It’s that time of the year again when the Pentwater area explodes with the return of our snowbirds and many summer visitors. The Pentwater Township Library welcomes your return with many new best sellers, and a modern library to serve all of your needs including MeL Databases, fax services, computers and Wi-Fi.

We are always changing and seeking to serve you better. We have added to the number of books and magazines available online and we even have some videos streaming on Overdrive Libby’s Up North Digital Collection. Looking for some of the latest DVDs? We have them. Great summer reading for all ages? Yes, we have that too. As usual those resources are all free at the Pentwater Township Library. Getting a library account is an easy process by filling in a short application card. If you are just visiting for a few weeks or months you may purchase an Annual Card for only $10.

There will be more great summer activities at the library again this year too so check out some of them in this newsletter. The library this year will also be directly involved in the Pentwater Boat Parade of Lights. The theme this year is “Adventure through Books”. Watch for the library-decorated boat on June 29 starting with boat lineup at 9 P.M. on Pentwater Lake.

Our summer reading program (P-4th grade) theme this year is all about space and our universe with the theme “A Universe of Stories”. It runs from June 17 through July 26. One of the things that makes it special for the children involved is the many fun and educational activities each Friday at 10:30 a.m.
Our reading program for 5th-12th grade students is called the “200 pages Club”. We have some new rules this year with fun ways to earn rewards from our generous Pentwater Merchants. Our local merchants show they care about your children and their reading habits each by donating certificates. We are forever grateful for their generous support to the “200 Pages Club” summer reading program.

Continuing this year as it has for many years is our free coffee, we make every day from the coffee beans we grind at the library donated by one of our favorite Pentwater merchants, The Village Grounds. Thanks to them our library coffee is exceptional. And we even have tea for the non-coffee drinkers too.

There are many good reasons to stop by the library this summer.

**Early Literacy Grant for Year-Round Resident Children**

We are pleased to announce that your library has been awarded a grant to purchase 13 new Playaway Launchpads for children from pre-school through 3rd grade. Families with young children from our area can check them out for a week at a time. The Launchpads come pre-loaded with early childhood literacy software. Children can learn word and letter recognition and pronunciation in an ideal learning environment without concern about access to unwanted content. Educators are always looking for tools to enhance early literacy and thanks to this LSTA grant your library is pleased to offer them. At this time only local families can check them out. The Launchpads will be available starting in the middle of June.

**Attention Tweens and Teens—Watercolor Workshop with Lori Eslick**

Two special hands-on workshops with a renowned artist-illustrator will be offered this summer in June and July just for Tweens and Teens. Want to learn how to illustrate your own or a favorite story? We will have a published illustrator, Lori Eslick, here to direct the two workshops. Recently Lori was the cover artist for Cricket Magazine. Most of the cost of this program is from a grant from our Library Cooperative, The Mid-Michigan Library League.

**New Adult Book Club Starting**

We have a new book club starting on the third Wednesday of each month in the mornings at 11 a.m. This group will have their first meeting on June 19 and will plan the books to read for each month for the following year. Also during the first meeting, the group will get to name this book club!

**Memorials and Donations**

- In Memory of Duane Hamburger by Shelley & Lavern Blocher
- In Memory of Dee Dee Samuel by Mary Miller, Sue & Bill Bainton, Shelley and Lavern Blocher, Bill & Sharon O’Donnell
- In Memory of Newell W. Wright by Engadine (Inky) Decker
- In Memory of Ed Bigelow by Bill & Sharon O’Donnell
- In Memory of Renee Berggren Connoy by Sue & Bill Bainton
- In Memory of Lucille Lake by Jim & Louise Noffke

Donations to the Library from Chris Okoren, Ellen Lightle

We are grateful to the following AREA MERCHANTS for donating their products and services to the 2019 Tweens & Teens Summer Read:

- 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
4-H DOG & CAT SHOW
Friday, July 26
5:30-7:00 P.M.

Come and see Bella’s Bouncing Buddies and the Purrrfect 4-H Cat Club!
Dogs and cats, skillfully led by their trainers, will perform tricks and show agility and obedience in this evening performance.

TOLKIEN
Michael Johnson
Date & Time ~ TBA
One of Michael Johnson’s favorite books is J.R.R. Tolkien’s Lord of the Rings. In this evening 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.

The Library Book Discussion Club
Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00 P.M.

Summer Selections
June ~ Never Let Me Go (Kazuo Ishiguro)
July ~ Anything is Possible (Elizabeth Strout)
August ~ Warlights (Michael Ondaatje)

Pentwater Vision Invites Community Input at Town Hall Meeting
The Pentwater Vision leadership team formally begins gathering community input and feedback from all interested individuals and organizations through Town Hall Meetings at the Pentwater Schools scheduled in two sessions—6:00 PM, Wednesday, June 19 or 10 AM Saturday, June 22.
Funded in part with a grant from the Community Foundation from Oceana County’s LaBarge-Beeber Family Fund, the Pentwater Vision team is inviting focus group participants representing four segments of the community: Residents, Marine/Water Recreation, Downtown Businesses, and Government Officials. The groups will be led by professional facilitator Julie Hales Smith, who will also moderate both June Town Hall Public Meetings.
The objective of these focus groups is to thoughtfully and deliberately gather input and feedback from community members to establish a vision for the future of the Pentwater Community.
For up to date information about the Pentwater Vision process, to submit a question/idea, or to subscribe to periodic email updates visit www.PentwaterVision.com
2019 Summer Reading Program
June 17 ~ July 26 Pre-K—Grade 4

Read and Learn!
Pick up a Reading Log
beginning June 17 & collect Space Stickers

Come to the Library for a Fun Experience!
Every Friday ~ June 21 to July 26
10:30 AM ~ Story/Activity/Craft

2019 Tweens & Teens Summer Read
200 Pages Club
June 17 ~ July 26
Students ~ Grades 5—12

Read at least 200 pages a week and complete a simple book report. Then come in and receive a GIFT CERTIFICATE for a refreshment or activity from one of our generous area businesses. Books must be from Pentwater Li-

Watercolor Painting Workshop
Lori Eslick, Artist & Illustrator

Choose one of these dates.
Saturday, June 29 or Saturday July 13
@ 10:00 A.M.

For teens age 13 and up. Through use of visual aids, Lori will show the process an illustrator uses to combine the artwork with the written word. Then with watercolor paints, she will guide teens in creating their own illustration of some inspirational writings.

Choose one of the dates and call or stop in to register. Limited to 8. No charge.

Welcome to Replica Dodge
Natalie Ruth Joynton
Wednesday, July 10 ~ 6:30 PM

When Natalie Joynton moved to Michigan she purchased a farmhouse on four acres of land in Mason County. On the front lawn there happened to be a life-size replica of Dodge City, Kansas.

Natalie will read passages from her book Welcome to Replica Dodge and tell her story of growing up in Texas and how she landed in Michigan. There will be time for Q and A and book signing. Natalie is an instructor at WSCC.

4-H Farm Petting Zoo
Friday, July 12
6:30-8:00 P.M.

Members of Oceana County 4-H Club are bringing their prize animals to the library! Bunnies, sheep, horses and more!

Come and see and pet these delightful creatures. Meet the 4-H students and talk with them about their care and feeding.

Backyard Birds & Beyond
Greg Bodker
Friday, July 19 ~ 6:30 P.M.

Combining his love of nature and photography, Greg Bodker will help you learn more about birds and demonstrate the joys you can have in your backyard and in the field. Topics include: birding v. birdwatching, bird feeders and their care, birding ethics and more.

Bodker leads birding trips for Michigan Audubon.

Check out our website at: pentwaterlibrary.org