

Pentwater Township Library

May/June 2018



Welcome Back to our Warm Hearted Friends

Now that the weather is warming up we are reminded once again what a wonderful impact the warmer weather has on Pentwater. Welcome back to all of those who miss our beautiful winters. We have missed you.

While you were gone we have taken a major step to ensure your library will continue to be a place, you and your children and grandchildren will remember fondly. Our Friends of the Library group has donated \$5,000 to help us start an endowment fund to help ensure your library will continue to be among the best small libraries in Michigan.

Now we are asking both year-round and seasonal residents to help continue the legacy of this award-winning library by donating to the new fund. Institutions of many stripes including colleges and universities set up endowment funds so over a long period of time that fund will grow and get invested to ensure those institutions have a bright future. Now many smaller vibrant organizations are realizing that endowments are also a good idea for them as well.

Thinking about many years into the future, our library board realizes that funds may not always be available when needed. Thus the endowment was begun with the aid of the Oceana Community Foundation.

Donations to the fund can be made online at cffmc.org or sending checks to Community Foundation for Oceana County at P.O. Box 367, Shelby, MI 49455.



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New 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

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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To learn more about making a gift to the library endowment fund contact Mary Barker, the library director or Tammy Carey, Executive Director at the Community Foundation for Oceana County at 231-861-8335 or tcarey@cffmc.org. Your passion for your library is greatly appreciated now and will be in the future.

We Have an Amazing New Circulation System



The Pentwater Library has installed an innovative new circulation system that gives library users new tools to make borrowing materials easier than ever.

If you have ever wondered if you read that book before you can now check your library history. Yes, you can check if you saw that movie or listened to the audio tape too. We have never been able to do that before we obtained the Apollo circulation system. That feature is only available to the patron by logging into your account. Staff does not have access to this feature. Patrons then can decide the amount of information in your account.

What is remarkable is that the new system actually costs less than our old Verso system, but patrons can now take advantage of more modern features. For example, you can now renew the books you checked out by simply texting "Renew All" to Gabbie at this number 231-244-2881.

The Pentwater Library has joined with six other libraries in our regional library consortium to take advantage of the new Apollo system and as additional libraries in our area adopt the new system we stand to save even more.

Another feature allows you to recommend titles for the library. If you heard about a new book the library should have you can send a message to the library on the new system suggesting we purchase it. The Director gets that report and then makes a decision if that title will be added to the collection.

As you check out at the Circulation desk, staff will be asking how you would like to be notified. Apollo has three ways to notify you when your books are due or when requested material is available. The system will print a slip alerting staff to contact you by phone or you will be contacted automatically by text or by e-mail.

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You can explore the features of the new system by signing into our website, www.pentwaterlibrary.org and going to the online catalog. There you can check your account or see if we have a title currently available. The catalog looks a bit different than the old system.

This summer we will be having patron training sessions on a regular schedule. (Please check the schedule on the center insert.) Staff will direct you in a hands-on live presentation so you can learn how to take full advantage of all of the features of our new circulation system. But we suggest you first take some time and explore the system yourself, write down your questions, and bring them to one of the sessions.

Volunteers Needed!



Pentwater Township Library has been blessed with so many volunteers over the years. Once again, we are asking for help with some of our projects. We plan to unveil the Beach Buggy Library again this summer and need volunteers to help us. The Buggy is loaded with magazines and paperbacks that are checked out using the honor system. We would like to go out to the beach three days a week (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Besides having books and magazines, this is a PR effort and a way to connect people to our programs. If you think this might be fun (being able to sit at the beach---who could turn this down!), call 231-869-8581 or contact the library at our email librarian@pentwaterlibrary.org. We will train you and tell you all the tips, plus if you have a friend to go along, you can have even more fun.

MeL

Many of our Patrons know about MeLCat, the Library of Michigan's Interlibrary Loan system that you can access from your home connection or at the library. The system also has a bank of databases that the Michigan Electronic Library (MeL) subscribes to for Michigan residents. By doing a search of MeL you will see databases for Business, Genealogy, databases to help with homework and other sites just for kids. They also have the complete works from Chilton's for auto repairs. The reference sites are more than impressive, and the health information is from trusted sources and medical journals. All of the databases are FREE for Michigan residents. If you want to learn more stop in the library and we can help you get started exploring a world of excellent resources.

We want to highlight one of our ongoing programs at the library and invite you to participate.

String~A~Longs

Interested in playing the ukulele or Mountain Dulcimer?

Stop in and visit this group. Meets Wednesdays from 10:00 ~ 11:30 A.M.

Learn how to play and gain new techniques and new songs on these fun musical instruments.

Bring your own instrument or use one of a few that are available during the gathering time. No cost.



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—May to October. 2nd Friday 1:00—2:00 P.M. and last Wednesday 11:30A.M.—12:30 P.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.

String-A-Longs—Learn how to play the ukulele and Mountain Dulcimer in this simple beginners group. Wednesdays from 10:00—11:30 A.M.

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.



Doc Fletcher

So Many Rivers, So Little Time

Wed May 16—7:00 ~ 8:30 P.M.

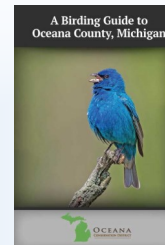
Doc will share stories from his 2018 updated book *Weekend Canoeing in Michigan*. Attendees will get the paddlers' perspective of the Great State of Michigan as they head downstream on a virtual tour of rivers stretching from Lower to Upper Peninsula.

One attendee will receive a free canoe or kayak day trip gift certificate. Doc Fletcher is a popular returning presenter to Pentwater Library.

Birding in Oceana County

Wednesday, May 23 7:00~8:00 PM

It's peak bird migration time in Oceana County and they're returning for the summer!



Suzie Knoll, Executive Director of Oceana Conservation District, will provide an introduction to birding, offer tips for identifying birds, and will share information about the best birding locations in Oceana County.



Apollo Training Sessions for Patrons

Thursday, June 7 ~ 1 PM

Thursday, June 14 ~ 10 AM

Friday, June 15 ~ 4 PM

The 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. ~ Two more sessions coming in July!

Summer Reading & Activity Program 2018

June 18—July 28

Pre-K through Grade 1 ~ Friday 10:30 A.M.

Grade 2 through Grade 4 ~ Thursday 3 P.M.

This summer children Pre-K through Grade 4 will explore Nature’s Neighborhoods. With story and activity and some special presenters, children will learn about meadows and lakes and dunes and the creatures that inhabit them.

They can also complete a special activity log and collect medals along the way. All who complete their log will be placed in a Grand Drawing and there will be 4 winners who will receive gift cards to Cosmic Candy.



Grades 5—12 **200 Pages Club**

The Reading Program for students in Grades 5—12 has taken on a new name and schedule. It is now called the *200 Pages Club*. Students who read that many pages can earn a gift certificate to one of our downtown businesses. Earn up to 6 certificates! This program will run for 6 weeks from June 18—July 28.

Contact us at: 231-869-8581

iPhoneography Workshop 1.0

Karen West

Wednesday, June 20 6:00—8:00 P.M.



iPhoneographer Karen West will share a variety of shooting and editing apps and general photography tips in a fun hands-on workshop. Please bring your phone with a full battery and download these apps before the start of the workshop:

Snapseed

Prisma

Camera+



L.M. Ransom

Monday, June 25 ~ 6:00 P.M.

*Launching Lift:
Taking Flight with the Flying Ponies!*

L.M. Ransom will speak on the writing of *Lift*, her first book in the *Flying Ponies* trilogy, and how she came to choose the characters and story. Books will be available for purchase with a book signing after the program.

L.M. Ransom is a librarian by trade, working at Shelby Library, and an author by passion.

The Land of Here and Now

Eliza Fernand

Wednesday, June 27 7:00 ~ 8:30 PM



Eliza Fernand will present highlights from her book, *The Land of Here and Now*.

It chronicles the adventures of resident artists in Pentwater over five years. From across the US and Canada, artists came and created artwork inspired by the environment. Featured artists will also attend with time for questions and answers. A book signing will follow.

Check out our website at: pentwaterlibrary.org