The Legacy of the Friends of Pentwater Township Library Will Live On

The Friends of the Pentwater Township Library has disbanded but leaves behind a rich legacy that helped to create one of the community’s most cherished resources.

The library’s Friends group raised funds to build and equip the current building and with creative fundraising helped to sustain the library for decades. Despite efforts to revitalized the organization, the group held their final meeting in May and decided to disband. With so many organizations for volunteers to be involved in Pentwater it was difficult over the past 4 years to get people interested in attending meetings and doing planning for the future needs of the library. The Friends board decided to dissolve and by-law rules dictated that funds in the treasure must go to the library.

At the May meeting of the Pentwater Township Library, board president Kendra Flynn accepted a motion to accept the funds. The motion made by Joan LundBorg asked that the funds be invested into the Library Endowment fund. The motion passed.

The Friends group has a long and important history with the library. The Friends knew that library was an important educational and cultural center of the community and wanted the best for the generations to come. The Friends made their dreams come true when they opened the new library in 1996. The library was originally housed in the Community Building in downtown Pentwater where currently the Village and Township Offices are located on Hancock Street.

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Library Director Mary Barker said, “The legacy of the Friends will not be lost because the endowment funds will continue to work for those Friends that invested their heart into providing funding for projects for the library.” The endowment funds are invested in The Community Foundation of Oceana County. In the fall of 2017 the Friends group gave $5000 to the Pentwater Township Library to start the endowment.

Others who would like to help make the library endowment fund a treasure for years to come can help by investing in the Fund online at ccffmc.org or send checks to Community Foundation for Oceana County at P.O. Box 367, Shelby, MI 49455.

More information about legacy funds is available from Library Director Mary Barker at 231-869-8581 or email mbarker@pentwaterlibrary.org.

Memorials and Donations

In Memory of Carole Hooper by Elaine Curtis
Anonymous gift in memory of Gretah Moak
In Memory of Stan Baker by Inky Decker
In memory of Miriam Baker by Inky Decker
In Memory of Marilyn Richardson by the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel
Donation from Mr. & Mrs. Jim Runyon.

While we always announce memorials and gifts to the library in our newsletters, we have created another way to make sure we recognize and appreciate what you and others do to help your library. Notation of your gifts are now beautifully looped on a special TV screen in the library. Your gifts to the library mean a lot to us. Rather than a plaque that needs to be updated or replaced, we have another modern way to say thank you. Come to the library and see the new Donation Wall TV.

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Summer Highlights and Photos

The Pentwater Township Library’s Summer Reading Program is in full swing. This year’s theme is “Natures Neighborhoods”. Valerie Church-McHugh read and shared information about birds at the June 29 session.

The children got to see the life cycle of Monarch butterflies as library staff reared tiny larvae caterpillars to the emergence of the butterfly. Staff released eight of the Monarchs at the story time on Friday, June 29th.

PBS’ “The Great American Read” book display in the library is drawing a lot of attention. The first of eight PBS programs aired in late May. The program will narrow down the top 100 favorite novels to just one Great American Book in October. You can go to PBS daily and vote for your favorites. We have many of the 100 books on our display for you to check out. Patrons have been examining the list and checking off the titles they have read as we prepare for the return of the program this fall.
**Members of Oceana County 4-H Club are bringing their prize animals to the library!** Come and see and pet these enjoyable creatures. Talk with the 4-H students about them and learn about their care and feeding.

**Cyndy Callog**  
*Wildlife Artist*  
**Wednesday, July 11 ~ 7:00 P.M.**

Cyndy Callog will speak about her artwork and her love of nature from which it flows.

She will also talk about her award winning children’s book, *A Windy Day.* The illustrations are her own and she will bring some of the sketches she used to create the lovely watercolors that bring the book to life.

**Captain the Big Dog**

Captain is a Newfoundland dog. He is 4 years old, is very friendly and loves to be petted. Captain is also a Reading Therapy Dog and loves to have children read to him. He will be at the library with his owner, Lucy Ordoobadi on these dates:

- Thursday, July 12, 19, 26 and August 2 from 11:00 AM to 12 Noon.

Will you come and read to him?

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**Are Pirates Polite?**  
**Friday, August 3**  
**10:30 A.M.**

Join us for this FUN story time with the Lakeshore Pyrate Heads! You will hear about pirate ships and treasures...and they may even pass on a few good manners. There will also be time to make a neat take-home pirate craft. Aaarrgh!

**Invasive Species of Michigan**

**Wednesday, August 8**  
**6:30 ~ 7:30 P.M.**

Join us for this informative class offered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Jameson Farinosi, Fisheries Assistant, will address the issue of invasive species—plants, animals, and organisms in Michigan. He will instruct us on how we can identify them and what we can do to defend our eco-system from these things that can harm.

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**Summer Reading Program**  
- June 18—July 28. Stop in the library and pick up a schedule for children in Pre-K through Grade 4.  
**200 Pages Club** for students in Grades 5—12. Stop in and sign up today!

**iPad Lovers**—May to October. 2nd Fri 1—2 PM and last Wed 11:30 AM—12:20 PM

**Knitting Club**—Wednesdays from 1:00—3:00 P.M. Open to the public.

**Library Book Discussion**—2nd Monday at 1:00 P.M. Open to the public.

**Tangle Group**—For Zentangle followers! First Saturday of the month from 10:00—11:30 A.M. Bring your supplies and create these meditative images in a quiet, peaceful atmosphere.

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**4-H FARM PETTING ZOO**

**Friday, July 13 ~ 10:30 A.M.**

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Apollo Training Sessions for Patrons

Thursday, July 12 ~ 11 AM
Monday, July 23 ~ 11 AM

Pentwater Library has installed an innovative new circulation system that gives library users new tools to make borrowing materials easier than ever. There are also a number of additional features patrons can take advantage of when they log into their account.

Join us for one of these 1/2 hour sessions and learn all about it! Presented by Tammy Hammerle and Mary Jane Fedder.

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Tuesday, July 24 ~ 1:00 PM

Presented by Ray Hasil
Director, Mason/Oceana 911

Smart911 is a free service that allows citizens across the U.S. to create a Safety Profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 to have in the event of an emergency.

Being able to provide 9-1-1 with all details that could impact response the moment an emergency call is placed could be the difference between life and death.

Join us for this informative session.

Splash Down and Celebrate
with Fish Wish Chris
Wednesday, July 25
3:30 – 4:30 P.M.

Chris Okoren has had her School of Fish accepted in ArtPrize 2018. Let’s celebrate with her! She will be at Pentwater Library with her 3-D School of Fish to meet friends and have her books for sale.

The venue for her display at ArtPrize 2018 will be Arnie’s Bakery and Restaurant, 722 Leonard NW, Grand Rapids.

Paleo Joe

Paleontologist, Author, and Storyteller
Thursday, July 26 ~ 3:00 P.M.

PaleoJoe introduces animals, plants, and creatures that have been extinct for millions of years. Utah Raptor Foot, T-Rex tooth, Velociraptor skull and much more! Paleo Joe’s high energy programs bring life to creatures of long ago.

All That Jazz!

The O’Donnell/Spangler Jazz Quintet

Monday, July 30
6:00 P.M.

Classic jazz by Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong & Fats Waller as well as jump jazz from Louis Jordan, as served with a bluesy touch.

Contact us at: 231-869-8581

Check out our website at: pentwaterlibrary.org