Library Establishment and Authority

On March 27 1891 the Peter White Public Library was established by a special Act of the Michigan Legislature merging the District School Library and Peter White's personal library collections.

Local Act 254 of 1891 and Local Act 7 of 1929 serve as the establishment documentation for the Peter White Public Library. ¹

The Peter White Public Library is part of the City of Marquette Charter, Section 5.11². The Library Board of Trustees is charged with the care, management, and control of the municipal public library. All five members of the library board are appointed by the Mayor with the confirmation of the Commission.

The Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees establishes all library policies. Policies can only be waived or changed by action of the Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees.

All PWPL policies comply with State of Michigan, City of Marquette and Marquette County laws.³

Peter White Public Library Board of Trustees

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¹ City Charter: Chapter 8.1 - Taxation

²Previously the Library was governed by section 4.20 of the City Charter.

³ Including but not limited to the MCL 15.231 et seq. Freedom of Information Act; the MCL 15.261 et seq. Open Meetings Act; the MCL 37.1101 et seq. Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act; MCL 141.421 et seq. Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act; and the MCL 397.601 et seq. Library Privacy Act