

Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees
217 N. Front Street
Marquette, MI 49855

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Friends of the Peter White Public Library
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Dear Friends,

What a pleasure it is to thank you for all the meaningful ways you contribute to the Peter White Public Library. The countless hours you all donate to help make PWPL the shining gem it is to the Marquette community is a frequent topic at library board meetings. Since the formation in 2006 to the current configuration, the Friends have steadily grown to make a huge difference in our community.

The Friends of PWPL are champions of public library service in our community. You deserve particular recognition for your continued efforts to support PWPL during the COVID-19 pandemic. We know you continued to meet via Zoom to approve funding to help PWPL reopen in a safe and meaningful way after state-mandated shutdowns ended. Your efforts included diverting thousands of dollars of your funds to purchase PPE such as facemasks, hand sanitizer, cleaning solutions and signage. You also carefully adjusted your operations so the much-loved Used Book Store would continue to function upon reopening. The Friends did not skip a beat. Library staff and patrons alike know our community can always count on our Friends.

With nearly \$200,000 in funds raised to help the library serve our residents in so many ways, thank you seems insufficient. The long list of grants includes:

- Adult and Youth collections
- Adult Memory Care Program Supplies
- Adult Programming
- Afterschool Snacks
- Archival materials
- Book Page Magazine for public distribution
- Children's Fish Tank and maintenance
- Coffee Equipment
- DVD Collection and Streaming Service Collections
- Election Information Materials
- Film licensing
- Garden Equipment
- Gift Cards for Library Volunteers
- Kindles and iPads
- Livestreaming Equipment
- Memory Lab Equipment
- Mobile Circulation Stations

- Online Subscription Fees
- PPE and other supplies needed for 2020 reopening
- PrimeTime Family Reading Program
- Professional Puppet Shows
- Program Speaker Fees
- Shelving and Displays
- Signage
- Staff T-Shirts
- Staff training
- Summer Reading Program
- Teen Instagram Reporter Stipends
- Traveling Displays
- Tween Area Games
- Volunteer and Program Refreshments
- Youth Maker's Space Supplies
- Youth Program materials and performers
- Youth Services Mural

Whatever is needed, the Friends are always glad to chip in and help out and the Board is very grateful to have such a vibrant, energetic and involved group working on behalf of the library.

We appreciate all your hard work and creative ideas. The Used Book Store was a stroke of genius! We know its success is due to your dedication and ongoing activities.

As part of National Friends of Libraries Week, please know the Board is always impressed with all you do and everything you donate to the Peter White Public Library. Your effort and commitment are admired and applauded.

Very sincerely yours,

Board of the Peter White Pubic Library

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