



NEWSLETTER

FALL
2025

Director Chat

Fall Sessions

September 3

October 1

&

November 5

11:00 AM - Noon
&
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Questions? Contact
Andrea Ingmire, (906) 226-4303
or aling@pwpl.info



What's on your mind?

PWPL Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:30 am - 8:30 pm

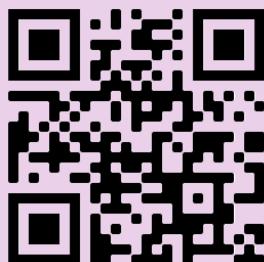
Friday

9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Closed Sunday



PWPL Events Calendar

Phone
(906) 228-9510
www.pwpl.info

NEW PWPL APP AVAILABLE NOW

This summer PWPL debuted a new app, available now on the Apple Store and Google Play. Here are a few ways the app can help you!

- Forget your library card? No worries! Once logged in, the app creates a digital barcode that can be scanned at any service desk or self-checkout station.
- Great for families: the app allows multiple accounts to be added.
- Place and manage holds with ease. We all love hearing or seeing that notification that a hold is ready to be picked up. The app allows easy access to see what item is waiting for us on the holds shelf.
- Need a little more time with an item? Hop on the app to quickly renew your items.
- We know how long those To Be Read lists can get! The app allows reading lists to be created, each with a customizable name.
- Keep in touch with library happenings with the events calendar and the PWPL social media feed.

Scan the QR code below to find the app, or search "Superiorland Library Co-op" to get started. If you need assistance, stop by any service desk and we'll be happy to help!

TRY OUR MOBILE APP!



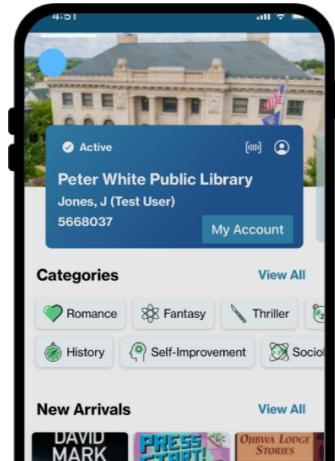
Superiorland Library Co-op

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- Digital library card (can be scanned in the library)
- Place and manage holds
- Renew items
- Create reading lists
- Events calendar



PETER WHITE
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Book Groups

FALL 2025

Tell Me Everything



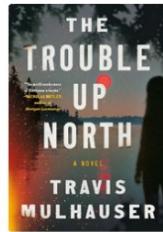
9/3

The Ministry of Time



10/1

The Trouble Up North



11/5

Heritage Room

For readers interested in a variety of contemporary fiction.

1st Wednesday

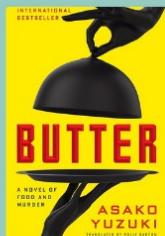
10:00 AM
Heritage Room

Burn the Place



**9/9

Butter



**10/14

The Sioux Chef



11/18

Tasty Reads

From cookbooks to culinary memoirs, Tasty Reads explores a variety of food-themed literature.

2nd Tuesday

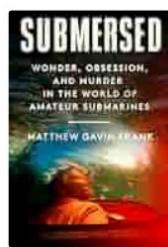
12:00 pm
Shiras Room
**Community Room

All Booked UP

Focuses on current titles in partnership with TV6 Upper Michigan Today.

The final Tuesday
10:00 a.m. in the Shiras Room

Submersed



9/23

Never Whistle at Night



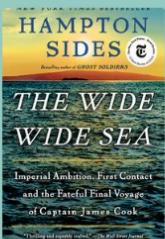
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Raising Hare



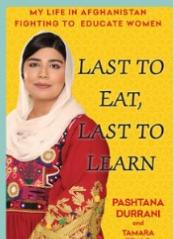
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The Wide Wide Sea



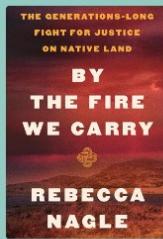
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Last to Eat, Last to Learn



10/22

By the Fire We Carry



11/26

Non-Fiction

Focuses on contemporary narrative non-fiction.

3rd Wednesday

1:00 pm
Conference Room

Questions?

Contact the Reference Desk

(906) 228-9510 or

refdesk@pwpl.info



Music and More this Fall at PWPL



Fall is always an exciting time. Schools are back in session. Temperatures are falling. Pretty soon, the leaves will be gold and orange and red. Change is in the air!

This Fall, Peter White Public Library will be hosting three Friend-raiser events. First, on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, PWPL will be filled with old-time standards in our “Singin’ the Good Old Songs Again” Concert. Singer/songwriters Jackie Davidson and Gary Brandt combine classic and original folk music into an energetic and crowd-pleasing concert. Jackie was part of the Grammy Award-winning group The New Christy Minstrels and performed on *The Tonight Show*, *The Red Skelton Show*, and with Sammy Davis Jr. and Tennessee Ernie Ford, among others. Gary is a celebrated folk musician who has toured across the country and performed nationally on *The Midnight Special*.

Then, on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, local historian and cinephile Daniel Rydholm will discuss Otto Preminger on the occasion of the great movie director's 120th birthday. Rydholm will share stories of Preminger's life, career, and time in the Upper Peninsula filming the acclaimed courtroom drama *Anatomy of a Murder*.

Finally, on Monday, November 17, 2025, PWPL hosts the “Richard Gilewitz and Tim May Concert.” Guitar virtuosos Richard Gilewitz and Tim May hit the

Community Room stage to play selections from their recently released album, *Gilewitz*, featuring new voicings of Richard's most beloved tunes as well as new releases. Richard has had an illustrious career, performing with the likes of the Indigo Girls, Kenny G., and Leo Kottke. Tim is a Grammy-nominated guitarist currently on tour with Kathy Mattea

Please keep in mind that these three Friend-raiser events are ticketed. Tickets are \$5 and can be picked up at the Circulation Desk. The “Singin’ the Good Old Songs Again” tickets are already on sale. There is a limit of two tickets per household. You must have a ticket in order to attend the event. The events will also be livestreamed on Peter White Public Library's YouTube channel.

In addition to these special events, PWPL will also be hosting Free to Read Week October 6 through October 10, 2025. For this programming series, PWPL will be promoting the importance of reading and intellectual freedom. Some of the events planned include an all-library Scavenger Hunt; a discussion of the novel *Erasure* by Percival Everett, followed by a viewing of its film adaptation, *American Fiction*; an all-library Puzzle Day; a Community Mural; and Banned Book Blind Dating.

As you can tell, things are really heating up this fall at Peter White Public Library.

For more information about these and other events, visit pwpl.info. - **Marty Achatz, Adult Programming Coordinator**

**PWPL would like
to hear from you!**



www.pwpl.info/2025survey

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September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

This September, Peter White Public Library is teaming up with the American Library Association to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month. We invite patrons to discover how a single card can open the door to endless opportunities.

With a library card, you can do more than check out books. From free classes and job resources to homework help, streaming media, and cultural events, today's libraries connect communities to information, inspiration, and each other.

This year's theme, "One Card, Endless Possibilities," is a reminder that libraries are for everyone—no matter your age, background, or goals. Whether you're diving into a new hobby, searching for your next great read, brushing up on tech skills, or helping your child succeed in school, it all starts with a library card.

A few of the *endless possibilities* that you can find at Peter White Public Library:

Free tech classes that help seniors navigate our digital world.

A Library of Things that lends out tools, kits, and hands-on educational resources.

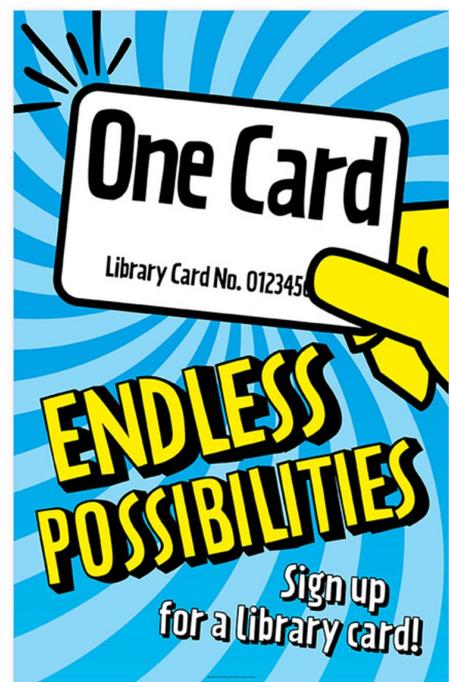
Programs and events for all ages—from storytimes and book clubs to movies and music.

Getting a library card is free, easy, and empowering. For

students, it's a key to academic success. For adults, it's a gateway to lifelong learning. For everyone, it's a smart way to stay connected to your community.

All residents or taxpayers in our service areas (City of Marquette and Marquette, Chocolay, Sands, Skandia, West Branch, Ewing, Turin, and Wells Townships) can receive a library card for no additional charge. Anyone outside of these areas is welcome to sign up for a library card for a fee.

The staff at the circulation desk can help you sign up anytime during regular library hours, just bring photo identification and proof of residence. Any child under 18 can sign up for a library card with parent/guardian permission. Visit our website for more info or give us a call at the circulation desk: 906-228-9510.



Supporting Resiliency Program Series



Cultivating Care, Compassion, and Connection, Heritage Room
Every Friday, noon - 1pm



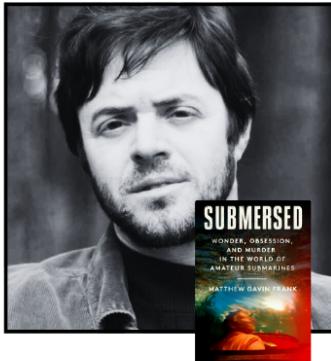
Drop in Meditation, Heritage Room
Every Tuesday, 6pm - 7pm



Year of Mindful Living, Shiras Room
First Saturday, 10am - 11:30 am

Writers on Writing

In this new programming series, published authors lead participants through prompts and editing sessions. The goal of each workshop is to generate and hone writing from various genres (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, essay, hybrid). Beginning and seasoned writers are welcome. Space is limited to 15 participants. Registration online.



Matthew Gavin Frank

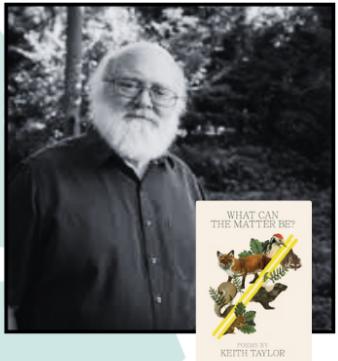
Author of *Flight of the Diamond Smugglers*, *Preparing the Ghost*, and *Submersed* is an award-winning lyric essayist and poet who will guide participants through the art of writing with curiosity and boldness.

Monday, September 15, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Shiras Room

Matthew
Gavin Frank



Registration



Keith Taylor

The author of *Ecstatic Destinations* and *What Can The Matter Be?* is a Michigan Notable Book Award winner and a seasoned poet whose work captures the essence of the natural world. Learn how he crafts verse that resonates deeply. **Wednesday, October 22, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Shiras Room**

Keith Taylor



Registration



Kathleen Heideman

An award-winning poet and environmental advocate, she uses language to explore landscapes, justice, and activism. Discover how she brings voice to the places and causes she loves. **Monday, November 10, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Shiras Room**

Kathleen
Heideman



Registration

Questions?

Contact Marty Achatz

(906) 226-4322

No Admission Charged.



YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

Weekly Storytimes | Sept 8 - Nov 23

Storytimes include appropriate for each age group: Stories, songs, fingerplays, interactive elements and sensory play! All storytimes take place in the Great Room.

Mondays & Thursdays - Toddler Storytime | 10am.
Children 18 mo-3 years.

Tuesdays & Fridays - Preschool Storytime | 10am.
Children ages 3-6. (No storytime 9/9 or 11/14)

Wednesdays - Baby Storytime | 10am.
Newborns to 17 mo.

Saturdays - Saturday Storytime | 11am. (No storytime 11/8) Geared towards children birth-6.
Older children welcome.

***A loving adult must be present in storytime. Siblings welcome.**

School's Out, Library's In

Visit the library on MAPS half and no school days! Drop in crafts & activities start at 12pm. Movies begin at 12:45 pm. Under 8 must have an adult present.

Monday 10/13

12:45pm Movie: *A Minecraft Movie*. Community Room.
12-5pm Makerspace and Great Room Drop In Activities:
LEGO building and giant block building.

Wednesday 11/12

12-5pm Makerspace and Great Room Drop In Activities:
Perler Beads and Kinetic Sand sensory play.

Thursday 11/13

12-4pm Makerspace and Great Room Drop In Activities:
Leaf window luminaires and Kinetic Sand sensory play.

Friday 11/14

12:45pm Movie: *Paddington in Peru*. Community Room
12-5pm Makerspace and Great Room Drop In Activities:
Beaded backpack/luggage tag and LEGO free build.

Fandom Fun | 4:30-5:30

- Wed 9/10 - I Survived
- Wed 9/24 - Superheroes!
- Mon 10/6 - Board Games
- Mon 10/27 - Spooky Fun!
- Wed 11/19 - Dog Man

Crafts, games and fun based on fan favorites. Youth of all ages, under age 8 must have an adult present.

Fall 2025 | September - December

After School & Weekend Programs

D&D Junior: 4th & 5th Grade

Mondays (9/15, 9/22, 9/29) & (11/3, 11/10, 11/17). | 4:30-6pm | Both first time & experienced players welcome to adventure at the library! **In-person registration required** & opens on August 25 at the Youth Services Desk. Great Room.

Yarn Spinners

Tuesdays (9/9, 10/7, 10/28) | 4:30-5:30pm | Youth of all ages and skill level - come crochet, knit, and weave! BYO supplies or use provided supplies. Under 8 must have an adult present. Great Room.

Muggles for Potter

Tuesdays (9/16, 10/14, 11/4) | 4:30-5:30pm | Grades 3-6. Hear the book read aloud, enjoy Harry Potter treats, crafts & activities. Great Room.

Animal Explorers: Who Would Win?

Tuesdays (9/23, 10/21, 11/18) | 4:30-5:30pm | Grades K-5. Learn about cool (and weird) animals through a mix of games, art, science and open play. Under 8 must have an adult present. Great Room.

Pokémon Trading & Gaming

Thursdays (9/11, 9/25, 10/2, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20) | 4-5:30pm. | Youth of all ages join for kid led card trading and gaming. Under 8 must have an adult present. Makerspace.

¡Hola Español! - Spanish Club

Thursdays (9/18, 10/16, 11/13) | 4:30-5:30pm. Grades K-6. A fun introduction to the Spanish language and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries through games, stories and hands-on activities. Great Room.

LEGO Club

Fridays (9/12-11/21) | 4-5pm | Youth of all ages. Library LEGO free build. Under 8 must have adult present. Great Room.

Saturday 'Art with Ella'

Saturdays (9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15) | 1pm-3pm | Art program for kids of all ages! Drop-in and create using different mediums and styles of art taught by NMU intern Ella. Under 8 must have an adult with them. Great Room.

Library Closed: 9/1, 11/11, 11/27, 11/28, 12/25, 12/31.

**Winter Reading will begin
January 17th, 2026**



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YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

Special Programs

"Watch Them Grow" Author Event

Saturday September 13 | 2pm-3pm | Join author Carrie Pearson for a reading and an activity about her new book on baby animals and what they look like before they are born! Book recommended for ages 8-12, families welcome. Community Room.

Costume Swap

Saturday Sept 20 | 11am-2pm | Donate clean, gently used and new costumes at the YS desk August 4-Sept 19. Then, attend the swap and get free, new-to-you costumes for Halloween! Community Room.

Halloween Family Craft Night : Halloween Countdown

Thursday October 9 | 4pm-7:30pm | Families are invited to drop in and make a Halloween Countdown craft. Community Room.

'Twas the Night before Halloween Storytime

Thursday Oct. 30 | 6pm-6:45pm | Family friendly Halloween storytime followed by trick-or-treating. Costumes encouraged! Community Room.

Teddy Bear Clinic

Saturday Nov. 8 | 11am-12:30pm | Families with kids of all ages, bring a stuffie/doll for this drop-in event. Led by resident physicians from UPHS Marquette Family Medicine Residency and medical students from MSU College of Medicine, kids will have fun taking their stuffie through interactive stations designed to help reduce fear and anxiety around medical professionals and doctor visits. Under 8 must have an adult present. Community Room.

Homeschool Family Winter Solstice Art Exhibit

Experience

Wednesday Dec. 3 | 1:30-3:30pm | Homeschool families are invited to drop in for a self-led tour of the library's winter solstice trees and art exhibit. A special kids craft will be available in the Great Room. Under 8 must have an adult with them.

Winter Holiday Storytime

Monday Dec. 8 | 6pm-6:45pm | Family friendly storytime with Winter themed and secular Christmas stories, songs and movement, followed by a craft. Pj's and/or holiday apparel encouraged! Community Room.

Fall 2025 | September - December

Teen (6th-12th grade)

Monthly Events

un'TITLE'd Teens

Wednesdays (9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3) | 3-6pm | Drop in program for teens to hang out and meet new friends. Teen Zone

Teens Cook

Wednesdays (9/10, 10/8, 11/12) | 4-6pm | Offsite. Monthly cooking class for teens. *[Online registration](#).
9/10 - Tabbouleh & Roasted Beet Hummus(Vegan/GF)
10/8 - Butternut Squash Soup & Apple Cider Donut Muffins
11/12 - Mutter Paneer & Chapati (GF)

Dungeons & Dragons @ PWPL

Wednesdays (9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17) | 4-6pm | Epic role-playing game. *[Online registration](#).

Game On

Wednesdays (9/24, 10/22) | 3-6pm | Drop-in to the Teen Zone for video games, board games and more.

Homeschool Chapter Book Discussion

Wednesdays (9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19) | 1-2pm | Homeschool Teens, Ages 11 & up, are welcome to join Amanda in the Teen Zone for Book Discussions.

Special Events

Costume Swap

Saturday Sept 20 | 11am-2pm | Taking donations of gently used (clean) and new costumes August 4-Sept 19. Attend the Swap and get free, new-to-you costumes for Halloween! Community Room.

Learn Magic the Gathering

Saturday November 22 | 1-3 pm | Drop in to learn about Magic the Gathering from Iron Golem Games. All Ages Welcomed. Community Room

Yule Ball

Friday December 12 | 7:30-9:30 pm | PWPL Community Room. Semi -formal dance for students in grades 6-8. \$10 fee due at ticket pickup. *[Tickets available in Teen Zone starting November 17](#).

Prom Dress Swap Save the Date

Saturday February 21| 10-4pm | High School students "shop" for a free Prom dress. Dresses can be donated throughout the year.



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Hola! Kids Can Spin at PWPL!

Youth Services is excited to offer new (and some tried and true) programming this fall. All programs are brought to the community through the efforts and generosity of The Friends of the Library.

Grace Champion's **Yarn Spinners** will offer a cozy space for kids to come in and learn a little bit more about knitting, crocheting and weaving. Children and their adults of all skill levels will create projects using various yarn techniques. They can use quiet spaces to work independently or join the changing, taught group project. People are welcome to bring in ongoing projects and supplies from home or start from scratch using library supplies. According to Champion, an avid spinner herself, "Anyone who likes crocheting or knitting knows that it can be a big initial investment. Having this event available at the library gives people the confidence to experiment and try new things."

Another new program will be Claire Ellis's **Hola Español** club for kids in grades K-6th. Through fun games and hands-on activities, kids will be introduced to some basic Spanish vocabulary and explore the cultures of Spanish speaking countries. Ellis has recently returned to Marquette after working in Spain as an English teaching assistant. She has been inspired to share her knowledge after having noticed how difficult it was for her to learn a new language as an adult compared to her young students with their "brilliant, little sponge-brains."

Returning programs include **Muggles for Potter**, **Pokemon Trading & Gaming**, **Lego Club**, **D&D Junior**, **Art with Ella**, and **Animal Explorers** (with an added "Who Would Win" twist). Hope to see you this fall! - *Your Peter White Public Library Youth Services Team*



Questions? Contact
Youth Services at (906)
226-4323

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*Supplies are provided for all, however the number of people in the room at a time is limited. There may be a short wait time for an open table.

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WATCH THEM GROW



THE FASCINATING SCIENCE OF ANIMAL BEGINNINGS

CARRIE A. PEARSON

Sure, baby animals are cute. But have you ever seen what they look like before they're born?

Author & Marquette native Carrie A. Pearson will share excerpts from her NEW book about a variety of animals, genetics, gestation, and early development.

Author presentation followed by an interactive activity

September 13, 2025
2:00PM-3:00 PM
PWPL Community Room

Recommended Book Ages 8-12
Families are welcome

Snowbound Books will have books available for sale.

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Teddy Bear Clinic



Saturday Nov. 8, 2025

11 am - 1 pm

Peter White Public Library Community Room

Families with children of all ages welcome!

Parents & guardians - watch the fear of medical professionals melt away as stuffie friends undergo boo-boo repairs, shots and more

BRING A STUFFIE FRIEND!

Activities led by resident physicians from UPHS Marquette Family Medicine Residency and medical students from MSU College of Medicine



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SCHOOL'S OUT, LIBRARY'S IN! ✨

MAPS Half-days & Full-days Off School
LIBRARY PROGRAMS
SEPT - NOV 2025

Children 7 & under must have an adult present. See online Code of Conduct for children 8+ coming to the library without an adult.

Call us at 906-226-4323 or see online events calendar for more details.

Monday 10/13

- Big Block Building
 - Great Room. Drop in 12pm-5pm
- LEGO
 - Makerspace. Drop in 12pm-5pm
- Film: "Minecraft"
 - Community Room. 12:45pm

Wednesday 11/12

- Perler Beads
 - Makerspace. Drop in 12pm-5pm
- Kinetic Sand Sensory Bins
 - Great Room. Drop in 12pm-5pm

Thursday 11/13

- Leaf Window Luminaries
 - Great Room. Drop in 12pm-4pm
- Kinetic Sand Sensory Bins
 - Makerspace. Drop in 12pm-4pm

Friday 11/14

- LEGO Free Build
 - Great Room. Drop in 12pm-5pm
- Beaded Backpack/Luggage Tag
 - Makerspace. Drop in 12pm-5pm
- Film: "Paddington in Peru"
 - Community Room. 12:45pm

Sept-Nov 2025

STORYTIMES AT PETER WHITE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Toddler Storytime



MONDAYS | 10:00 AM

SEPT. 8 - NOV. 20

18 months - 3 years and a loving adult

Preschool Storytime



TUESDAYS | 10:00 AM

SEPT. 12 - NOV. 21

3-6 years old and a loving adult

Baby Storytime



WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM

SEPT. 10 - NOV. 19

0-17 months and a loving adult

Saturday Storytime



SATURDAYS | 11 AM

SEPT. 13 - NOV. 22

Babies through age 6 with a loving adult. Older children welcome.

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Catherine Johnson from Polly Friend	Jane Taube from Sten Taube
Bruce Fletcher from Janice Hermanson	Michael Fassbender from Union Bank
Nancy Lutey from Tom & Ruth Holmstrom	

MAY - JULY 2025 IN HONOR OF...

Amy & David Carter from Ann F. Carter
Louise Anderson from Paul Marin & Betsy Little

Peter White Public Library Presents

WINTER WONDERLAND walk

New in 2025 - Partnership with
Lake Superior Art Association

Register for your tree at:
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or scan QR Code



Questions? Contact
Andrea Marsh at
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- Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
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- St. Clair County Library
- Suburban Library Cooperative
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Education in the Ways of a Public Library

My Time as a Board Member

Carol Steinhause, Board of Trustees 2015-2025



I recently completed 10 years (two terms) of service on the Peter White Public Library Board. Looking back, I'm struck by how much I learned—about libraries, public service, finances, and the challenges and rewards of community governance.

Not long after I joined the board, longtime Library Director Pam Christensen retired. Filling those shoes was no small task. After interviewing candidates, we hired Andrea Ingmire from Indiana – a decision we never regretted. Andrea brought vision, leadership, and a deep commitment to the library's role in the community.

Over the years financial concerns were a constant theme. Changes in library revenues came in all shapes and sizes. Including large impacts like WE Energies moving from the City of Marquette, to tax tribunal settlements in the City of Marquette and Marquette Charter Township. It seemed like every time we'd gain ground; there was another change waiting in the wings to remove funding. With big changes, we had to make tough decisions, including the elimination of Sunday hours—moves no one liked, but which were necessary. A successful Headlee Override helped recover some of the lost funding, thanks in part to strong community support and advocacy of Supporters of Peter White Public Library.

Energy efficiency and cost cutting measures became an ongoing focus. With the help of then-finance director Rick Orr, we replaced outdated lighting and equipment and raised awareness about energy use. The children's library glass ceiling, a major source of heat loss and summer overheating, was redesigned during our broader building renovation from 2018-2019. We also had to deal with carpet issues post-remodel, which forced us to move bookshelves more than anticipated.

The pandemic in 2020 brought an entirely new set of challenges. We shifted to virtual board meetings and had to decide how to support our employees when they couldn't work in the building. I felt strongly that we needed to prioritize their financial well-being while also being responsible stewards of taxpayer funds. We developed work-from-home policies and later launched a curbside pickup system. Many patrons expressed how grateful they were to have access to library materials again during such a difficult time.

We also began a comprehensive review of library policies. It was eye-opening to consider things I had never previously thought about—like whether the library should accept all donated items or how to manage service animals. In addition to operational

policies we also added policies to support community-focused collections and services such as the "Library of Things" which provides a collection of rarely used but useful items like cake pans, telescopes, and tools.

I served on the Personnel Subcommittee for several years, and one major issue we tackled was employee compensation. We were losing talented staff because our wages weren't competitive. Over time, we were able to adjust our pay scales which helped with retention.

Beyond the direct library issues we addressed as a board, it was surprising to see how often societal changes impacted PWPL. For example, the challenges of homelessness and instability of funding for support services, the legalization of marijuana and how that impacted penal fines, and impact of the rising cost of living on staff retention. Library decisions are never made in isolation, and it was fascinating to observe how shifts that might seem unrelated to the library would ultimately influence operations. As the saying goes, there is never a dull moment!

One of the most public moments during my service came near the end of my term, when a request was brought to the board to remove a book from the collection due to its content. In a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees the board discussed this issue and in front of a standing-room-only crowd voted unanimously to retain the book. The issue—and our response—made the front page of *The Mining Journal*. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of intellectual freedom and the role of libraries as places for all people.

Throughout my time on the board, I was approached by community members with questions, concerns, and compliments. It always reminded me that transparency and accessibility matter. I genuinely believe that the more people who serve on local boards, the better informed our community becomes. While there were difficult and complex decisions to make, it was a truly rewarding experience. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have served, and I encourage others to get involved. It's one of the most educational and meaningful ways to give back. ~



After School & Weekend Programs

SEPT - NOV 2025



Dungeons & Dragons Junior

Mondays 9/15-9/29 & 11/3-11/17

4:30pm-6pm | Great Room

-For 4th & 5th grade. Join a D&D gaming group! In person registration required*

Yarn Spinners

Tuesdays 9/9, 10/7, 10/28

4:30pm-5:30pm | Great Room

-Youth of all ages & skill level-crochet, knit and weave! BYO own supplies or projects or use library supplies to learn! Under 8 must have an adult present with them.

Muggles for Potter

Tuesdays 9/16, 10/14, 11/4

4:30pm-5:30pm | Great Room

-For 3rd - 6th grade Harry Potter fans. Hear the book read aloud, enjoy fun HP themed crafts, activities and more.

Animal Explorers: Who Would Win?

Tuesdays 9/23, 10/21, 11/18

4:30pm-5:30pm | Great Room

-Youth K-5th grade will learn about cool (and weird) animals through games, art, science and play! Under 8 must have an adult with them.

Art with Ella

Saturdays 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15

1pm-3pm | Great Room

-Art for kids of all ages! Drop-in and create using different mediums and styles of art. Under 8 must have an adult with them.

Fandom Fun

4:30pm-5:30pm | Great Room

Wed 9/10 - I Survived

Wed 9/24 - Superheroes!

Mon 10/6 - Board Games

Mon 10/27 - Spooky Fun!

Wed 11/19 - Dog Man

-For youth of all ages. Have fun with favorite characters! Under 8 must have adult present in program.

Pokémon Trade & Play

Thursdays 9/11, 9/25, 10/2, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20

4pm-5:30pm | Makerspace

-For youth of all ages who wish to trade cards & game with others. Trading & gaming will be kid led during this time. Under 8 must have an adult with them.

¡Hola Español! - Spanish Club

Thursday 9/18, 10/16, 11/13

4:30pm-5:30pm | Great Room

-Youth K-6 grade will be introduced to the Spanish language and cultures through games, stories and hands-on activities!

LEGO Club

Fridays 9/12-11/21

4pm-5pm | Great Room

-For youth of all ages. Under 8 needs an adult with them in program.

Build awesome creations with library LEGO bricks.

**Questions? Contact
Youth Services at
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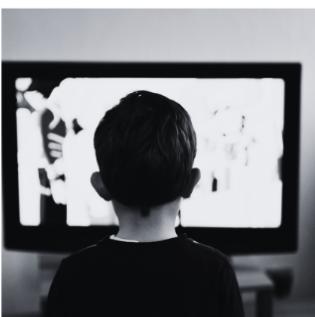
Peter White Public Library is partnering with the Upper Peninsula Cybersecurity Institute to bring the Marquette community authoritative and up-to-date information about computer and internet safety through our program series, Cyber Clinic.



Cyber Clinic: Stay Safe from Spam and Scams

Monday, October 20. 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
in the Heritage Room

Learn how to protect yourself from online scams, fake emails, and unwanted messages. We will cover the warning signs to watch for, how to keep your accounts secure, and what to do if something seems suspicious. No technical background needed, just real-world tips you can use right away.



Cyber Clinic: Protect Your Personal Devices

Monday, November 3. 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
in the Heritage Room

Learn simple privacy steps to keep your phone, tablet, or computer safe. We'll walk through common settings and explain what they mean so you can use your devices with confidence. Feel free to bring your device for optional hands-on help during the session.



Cyber Clinic: Live Smarter with AI

Monday, December 1. 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
in the Heritage Room.

Find out how AI tools can help with everyday things like writing emails, keeping organized, or getting quick answers. We'll also talk about easy ways to protect your privacy while using these tools. You'll leave feeling more confident and ready to give AI a try.

Questions?

Contact the Reference Desk at

(906) 228-9510 or

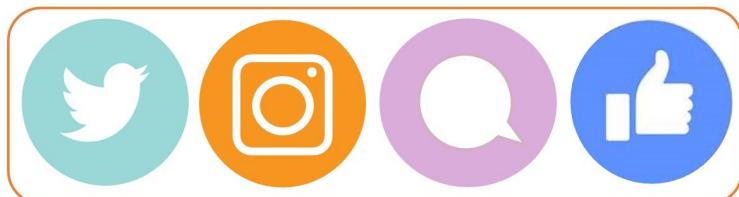
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Tech Coaching for Seniors

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

September 9 & 11, 16 & 18, 23 & 25
October 14 & 16, 21 & 23, 28 & 30
November 4 & 6, 18 & 20

Heritage Room

Learn how to customize your cellphones, ChromeBooks, iPads, etc. with Christine Ault, retired teacher & librarian.

Sessions will be offered in 30-minute appointments. Call the Reference Desk at 906-226-4311 to sign up.

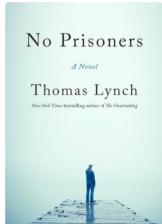
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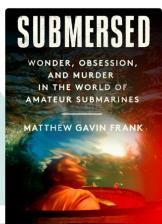
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Book Launch & Reading



No Prisoners
by Thomas Lynch

Tuesday, October 7
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
in the Community Room



Submersed
by Matthew Gavin Frank

Monday, September 22
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
in the Community Room



What Can the Matter Be?
by Keith Taylor

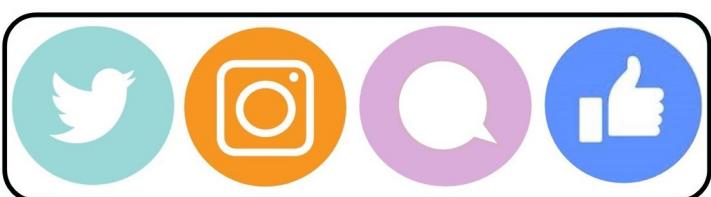
Wednesday, October 22
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
in the Community Room



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Tech Tips for Cell Phones

Third Thursday Roundtable

When: Thursdays, from Noon—1 p.m.
September 18
October 16
November 20

Where: Heritage Room

What to Bring: iPhone or android phone

Bring yourself and a friend, along with your smart phone, to a casual roundtable discussion. We will explore topics like popular apps, how to manage settings, how to secure your Facebook account and more. Feel free to bring a bag lunch or beverage.



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Northwords & Music

A Yooper Variety Show



Join local poets and musicians for an evening of poems, skits and songs to inspire hope and joy.

Wednesday, October 8
Wednesday, December 10
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
in the Community Room

Questions?
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Learn to Play MAGIC THE GATHERING @ PWPL

Come learn Magic the Gathering, we are partnering with Iron Golem Games for all to learn this popular card game.

All participants will receive a free welcome deck and promotional items.*

*While supplies lasts

For All Ages



Questions? Contact
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HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

PWPL Community Room
September 20
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Donate gently used Halloween costumes,
dress up clothes and accessories.

Accepting all sizes!

Drop off at the Teen Zone or Youth Services
from August 4-September 19

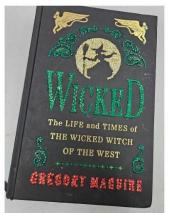
All Costumes will be free of charge
No donation is need to attend the swap.



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COLOR OUR WORLD Summer Reading

Teens Read



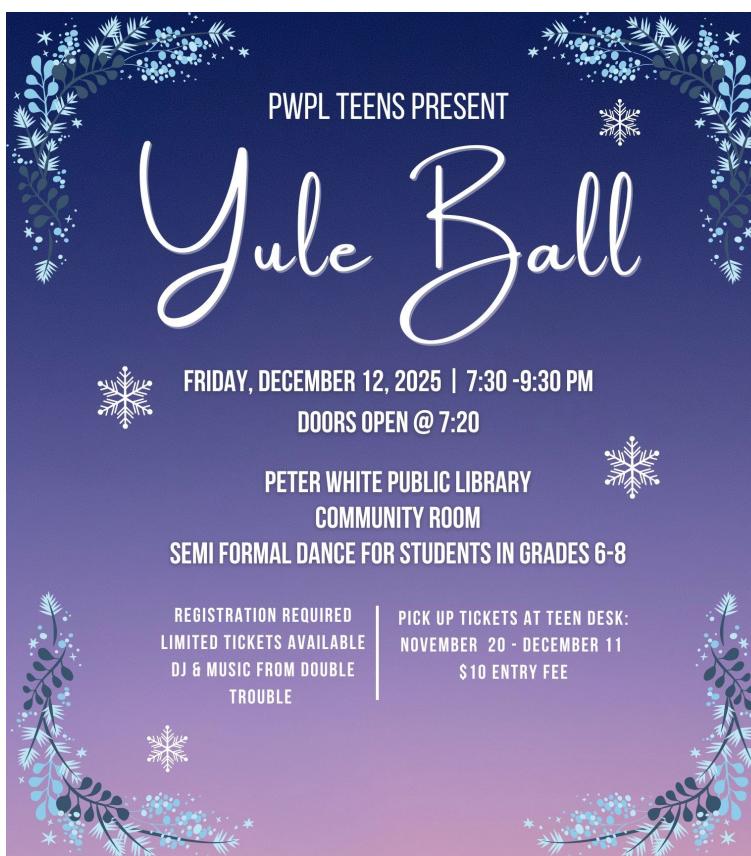
I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the sponsors of the Teens Read Summer Reading Program. Over 300 Teens had a great summer of programs due to your generous support and were able to pick gift cards to local businesses for prizes.



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Monthly Programs



Teens Game On!

Drop in for monthly gaming; we will have a selection of video games, boards games and more.
Sept. 24, Oct 22, 3-6 pm
For youth in grades 6-12. No admission charge. Teen Zone



unTITLEd Teens

Teens in grades 6-12 join in on the fun with unTITLEd Teens, during which teens will do something different each month.
Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 3-6 pm.
For youth in grades 6-12. No admission charge. Teen Zone



Dungeons & Dragons

We have partnered up with Iron Golem Games to bring Dungeon and Dragons to the PWPL Teen Zone. Join our Dungeon Masters as they lead groups of teens on an epic quest with this role-playing game.

Sessions will last 2 hours and will be located in the Community Room.
Teens should bring a character sheet and set of dice if possible.
Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, 4-6 pm
For students in Grades 6-12. No admission charge. Community Room



Teens Cook!

Join us for a cooking lesson at the Marquette Food Co-Op. Each month explore a new kind of food and building your cooking skills. For youth in grades 6-12.

Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, 4-6 pm
Online registration is required and opens 4 weeks prior to each cooking class. You will have to register for each class individually each month.
If you register to the waitlist, you will receive an automatic email if you come off the waitlist.
No admission charge. Marquette Food Coop



Homeschool Chapter Book Discussion

Homeschool Teens are welcome to join Amanda in the Teen Zone for Book Discussions.
Sept. 10, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 5, Nov. 19, 1 pm
For youth ages 11 & up. No admission charge. Teen Zone



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BLOCKBUSTING CINEMA

You bring your dinner, we provide a table!



A Real Pain

Rated R
Runtime: 92 minutes
Monday, September 8
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Community Room



American Fiction

Rated R
Runtime: 117 minutes
Monday, October 6
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Community Room



Sinners

Rated R
Runtime: 137 minutes
Wednesday, October 29
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Community Room



The Room Next Door

Rated PG-13
Runtime: 107 minutes
Wednesday, November 12
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Community Room

Questions?
Contact Marty Achatz
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No Admission Charged.



DOCU CINEMA



Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter

Rated PG
Runtime: 44 minutes
Friday, September 12
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Community Room



Birth of the Living Dead: The Making of "Night of the Living Dead" NR

Runtime: 76 minutes
Friday, October 10
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Community Room



Deep Sea Detectives: Death of the Edmund Fitzgerald

Runtime: 100 minutes
Tuesday, November 16
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Community Room

Questions?
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CONCERT SERIES



"Singin' the Good Old Songs Again"
with Jackie Davidson & Gary Brandt

Wednesday, September 10
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
in the Community Room.



Richard Gilewitz and Tim May

Monday, November 17
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
in the Community Room



Bluesday Tuesday:

The Final Tuesday of the Month!
September 30
October 28
November 25



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GLOBAL CINEMA



El Norte

Rated R
Run Time: 139 minutes
Friday, September 19
12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Community Room



No Movie In October

Celebrate the Fresh Coast Film Festival at PWPL!



Das Boot: Director's Cut

Rated R
Run Time: 149 minutes
Friday, November 21
12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Community Room.



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PUBLIC GALLERY EXHIBITS

FALL 2025



Deo Gallery

Umbilios

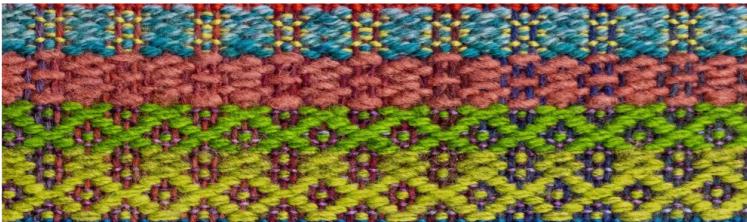


Huron Mountain Club Gallery

M.G.H. 1915 - 2025



Deo Gallery
LSAA Member Show



Huron Mountain Club Gallery
Echo. Mirror. Magnify.

August - September 2025 - Reception: August 14, 2025, 6-8 pm

Deo Gallery

Umbilios brings together recent work from the eight members of the Sensoria Artist Collective, a group of Upper Peninsula-based artists working across painting, sculpture, illustration, ceramics, textiles, video, and photography. Founded in 2013, the collective thrives on the diversity of its members' backgrounds, mediums, and creative paths, all united by a deep connection to the Marquette landscape and community. This exhibition is dedicated to the memory of Beth Milner, a longtime member of Sensoria, who passed away in January.

Huron Mountain Club Gallery

M.G.H. 1915 - 2025 documents the final moments of Marquette General Hospital before its demolition, capturing the hospital's decaying interior. AJ Jensen's unfiltered photography uncovers the passage of time, reflecting on what remains in the space where something once existed. The accompanying installation, featuring three MRI panels, adds depth to this exploration of impermanence and memory. Together, the photographs and installation invite viewers to consider the fading of a landmark and the lasting impact of what was.

October - November 2025 - Reception: October 9, 2025, 6-8 pm

Deo Gallery

The *LSAA Member Show* showcases a wide range of artwork by members of the Lake Superior Art Association, Upper Michigan's oldest arts organization. A nonprofit dedicated to promoting visual arts in the Lake Superior region, LSAA offers workshops, exhibits, and events that support artists of all levels in developing their skills, sharing their work, and building community.

Huron Mountain Club Gallery

Echo. Mirror. Magnify. features textile and fiber artworks that examine the flood of information and imagery in modern life, and how it affects our confidence in discerning what is real. Woven tapestries explore the value and limits of expertise, while felted sculptures challenge plausibility. Bright patterns and fantastical imagery invite reflection on how we decide what is known and legitimate, with compassion and humor. Emily Tobin LaVoy, a weaver and fiber artist since 2018, teaches weaving and needle felting in Marquette and is a member of the Yarnwinders Fiber Guild.



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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26
9:30 am - 5:00 pm
No admission charge

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27
1/2 Price sale
9:30 am - 1:30 pm
bag sale
1:45 pm - 4:00 pm
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