

KEEP OUR LIBRARY'S LEGACY ALIVE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Nestled in the charming Village of Pentwater, just a short distance from the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan, our small library has long been a beacon of learning, community, and connection in rural West Michigan. For 17 decades, we've proudly served as a place where stories come to life, curiosity is nurtured, and neighbors come together. We are dedicated to ensuring this legacy endures—not just for today, but for future generations. Our Endowment Fund is managed by the Community Foundation for Oceana County, a trusted 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to strengthening the community through philanthropy. Contact the foundation to learn more on how you can leave your own legacy.



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"THE ONLY THING THAT YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO KNOW, IS THE LOCATION OF THE LIBRARY." — ALBERT EINSTEIN

MOST POPULAR CHECKOUTS

Of all the items borrowed this year from your Library, these were the most popular.



PROGRAMS IN 2025



"Unearth a Story" this Summer at the Library!
2026 Summer Reading Sneak Peek

Reading programs, local authors, educational and musical events offered throughout the year.

296
programs & events

2,507
attended programs

More Than Just Books: What else is happening at the Pentwater District Library

Read, watch, or listen any way you like.

Printed books, large print, magazines, e-books, audiobooks, dvds, kit go-bags, outdoor games and electronic equipment available for checkout.

Get online and get going with our services.

Free WiFi inside and outside 24/7, computers free for use. Prints, copies and fax machine use for nominal fee.

Make use of our many free e-resources.

Online encyclopedia learning, career services, family history, life skills, journals and newspapers, reference books, and reading.

Many clubs to join that meet at the Library.

Weekly and monthly arts and crafts, tech help, and book clubs at the Library. After-school programs and summer story time for children.

Entertain your kids or yourself at the Library.

Enjoy the free toys, games, puzzles, coloring sheets, and eye spy table at the library. Or get passes to museums or recreation areas with Michigan Activity Pass.



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PENTWATER DISTRICT LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER 2026

A New Chapter for Your Library: Welcome to the Pentwater District Library

We are pleased to share exciting news with our community: the Pentwater Township Library is now the Pentwater District Library.

This transition marks an important milestone in our history. The Pentwater Township and Pentwater Public Schools have joined together as the two governmental partners supporting library service, and our service area now aligns with the Pentwater School District boundaries. This structure strengthens our foundation and ensures that we continue providing responsive, high-quality library service to our entire community.

By becoming a district library, we are building a sustainable structure that reflects our shared commitment to enriching, enlightening and inspiring all. It allows us to better serve our residents, students, and families throughout the district—today and for years to come. From early literacy programs and student research support to technology access and lifelong learning opportunities, the Library remains committed to serving you.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community and look forward to growing together as the Pentwater District Library. This allows us to align resources more effectively, expand programming opportunities, and respond thoughtfully to the evolving needs of our community.

What does this mean for you? Your library account remains valid, our hours and services continue uninterrupted, and our dedicated staff is here just as always. While our governance structure has evolved, our mission remains the same: to serve as a vital community resource through innovative approaches and dynamic community partnerships.

We are grateful to the trustees, staff, and community members whose dedication over the years made this transition possible. Your support continues to shape the future of library service in Pentwater. We invite you to stop in, explore what's new, and be part of this exciting next chapter. Together, we are building a library that reflects the strength and spirit of our community.



PENTWATER DISTRICT LIBRARY

THE PENTWATER DISTRICT LIBRARY IS A VITAL COMMUNITY RESOURCE COMMITTED TO ENRICHING, ENLIGHTENING, AND INSPIRING EVERYONE THROUGH INNOVATIVE APPROACHES AND DYNAMIC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.



Library Hours:

Monday: 9:30am - 7:00pm
Tuesday: 9:30am - 5:30pm
Wednesday: 9:30am - 7:00pm
Thursday: 9:30am - 5:30pm
Friday: 9:30am - 5:30pm
Saturday: 9:30am - 2:00pm
Closed Sunday

Library Accounts:

Accounts are free to children and adults who live in our service areas. Our official service area is the Pentwater School District boundary, including the Village of Pentwater.

Come into the library and bring a valid photo ID such as a driver's license, state ID card, Government-issued ID card including military ID, or a Passport. You must also show proof of residency if the current address is not listed on your photo ID. Children may get a library account towards the end of first grade, after their visit to the library.

The online catalog maintains an account for each member. Features include viewing items you have checked out and their status, renewing and reserving items, delaying your reserves so you won't miss your turn, designating how you wish to be contacted, and seeing your history of checked out items.

To log into your account, enter your card number and your 10-digit phone number and click **Log In**. Click **My Account**. Contact the library if you have any questions.

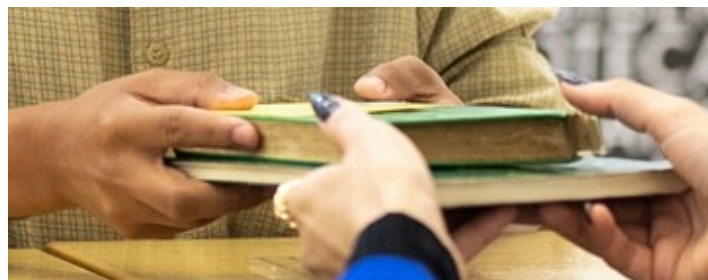
Account Info- You can update or add a phone or email here. Notifications- You can decide how you want to receive notices.

Item Out/Renewal- You can view the items you have checked out and their status as well as renew an item if available.

Reserves/Requests- Items you have placed on reserve will be shown. You will receive a notice when item is ready for pick up.

Bookmarks- You may wish to use this as a reminder of things you want to read in the future.

History- This lets you see what you have checked out in the past. If you are logged in to your account and searching for an item, the catalog will tell you if you have checked it out before.



MeLCat Access:

Patrons may request items from one of over 300 participating libraries in Michigan through MeL if items are not available from our Library. This service is free and easy to access from home.

Once you have placed an online request item will get shipped to our library through RIDES, which averages 7-10 days. We receive books from RIDES on Mon/Wed/Fri, you will then receive a notification that your item is ready to be picked up at our library.

To Access from home, visit our website pentwaterlibrary.org Click **On-Line-Resources** and scroll down to **MeL eResources for Adults** and click **MeLCat** under Reading. This leads you into the catalog. Or you can simply enter mel.org in your web browser URL.

Enter title of book and name of author to find item. Item will show availability in one of the participating libraries in Michigan. An icon will appear to show if it is a book, movie or audio. Click **Get This From MeLCat**. Choose Pentwater District Library from the drop menu, enter your name and account number. Click **Submit**.



The MeL project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan. Find the right resources. Better. Faster.

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS



2025 BY THE NUMBERS

- ▶ Chair Yoga and Puzzle Contests Added
- ▶ Color Our Community Celebrated Local Artists
- ▶ PAC Featured Artist C. Callog Work Displayed
- ▶ Microplastics Talk in Person and Via Zoom
- ▶ Haunted Venetian Ball Wowed over 550



13,239
Visitors to the Library



17,936
Total Items Checked Out



162
new library accounts



1,251
passive programs completed



811
new books added to collection



7,851
e-materials downloaded



2,524
books exchanged through MeLCat

E-Resources Offered:

Transparent Language Online

This offers the most comprehensive language-learning solution for libraries. With this flexible program, you can quickly and easily learn new languages using the wide variety of courses and activities.

- ▶ 110+ Languages (and Growing)
- ▶ Customized Learning Path
- ▶ Focus on a Specific Skill
- ▶ Learn on the Go.



Up North Digital Collection (Libby App) E-books/Audio

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Instantly borrow digital movies, music, eBooks, audiobooks, comics and TV shows. Search for items to read, watch or listen to. Then borrow an item by clicking on the title's icon and clicking borrow. Stream the item or download it to your device to hear, read, or watch it. You'll need to download it if you plan on using your item without Wi-Fi.

Contact the Library for questions or concerns about your account.



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