Meet Jen – she is a full-time working mom with four kids from second grade to sixth grade: Rachael, Robert, Maddie, and Lauren.

Four years ago, Jen found out that her kids were reading just below the grade level bar and Jen was concerned due to the State of Michigan’s Read by Grade Three Law. She was worried that her first grader at the time would be held back a grade, even though she was thriving in all other areas. As a working mom with a house full of kids, “it can be difficult to find the time to sit down and work with the kids, and really give them the quality time that is needed.”

Jen heard through the Public Schools of Petoskey about a new program at the Petoskey District Library, Growing Readers Together (GRT). She wondered if this may be a good solution for her. The GRT program has trained and experienced tutors that would work with her kids in a focused manner. Jen found is wonderful tutors who create trusting relationships. Jen saw wonderful results with her first two kids, so as time went by and her younger kids were struggling a bit with reading – she registered them as well. All four kids have appreciated the availability of the program, especially the tutors. They all love their tutors and the connections they have. Jen credits the tutors with keeping the kids engaged so they can truly learn and improve, “Rachael went from being afraid of reading to enjoying it.” Rachael is now reading chapter books, “I really like the Wings of Fire books.” Maddie piped in that she also is reading chapter books and “loves the Owl Diaries.”

Another bonus of visiting the Library is that the kids love the Children’s department. While they wait for the siblings to take their turns with the tutor, they spend time with books and the games in the Children’s room. Rachael especially likes the floor tiles and Lauren likes the comfortable chairs and big books. Jen is happy to report that all her kids have improved their reading skills and are doing really well in school and they love visiting the Library.

When asked if the GRT program has changed them, Robert said, “It helped me because today I said I want to do more reading!” Jen credits the Growing Readers Together program for removing an obstacle so she could support her kids on their reading journey. “They wouldn’t like to read as much and would still be struggling if not for the program.” Because of the Growing Readers Together program, Jen has watched her kids improve their reading skills and strengthen their journey of being life-long readers and life-long library lovers.

"For me, literacy means freedom. For the individual and for society."

– LeVar Burton
It’s back-to-school time and the Library is gearing up for another year of our Growing Readers Together (GRT) program. GRT is a partner project between the Petoskey District Library and the Public Schools of Petoskey. While the program is beginning its fifth year, it is still based on the three-pronged approach to support children in their reading quest. GRT provides direct tutoring for students, monthly Family Literacy Nights, and Brain Boxes to check out and take home.

One-on-one tutoring for students in need takes place at the Library throughout the week, all year long. School-trained tutors are matched with students in K–3rd grade who are in need of reading support. By planning the tutoring programming at the public library instead of the school, families may be more inclined to participate because it is a less intimidating environment. Family Literacy Nights are designed for the whole family to come in and enjoy reading activities together. The kids hear from a community partner to help bolster vocabulary and parents are able to spend time with our school partner to learn activities to take home.

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Brain Boxes are kits that are created to target the individual reading needs of the children. The Boxes contain games and books that encompass one of the components of learning to read: Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, Fluency, Vocabulary, and Comprehension. The families can take the kits home and play the games that help support the child’s reading ability. These three prongs all work in conjunction with each other to bolster kid’s confidence in their reading which will create more successful students.

This past year, our program tutored 75 students from eight different elementary schools and saw a 28% reduction in kids reading below grade level. Funding is provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan, the Friends of the Petoskey Public Library, the Hestia Women’s Giving Circle, and those who donated to the program in memory of Roger Srigley. Many thanks to all our supporters.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR NORTHERN MICHIGAN COMMUNITY FOR HELPING TO MAKE THIS SUMMER A GREAT ONE AT PETOSKEY DISTRICT LIBRARY!

Chess Club
Learn to play chess and play against others. Open to children and teens ages 8–18. Please drop in! Chess is mentored by Robert Bemben and Robin Ray.

MONDAYS • 3:30PM–5:00PM

Mini Chess Tournaments
Join other chess players ages 8–18 for these monthly tournaments!

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH • 5:30PM
SEPTEMBER 15, OCTOBER 20, & NOVEMBER 17
Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St

Graphic Novel Club
Do you love reading graphic novels? Do you like talking comics? Explore a graphic novel (they are J GR NVL in the library catalog) each meet up! We’ll talk about the book of the month and do an activity. Ages 8–12.

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH • 4:00PM
SEPTEMBER 27, OCTOBER 25, & NOVEMBER 29

Merchant Trick or Treat
Stop by the Library’s front porch for candy during Petoskey’s Downtown Trick or Treat!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
10:00AM–12:00PM

Hanging yarn hearts on the outdoor labyrinth trees.

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We hope you got a chance to visit us doing library outreach at the Friday Farmers Market and/or Senior Expo!

The Friends had another successful Big Book Sale during Downtown Sidewalk Sales.

Drummunity on the labyrinth was a blast!
RECURRING PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Board
The PDL Teen Advisory Board is your opportunity to join with other teens to help plan and create the services, programs, and collections that you want in the Library! Newcomers are always welcome.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 4:00PM
Makerspace & Teen Discord

Anime Club
Calling all tween/teen fans of anime and manga! This club is for fans 7th–12th grade and features activities, snacks, and anime!

EVERY FRIDAY
4:00PM
Classroom

Teen Maker Thursday
We meet the third Thursday of the month at 4:00pm in the Makerspace for a fun maker-project! For ages 11–18.

SEPTEMBER 15: Paint & Sip
OCTOBER 20: Halloween Skull Art
NOVEMBER 17: Nailed It! Cookie Decorating

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, SEPTEMBER 20:
Earth's Oceans Flipbook
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18:
Magnetism
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15:
Paper Airplane Launchers

Teen Game Night
Join us on the fourth Thursday of the month for gaming fun! We have board games, card games, tabletop RPGs, and a Nintendo Switch!

SEPTEMBER 22, OCTOBER 27, & TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
(due to Thanksgiving)
4:00PM
Teen Area

Brush Calligraphy
Join Nikki as we continue our calligraphy journey! We will be working on learning to form uppercase and lowercase letters. Worksheets and pens will be provided, you are welcome to bring your own brush pens. Registration is required.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
4:00PM: Lowercase A–M
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26
4:00PM: Lowercase N–Z
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
4:00PM: Uppercase A–M
Classroom

NASA @ My Library

PDL Fall 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 fall’s book bundle is White Rose by Kip Wilson.

Register between September 7–September 28, pick up the bundles on Thursday, October 6 at the Teen Desk.

BOOKS UNITE US

Hocus Pocus Film
Join us for an interactive movie experience! Scripts and prop bags will be provided. For ages 11–18.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
4:00PM
Classroom

Halloween Monster Mash
Join us for a graveyard smash! Snacks, creepy noises, and prizes for those who dress up! For ages 12–18.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31
4:00PM
Teen Area

SEPTEMBER

Books Unite Us
The freedom to read has never been more important. Join PDL during the Books Unite Us week of September 18–September 24. Adults and teens welcome!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
5:00PM: Libraries and the First Amendment
Classroom

ALL WEEK LONG: Book Crafts
Makerspace

OCTOBER

Internationaql Games Month
All November long, we will have great opportunities to play and learn new games! All ages are welcome.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3
4:30PM: Throw Back Games
Makerspace

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
4:00PM: Tabletop RPGs
Makerspace

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
5:00PM: Marvel Trivia Night
Makerspace

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
4:00PM: Card Games
Makerspace

BOOKS UNITE US

CENSORSHIP DIVIDES US

INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH
**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**
SEPTEMBER 21, OCTOBER 19, & NOVEMBER 16
Library Classroom

**Cinq à Six French Conversation Group**
If you’ve been looking for an opportunity to converse in French in a casual and friendly environment, please join us for our new group! This group is for anyone wishing to practice speaking French, from debutants to fluent francophones, kids and adults — all are welcome. Nous espérons vous voir là-bas! (We hope to see you there!)

**EVERY FRIDAY • 5:00PM**
Large Meeting Room

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**PUPS Ukulele Group**
Come and join the PUPs (Petoskey Ukulele Players), a group of amateur, self-taught musicians open to new members of all ages and skill levels. We offer a play-as-you-learn experience which is best suited to ages from young adult to senior citizens. We share advice, some instruction and lots of information and resources for newbies.

**EVERY THURSDAY • 1:00PM–3:00PM**
Library Classroom

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**One-on-One Resources Training**
Get personalized technology assistance and instruction on your own device or public computer. Learn about the 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.**

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**THE LIBRARY BOARD**
The Library Board is made up of five residents of the City of Petoskey appointed by the Mayor. The Board is responsible for hiring the Director, creating policies and overseeing the budget. Members serve without compensation.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

**UnNatural Selection**
Humans have shaped and manipulated the natural world like no other species on Earth. Those alterations have helped the planet, hurt it, and everything in between. But we’re slow to realize, often taking decades to figure out our impact. How do we know we’re fixing nature’s problems, and not creating more?

Join Interlochen Public Radio’s (IPR) Patrick Shea and Dan Wanschura as they share insight into the (Un)Natural Selection series, a special season of the Points North podcast from IPR.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 3:00PM**
Classroom

**Brush Calligraphy**
Join Nikki as we continue our calligraphy journey! We will be working on learning to form uppercase and lowercase letters. Worksheets and pens will be provided, you are welcome to bring your own brush pens. *Registration is required.*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 4:00PM: Lowercase A–M**
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 4:00PM: Lowercase N–Z**
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 4:00PM: Uppercase A–M**
Library Classroom

**Sound Journey**
Join Tammie Rain Hayes as she shares insightful benefits about how sound heals while facilitating a relaxing sound healing meditation experience with gongs, drums, tuning forks, chimes, singing bowls, and more. Intended for those who are new to sound healing, as well as those who are advanced meditators. Attendees may bring their own yoga mat or towel, and a small pillow to be comfortable during the experience.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 6:30PM–8:00PM**
Carnegie Building
451 E Mitchell St

**Get to Know Your Sewing Machine**
Bring your sewing machine and all its accessories to these two 5-hour workshops. Instructor Tina Bury will show you how to wind the bobbin and thread the machine, talk about the most common issues when using your machine and how to avoid them, and familiarize you with the most useful stitches. A quick project will be sewn together to get you started. *Registration is required.*

**PART I: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 10:00AM–3:00PM**
**PART II: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 10:00AM–3:00PM**
Library Classroom

**Holiday Card Making Series**
Have you always wanted to make your own greeting cards? Want to learn more techniques for rubber stamping and paper crafting? At each session, Chris Smith will guide us through creating 3 cards, focusing on a variety of different techniques, including direct to paper, watercolor pencils, alcohol blends, generational stamping, die cuts, embossing, and more! All supplies will be provided. *Registration is required.*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20:**
Halloween
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9:**
Gratitude/Give Thanks
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7:**
Happy Holidays
5:30PM–7:00PM
Library Classroom

**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, NOVEMBER 19, 10:00AM–5:00PM**
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10:00AM–5:00PM**
Library Classroom

**On June 6, 2022, Roger Srigley, a long-time friend and patron of the Petoskey District Library, passed away. Roger was an avid reader and frequent library visitor. He particularly enjoyed reading thrillers by authors like David Baldacci and John le Carré, as well as non-fiction books about history and politics. Roger was a kind man with a big heart and a warm personality. He was quick to lend a hand to anyone in need, especially to those less fortunate. Roger’s close friends and family decided a gift to the Growing Readers Together (GRT) program would be a fitting way to honor his life and memory. A donation of $4,300 was presented to the Library in August. “Roger would be pleased to know that this gift will directly benefit so many area children who are struggling with reading. He thought the GRT program was great, and so do we”, said a spokesperson for the family.**
A Night at the Library

When the Petoskey District Library opens its doors on the evening of Friday, October 7 from 6:00pm–9:00pm, a gravedigger, a self-made millionaire, an iconic detective, and other literary characters will leap from the shelves and spring to life.

You can watch them in action while socializing, enjoying a signature cocktail, hors d’oeuvres, and wine tastings. Live performers will stage short, vivid scenes from five popular novels during a new, imaginative Friends of the Petoskey Library fundraiser, A Night at the Library. This fun-filled event will be right in downtown Petoskey! The evening’s happenings will also include a silent auction of exciting experiences donated by local businesses.

The cost to attend is $75 per person and includes a signature cocktail from High Five Spirits in a complimentary wine glass, wine tastings from area wineries, and paired culinary delights. Water and nonalcoholic beverages are available upon request.

Tickets are available at www.petoskeylibrary.org and proceeds benefit Library programming and materials.
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