s lower level book store Saturday, February 29 – Monday, March 9 anytime the library is open and treat yourself or find something for a family member or friend.

Spring Card Party

Friends of the Petoskey Library invite you to their annual Spring Card Party, a luncheon with Bridge, Mah Jongg, cards, and games. Gather your friends and reserve a table to support the Petoskey District Library, $30 per person. Contact Jane Damschroder: 231.347.6440 or aljaned@chartermi.net to make your reservations by Wednesday, May 13.

Monday, May 18, 11:30am–3:00pm
Petoskey Bay View Country Club
Friends @ the Carnegie programs are held at 7:00pm in the Petoskey District Library Carnegie Building, located at 451 E Mitchell St., unless otherwise noted. All programs are open to the public at no charge.

History of the Blues
Stu Fenton takes us through some of the history of America’s original music. He brings out the heart and soul of his favorite blues artists, starting all the way back at the beginning, long before Muddy Waters, and bringing us up to the modern era, sharing select photos and tunes from his favorite blues artists throughout history. You don’t want to miss this wonderful musical voyage!
Monday, March 23, 7:00pm

Ladies of the Lights
They were women before their time, taking on the romantic, yet dangerous and physically demanding job of tending to the beacons that protected the shoreline. In all, some 40 women have been identified who excelled in this profession over the years — dating back as early as the 1840s and as recent as present day. Join Dianna Stampfler to see nearly 70 images of keepers, their families and their lights that make up this presentation.
Monday, April 27, 7:00pm

Unsuspecting Participants
Lives were dramatically changed among those who survived the Titanic disaster. Join David Kaplan for the biography of six people; from their early years, their coming together on the Titanic for five days, and each one going back to their normal lives with the memories of the tragedy. Four passengers are selected as well as two crew members, one of which only survived several hours after the ship sank.
Monday, May 18, 7:00pm

MORE LIBRARY NEWS

If overdue fines have kept you or your family from using the Library, we have great news for you! Petoskey District Library is proud to join fine-free libraries across the country as we look forward to welcoming back many patrons who have stopped using the library because of overdue fines. Starting in 2020, overdue fines are no longer charged on most items. Most patrons’ existing overdue balances were wiped clean to give them a fresh start to the year.

Don’t forget to check our website’s event calendar for the most up to date information on programs for all ages! Often, programs are added to the calendar at a later date and don’t make it into the newsletter.

Libraries are communities where all are welcome—no matter your age, interests, or background, the library is a space where you belong. You can explore new passions and discover who you are through your library’s varied array of free materials, programs, and services. From audiobooks to job seeking resources to DIY workshops and lifelong learning classes, the library provides access to the programming and services to meet the diverse needs of the communities they serve. Visit your library today and celebrate National Library Week April 19–April 25.
Ireland: The Soul of Europe
Join Seamus Norgaard, North Central Michigan College professor, for a slideshow, storytelling, and poetry event celebrating the singular inspirational role of this Celtic Island Nation today.

Thursday, March 12, 7:00pm
Carnegie Building

AARP Driver Safety Class
Course for drivers age 50+. Learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today’s increasingly challenging driving environment. You may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course.

Registration is required.
Thursday, March 19, 10:30am–5pm
Library Classroom

Substance Use Awareness & Overdose Prevention Training
Join Harm Reduction Michigan for a presentation on preventive health for substance use, and training for administering the life saving overdose reversal kits.

Wednesday, April 8, 5:30pm
Library Classroom

The Fragility of Voting Rights
Dr. Scott LaDeur, North Central Michigan College professor of Political Science, will address the current state of voting rights as we approach the 2020 election.

Thursday, April 9, 7:00pm
Carnegie Building

The History of Voting Rights
Dr. Scott LaDeur will cover how different groups achieved the right to vote throughout our history and what lessons can be gathered from their struggles to help inform contemporary debates about the right to vote.

Thursday, May 21, 7:00pm
Carnegie Building

This series is a partnership between PDL and The League of Women Voters.

50th Anniversary Earth Day 2020
Join local environmental organizations for an evening of music & entertainment, crafts & activities, and refreshments. Open to the public at no charge. All ages welcome!

Wednesday, April 22, 5:00pm–8:00pm
Carnegie Building

This event is sponsored by the South of the Straits Sierra Club.

Oil Painting Class
In this two-hour intermediate class, artist Spencer Scharf of S3ARTS, will guide attendees step-by-step to create an oil painting on canvas.

Registration is required.
Wednesday, April 29, 5:30pm
Library Classroom

Repair Café
We throw away too many items that could get a new lease on life after a simple repair. Join us for our Repair Cafe, where we will teach each other mending skills and learn to see our “broken” possessions in a new light!

Saturday, May 2, 11:00am–3:00pm
Library Classroom

DIY Terrarium
Make your own succulent terrarium. All materials will be provided, but if you have a favorite small glass jar you would like to use, please bring it with you!

Registration is required.
Wednesday, May 6, 5:30pm
Library Classroom
BYTE SIZED TECH

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

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, March 2–May 18
4:00pm–5:30pm
Library Classroom

Excel 2016
This 4-week tutorial session is a basic guide to Excel, a Microsoft Office spreadsheet program that allows you 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, March 25–April 15
10:30am–12:15pm
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.

Registration is required.
Wednesdays, April 29–May 20
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 precision cutting Cricut machine works and the basic skills needed to create a simple project.

Wednesday, March 25, 5:30pm

VCR to Digital Class
The Makerspace has the equipment to help you turn those old family videos on VHS tapes into digital files. As they age, VHS tapes deteriorate – save them as files that can be viewed on a computer.

Wednesday, April 22, 3:30pm

Scanner/Photoshop
Preserve slides, negatives and photos as digital files using the Makerspace scanner and computer. Learn how to create the digital files and how to upload them into the Photoshop Elements program and do some basic photo editing and how to save the files to your own flash drive or disk.

Wednesday, May 6, 5:30pm

Two Dimensional Needle Felting
Learn how to make a simple design on a piece of felt using roving and a felting needle.

Wednesday, May 20, 3:30pm

Marty is available by appointment on Wednesdays from 2:00pm–7:00pm in the Makerspace if you cannot make it to the classes listed above. Please email msamson@petoskeylibrary.org to make an appointment.
YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS & CLASSES

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

Choose Your Own Craft Adventure
It’s an adventure to choose our own crafts! The first week will be shrink plastic crafts then, together, crafters will decide the next week’s craft.
Thursdays, March 5, March 12, March 19 & March 26
3:30pm–4:30pm
Children’s Program Room

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra
Young Children’s Library Series
Gather your mini-Mozarts and baby Beethovens! This family-friendly program is designed to introduce young children to music in an entertaining setting. The sessions are aimed at encouraging children’s involvement and interest in music. Please come jam with us!
Saturday, March 7, 10:30am: Strings
Children’s Program Room

Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Have you ever wondered what happens at the library when it is closed? We will share our secret with your stuffed animal friends! Bring a stuffed animal or doll you are willing to leave over the weekend for their own library adventure—after hours!
What mischief will they encounter after the librarians go home? Find out when you pick up your stuffed animal on Monday, March 16 after 2:00pm.
Saturday, March 14, 3:30pm–4:30pm:
Drop off your stuffed animal, read them a good night story, and tuck them in for their weekend visit.

Storytime
Engaging books, songs, and activities to help build early literacy skills for toddlers and preschoolers.
Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30am & 11:30am
March 2–April 30
Babies & Books
Songs, rhymes, movement and stories for babies 0-24 months with their caregiver. Older siblings are welcome.
Wednesdays, 10:30am
March 4–March 18 & April 8–April 29
Storytimes encourage language and pre-reading skill development that help your child grow into a successful reader. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate.

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 Adam Masek.
Mondays, 3:30pm–5:00pm
Children’s Program Room

Chess Tournaments:
Thursday, March 19 & Thursday, April 16
6:30pm–8:30pm
Final Tournament:
Saturday, May 2, 1:00pm–8:00pm
Carnegie Building 451 E Mitchell St

Easter Egg Hunt
Back by popular demand! Hunt for Easter eggs throughout the library, pick out a free book and stick around for crafts and games!
Ages 2–8 years old. Your hunt start time depends on the first letter of your last name.
Saturday, April 4
Last names A–H: 10:30am
Last names I–Q: 11:00am
Last names R–Z: 11:30am

Pete the Cat Pizza Party
Join us for pizza, kitty crafts, and a sing-along of the books with local musician, Kirby. Meow!
Saturday, May 16, 12:00pm
Children’s Area

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!

YA March Madness
Vote for your favorite YA books of the past year. New brackets up each week until we have a winner on Tuesday, March 31st. Voting will take place every day at the teen desk.
Throughout the month of March

Cursive Workshop
Learn the art of writing in cursive! Writing in cursive is proven to help develop fine motor skills, retain information, and stimulate both hemispheres of the brain.
Thursday, March 12, 4:00pm
Library Classroom

Disney Trivia Night
Let’s celebrate the release of Disney’s Live-Action movie, Mulan, with a Disney Trivia Night! Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, plus snacks and fun for everyone.
Thursday, April 9, 5:00pm

HAiku Challenge
Celebrate National Poetry Month by writing your own clever haiku! Turn in your haiku at the teen desk for a tasty treat.
Throughout the month of April

Interactive Movie Night: Spaceballs
Join us in the lower level classroom for an interactive movie experience and learn to use the Schwartz!
Thursday, May 7, 4:30pm
Library Classroom

Mario Kart Tournament
Join us in the teen area for a fun-filled afternoon of video gaming! Who will reign supreme in Mario Kart? Sign up at the teen desk starting on Thursday, May 14.
Registration is required.
Thursday, May 21, 4:00pm

Teen Maker Tuesdays
Tuesday, March 17, 4:00pm: Amigurumi
Want to make a cute Baby Yoda? Join us and learn the art of amigurumi, or how to crochet a stuffed toy! Registration is required.

Tuesday, April 21, 4:00pm: Reusable Totes
In honor of Earth Day, we will decorate our own reusable, recycled totes!

Tuesday, May 19, 4:00pm: Bead Art
Join us while we create items with beads. Bracelets, necklaces, keychains, and more!

Ongoing Programs
Teen Advisory Board: Tuesday, March 3, 4:00pm
Teen Game Night: Fourth Thursday of the month, 5:00pm
Anime Club: Every Friday, 3:30pm
Dungeons & Dragons: Join Dungeon Master Tristan Werden for a teen-led gaming adventure! No dice or experience required.
Every Saturday, 10am–4pm in the Lower Level
ON GOING ADULT PROGRAMS

Intermediate 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
Library Classroom

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. Newcomers are always welcome.

Third Monday of the month, 5:30pm
March 16, April 20, & May 18
Library Classroom

PDL Page Turners
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.

Third Tuesday of the month, 5:30pm
March 17, April 21 & May 19
Large Meeting Room

Petoskey Film Series
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

Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St.

Open Heart Meditation Group
Weekly, one-hour group meditation session. Beginners welcome and instructions provided. Open to the public at no charge.

Sundays, 1:00pm–2:00pm
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