



## WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

The library was moved into the present building in 1996. The facility was built with a combination of local funding and a Title II grant. In a continuing effort to plan for the future the board and staff recognized that the library services were being constrained due to a lack of space. At that point a needs assessment was conducted. Upon the completion of that report the library board started exploring options for expansion. Several plans for expanding the existing building were drawn up and displayed for public viewing. New building sites were also considered.



## WHERE ARE WE NOW?

From June 2013—May 2014 Pentwater Library played a vital role in supporting patrons' reading, learning, and enjoyment interests through availability of books, audio books, movies, and music as well as downloadable E-books, audio books, magazines, and films. It has also offered quality programs and computer, copier, and fax services.

Here are some statistics:

- Total visitors served—22,476
- Items checked out—11,404
- Attendance at adult & children programs—1,708
- Computer usage—5,329
- Wireless usage (inside)—1,863  
Wireless available outside 24/7
- Copies made (patron and office use)—13,620  
Color copies & scanning (new service)
- Public Fax (new service)—158

Here are some of the programs presented:

- ◇ 2013 Summer Series (June, July, August)
- ◇ Card-making Craft Night (monthly)
- ◇ Monthly Book Sales (November—June)
- ◇ Tuesday & Friday preschool story times with special *Christmas is for Kids* events
- ◇ *Friday Films* (January, February)
- ◇ Drumming Circle (monthly)
- ◇ Adult Winter Reading Program
- ◇ *Community Treasures Series* (April, May)
- ◇ Volunteer Appreciation Evening

## WHERE ARE WE GOING IN THE FUTURE?

Pentwater Township Library has created a 3-5 year strategic plan that is reflective of our diverse and unique community. It is a living and flexible blueprint that gives the library focus, speaks to broad community interests and needs, and helps to better utilize the library's limited resources in providing services and programs. The goals will guide decisions about developing the library's annual budget, implementing specific projects and initiatives, and looking toward possible expansion of the facility and services.

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2014—2019

### Goal 1—Community Involvement:

To collaborate with individuals and groups to enhance the services and resources of the library.

*What does this mean to me?*

- More collaboration with community experts to provide me with information and answers
- New events and activities at the library on topics that interest me
- Opportunities for me to volunteer to share my expertise with the community

### Goal 2—Services:

To provide services in response to the needs of all patrons as identified by the Community Involvement Plan.

*What does this mean to me?*

- On-going staff training that supports my need for information and technology
- Ways to develop my own skills to find information that I need
- Access to many library services 24/7, e.g. E-books, on-line magazines, independent films

**Goal 2—Services (cont):**

- A library that is eager to hear what I want to read and do
- Availability of printers, copiers, and fax machines for personal use
- New technologies including new computers with updated operating systems
- Interesting and diverse programs offered throughout the year

**Goal 3—Facilities:**

To provide the community with a facility which will meet current and future needs of the library.

*What does this mean to me?*

- Continued improvements to the existing space
- Exploration of options to:
  - ⇒ Expand the space to support new services and programs
  - ⇒ Accommodate comfortable seating and work areas
  - ⇒ Provide an expanded children’s area

**Goal 4—Fiscal Responsibility & Management:**

To manage and monitor the use of financial resources that adequately funds and promotes the library’s mission to enrich, enlighten, and inspire everyone through innovative approaches and dynamic community partnerships.

*What does this mean to me?*

- My tax dollars and contributions are being managed well in response to my interests
- More ways for me to contribute financially to the library’s mission

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**Hours of Operation**

Monday & Wednesday - 10:00 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
 Saturday - 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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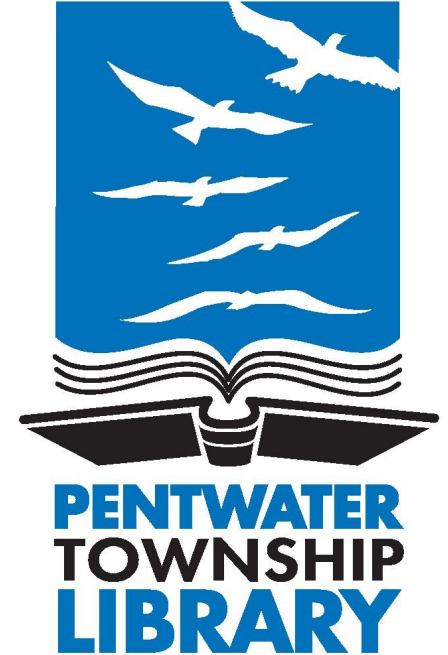
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# Strategic Plan 2014—2019



*The Pentwater Township Library is a vital community resource committed to enriching, enlightening, and inspiring everyone through innovative approaches and dynamic community partnerships.*