

## Help Give 'Loads of Love'

For years the Petoskey District Library (PDL) carried on a tradition of collecting canned goods and paper products from patrons who wished to waive their overdue library fines. The program was always so popular that patrons still ask about it.

In 2017, the library board changed PDL policy to eliminate the daily overdue fines, giving patrons flexibility and an extended grace period in returning PDL materials. While there are no longer overdue fines, the library has continued to keep the giving tradition alive.

Last year, the library housed a winter coat drive in the vestibule of its east door entrance on Mitchell Street, next to the 24/7 lockers. The initiative was wildly successful, with donated items flooding in and frequently overwhelming the entryway.

"These donations reflect our community's ongoing care and commitment to one another," said Jodi Haven, PDL's public services librarian. "We get a lot of people through our doors each day, and we know this time of year many want to find a way to give back."

This December, patrons can donate new hygiene and laundry products to "Loads of Love", a program which supports the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRCNM) Safe Home.

The Safe Home is operated 24/7 and provides a secure, caring and supportive place for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault and their family members. Families staying at the Safe Home are also provided with meals and all their daily needs at no cost.

PDL is honored to have the opportunity to raise awareness about the Safe Home and partner with the WRCNM on its "Loads of Love" program.

If you would like to contribute to the "Loads of Love" program, please drop off new hygiene and laundry products at the library's main desk from now until December 20, or reach out directly to the Women's Resource Center ([wrcnm.org](http://wrcnm.org)).

## Our Digital Services Expand Options for Library Card Holders

The Petoskey District Library offers cardholders several options for streaming and downloadable materials through Libby, hoopla, Kanopy, and Mango Languages. These digital services can help families looking to find ways to make their household budget go a little farther. No need to go without entertainment if you're looking to cut expenses! Open up a vast new world of e-books, e-audiobooks, movies, music, newspapers, and magazines that you can access anytime, anywhere with your library card. Visit [petoskeylibrary.org](http://petoskeylibrary.org) or search the app store on your smartphone, tablet, computer, or smart TV to get started.



**Libby** is designed to make borrowing digital books a breeze. Use this app on your smartphone, tablet, e-reader, AppleCarPlay, Android Auto, and Android Automotive, to discover a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, bestsellers, magazines, and children's books. Libby offers a user-friendly interface and a customizable reading experience with adjustable fonts, night mode, and the option to sync your progress across multiple devices



**Kanopy** showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard to find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema. Compatible with smartphones, tablets, computers, and smart TVs, Kanopy gives film enthusiasts the ability to watch films anytime, anywhere.



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**Mango Languages** is currently available in 38 foreign language and 15 ESL (English as a Second Language) courses. Best of all, if you have your library card and have access to the Internet, you can access the actual courses remotely from anywhere!

Explore these digital treasures and unlock a wealth of resources at the Library! If you need assistance with any of these apps, call 231.758.3100 or email [library@petoskeylibrary.org](mailto:library@petoskeylibrary.org).





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A big thank you to the residents of Bear Creek Township and Resort Township on their November 5 vote to renew the Library millage. They joined Little Traverse and Springvale townships, who approved a similar renewal in August. The 0.4 of a mill the Library receives from these townships will support the operations of the Library from 2025–2028 and will allow the residents to continue utilizing all Library services. The benefits of the Library extend far beyond traditional services of lending materials. The Library will continue to offer specialty services like meeting rooms, notary services, printing/copying, Wi-Fi, and the Library of Things. It's about investing in the collective well-being and prosperity of the whole community, ensuring everyone has access to resources and opportunities needed to thrive.

How do we know what those resources and opportunities are? Well, we talk to our residents. We are in the midst of strategic planning to help guide us through 2028. The "Learn Phase", at the beginning of the planning process, is designed to gather input and information about the community and the Library. The planning team has survey data, community data, demographic data, and Library benchmark data to review and analyze. We also hosted five different focus groups for us to hone in on specific questions and to find potential ways the Library may be able to fill a niche service. This information is reviewed by the Library Board and Library staff who will then work on the second phase of the plan, the "Dream Phase."

The "Dream Phase" is when the Library board will participate in a retreat to discuss the information gathered in the "Learn Phase" and come up with "Strategic Priorities" for the Library. They will also review the Library's mission and vision to see if they may need to be updated. After the Board has finalized their priorities, the Library staff then have a retreat where they will review the documentation and come up with an action plan.

The phase of the planning is the "Do Phase", where the planning information gathered from the Board and staff



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Storytime for Ages 0-5 Continues Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Beginning January 6, our Storytime program continues its three-days-a-week schedule through the winter with all children ages 0-5, and their grown-up(s), invited to join us each day! Our children's librarians help nurture a love of reading and books while building early literacy skills through stories, songs, and rhymes.



**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM • 11:00AM-11:30AM  
MONDAYS • WEDNESDAYS • THURSDAYS**

## 'Little Waves' - A Musical Journey for Young Minds!



Dive into the enchanting world of music with 'Little Waves,' a free children's program presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO). Designed for curious minds aged 4 to 10, this innovative initiative invites young explorers 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, JANUARY 11 • 10:30AM-11:30AM  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 • 10:30AM-11:30AM**



is put into a plan that will be used going forward. The strategic planning process is the time for Library leaders to scrutinize our current services and decide if we are meeting the needs of the community in the most efficient and effective ways we can. By identifying goals and setting priorities, the Library can align its resources, programs, and services with community demands and emerging trends. It will provide a clear roadmap for staff, stakeholders, and the public, fostering accountability while positioning the Library as a vital, forward-thinking resource for knowledge and community engagement.

Stay tuned for the final product, due out this spring.



## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

### Library Partnering with Emmet County 4-H to Host Chocolate, Culture & Creativity Workshop

Did you know that chocolate is considered the "Food of the Gods"? Did your history teachers mention that Benjamin Franklin sold chocolate at his print shop back in the 1700s? **Join us for a tasty workshop on Thursday, February 6, from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the upper level of the Carnegie Building.** Emmet County 4-H, in partnership with the Library, will host a 4-H Plant Science Educator who will share interesting facts about chocolate, from the Mayans to the latest trends with this delectable treat. We will taste chocolate from around the world and make some tasty chocolate treats. This free workshop is intended for families. Registration is required.



### Saturday Book Showdown

It's a battle between two books! Two books will be read and only kids can decide who wins! A new twist on storytime with a voting component! For ages 3-7.

**DECEMBER 21 • 10:00AM • CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM**

### Drop-in STEM

It's a STEM showcase all day! Try robots, marble tracks, LEGO, and Makedo, to name a few things. The Library has so many fun things to challenge your skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. For kids and tweens.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 • 10:00AM-4:00PM  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM**

### Sign up for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Read books to your newborn, infant, or toddler. The goal is to read 1,000 books before your little one starts kindergarten. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a way to help your child build a love of reading and books while spending time together. Families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help strengthen language skills and build vocabulary—two important tools when children begin learning to read. Stop by the kids' desk, sign up, get your child's photo on the wall, and keep enjoying the precious time reading to your child.



### Monthly Chess Tournament

Our monthly Swiss chess tournaments are now rated by the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF). Competitors of all skill levels ages 8-18 are invited to participate, but membership in the USCF is required. For more information, email [rjbemben@gmail.com](mailto:rjbemben@gmail.com).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 4:00PM-6:30PM  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 • 4:00PM-6:30PM  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 • 4:00PM-6:30PM  
LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM**

### Drop-in Friendship Bracelets

Drop in to make different kinds of bracelets to trade with your friends. From simple pipe cleaner beaded bracelets to braided bracelets, try it all! For kids and tweens.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 • 10:00AM-4:00PM  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM**

### Weekly 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 Bemben, Robin Ray and Adam Masek. For more information about the club, please email [rjbemben@gmail.com](mailto:rjbemben@gmail.com).

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

## TWEENS

programs for youth ages 8-12

### Bad Art

Wildly creative and creatively wild! Let's use all the supplies and see what happens!  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15  
3:30PM-4:30PM**



### Karaoke

For superstars who love to sing their hearts out and showcase their talent. We will have microphones so you can sing all your favorite songs!  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
3:30PM-4:30PM**

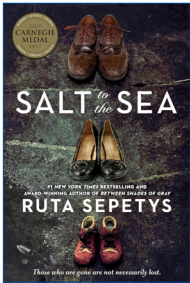




# TEEN PROGRAMS

## Teen Advisory Board Meets Dec. 3rd

Reach out to Nisa at 231.758.3148 to grab your opportunity to join with other teens to help plan and create the services, programs, and collections you want in the Library! Newcomers always welcome. Meeting starts at 4:00pm in the Lower Level Classroom and on the Discord server.



## Winter Teen Book Bundle

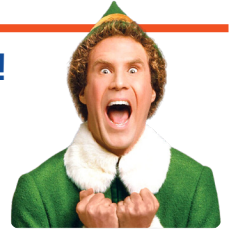
Sign up to get a book bundle, complete with a young adult book, craft kit, and snack. You can sign up on the Library website, or call 231.758.3113. This winter's book is *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys, a novel set in 1945 that conveys four perspectives on a WW2 tragedy.

Register between December 4-18; Pick up bundles at Teen Desk on or after December 27

## Holiday Movie Matinee: Elf!

Enjoy an afternoon of hot chocolate, candy canes, and Will Ferrell as Buddy the Elf!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9  
4:00PM • TEEN AREA



## High School Study Labs

Midterms are coming! The Library has you covered with plenty of study space, brain snacks, and stress-busting activities.

AFTER SCHOOL • LOWER LEVEL TEEN AREA & MAKERSPACE  
JANUARY 21 • JANUARY 22 • JANUARY 23

## Teen Maker Thursday

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

DECEMBER 19: Candy Cane Wreaths  
JANUARY 16: Stuffed Animal Taxidermy  
FEBRUARY 20: Make Your Own Zine!

## Anime Club

Calling all tween/teen fans of anime and manga! Anime club is for fans in 7th-12th grades and features activities, snacks, and of course, anime! (Club is canceled when school's not in session.)

EVERY FRIDAY • 3:30PM • CLASSROOM

## Teen STEM Grab and Go Kits

Activities from NASA@MyLibrary and STARnet Libraries

All kits are put together by members of the Teen Advisory Board and will be available while supplies last at the Teen Desk. Kits are intended for ages 11-18 and are available on the following dates:



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17: Rockin' Rockets kit  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21: Foaming Fake Snow kit  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18: Earth's Oceans kit

## Stump the Librarian



A new twist on trivia night! Bring your craziest, most challenging questions regarding books, history, or pop culture. Those able to successfully stump the librarian get a prize. Compete as individuals or teams.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 • 5:00PM • CLASSROOM

## Black History Month Trivia

All month long during the month of February, come to the teen desk and challenge your knowledge of Black History. Get the trivia of the day right and receive a prize!



## Happy Vet-entine's Card Making



Join us to express our appreciation for our local Veterans. We will have card making materials and snacks for participants. (Ages 10-18)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 4:00PM • MAKERSPACE

## Zombified Barbies

Have fun turning beautiful Barbies into Zombie Barbies while we munch on Anti-Valentine treats! (Ages 10-18)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 • 4:00PM • MAKERSPACE




This December, join our **Winter Reading Challenge!** It will be nine weeks of fun at the library ... and if you get through just five of the activities, you get a free book and a pretzel! Join us at our kick-off event for fun winter trivia and hot drinks!

**KICK-OFF EVENT**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12  
4:00PM • TEEN AREA

Winter Reading Challenge runs Dec. 12 through Feb. 14  
Pick up your challenge card at the Teen Desk



## Wreath Making

Who doesn't love an evergreen wreath in December? If you're interested in creating one of your very own, this is the program for you! We will have all kinds of greenery to make the most beautiful of winter décor! Teen Librarian Nisa Kessler has years of experience making wreaths and will share that knowledge with all of you, so everyone will go home with their very own wreath! Class size is limited and registration is required. *(Program intended for teens and adults)*



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 • 4:00PM-5:30PM • CLASSROOM

## Meet the Makerspace!

Join us as we explore the equipment and supplies that are available in the Library's Makerspace, located on the lower level. There's a lot more than craft stuff, including a 3D printer! Let us show how you can get creative at the Library!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8  
4:00PM • MAKERSPACE

## 3D Printer Certification

Online training not your style? Join Nikki, our Makerspace Librarian, for in-person training on how to use the 3D printer!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12  
4:00PM-5:00PM  
MAKERSPACE

## Samba Card Game

Samba, a game using six 52-card decks plus 12 jokers. Each round takes around 30-60 minutes to play with players typically agreeing to play three rounds. Please arrive on time so setup can be determined and games can begin.



EVERY FRIDAY  
10:00AM-2:00PM  
Makerspace

## Petoskey Ukulele Players

Join the Petoskey Ukulele Players, a group of amateur, self-taught musicians open to new members of all skill levels. Enjoy a play-as-you-learn experience while sharing advice and resources.



EVERY THURSDAY  
12:30PM-3:00PM  
See Website Calendar for Location

## Knitting Group

Bring your supplies and enjoy some time knitting and crocheting while sharing patterns, resources, questions, and ideas. New members welcome (having some basic skills suggested).



EVERY WEDNESDAY • 1:00PM  
Large Meeting Room

## 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. (Open to new players!)



EVERY TUESDAY • 1:00PM  
Lower Level Classroom

## 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 • 5:00PM-6:30PM • LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM  
DECEMBER 5 • JANUARY 9 • FEBRUARY 6

## Wild Ones

Wild Ones is a national organization promoting environmentally sound landscaping practices for the preservation and establishment of native plants. Our local chapter meets monthly to learn about native plants from guest speakers. Open to the public.

SATURDAYS • 10:30AM-12:30PM • LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM  
DECEMBER 14 • JANUARY 11 • FEBRUARY 8

## French Conversation Group

Join us *every Friday from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the Lower Level Classroom* 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.



## Exploring Creativity with Betsy

Get the creative juices flowing with local artist and illustrator Betsy Petersen! In each class, we explore creativity through art-based projects inspired by famous artists. Supplies provided. *(Registration is required on Library's website calendar.)*



7:00PM-8:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21



## Page Turners Book Club

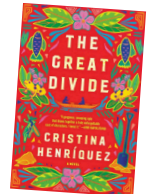
Our book club titles are selected quarterly by the participants. Join us at 5:30pm in the Large Meeting Room (upper level) for a discussion and refreshments inspired by the story!

New members always welcome!

DECEMBER 17: *The Lemon Tree*  
by Sandy Tolan (2020)

JANUARY 21: *The Great Divide*  
by Cristina Henriquez (2024)

FEBRUARY 18: *Colored Television*  
by Danzy Senna (2024)



# A ADULT PROGRAMS

## COMING UP THIS WINTER

### Writing Your Song Workshop

The Library is partnering with Good Hart Artist Residency to offer a hands-on, immersive songwriting workshop led by artist Jilaine Wheatcroft. We will hone in on the art of lyric writing as part of the songwriting process, reflecting on techniques, examples, and tools to develop your creative ideas into your songs. No songwriting or music experience necessary! This is a space for everyone, whether you're a musician, a storyteller, or dreamer.



**goodhart**  
artist residency

Come along to connect, create, and get writing!  
*(Limited spots available. Registration is required.)*

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 • 6:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

### Post-Election Analysis with Prof. LaDeur

Join North Central Michigan College Professor Scott LaDeur for a deeper look into the data on the 2024 general election. Scott will provide insight into various factors that influenced the results of the presidential race. He will also examine the senate and congressional results, in our state/district as well as general trends nationwide as they present themselves. Scott will share data about early voting, absentee and election day voting in the state and in Emmet County, with a look at patterns for various offices and how they compare to the past.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 • 7:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

### AARP Driver Safety Class

Learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's challenging driving environment. This course is designed for drivers age 50 and older and you may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing. Registration is required.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 • 10:30AM-5:00PM • CLASSROOM**

### AARP Tax-Aide Program

The AARP is partnering with the IRS again this year to sponsor free tax-filing preparation and assistance for people over age 50 with its AARP Tax-Aide program. The service is available beginning Feb. 12 through April 11 at the Petoskey District Library **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** on Wednesdays, 10:00am-4:00pm, and Fridays, 10:00am-3:00pm. Call 231.758.3140 after Jan. 6, for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## 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 Thanksgiving week when it will meet on Nov. 26, 2024.

Kim Block • *President*      Amy Janssens • *Vice-President*  
Mike Atchison • *Secretary*      Trevor Nelson • *Treasurer*  
Ann Ingles • *Member At-Large*  
Brady Olson • *Student Trustee*

### Compassion and Choices

Through this interactive presentation, Compassion and Choices members will detail the medical landscape in Michigan today, explain advanced directives and why everyone should complete theirs, review dementia's nuances and explain medical-aid-in-dying. Presenters will guide participants through slightly humorous, thoughtful interactive questions and show a brief movie clip. Their Michigan Action Team members foster a comfortable atmosphere that promotes open dialogue. They're trained to present clear information about end-of-life autonomy and equally important, clarify any preconceived misconceptions. The presentation covers many relevant topics to empower individuals to think about and choose an end-of-life care plan that's best for them without coercion or undue influence.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 • 1:00PM-2:00PM • CLASSROOM**

### The Life and Work of Aldo Leopold



Who was Aldo Leopold and why is he still relevant today? Join the Northern Michigan Master Gardener Association for a showing of "Green Fire", a film about Aldo Leopold, who is considered the most important conservationist of the 20th century. Hear readings of Leopold's elegant essays and learn about the Aldo Leopold Festival, held annually in

Hessel, Mich. We'll also talk out about the work of the Aldo Leopold Foundation in Baraboo, Wisc., which is raising up the next generation of conservation leaders and educators.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 • 6:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

### Adventure in Vietnam and Cambodia



PDL library assistant Jane Mooradian and several friends spent three weeks in October 2024 traveling around Vietnam and Cambodia. From bustling Hanoi, north to the Chinese border, they trekked along the terraced rice paddies and motorbiked through mountains while staying in

Hmong villages. In Cambodia, they toured the historic temples of Angkor Wat. Hear them share stories about their experience along with photos, travel tips, and insights on costs and logistics!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 • 7:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

## Microsoft Excel Tutorial

This free four-session tutorial is a basic guide to Microsoft Excel, a 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. Class size is limited – registration required.

**TUESDAYS • 10:30AM-NOON • LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM  
FEBRUARY 4 • FEBRUARY 11 • FEBRUARY 18 • FEBRUARY 25**

## Apple User's 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  
DECEMBER 18 • JANUARY 15 • FEBRUARY 19**

## 'Great Decisions' Returns in January

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. (Series continues on March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, and April 30. Check website calendar for Zoom meeting info.)



**ALL SESSIONS MEET VIA ZOOM • 6:30PM-8:00PM**

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| Part 1: "American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads" by G. John Ikenberry<br><b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22</b> | Part 2: "U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy" by Daniel Drezner<br><b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5</b> |
| Part 3: "U.S.-China Relations" by Thomas J. Christensen<br><b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19</b>               |   |

## Get One-on-One Technology Assistance and Instruction on Your Own Device

Learn about digital library resources available with your library card. Instructional, self-paced sessions in MS Word and MS Excel, Google Docs, and more. Call 231.758.3124 or make an online appointment at: [calendly.com/petoskeylibrary/tech-help/](https://calendly.com/petoskeylibrary/tech-help/).



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

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Merry Baxter • Co-President  
Sarah Biskup • Secretary  
Judy Harvey • Treasurer

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**



**Join the Friends Dec. 6  
in the Carnegie's**

## CANDY CANE VILLAGE

On Friday, December 6, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, in conjunction with the 2024 Downtown Petoskey Holiday Open House, the Friends of the Petoskey Public Library will once again be decorating the upper level of the Carnegie Building, turning it into their own Candy Cane Village. There will be music, treats, craft activities, and free books for the kids. Mark your calendars and we'll see you there!

## FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Protecting Freshwater Resources

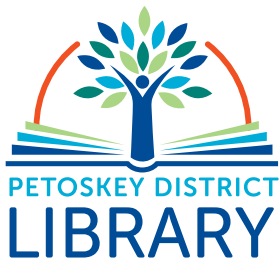
Join Eli Baker, Education Manager at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC), on **Monday, January 27, at 7:00pm, at the Carnegie Building** for an engaging lecture on its mission to protect northern Michigan's freshwater resources. The TOMWC actively safeguards the Great Lakes, inland lakes, rivers, and wetlands through water quality monitoring, ecosystem restoration, invasive species management, policy advocacy, and education. Eli will share insights on efforts to address environmental challenges, shape water policies, and foster community involvement through the Watershed Discovery Center—a dynamic hub for environmental education.



## FRIENDS AT THE CARNEGIE: Learning about Indigenous Foods

Learn about traditional Anishinaabek foods and tribal food sovereignty with Amanda Weinert on **Monday, February 24, at 7:00pm, in the Carnegie Building**. Amanda is the Ishkaakimikwe Kinoomaagewinan (Teachings of the Earth) Coordinator at Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) in its Niigaandiwin Education Department. LTBB provides public programs like this one for tribal and non-tribal community members to keep Anishinaabe traditions alive and respected.





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Petoskey MI 49770



**LIBRARY HOURS**

**Monday–Thursday**

10AM–7PM

**Friday**

10AM–6PM

**Saturday**

10AM–5PM

**Sunday**

12PM–5PM

**LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Christmas**

December 24 & 25

**New Year's**

December 31  
January 1

**Staff In-Service Day**

February 7



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Registration for programs can be done by calling the Library or visiting the events calendar at [petoskey.library.calendar.org](http://petoskey.library.calendar.org).

**Petoskey Ukulele Players Performing Holiday Sing-along on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Carnegie**



We hope you'll join us and the Petoskey Ukulele Players for a holiday sing-along on Tuesday, December 3, at 6:00pm in the upper level of the Carnegie Building. In addition to some holiday songs, our wonderful local ukulele group will be playing other well-known songs with the lyrics displayed on the big screen so everyone can sing along. There will be a few old-timey songs, a few from 50 or so years ago and a few more contemporary songs. Their setlist has a big variety and there's sure to be a lot of smiles while we enjoy an evening together, singing and getting in a festive mood! Don't miss this program that's fun for the whole family!

**New Year's Eve Celebration**



The Crooked Tree Arts Center (CTAC) and Petoskey District Library invite you to celebrate New Year's Eve with us!

Tickets are required for admission into the Arts Center and can be purchased at CTAC or their website.

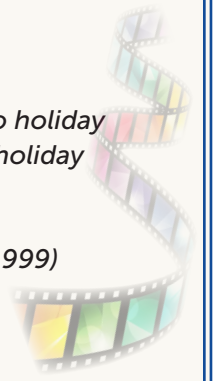
The Library will be closed during the day on Dec. 31, but open to the public with no charge for admission from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Paddington Bear will be there for photos! We'll have music and table games, including chess games for all ages. Visit the Children's Program Room for Stickerpalooza. Outside the Library, enjoy roasting marshmallows for s'mores and watching the ball drop at 9:00pm!

**Petoskey Film Series Winter Schedule**

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

- Dec. 4 - *The Holdovers* (2023)**
- Dec. 11 - *American Fiction* (2023)**
- Dec. 18 - *About a Boy* (2002)**
- Dec. 25 - *No movie showing due to holiday***
- Jan. 1 - *No movie showing due to holiday***
- Jan. 8 - *Argo* (2012)**
- Jan. 15 - *Whale Rider* (2002)**
- Jan. 22 - *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (1999)**
- Jan. 29 - *Stand and Deliver* (1988)**
- Feb. 5 - *The Outsiders* (1983)**
- Feb. 12 - *The Fall Guy* (2024)**
- Feb. 19 - *Strangers on a Train* (1951)**
- Feb. 26 - *One Life* (2023)**

*(Movies intended for adult audience)*



**Library's Bibliobag Delivery Service Expands to All Eligible Emmet County Residents**

Thanks to approval of a grant from the Emmet County Advisory Committee on Aging, Petoskey District Library is excited to announce the expansion of its BiblioBag service to homebound residents in all of Emmet County. With BiblioBag, eligible library cardholders can get most library items mailed to their home at no cost. This includes books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks. If you, or someone you know, is temporarily or permanently homebound, and would like to have library items mailed directly to your Emmet County residence, call your home library to discuss whether you are eligible for BiblioBag service. Participating libraries include Alanson Public Library (231.548.5465), Harbor Springs Library (231.526.2531), Mackinaw Area Public Library (231.436.5451), and Petoskey District Library (231.758.3121).



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