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**Library Hours** 

Monday and Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

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August/September 2019

Library Challenge ---Help celebrate Pentwater Township Library's 165<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 12, 2020! The library was established back in 1855 by the Pentwater Township with a \$50 donation. Can you imagine all the people that have used the library over all these years, past governor's and first ladies, little children that grew up to become great authors, famous people in the news and people who grew up to be great dads and moms with families that are still using their library! To celebrate we want to concentrate on being sure the library is here for years and years.... passing on our legacy to more and more generations!

With the help of our Endowment Fund with the Oceana Community Foundation we can be sure that we pass on the legacy of the Pentwater Township Library. Our challenge is to get 165 donations for our Endowment Fund by the library's 165<sup>th</sup> birthday next February. Donations can be named or anonymous and will be printed on our program for our birthday celebration! What's the right sized donation? A donation of \$10 or more will count for the birthday celebration. Donations could have added meaning such as \$50 to copy that first donation 165 years ago, or \$165 for the number of years the library existed thus far or \$1855 for the year the library started, \$212 for February 12. Creative people can think of their own combination, such as \$150 for 10 dollars for each of your 15 grandchildren....just let us know, it will become part of our history! We will have a chart to track donations in the library and check our Facebook page to see the progress!

How can you donate to the library's Endowment Fund to celebrate our 165<sup>th</sup> Birthday? You can go to the Oceana Community Foundation's website at https://oceana-foundation.org to give online. In the upper right corner just click on the orange GIVE button and remember to select Pentwater Township Library as the specific fund you wish to contribute to. Or you can simply bring a check to the library at 402 E. Park Street in Pentwater or mail it to the Pentwater Township Library, P.O. Box 946, Pentwater, MI 49949-0946. You may also drop off a check at the Oceana Community Foundation offices at 388 S. Hancock St. (2nd Floor of Shelby State Bank) in Pentwater.

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#### **Pentwater Boat Parade of Lights**

The Library extends a huge thanks to volunteer John Faas for making it possible for the library to be involved in the Pentwater Boat Parade of Lights. John generously let us use his pontoon boat, helped us decorate, tear down and piloted us around the course. The library also used one of the winning designs from the Library Art Contest made by 6 year-old Kessie. The design is from the Pete the Cat books of a groovy surfboard riding cat. It was the perfect evening, with crowds along the water edges. John captained his pontoon and Kessie got a ride with her mom and library officials she will never forget. The sunset was spectacular too. Also thanks to the hard work to make the event a huge success by the all the volunteers of the Pentwater Boat Parade of Lights!

#### "humankind series" from West Shore Community College

We are delighted to be involved as partners with West Shore Community College's **humankind series** for this coming year. Each year the WSCC has dedicated a year to another region of the world to study from contrasts and similarities with life in the United States. This year's theme is "Cuba, Dreams, Promises, and Realities: Quality of Life in Cuba and the US". We are inviting the community to come together for an Open House to hear about what is happening this year with the very successful educational series. We will have educators and the Dean of Arts and Sciences to talk about all the facets of the performances, discussions, texts, workshops, exhibits, and films being scheduled for this year's focus. We will start the Open House with a relaxing gathering to learn more about the year and then do a little "Taste of Cuba" The Open House starts at 11 a.m. in the Children's Area of the Library on Thursday, September 5, 2019.

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#### Memorials and Donations

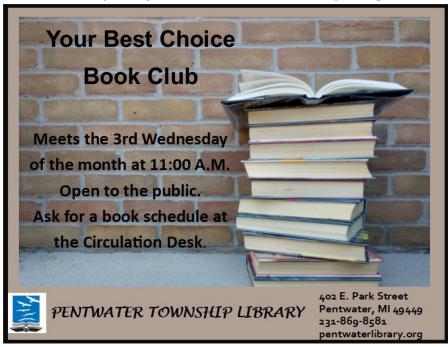
The following list are donations the Library received for memorials remembering family and community members who have passed and annual donations to the library.

- \* Vaugn Ciel Smith donated by John and Susan Shields and the Decker Family
- \*Charles Darling donated by the Timber Shores Drive Association to the Library Endowment Fund
- \*Janet Matricia donated by the Garrison Park Association,
- \*Sam Fuller also donated by the Garrison Park Association.
- \*Jane Campbel Chandler donated by Mike and Molly Lewis
- \*A donation to the library from Andrew and Jane Paine
- \*A donation to the library from James Runyon-Mathews Family.

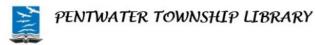
**1000** Books Before Kindergarten—Exciting news, The Pentwater Township Library will be participating with the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Foundation in their free program which encourages families to read 1,000 books with their child/children before he or she starts Kindergarten. The program is self-paced and takes anywhere from a few months to a few years to finish, depending on how often you read and share books together. The program is open to any child from birth to any child not yet in Kindergarten. We will have the first sign up starting on August 23, 2019, but parents can start after this date at any time.

We are grateful to the following area merchants for donating their products and services to the 2019

Tweens & Teens Summer Read. The 200 Page Club is something kids wait for each year—the younger kids get so excited when they are finally able to be included in this group where they earn certificates for tasty treats or summer fun from our area merchants. AJ's, Beach Nut of Pentwater, Cosmic Candy Company, Pentwater House of Flavors, Ludington DQ, Pentwater Pizza & Grinders, Rip Girl, Country Dairy, GoodStuffs, Fudge & Frosting, Up North Farm Market, The Village Grounds, Sun & Beach, 'Cenzo's, RISE Pentwater Yoga, Pentwater Toy Box, Pentwater Dari Creme







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On behalf of the 1,000 Books Foundation, we invite you to participate in this **free** program which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she starts kindergarten. We will have the first sign up starting on August 23, 2019, but parents can register at any time after this date.

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started).

The key is perseverance. Make it exciting. When your children reach a milestone, give him/her a small reward (stickers, backpacks, books).

#### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

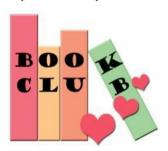
- Read with your child. Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for **bonding**. Reading together is fun and will create life-long memories for the both of you.
- Keep track of the titles of the books that you read with your child. Make a
  record of what you are reading in a spiral notebook, on our convenient
  reading log sheets, online, or by whatever method you want. The journal
  itself will make a great keepsake item for your precious child.
- If you are able to, make sure to keep a **record** of "any" book that is being read to your child. This includes teachers and siblings.

#### FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTIONS

- Who can participate in this program? Any child from birth until he or she enters kindergarten can participate in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
- How long will the program take? The program will take anywhere from a few months to a few years. The program is self-paced and will depend on how often you read together.
- How many of my children can participate? All of them (provided they have not yet started kindergarten). Make it even more fun and read as a family!

## The Pentwater Township Library **Book Club**

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00 P.M. Open to the public.





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**Upcoming Events** 

### The Knitting Club

Every Wednesday 1:00—3:00 P.M.

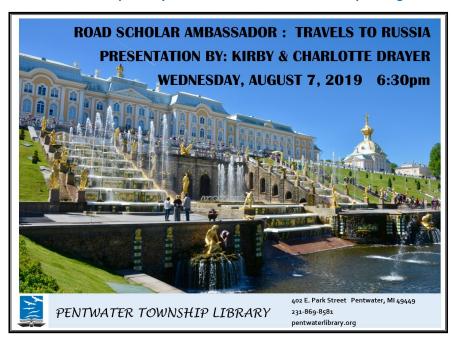
Open to all who love the craft of knitting!



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### **TOLKIEN**

Michael Johnson

Aug. 9, 2019 ~ 3:30 P.M>

One of Michael Johnson's favorite books is J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings. In this late afternoon presentation he will delve into the world of Middle Earth and speak on "all things Tolkien".

Michael teaches at Muskegon Community College in the English & Communications Department. A well-liked class is his Popular Literary Genres: Horror, Fantasy, & Science Fiction.



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