

Pentwater Township Library

March/April 2018



The Endowment Fund

Tax Time Is A Great Time To Think About The Library Endowment Fund

Looking to get a nice tax refund from the IRS this year? It would be a good time to share some of that with the new library endowment fund. When the library established the Pentwater Township Library Endowment Fund from a \$5000 gift from the Friends of the Library, it was thinking about the future. How can we help to sustain a vital community resource? Many organizations and institutions in our county have set up endowments to have a stream of revenue that will always be there to help fund the organization.

Assistance from the Community Foundation of Oceana County makes it possible to accept and manage donations to the library's endowment fund. The Foundation can facilitate all types of gifts to our fund! It can be as simple as giving online at www.cffmc.org or mailing a check to Community Foundation for Oceana County, P.O. Box 367, Shelby, MI 49455. Mention that you want the funds to go the Pentwater Township Library Fund. You can also transfer stock or, if you're 70 ½ or older, do a charitable rollover from your IRA, both of which may save you additional taxes. The Foundation also offers gift planning assistance if you're considering a gift of property or something more complex. We hope you'll also consider leaving a gift through your will or trust, or insurance policy or retirement account beneficiary designation.

Donations big and small are appreciated. To learn more about making a gift to the library endowment fund, please contact Mary Barker, Library Director or Tammy Carey, Executive Director at the Community Foundation for Oceana County at 231-861-8335 or tcarey@cffmc.org.



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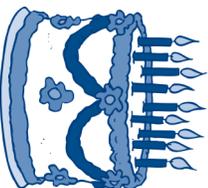
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Forward Thinking Township
Board 163 years Ago

The library celebrated its 163rd birthday in February. Way back then a forward-thinking township board allocated \$50 to start a library. We've come a long way since February 12, 1851!



Regular Hours Resume April 1.

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New Circulation Software Coming Soon

The library will soon be changing circulation software companies. The new software is more user-friendly and provides many new features that patrons have been asking for along with saving many hundreds of dollars per year. The staff will be training with the new software called Apollo for several weeks before we introduce it to the public, then we will have several sessions of training for the public to learn about all the features. We hope to be totally transferred by the end of March.

School Art Work On Display

One more reason to stop by the library is to see the latest exhibition of art work from students at the Pentwater Schools. The display is made possible thanks to art teacher, Carrie Jeruzal. The art exhibit is in the Children's Area of the library.



Quilts

A library program inspired an outpouring of compassion for young hospital patients at the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Last summer children and parents attending the library's 2017 Summer Reading Program with the theme "Build a Better World" heard a special presentation from a 12-year-old who had been under treatment at the hospital for Evan Syndrome, an autoimmune disease in which an individual's antibodies attack their own red blood cells and platelets.



The young patient, Kendall Mead, told the attendees about his treatments at the hospital and the challenges he faced in dealing with his rare disease. He talked about the compassion from the medical team and other community helpers. "The children were very interested in what Kendall had to say, also shared some of their experiences with being sick and hospitalized", said Mary Barker, Library Director. After his presentation the children drew pictures to be printed on cloth to make lap quilts for sick children to brighten their day.

A team of Pentwater community quilters helped to create eight quilts for the project. Delores Simpson, a summer resident, took the donated fabrics, cut
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them to size and donated additional fabric to fill in. Library Assistant, Tammy Hammerle headed up the local quilters to piece the quilts together and Amy Shotwell used her long arm quilting machine to quilt all eight pieces, and Joyce Hall bound the edges of all eight quilts.

On January 2, Kendall Mead and his mother, Julia of Moline, MI met the library staff and quilters at the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital to make a presentation of the quilts to Foundation Specialist, Laurie Alighire. Kendall also presented \$200 he had raised selling t-shirts to bring awareness to Evan Syndrome to the Hospital's research efforts.

Memorials and Gifts

The library has had several donations for memorials remembering family and community members who have passed. Others have helped by remembering the library with donations to the Landscape Project and the Pentwater Township Library Endowment Fund.

In Memory of: Marilyn Richardson by Jim and Shirley Garlick and Joann VanderWeele; Billie Dowell by Sarah Garcia; Frank Rinaldi by Martha Diane Kozar; Charles Sleeper by Jackie and David Woodley.

The Landscape Project: a donation was received from Dean and Maureen Gustafson

The Library Endowment Fund: Susan and John Connelly; Douglas Ruby and Mary Beth Moore

A Big Thanks to Ron Christians and Jim Howell who made library end tables from the Artisan Center



New Way to Appreciate Library Donations

While we always announce memorials and gifts to the library in our newsletters, we have found another way to make sure we recognize and appreciate what you and others do to help your library. Your gifts will now be 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 check out our new Donation Wall TV.



Organic Gardening

Joannee DeBruhl

**Saturday, April 21
10:30—12:00 Noon**

Growing with organic methods is simply growing vegetables during the right season. When they are growing in the environment they prefer, they are less stressed, thus they can naturally resist bugs and diseases. Learn some simple growing tips, and receive a timeline for when to plant your vegetable crops for the best growing conditions.

Joannée DeBruhl is the Farm Manager at Stone Coop Farm in Brighton, MI which is a year round certified organic vegetable farm.



In the News—First Thursday at 10:30 A.M. This is a time to speak your mind on current events. Items taken from print and broadcast.

iPad Lovers—2nd Friday from 1:00—2:00 P.M. and last Wednesday from 10:30—11:30 A.M.

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.

Sandcastle Story Time— For Preschoolers, Fridays at 10:30 A.M.

Stampin' Up Card Craft—With Bernice Hallack. Each month, Monday evening from 6:00—7:30 P.M. Cost \$10. Call 231-869-8581 for schedule information.

String Alongs—Learn how to play the ukulele in this simple beginners group. Every Wednesday (but the last) from 10:00—11:00 A.M.

Tangle Group—New for Zentangle followers! First Saturday of the month from 10:00—11:30 A.M. Bring your supplies and create these meditative images.

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x=independently organized TED event

Wednesday, March 7 6:30—7:30 P.M.

The refugee crisis is a test of our character

65 million people were displaced from their homes by conflict and disaster in 2016. David Miliband gives us specific, tangible ways to help refugees and turn empathy and altruism into action.

This 18-20 min video will be followed by a discussion on the topic.

SEWING BASKETS—FOR ADULTS

Saturday, March 10—10:30 AM

In this class you will make a cloth basket— for holding candy, office materials or tidbits of your desire! Bring two 10" pieces of coordinating fabric and four small buttons.

The library will provide the sewing machines, threads, and batting. Limited to 12. Call to sign up. Led by Tammy Hammerle.



Introductory Fly Tying Class

Monday, March 12—6:00 PM

Presented by the West Michigan Hacklers

**Would you like to learn how to tie your own flies
and catch a fish on a fly you tied?**

Open to young folks and adults! No charge.

For more info contact Dave Peterson 630-533-1009



TIMELESS TRIVIA GAME SHOW



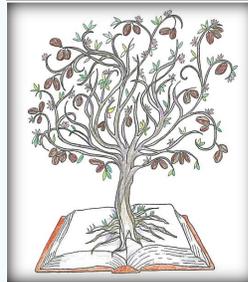
Wednesday, Mar 21 6:00—7:30 P.M.

Teams of adults will compete for fun prizes and enjoy a trip down memory lane with this timeless trivia game. Create your own team or sign up and be placed on a team. Limited to 12 adults. Sign up to play—Call today! 231-869-8581.

March Theme
Hail to the Chiefs

Winter Reading Program
2018
January 8—March 17

*Reading Resolutions:
Get Grounded in a Good Book*



The Adult Winter Reading Program has been a great success! We had thirty eight who played bingo. Thank you to all who participated! To be in the Grand Prize drawing, turn in your completed Bingo Card by March 17.



PEEP-A-PALOOZA DIORAMA CONTEST

Kids—there's still time to create your Peep-a-Palooza!

The Peep-A-Palooza Diorama Contest has begun. Students have until Mar 9 to create their Diorama. Pick up an entry form at the library.

Drop your diorama off at the library on Fri, Mar 9 and Sat, Mar 10. They will be on display for Public Voting from Mar 12 through Mar 17. Winners will be contacted on Mar 19.

Dioramas will be judged on originality, creative use of Peeps and materials, and overall appearance.

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National Library Week April 8—14, 2018

**Join Us for These Events Celebrating the
60th Anniversary of National Library Week**



Mardi Jo Link

*Not All Sugar & Spice:
Bad Women of the Mitten*

Wed April 11—6:30 ~ 8:30 P.M.

What makes a good Michigan woman turn bad? This talk and PowerPoint slide show takes a look at women criminals, detailing their backgrounds, the motives for their crimes, and their just (or not) punishments.

Mardi Link has worked as police and general assignment reporter, magazine editor and freelance writer. She is the bestselling author of the acclaimed memoir *Bootstrapper*, as well as *When Evil Came to Good Hart* and *Isadore's Secret*.

Kahoot!

**How Much Do You Know
About Your Library?**

**Come Have Some Fun With
Kahoot! Library Trivia**

**A Fun and Fast Trivia Game for People
with Smartphones and iPads**

Adults—Monday, April 9 @ 7PM

Kids—Thursday, April 12 @ 3PM

Bring your thinking cap and a charged up smartphone or iPad!

Participants will be given a brief amount of time to answer multiple choice trivia questions about Pentwater Library to earn points. All participants answer at the same time by using their smartphones or iPad. Those who answer correctly the fastest will be rewarded the most points.

Gift cards will be awarded to the persons earning the top number of points.