It Was A Very Good And Busy Year At The Library

As we enter the holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas and a New Year coming up, we can look back and see that 2017 was a remarkable year for the Pentwater Township Library.

In March, everything was moved out of the library and much was put into storage as it was completely gutted and revamped into a modern new library. Preparing to move, then moving out to temporary quarters, and then moving back in was one of the busiest times ever for the staff. But the ribbon cutting in June and wonderful feedback from the community upon seeing their new library made it all worthwhile.

We made plans for the summer that engaged the local and visiting school children. This included stories, special activities, and guest storytellers. We ended the summer reading program with a rock climbing wall, still as popular as it was the year before. Our summer adult author series was also enjoyed by various groups of people. A popular new event this year was a little like a local “Antiques Road Show”. We had a program about antiques and antique dealers were present to give estimates of the value of treasured possessions that patrons brought along. Of course, the year is not quite over and we have special family/children activities planned for Halloween and Christmas. We are also looking forward to having a speaker at the library in November.

The new library includes technology that provides choices for all kinds of access to materials. We’ve expanded our collection of new books and DVDs, always free at our library, and more online books and magazines. We have added Macs to our selection of computers, too. There are also more audio books that can be checked out as well.

Summer visitors to Pentwater marveled at the changes in the library. New materials literally jumped off the shelves and the beach goers were pleased that we brought a little of the library to them with the Beach Buggy Library. It was one of our busiest summers ever.
There are many talented people in our community both as longtime and new residents as well as regular summer visitors who contribute so much to help our library become one of the finest small libraries. There is no question that Pentwater loves its library and the love is mutual.

Now that we have a wonderful modern interior, we are looking to transform the outside. Steve Bass, a very talented designer and Pentwater resident, has volunteered to develop a plan for some of our outside trouble spots. We look forward to discussing his ideas. Depending on fund availability it may take us several years to complete. However, the initial designs include restructuring our parking lot and sidewalks and creative use of the outdoor space around the library. Project cost estimates will follow at a later time. We have collected some donations for the project but we still need many more. Your contributions are needed to help us achieve some very ambitious goals. If you are proud of your library now, you will have even more pride when you see both the plans and the completed outdoor renovations.

Yes, 2017 was a great year for your library and we are looking forward to another great year in 2018. Let us be the first to wish you a Happy New Year!

RBdigital—Magazines, Audio Books, and More

The Mid-Michigan Library League has been providing the magazine collection for libraries through Zinio. Recently, Zinio For Libraries merged with RBdigital. This now brings a more user-friendly and expanded collection to libraries. Along with the magazines, MMLL is also purchasing a core collection of over 5000 audio books provided by Recorded Books Digital. In addition, they will also offer Transparent Languages Online, a complete language-learning program with 100+ languages to choose from.

Many patrons have downloaded magazines with Zinio. If you go to our website, you will now see the new RBdigital icon. When you click on this from your PC, you will be taken to the list of available magazines. Login and checkout is easy. Simply go to the magazine of your choice, click on it, then check it out. In the upper right hand corner is My Collection (under your login name). Click on this and your checked out magazine(s) will be there for you to begin reading.

If you are a Mobile User, download the new RBdigital app on your mobile device. Your user name and password will remain the same.

If you have a problem with the new RBdigital, please contact our staff. Call us at 231-869-8581 or stop in. We’ll be glad to help.

Memorials and Donations

The library recently received donations and memorials remembering community members who have passed. This is a gratifying way for individuals, organizations, businesses and groups to honor someone while supporting the library.

In Memory of:
Frank Rinaldi by William Bluhm, Freed Management Co. Inc., Virginia Huntington, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Middendorf, Arthur & Joyce Bertoldi, Shelley & Lavern Blocher, Patricia & Thomas McHugh, and Pat, Mitch & Gamble Family.

Kathy Davis by Joanne Vanderweele.


Bill Snyder by Oceana Beach Association.

Donations: received from Andrew & Jane Paine and Susan Shields.

Donations Can Now Be Made to Library Endowment Fund

The Pentwater Township Library Board started a new endowment fund under the auspices of the Oceana County Community Foundation. The endowment fund was started thanks to a generous $5,000 contribution from the Friends of the Library. The Secretary for the Friends group, Sharon Schwarze said, "Starting the endowment was a good use of the funds raised by the Friends group." The Oceana County Community Foundation will invest and manage the funds from the endowment for educational purposes to support the library. Contributions to the fund are fully tax deductible as provided in IRS Code 501 (c)(3) section 170 (f) (8). To make a donation you may either send a check or do it online. Checks can be sent directly to the Community Foundation for Oceana County, P.O. Box 367, Shelby, MI 49445. Note that it is for the Pentwater Township Library Fund. You may also donate with a credit card online at www.oceana-foundation.org
Healing From the Pain of Abuse
Barbara Kompik
Monday, November 13—7:00 P.M.

Barbara will speak of her story of success in overcoming the emotional and mental pain of abuse. It is a story that will encourage you on your own journey, that healing is possible after all. She will offer guidelines from her book, *12 Healing Steps Out of the Pain of Abuse*, and will read excerpts from her new book, *A Collection of Poetry & Prose from Survivors of Abuse*.

Barbara will have her books for sale and be available for a book signing after the presentation.

There will be a change in library hours from December 1 to March 31.

- **Monday & Wednesday** 10-7:30 (not 8:30)
- **Tuesday, Thursday, Friday** 10-6
- **Saturday** 10-3
- **Sunday**—closed

The Holidays are coming and the library will be closed on:
- Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23
- Christmas Day, Monday December 25
- New Year’s Day, Monday January 1

**COMING THIS WINTER!**

**Stampin’ Up Card Craft**
Hand Stamped card making classes. Participants will make two beautiful cards using quality inks, paper, stamps and embellishments. Most of the prep work is done for you, just come and stamp and enjoy time with others.

Classes held monthly on Monday evening from 6—7:30 PM. First class Jan 8. The next month will be on Feb 19. Limited to 12. Cost is $10 with prepayment required. Class is free with a minimum product order placed night of the class. RSVP at the library with payment by Dec 27.

Classes offered by **Bernice Hallack, Stampin’ Up! Independent Demonstrator, Silver Elite.** She has been a demonstrator for seven years. Visit her website at http://bernicehallack.stampinup.net

**Adult Winter Reading Program**
Snuggle in with some good books this winter. Play Bingo as you read. January 8—March 17

**Timeless Trivia Game Show—Begins Feb 21**
Teams of adults will compete for fun prizes and enjoy a trip down memory lane with this timeless trivia game.

The **Library Book Discussion** group meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00 P.M. at the Library. This group is open to the public. The 2017-2018 schedule and titles are as follows:

- **Nov 13** Eye of My Heart B. Graham
- **Dec 11** The Stranger in the Woods M. Finkel
- **Jan 8, 2018** Guns of August B. Tuchman
- **Feb 12** The Stars Are Fire A. Shreve
- **Mar 12** Lion (A Long Way Home) S. Brierley
- **Apr 9** Hum If You Don’t Know the Words B. Marais
- **May 14** Before We Were Yours L. Wingate
- **Jun 11** Ella Minnow Pea M. Dunn
- **Jul 9** The Very Persistent Gappers of Frip G. Saunders
- **Aug 13** Salvage the Bones J. Ward
- **Sep 10** Book selection for 2018-2019
- **Oct 8** The Gentleman in Moscow A. Towles
CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS!

Join us for a Magical Evening!
Monday, November 27 from 6:30-8:00 PM

Outside the library
Come and see two of Santa’s reindeer and hear all about them from the Elves from Rooftop Landing Reindeer Farm.

Inside the library
Mrs. Claus will be frosting sugar cookies in her kitchen and would love to have the children come and help her—and then take a cookie home with them. Then, be sure to have a visit with Santa Claus with his rosy cheeks and twinkling eyes. And before you leave, he has a special gift to give all the children.

Enjoy these Special Saturdays!

Dec 2 at 11:00 AM - Movie
Get in the spirit of Christmas with this family movie.
Dec 9 at 11:00 AM - A Family Christmas Craft
Both children & adults will have a time to make a pretty Christmas ornament to decorate their tree.
Dec 16 at 11:00 AM - Easy Christmas Snack
Make some fun snacks to take home.

NEW DVDs ON OUR SHELVES

47 Meters Down
Beatriz At Dinner
Me Before You
Wonder Woman
The Wall
The Dinner

TV Series
Cedar Cove Seasons 1, 2, & Final Season
New tricks Seasons 5, 6, 7, 8
Boardwalk empire Seasons 2, 3, 4
The great British baking show seasons 1, 2
America’s test kitchen seasons 15, 16, 17
The Bletchley circle: cracking a killer’s code & Season 2
Grantchester season 3
Broadchurch: Season Three
House of Cards: The Complete Fifth Season
Veep: Complete Sixth Season

iPad Lovers - Now meets twice a month!
2nd Friday of each month 3:00—4:00 P.M.
Last Wednesday of each month 1:00—2:00 P.M.

Exchange iPad savvy with each other. Bring your iPad and learn what’s new and what you can do.