Pentwater Township Library Wins National Recognition

If you have wondered just how good your library is, the Library Journal says we are one of the five best in Michigan and one of the best in the country. We are the newest member of the Star Libraries honored this year by the Library Journal.

In Michigan we joined the libraries in Ann Arbor, West Bloomfield, Kalkaska and Richland to be honored with the Star Library recognition. Of the more than 5000 public libraries in the country, only 260 libraries received the honor when the Library Journal announced the honorees in a cover story in the November issue.

Star Libraries win the prestigious honor with good numbers for library circulation, the number of people visiting the library, the number of people attending library programs, public Internet computer use and circulation of electronic materials. We have had growth in all of those areas, especially in the use of our electronic materials.

“We are certainly very proud to be named a Star Library by the Library Journal. It is an honor due to the hard work of our staff and the wonderful support from our community,” said Mary Barker, the Pentwater Township Library Director. “Most of the libraries that win this honor have done so for many years, but this is the first time for us,” she added. “The challenge now is to retain that honor in subsequent years.”

Newly Elected Pentwater Township Library Board Members

On November 8th Pentwater Township elected five Library Board Members, they will serve a four year term. The following were elected: Nancy Peterson, Joan LundBorg, Elaine LeTarte, Kendra Flynn, and Valerie Church-McHugh

One position is vacant, if interested in serving as an appointed member please fill out an application at the library desk.

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon & Thu 9 a.m.–8:30 p.m.
Tue, Wed, Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Story Time at the Library

Pentwater Township Library is delighted to offer Preschool Story Time to your children. This early literacy program is a valuable resource for your child’s cognitive and reading development. Lenee Anderson, on the library staff, is an experienced Pre-School teacher, having taught for 14 years at the Sparta Cooperative Preschool. She has taken continuing education classes to enrich the skills she brings to storytelling and craft-making.

During Story Time children hear a story that may include sounding out words: sounds of animals, rhyming, clapping to words. They may engage in movement and finger play. Craft time opens their creativity and allows them to paste and cut and draw and write. It is fun to watch the children get actively involved and socialize and grow over the weeks and months of the year.

Preschool Story Time is currently offered on Tuesdays at 10:00 A.M. Starting in January it will be held on Fridays at 10:30 A.M. (and no longer on Tuesdays). We offer this new option with the hope to accommodate the children who attend preschool Monday through Thursday.

Special Thanks

We would like to say a special thanks to our area businesses and lovely patrons for special help, gifts and sponsorships.

Our Summer Teen Reading Program is a success because of our area business, big hugs and grateful wishes to you all!

Village Grounds for coffee beans, that make the best coffee!

Fudge & Frosting for wonderful treats, from cookies, and fudge! They never forget about our patrons.

Cosmic Candy for always remembering us with fresh popped corn for movie times.

Elaine Curtis, for all the beautiful flower arrangements throughout the year.

Mike Graham for keeping the staff supplied with chocolates.

John Jobes for helping out with special treats and fresh fruit.

Donations in Memory of Loved Ones

Donations in memory of Frances Riley: from Mary Pestel, Rhonda Whitenack, Linda Calhoun.


Donations in memory of Ed Pierce from Edwin Joba and Thomas Scott.


Engadine (Inky)Decker donated in memory of Walter Ligon.

Paula McCallister donated in memory of Katherine Kimbull.

Garrison Park Association donated in memory of Betty Winn Fuller and Eleanor Jane Lillian Wehrman.

Elaine Curtis donated in memory of Marshall Anderson.

An annual gift was received from Jane Paine.

A donation from Rise Rasch in memory of Patricia Belt.
New Event: Timeless Trivia Game Show

Join the fun at the Pentwater Township Library, on Thursday, January 26 @ 7p.m. We are starting a new event called Timeless Trivia Game Show.

We will have three teams of 4 adults compete for a prize and enjoy a trip down memory lane with this trivia game. We will have our host Alexandria Trebec MC the event and the winning team will have their names on a trophy for the month. Plans are to have a total of four events during the slower winter months starting on January 26, then February 23, March 23, and April 27 all on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Each month there will be a different theme. January’s theme is Advertising Slogans, Jingles and Taglines. You can create your own team of four or simply sign up and be placed on a team. You must make a reservation to be placed on a team to play. We only have room for a total of 12 players, so we will also have a list for standbys in case there is a cancelation.

Adult Winter Reading Program: Build a Better World

The reading program for adults starts on January 9th, 2017 and ends on March 18, 2017 at 2p.m. To sign up go to the front desk at the library and receive a Bingo Card, read or listen to books from the library (e-books and e-audio also can be used). Write down the title and author. Using the theme “Build a Better World”, each row on the Bingo Card has an act you can do to help build a better world (we have a list at the desk to help you think of some great ones). Complete a row horizontally, vertically or diagonally by reading 4 different genres and completing one better world act. When complete, turn everything in at the front desk! This year we are also doing a Blackout Bingo with 20 books read, and 5 “Build a Better World Acts”. We will have weekly prizes, a Grand Prize Winner and a Blackout Bingo Winner. If you questions, just ask at the front desk.

New Book Titles, DVD’s and Audio Books

Non Fiction

Window 10: Step by Step
iPad and iPhone Tips and Tricks
The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama
The House of 20,000 Books by Abramsky

Fiction

Moonglow by Chabon
The German Girl by Correa
Treason by Gingrich
Swing Time by Smith
Miss Jane by Watson
When All the Girls Have Gone by Krentz

Audio Books

No Man’s Land by Baldacci
Chaos By Cornwell
Turbo Twenty-Three by Evanovich

DVDs

Wild Oats
Meddler
Fastball
Blood and Glory: Civil War in Color
Library Board Member Appointment

Your library board is short by one member. We need to appoint a person to serve for a four year term. If you are interested in serving, please stop by the front desk of the library to pick up an application to fill out.

Pentwater Township Library Book Club
The Book Club meets once a month: Upcoming meetings and books that will be discussed:
Dec 12: Circling the Sun by McLain
Jan 9: About Grace by Doerr
Feb 13: Helen of Troy by George
March 13: What Alice Forgot by Moriarty
April 10: I Always Loved You by Oliviera
May 8: Underground Railroad by Oliviera
June 12: To the Lighthouse by Woolf
July 10: Someone by McDermott
August 14: The Good Lord Bird by McDer-