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Fettig Family's Love of the Library Has Shaped Their Lives

By Val Meyerson, Library Director

For the Fettig family, the Library is a cornerstone of learning, connection, and creativity. Allison, a seventh-grader at Petoskey Middle School, Rachel, a fifth-grader at Ottawa Elementary, and their mom, Sam Fettig, a high school special education teacher, all have a deep connection to the Library. It's not just a place they visit—it's a resource that has shaped their family life.

Rachel, brings boundless energy and curiosity to everything she does, from school to household chores (where she even creates lyrics while cleaning toilets!). She loves school for the opportunity to challenge herself and learn something new, and her enthusiasm spills over into her love for the Library.

"I like the different levels of reading here," she explains. "But it's not just books—there are coloring activities, instruments, computers, and the Makerspace. I'm learning the ukulele and can't wait to borrow one!" Rachel also adores the summer reading bingo cards, finding them a fun way to explore new stories.

Allison, on the other hand, values the Library for both its creative and social aspects. A dedicated percussionist at school, she takes after her family's motto of giving her all to whatever she does. She also loves the Library's Makerspace, particularly the 3D printer and craft activities, and appreciates the opportunity to read books like *The Inheritance Games*. The Library is also a place for her to connect with others, especially since her friends live far apart.

For Sam, the Library isn't just a personal resource; it's a professional one, too. She uses



platforms like Hoopla, Kanopy, and Libby to find free materials for her classroom, often encouraging her students to get Library cards. "My kids get so excited when their books get delivered to the high school library," she says. "It's wonderful to see how accessible the Library makes learning."

The family's favorite Library memories are filled with creativity, from building cardboard sleds to crafting ice cream trucks out of boxes. Rachel recalls participating in science programs where she could read a book and then create something inspired by it, blending learning and fun seamlessly.

Looking to the future, the Fettigs have a vision for how the Library will continue to grow. Allison imagines expanded Makerspaces with woodworking and industrial arts-like activities, while Rachel sees a future with more digital

resources. Although she's quick to add, "I still love holding and reading a real book!" Sam envisions the Library hosting even more clubs and community groups, becoming an even greater hub for arts and culture.

Above all, the Fettigs value the Library for its inclusivity. Rachel loves that the Library has ramps and is accessible to everyone, from families with strollers to people with wheelchairs. "Everyone is welcome here," Sam says. "It's such a happy place, and the staff is always ready to help."

For the Fettigs, the Library isn't just a building full of books—it's a space that fosters creativity, strengthens community ties, and supports lifelong learning. Whether they're crafting, reading, or simply spending time together, the Fettigs have found a third place at their Library, and their lives are richer because of it.

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Storytime and play groups at the public library are more than just fun activities—they are essential programs that promote early literacy, social development, and a sense of community. These offerings provide children with enriching experiences while giving parents and caregivers valuable tools to support their growth.

Storytime fosters early literacy skills in a dynamic and engaging way. Listening to stories introduces children to new vocabulary, narrative structures, and ideas. Singing songs, reciting rhymes, and engaging in interactive storytelling help develop critical pre-reading skills such as phonemic awareness and comprehension. Storytime also sparks creativity and curiosity, instilling a love of reading that can last a lifetime. Join us for Storytime on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00am to 11:30am.

Play groups complement storytime activities by focusing on hands-on learning and social interaction. Play is a natural way for children to explore their environment, build motor skills, and practice problem-solving. In the Library play group, children engage in structured and free play activities that encourage collaboration, sharing, and communication. These interactions help them develop social-emotional skills like empathy, patience, and cooperation.

We are so excited to announce that as of this January, the Library is partnering with North Central Michigan College (NCMC) Early Childhood Education program to bring play groups to the Library. NCMC will be utilizing our Children's Program Room for their play group every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am to 11:30am. Children ages 0-5 and their caregiver are invited to drop in and play!

Both storytime and play groups strengthen community bonds. Libraries serve as a space where families can connect. They create opportunities for caregivers to meet, share parenting experiences, and build friendships. These connections often extend beyond the Library, creating support networks that enhance the well-being of families. For caregivers, these programs offer guidance and

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Chicken Hatch-Along



It was a delight for both young and not-so-young alike last year learning about embryology and we are thrilled to partner again with Emmet County 4-H for our second Chicken Hatch-along, located on the lower level of the Library! Youth ages 8-12 can join our knowledgeable 4-H leaders twice a week for four weeks in the Makerspace to learn about embryology from start to finish by examining the eggs and discussing the progression of a baby chick with (hopefully) a successful hatching of chicks! Youth do not need to be current 4-H members, but will need to become one to participate in the afterschool activities. Class size limited to 10. Register online at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-up>. An adult program is also set for March 22 (see adult section).

MARCH 13 • SETTING OF EGGS • 4:30PM
AFTERSCHOOL MEETING DATES TO BE DETERMINED

'Little Waves' Children's Music Program

Little Waves is a free children's program presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO). Designed for curious minds aged 4 to 10, this initiative allows children 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, MARCH 8 • 10:30AM-11:30AM
SATURDAY, APRIL 12 • 10:30AM-11:30AM

ALLERGY-FREE EASTER EGG HUNT!



MSU Alumni and Emmet Co. 4-H are teaming up with PDL again this year for another food-free egg hunt, along with other activities, inside the Library. Intended for ages 2-6, the event is set for Saturday, April 5, from 10:00am-11:00am.



inspiration. Observing librarians use storytelling techniques and structured play ideas provide insight into how to recreate these enriching experiences at home.

Storytime and play groups at the public library are invaluable resources that nurture children's cognitive, social, and emotional development while fostering connections among families. Plus, they're a lot of fun!



ALL PROGRAMS TAKE PLACE IN THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Storytime Fun!

Our children's librarians nurture a love of reading and books during our twice-weekly Storytime program. Children ages 0-5, and their grown-up(s), are invited to join us in the Children's Program Room for stories, songs, and rhymes that help build early literacy skills!



MARCH 3-APRIL 30 • 11:00AM-11:30AM
MONDAYS • WEDNESDAYS

From Here to There and in Between



Join us in the children's department for this program that's suitable for ages 4-8 (with a caregiver). We'll read *From Here to There: A First Book of Maps* by Vivian French then make a map of our own. Kids and caregivers will also learn about TOPO Adventure packs that can be checked out and used to put map reading and wayfaring skills to work.

FRIDAY, MAY 16 • 3:30PM-4:30PM

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 Bembem, Robin Ray and Adam Masek. For more information about the club, please email rjbembem@gmail.com. Chess Club will not meet on March 24 or March 31 as school is not in session and the club will break for the summer beginning May 26.

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

'Paws to Read' is Back!

Sweet little Suki returns this spring for our "Paws to Read" program. Practice reading aloud to this gentle therapy dog in the children's area.

TUESDAYS • 3:30PM-5:00PM
MARCH 4 - MAY 27



Schedule a 15-minute session for your child to read using our online registration at:



[CALENDLY.COM/PDLYOUTH/PAWS-TO-READ](https://calendly.com/pdlyouth/paws-to-read)

Get Creative with Aaron Polk, Colorist of 'Dog Man' Novels

"Stories Told: A Community Project Empowering Students to Discover Their Voices" is a uniquely collaborative literacy project involving the creative programming of Great Lakes Center for the Arts, Crooked Tree Arts Center (CTAC), Harbor Springs Festival of the Book, and Petoskey District Library. Designed for middle school students but inclusive of all readers, storytellers, families, and communities across our region, *Stories Told* highlights three fictional works (a novel, a novel in verse, and a graphic novel) that all speak to courage, self-confidence, and empathy and share the common theme, "Finding Your Voice." Experience one or more of the *Stories Told* books through reading ... and then, "find your voice"



with engaging activities across the spectrum of the arts from March 13 through May 10, including visual art, music, performing art, writing, conversations, music, and visual storytelling. *Stories Told* is multi-modal learning at the community scale, and we cannot wait to share this learning adventure with you!

Mini-Comics Workshop

Learn about short story telling and how to make your own comics with colorist/cartoonist Aaron Polk who has worked on graphic novels such as *Dog Man* and *Wings of Fire*.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 • 4:00PM-5:30PM

Exquisite Corpse

A collaborative writing game where everyone adds to the story! Participants will take a tour of the CTAC Youth Art Show followed by the writing project at the Library.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 • 4:00PM-5:00PM

Nature Play

Nature Play is for toddlers and preschoolers who, along with their caregivers, will make observations outside (weather permitting). Children will be invited to touch, smell, get messy with natural objects, and just have some fun!

MONDAYS • 11:00AM
MAY 5, MAY 12, MAY 19

Outdoor Labyrinth

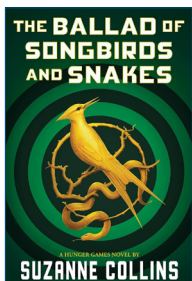




TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Board Meets March 11

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.



Spring 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 spring's book is *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins, the fourth book in the Hunger Games series, though a prequel to the first book.

Register between March 1-14; Pick up bundles at Teen Desk on or after March 21.

Teen Spring Staycation at the Library

Why not enjoy your spring break "staycation" at the Library? Every day, we will have a craft activity and snacks. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, we'll have the Switch out for gaming, while on Tuesday and Thursday we'll watch a movie chosen by the teens! Let the fun begin!

MARCH 24-28 • TEEN SPACE • 1:00PM-5:00PM

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.

MARCH 20: Exquisite Corpse (part of "Stories Told")

APRIL 17: Visual Poetry

MAY 15: Mini-Canvas Art

Minute to Win It!



Try your luck at Minute to Win It! These are timed games with some physical and some mental - all are FUN! Who can stack the highest tower of plastic cups? How many Skittles can you move, with chopsticks!? How many words can you make with toothpicks? Come and give it a shot! Prizes for all winners! (For ages 10-18)

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 • 4:00PM • MAKERSPACE

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, MARCH 18: Roman Space Telescope 3D model kit

TUESDAY, APRIL 15: Seed Bombs for Earth Day kit

TUESDAY, MAY 20: Marshmallow Constellations kit

Earth Day Poetry Challenge



Celebrate Earth Day and National Poetry Month by creating a poem in honor of Mother Earth! Choose whichever poetry format suits you: haiku, blackout poetry, limerick, and so on. Every poet gets a prize, and each poem will be hung on our Teen Art Board!

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 • ALL DAY • TEEN SPACE

Star Wars Day



May the 4th be with you! Join us for an all-ages Star Wars event where we'll have themed snacks, trivia, and an opportunity to make your own lightsaber. Registration is appreciated, but not required to attend.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 • 1:00PM-4:00PM • CLASSROOM

SUNRISE ON THE REAPING

An All-Ages Hunger Games Event

Attention all Hunger Games fans! The newest book, "Sunrise on the Reaping," will tell the story of Haymitch Abernathy's journey to victor of the 50th Hunger Games. In honor of this book release, we're having a Hunger Games themed event, complete with food, prizes, and so many games! Want to get made up for the Capitol? Looking for a treasure from the Hob? We'll have all this and more! Registration is appreciated, though not required through the PDL website calendar.



FRIDAY, MARCH 21 • 6:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING

Micro Arrangements with Emlia Acres

Join Jess Evans from Emlia Acres to create a beautiful spring bouquet! This is a perfect opportunity to learn about flowers



and flower arrangements with a good friend or family member. Flowers and materials provided. Class size is limited and registration is required through Library website calendar. (Program for ages 14 to adult.)

TUESDAY, MAY 20 • 5:00PM • CLASSROOM



The Great Book to Movie Debate!

Teens and tweens, bring your ideas and opinions for the Great Book-to-Movie Debate on **Thursday, May 29, from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the classroom**. Hollywood loves to turn our favorite books into movies. We have our opinions on which movies hit the mark, and which missed by a mile. The movie that, in the end, is declared the "Best Book to Movie for Teens" will be screened at the library in June.



Fabric Heat Press Tutorial

Learn how to use the Makerspace's heat press to add words and designs to tote bags and more! *(For teens and adults.)*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 • 4:00PM • MAKERSPACE

Anime Club

Anime and manga fans in 7th-12th grades are invited to **join us at 3:30pm in the Classroom every Friday** (but only when school is in session) for activities, snacks, and of course, anime!

A ADULT PROGRAMS

Knitting Group

Bring your supplies and enjoy some time knitting and crocheting while sharing patterns, resources, questions, and ideas. This is for any level of expertise, though it's best to have some basic skills. New members welcome.

EVERY WEDNESDAY • 1:00PM • LARGE MEETING ROOM



Straits Area Amateur Radio Club

The Straits Area Amateur Radio Club (SAARC) is dedicated to providing reliable emergency communications. PDL is proud to partner with SAARC to encourage ongoing skill development in amateur radio operations. Club meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month (except December) with business discussion taking about 30 minutes, followed by presentations related to radio communications. To learn more, stop by their next meeting or go to www.w8gqn.org.

**10:15AM-12:30PM • LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM
MARCH 15 • APRIL 19 • MAY 17**

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
MARCH 8 • APRIL 12 • MAY 10** (may be off-site if weather permits)

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
MARCH 6 • APRIL 3 • MAY 8**

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



French Conversation Group

Parlez-vous? Join us for an opportunity to converse in French in a casual and friendly environment. This group is for anyone wishing to practice speaking French, from newbies to fluent francophones.

**EVERY FRIDAY • 5:00PM
LOWER LEVEL CLASSROOM**



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, MARCH 14 • FRIDAY, APRIL 25 • FRIDAY, MAY 16**

Page Turners Book Club

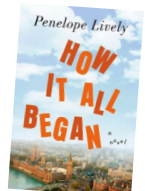
Our book club titles are selected quarterly by the participants. Join us upstairs in the Large Meeting Room at 5:30pm for a discussion and refreshments inspired by the story!

New members welcome!

MARCH 18: *Small Things Like These* and *Foster* by Claire Keegan

APRIL 15: *How It All Began* by Penelope Lively

MAY 20: *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good





ADULT PROGRAMS

COMING UP THIS SPRING

A Third Place for 20-40 year olds

Everyone needs a third place! There's your first place - home. And we all spend plenty of time at our second place - work or school. But when you're not at home or work, where can you go to spend time with others? And, where's a place you can go that doesn't put the squeeze on your wallet? The Library is a great third place, but building hours are limited. So we're opening up the upper level of the Carnegie Building for people ages 20-40 on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm (or later, if we're having too much fun to go home!). Join in on a board game or just drop in and meet others around your age. Light snacks and refreshments will be offered, but you're welcome to bring your own too. (Hosted by our "Gen Z" friends.)

**FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH
MARCH 4-MAY 20 • 6:30PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING**

Ranked Choice Voting

Learn more about the effort underway to put a initiative on the 2026 election ballot to pass ranked choice voting in Michigan. Presenters from Rank MI Vote (rankmivote.org) will discuss why they believe ranked choice voting makes our elections better by allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference.

MONDAY, MARCH 17 • 7:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING



Creative Cafe

Do you sing? Play an instrument? Write poetry? Dance? Paint? Join us for Creative Cafe - a free, unique open mic event to share your creative gifts with the community. No prior experience is needed and people of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate. Refreshments will be available for sale. Creative Cafe is hosted by Hilary Lake Healing Arts in collaboration with My Oasis Center and Petoskey District Library. Registration is appreciated, but drop-ins are also accepted.

**6:30PM-9:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING
MARCH 22 - ROBIN LEE BERRY, LINDA HAMMOND (emcees)
MAY 17 - BEN TRAVERSE (emcee)**

Ask The Lawyers

In celebration of Law Day 2025, members of Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association are once again hosting an "Ask the Lawyers" event at the Library on **Thursday, May 1, in the Lower Level Classroom from 4:00-6:00pm.**

Participating attorneys will be available to answer your legal questions. This event is free and open to the public.

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 this spring, when the board will hold its meeting on Tuesday, March 18, in the Carnegie Building.

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Morel Mushroom Picking with The Champ!

Join us this fun morel mushroom hunting seminar with Anthony Williams. After winning the National Morel Hunting Championship five years in a row, Anthony retired from competitive picking to become the "Expert in Residence" for the National Morel Festival. This seminar is filled with stories and tips on where and how to pick the elusive morel.



SUNDAY, MARCH 23 • 2:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING

Estate Planning & Elder Law Workshops

Join us in the Carnegie Building for a series of free workshops provided by attorneys at Petoskey's Bassett Murray Law Group. Each session starts at 6:30pm and will focus on a specific topic.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6: The Five Things I'm Happy Are in My Mom's Estate Plan

THURSDAY, APRIL 3: Long-Term Care: Issues and Options

THURSDAY, MAY 8: Trusts: Who Needs Them?

Cluck-tastic Chicken Talk

As part of our Hatch-along at the Library, our partners at Emmet County 4-H are offering a program for adults to discuss the pros and cons of having your own backyard chickens.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 • 2:00PM • CLASSROOM

Brush Calligraphy

Teens and adults - Begin your calligraphy journey this spring! Bring your own brush pens or pens will be provided. Registration is required through the PDL website event calendar.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 • 4:00PM • CLASSROOM

'Grim Paradise' with Rod Sadler

Author Rod Sadler will join us to discuss his book, *Grim Paradise: The Cold Case Search for the Mackinac Island Killer*, which delves into the secrets of one of Michigan's most perplexing murder cases. Offering an in-depth and suspenseful account of the longstanding mystery, he asks: Could advanced DNA technology lead to the identity of the murderer?



THURSDAY, MAY 15 • 6:00PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING

Apple User's Group

If you use Apple tech products (iPhone, iPad, Apple watch, Mac), or have an interest, 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 answer questions as time permits.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 • 5:00PM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 • 5:00PM

Pin Making

Learn how to use one of our most popular Makerspace tools! Join us in the Lower Level Classroom and let us show you how easy it is to create your own pins, magnets, and key chains with our 1-inch, 2-inch, and 3-inch button makers. Registration required through the Library's website calendar. *(For teens and adults.)*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 • 4:00PM

'Great Decisions' Program Continues

Join fellow foreign affairs hobbyists to discuss the year's top issues as we continue the "Great Decisions" eight-part series, a program by the Foreign Policy Association. Briefing books, with articles about each topic, available for purchase. Limited copies available to check out at the Library. *(Email mhohlbein@petoskeylibrary.org for more info and Zoom link.)*



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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

"India: Between China, the West, and the Global South"
by Leslie Vinjamuri

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

"International Climate Cooperation in an Era of Geopolitical Turmoil"
by Josh Busby

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

"The Future of NATO and European Security" by Kori Schake

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

"AI and American National Security"
by Julie George

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

"American Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead"
by Daniel Kurtzer

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Petoskey's Global Connections

Would you be surprised to learn that Petoskey has ties to Queen Victoria through its own "countesses"? Or that a young man left his family's local drugstore to work at a Russian bank during WWI? And what about the remarkable woman who taught orphans in Turkey to knit intricate lace? These are just a few of the incredible stories of Petoskey residents who ventured far and wide, leaving their mark on the world. **Join Little Traverse Historical Society Executive Director Jane Garver on Monday, March 24, at 7:00pm in the Carnegie Building** to explore how these globetrotters shaped history and learn more about the fascinating journeys of those who made Petoskey their home.

CABIN FEVER SALE!

Chase away the winter blues! The Friends of the Petoskey Public Library invite you to their annual **Cabin Fever Sale in the Bookstore on the Library's Lower Level on March 2 through March 8**. All books will be half price with most paperback books \$1.00 and hard cover books \$1.50 (unless otherwise marked). Jigsaw puzzles will be \$1.00.



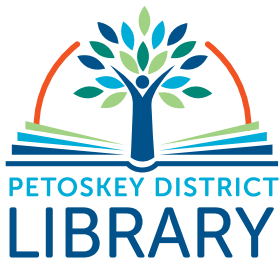
Little Traverse Conservancy Update

Did you know that your local land trust has more than 125 miles of trails available for your enjoyment? **Join us on Monday, April 28, at 7:00pm, in the Carnegie Building for a presentation by Anne Fleming, Director of Communications and Outreach for the Little Traverse Conservancy (LTC)**. Anne will share the latest news from LTC including recent projects, how to find the best trails for your favorite outdoor enjoyment, and upcoming initiatives that will provide you with more access to the woods and waters of northern Michigan.

Public Forum on Microplastics

The Friends of the Petoskey Public Library is partnering with the League of Women Voters of Northern Lower Michigan (LWVNL) for a **public forum on microplastics and nanoplastics on Wednesday, May 14, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the lower level classroom at the Library**. The LWVNL's Environment and Health Committees have arranged for John Meeker, Professor of Environmental Health Sciences and Senior Associate Dean for Research at the University of Michigan, to be the featured speaker. He will provide a review of recent research on health and micro plastics. The forum will also be available via Zoom.





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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday

10AM–7PM

Friday

10AM–6PM

Saturday

10AM–5PM

Sunday

12PM–5PM

LIBRARY CLOSED

Easter

April 19 (closing at 3pm)

April 20 (all day)

Memorial Day

May 26 (all day)



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Registration for programs can be done by calling the Library or visiting the events calendar at petoskey.library.calendar.org.



Celebrate National Library Week with Us!

Millions of people, young and old, visit libraries every week. What's the draw? Everything! From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project in a makerspace, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries of all kinds help communities connect the dots that link one part of their journey to the next. Get drawn to the Petoskey District Library for an interactive painting presentation with artist Martina Hahn on **Sunday, April 6, from 1:00-2:00pm, in the Library's lobby in celebration National Library Week. Then join us in the Classroom from 2:00-3:00pm to practice your drawing skills!**

Community Shred

Petoskey District Library is partnering with Encore Financial Group and Rasmussen, Teller & Caron, P.C. again this year to sponsor a **Community Shred program on Saturday, May 17, from 8:00am to 11:00am.** Local residents may drop off up to 5 boxes (bankers box size) of documents to be shredded during this free document shred day! A Shred-It truck will be on site in RTC parking lot and later transport all shredded material to the Emmet County transfer station.

World Labyrinth Day: Walk as One at 1

Everyone is welcome to participate in this moving meditation for peace centered on walking a labyrinth at 1:00pm local time, creating a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next around the globe. Led by labyrinth facilitator and Labyrinth Society member, Dr. Elizabeth Ferguson-Jean, in partnership with Petoskey's My Oasis Center (myoasiscenter.org).



**SATURDAY, MAY 3
GATHERING AT 12:45PM IN
LIBRARY'S OUTDOOR LABYRINTH**

Monthly Chess Tournaments

Our monthly Swiss tournaments are 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.

**5:30PM-7:30PM • CARNEGIE BUILDING
THURSDAY, MARCH 13 • THURSDAY, APRIL 10
Annual PDL End-of Year Chess Tournament
SATURDAY, MAY 3 • 1:00PM-7:30PM • CARNEGIE BLDG**

Get Organized With DeClutter Bug

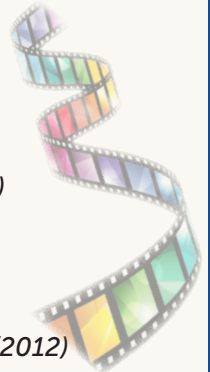
Heather Barta with DeClutter Bug will help you with organizing your home, office, or calendar. Strategies and resources will be shared to help you create the space of your dreams.

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Petoskey Film Series Spring Schedule

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

- March 5 - The Prestige (2006)**
- March 12 - Tracks (2013)**
- March 19 - Sing Street (2016)**
- March 26 - East Side Sushi (2014)**
- April 2 - Garden State (2004)**
- April 9 - Every Brilliant Thing (2016)**
- April 16 - Red (2010)**
- April 23 - Polite Society (2023)**
- April 30 - Finding Forrester (2000)**
- May 7 - Here Today (2021)**
- May 14 - Searching for Sugar Man (2012)**
- May 21 - Smoke Signals (1998)**
- May 28 - Amelie (2001)**



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