A Huge Thank You...

...to the Community Foundation of Oceana County Youth Advisory Council for choosing the Pentwater Township Library to grant us one of our wishes in December 2018. We wished for Legos to start a Lego Club and the Youth Advisory Council gave us a $400 grant to get us started. We now have enough Legos to start our afterschool club. The club gives a challenge to the children each session, such as design and build a vehicle with three wheels or design an object from science fiction. We have enough Legos for eight children, but could use more. Really can you ever have enough Legos?! We are sending out this plea: If your children have outgrown their Legos, we would put them to good use and would love to add them to our starter collection. Just bag them up and bring them over to the library. Please leave your name and address so we can thank you. We will also put your donation and a thank you for the world to see on our TV Donor Wall (in the periodical section of the library).

Are You in the Tidying Up Craze?

If you have been watching Marie Kondo on Netflix or have read her best-selling books Spark Joy or The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up from our library, you know that cleaning, sorting and donating unwanted items is all the rage. If you want a little motivation we have additional titles you can check out: Organization Hacks by Carrie Higgins, Real Life Organizing: Clean and Clutter-Free in 15 Minutes a Day by Cassandra Aarsen, Let it Go: Downsizing Your Way to a Richer, Happier Life by Peter Walsh, and The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning by Margareta Magnusson.
New Art Projects

Pentwater Schools Art Teacher Carrie Jeruzal is sharing her students’ artwork in a new display at the library. Students from kindergarten through high school are represented. The art exhibit is on the wall in the Children’s Area of the library. We love to see what the students are working on at school.

Requesting Materials

Have you ever wondered how we decide which titles to purchase? Many of the items that we purchase for our collection are from suggestions from you, our patrons. We take suggestions for new titles nearly every day. We have a very short form to fill out at the circulation desk or you can do it by going online to our library catalog and logging into your account. Click on the “Reserves/Requests tab.

If you need help finding older titles you are interested in, we can request materials from MeL (Michigan Electric Library) funded by the Library of Michigan. Need more help? Please ask and we can show you how easy this is!

Renewing at Your Finger Tips!

When the weather or other activities keep you from dashing to the library to return those books on time you now have a number of ways to renew without incurring pesky fines.

For those with smart phones you can text us at 231-244-2881 and simply type RENEW or RENEW ALL and it is done. For plain old phones you can just call us at the library 231-869-8581 and renew easily by talking to us.

You can also renew books by emailing librarian@pentwaterlibrary.org. The last way to renew materials is by going online to our library catalog and logging in to your account. There you can see everything you have checked out. Just click the items that need to be renewed. To log in you will need your 4-digit account number and 10-digit password. Contact us if you don’t have those. At Pentwater Library we are always thinking about new ways to make using your library more convenient.

Spring is Coming! Really!!

Winter seems like it is extra-long for us this year, but here at the Pentwater Township Library we are confident that spring will come soon. The days are getting longer. More folks are venturing out to the library, checking out books and DVD’s.

We are also gearing up for some seasonal activities with programs for folks who love to fish and garden. The West Michigan Hacklers will be here on Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30 to teach fly tying for fly fishing. This is a hands-on free class with all materials and supplies provided. Everyone will leave with a few flies that they create themselves. This class is great even if you only know a little about fly fishing.

And those who enjoy gardening or would like to do it for the first time, we will have an organic gardener here to get you inspired to plan and start your garden. Even if you are a seasoned pro, you are sure to feel the excitement and learn a new tip or more information. Joannée DeBruhl will be here Monday March 25th at 6:00 p.m. Fresh caught fish served with home grown fruit and vegetables is something to look forward to.

There are plenty of gardening books at your library to help you get started on any and all gardening activities from organic, container gardening to flower gardens. You can search our online catalog by topic at www.pentwaterlibrary.org or stop by the library and we can help you find helpful selections. Spring will be here before we know it.

What Do You Think?

We need to know your opinion about unattended children in the library. At what age do you feel comfortable with children visiting the library without an older family member? The Library Board is working on a new policy, but we would like to know from families what works best for them. To respond, please email the library at librarian@pentwaterlibrary.org.

Happy Spring
Ongoing Programs
Preschool Story Time ~ Spring 2019
March 29 to May 31—Friday @ 10:30 A.M.
Library Book Discussion Group
Meets 2nd Monday @ 1:00 P.M.
The Knitting Club
Meets every Wednesday from 1:00 ~ 3:00 P.M.

Coming This Summer
Summer Reading Program ~ A Universe of Stories
June 17—July 26
4-H Farm Petting Zoo
Friday July 12 ~ 6:30 P.M.
Water Color Painting Workshop with Lori Eslick
June 29 and July 13 ~ 10:00 A.M.

Memorials and Donations
In Memory of Duane Hamburger by Lee & Elaine Curtis
In Memory of Billie Dowell by Sarah & Joseph Garcia
In Memory of Dolores (Dee Dee) Samuel by Sally G. Fortner, Lee & Elaine Curtis, Bay City Education Association, Marcia J. Thatcher, Susan Krolik, Tom & Lynne Hicks, Jane Farrar Sackrison, Bay City Schools, Joan Cuchna
In Memory of Cindy Oehrle by Jane Paine
Donations to the Library from Judith & Gregg Hatcher, Dorothea & William Henry
Donations to the Pentwater Library Endowment Fund by Dean & Maureen Gustafson, Laura Voelker

Introductory Fly Tying Class
Wednesday, March 20—6:30 P.M.
Learn how to tie your own flies for fly fishing. Materials and equipment will be available. Open to all ages.
Presented by the West Michigan Hacklers
Contact Dave Peterson 630-533-1009 for more info

How Does Your Organic Garden Grow?
Joannée DeBruhl
Monday, March 25 ~ 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
Do you love growing your own food or do you want to start a garden this year? We will be talking about how to set up your vegetable garden, types of crops that are easy to grow, maximizing your growing space, and how to use organic growing methods.
Joannée DeBruhl is the Executive Director of Stone Coop Farm, a nonprofit learning center and farmer advocacy group. She teaches classes on growing your own food and managing a farm.
Peeps Diorama Contest  Grades K-6
Pick up an entry form the week of March 25 and bring your diorama to the library the week of April 1.
Dioramas will be judged on originality, creative use of Peeps and materials, and overall appearance.
One grand prize winner and two runners-up will be chosen by public vote and announced April 15. Winners will receive a gift certificate to Pentwater Toy Box.

PEEP-A-PALOOZA

LEGO CLUB
1st & 3rd Thursday Feb—Jun  ~  3:00—4:30 PM
New challenge each time. Photos of your creation will be posted on Facebook and the library TV carousel. This can be a fun way to use your imagination!

Grades 2—5. Call the library to register. Limited to 8.
Feb 7, 21, Mar 7, 21, Apr 4, 18, May 2, 16, June 6, 20

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CODING CLUB
1st Saturday ~ Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1
10:00—11:00 AM
Kids will have fun learning coding concepts using different group coding games.

Grades 1—3. Call the library to register. Limited to 8.

OZOBOTS
3rd Saturday ~ Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18
10:00—11:00 AM
Have fun with miniature smart robots that can follow lines or roam around freely and detect colors. Ozobots teaches kids coding basics.

Must be 7 years and older. Call the library to register. Limited to 8.