



PETER WHITE  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# NEWSLETTER

WINTER  
2026



**BUILDING OUR  
FUTURE  
25 YEARS LATER**

## PWPL Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:30 am - 8:30 pm

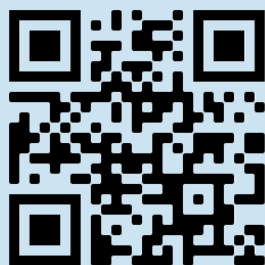
Friday

9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Closed Sunday



**PWPL Events Calendar**

**Phone**

**(906) 228-9510**

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## PWPL ENDOWMENT FUNDS REACH \$2.2 MILLION WITH HENDERSON BEQUEST

**P**eter White Public Library donor-supported endowment funds recently reached the historic milestone of \$2.2 million in total value. This level was reached with a recent bequest of \$200,000 from the estate of Roberta Henderson. The bequest will create the Roberta Henderson Memorial Fund, an endowment fund to support all PWPL collections.

The PWPL Development Fund endowment portfolio now includes seven individual funds, five of which were established in the last five years. The original fund, the General Endowment fund was created in just eleven years ago with an initial gift of \$30,000 from UP Health System. This fund is now valued at nearly \$812,000.

This momentous achievement highlights PWPL's continued support thanks to the community members who invest in public library service.

Other notable endowments include the Roberts Fund, which supports youth and teen services, programs and collection and the Aldrich Fund, which supports library technology equipment, programming and infrastructure. The Steinhaus Fund supports the adult fiction collection.

The Vander Veen Center for the Book and Local History Endowment Fund were also added this year. The Vander Veen Fund provides support for library services. The Local History Fund will help fund the local history and genealogy collections and programs.

"The establishment and growth of the endowment funds is a testament to the trust and support of the donors who invest in the future of Peter White Public Library and our community," said Heather Steltenpohl, Development Director. "Creating and growing sustainable public library funding critical to providing the quality library service our community deserves forever."

PWPL Endowment Funds can be created with a minimum contribution of \$25,000 and may be designated for specific collections, programs or services aligning with the PWPL mission. Donors also have the option of adding to existing endowment funds, allowing the principal to grow and increase investment income.

For more information about investing public library service through the PWPL Endowment Funds, please contact Development Director Heather Steltenpohl at (906) 226-4305 or [heather@pwpl.info](mailto:heather@pwpl.info).



**Roberta "Bobbie" Henderson**

# HISTORY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

## LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCH ROOM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Local History Research Room (LHRR) is now open for drop-in use on Wednesday from 12:00-4:00pm. The Reference Staff is glad to pull any files of materials for patrons anytime the library is open. The LHRR offers a quiet place to explore unique local topics and houses a variety of resources such as newspaper files, special collections, pamphlets/guides, and other books pertaining to the local area. All the materials in the LHRR are geared towards history buffs, students, scholars, genealogists, and journalists. Any questions can be asked at the Reference Desk at [refdesk@pwpl.info](mailto:refdesk@pwpl.info).

### Meet Our Coordinator

My name is Corey Wiseman. I am an Adult Services and the Local History Assistant at Peter White Public Library. I have been working at PWPL since October of 2023, and I am a lifelong resident of Marquette. My passion for local history comes from how understanding the past can deepen our perspective on the present. Studying history, I believe, is another form of intimacy



towards the persons, places and institutions that shape our lives. For example, did you know that prominent Marquette resident Peter White not only help establish our first library also gifted the city of Marquette with Presque Isle? How neat! I am drawn to reading and writing, about the place I've called home for over three decades and I invite you visit and do the same. Fun fact: for a period of time I gave tours of

the Marquette Harbor Lighthouse while I worked at the Marquette Maritime Museum, and yes I do believe that it's haunted. Feel free to stop by the reference desk at PWPL and ask about our many historic photos, articles, and documents! ~



Local History  
Research Room  
Open for drop-in use  
Wednesdays 12-4pm

## OUR THANKS TO YOU

To our exceptional PWPL Board of Trustees and Township Advisory Council—thank you for being our steady compass this year. We are truly grateful for your leadership.

To the amazing PWPL staff, you continue to put heart into everything you do. You bring warmth, curiosity, and possibility into our building every day, and it shows.

To our community, thank you for showing up for us—again and again. Your trust and enthusiasm remind us why this work matters. Whether you visit often or support us from afar, you are the reason PWPL thrives.

To our programming partners, we extend our heartfelt appreciation. Your collaboration enriches our offerings, opens new doors, and helps us nurture a more connected, inclusive, and hopeful community.

Thank you all for being part of our story. Here's to a meaningful and inspiring 2026—together.



# FRIENDS OF PWPL CELEBRATE BANNER YEAR

In the past twelve months, the Friends raised a record-setting \$75,000 through these efforts to support PWPL's collections, programs, and services. The Friends of PWPL run the Friends Used Book Store and hold bi-annual used book sales. The Friends also provided 1,671 hours of volunteer work during that time.

Special thanks to the Friends of PWPL Board and Store Committee members David White (President), Lacey Hartzell (Vice President), Cathy Seblonka (Secretary), Margi Licht-Mallo, Susie Colquitt, Walter Wojtowicz, Marie Brooks, Joe Sabol, Dianne Patrick, Donna Keskimaki, Vicki Reuling, Christine Ault, Laurel Kniskern, Pat Curtis, Linda Buck, Jeannette Hauver, Jo Foley, Nancy Carter, and Toni Eppensteiner.

The Friends Used Book Store opened in 2016. All items sold in the store and sales are used books and other materials donated by the public. Thank you to all who chose to donate their gently used books to PWPL. The Used Book Store raised over \$49,000 last year.

With funds raised from selling used books, the Friends helped provided the following for PWPL last year :

- Summer Reading Program
- Youth Program materials
- Teen Program Funding
- Art Gallery & Reception Supplies
- United States of America Flag
- Great Lakes Poetry Festival
- Film licensing & Popcorn Machine Supplies
- *Book Page* Magazine
- Adult and Youth collections
- Tonie & Yoto Collection
- Library of Things
- Book Club Kits
- Archival materials
- Repair Café Supplies
- Meeting Room Equipment
- Staff training
- Adult Programming
- Children's Fish Tank Maintenance
- and more!



Are you interested in joining the Best Friends in town?

Contact Heather Steltenpohl,  
PWPL Development Director:  
heather@pwpl.info or  
(906) 226-4305.

Please visit [www.pwpl.info/donate](http://www.pwpl.info/donate)  
to learn about donating materials to  
the Friends of PWPL.

## PUBLIC GALLERY EXHIBITS 2026



### We have an wonderful lineup of art exhibits coming to the Peter White Public Library in 2026. Exhibits will take place in the Deo Gallery and Huron Mountain Club Gallery.

#### December 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026

Artist Reception: December 11, 2025, 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
**Winter Solstice Art & Trees**

Celebrate the season's beauty with *Winter Solstice*, a collaborative exhibition by the Lake Superior Art Association and the Peter White Public Library. Featuring works by local artists, the show captures Marquette's winter spirit through landscapes, abstractions, and community-decorated evergreens. Curated by the Lake Superior Art Association—supporting regional visual arts for over 70 years—this exhibit reflects both the creative heart of our community and the enduring magic of winter.

#### February – March 2026

Artist Reception: February 12, 2026, 6–8 pm  
**Deo Gallery - *I Hear the Caw*- Lindsey Heiden**

Through mixed media works blending animal forms and layered textures, Lindsey Heiden explores the evolving sense of “home.” Her crow-inspired hybrids evoke memory, belonging, and transformation, weaving together found objects and personal symbolism to create an immersive visual narrative of identity and return.

**Huron Mountain Club Gallery - *Awakening*- Cole Bonino**  
Cole Bonino's paintings trace a journey of personal and spiritual renewal inspired by nature, dreams, and archetypes. Themes of motherhood, duality, and divine femininity intertwine with imagery from the natural world, reflecting the artist's meditative connection to Earth and the cycles of life and rebirth.



#### Upcoming 2026 Exhibits

Continue visiting the Deo and Huron Mountain Club Galleries throughout 2026 for a diverse lineup of artists. Exhibits rotate bimonthly, featuring receptions on the second Thursday of even-numbered months. Visit our website for updates on featured artists, reception dates, and submission opportunities.

#### April – May 2026

Artist Reception: April 9, 2026, 6–8 pm  
**Deo Gallery**  
*Memories & Magic*  
Taryn Okesson  
**Huron Mountain Club Gallery**  
High School Arts

#### June – July 2026

Artist Reception: June 11, 2026, 6–8 pm  
**Deo Gallery**  
*Inspirations from Nature*  
Monica Zender & Marvin Zender  
**Huron Mountain Club Gallery**  
*80 Years of Fiber Arts in Marquette*  
Yarnwinders Fiber Guild

#### August – September 2026

Artist Reception: August 13, 2026, 6–8 pm  
**Deo Gallery**  
*Shadow Ashes*  
Jessie Fleury  
**Huron Mountain Club Gallery**  
*American Fabric: a 40,000 Mile Drive to Marquette*  
Travis Norman

#### October – November 2026

Artist Reception: October 8, 2026, 6–8 pm  
**Deo Gallery**  
Member Show  
Lake Superior Art Association  
**Huron Mountain Club Gallery**  
*Wetlands*  
Larissa Schmock



# KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH MISERY!

In this season of gratitude, the Adult Programming Corner wants to take a moment to thank all of the patrons, guests, and benefactors who make the events at Peter White Public Library possible. From concerts and crafting workshops to author readings and the NEA Big Read, it's impossible to express our deep appreciation for your support and generosity.

Yes, winter is upon us, with all that cold and white stuff, but that doesn't slow us down at PWPL. We have lots of exciting events coming up for Winter 2026, including a collaboration with Iron Arts Theatre for a Valentine's stage production of Stephen King's *Misery*.

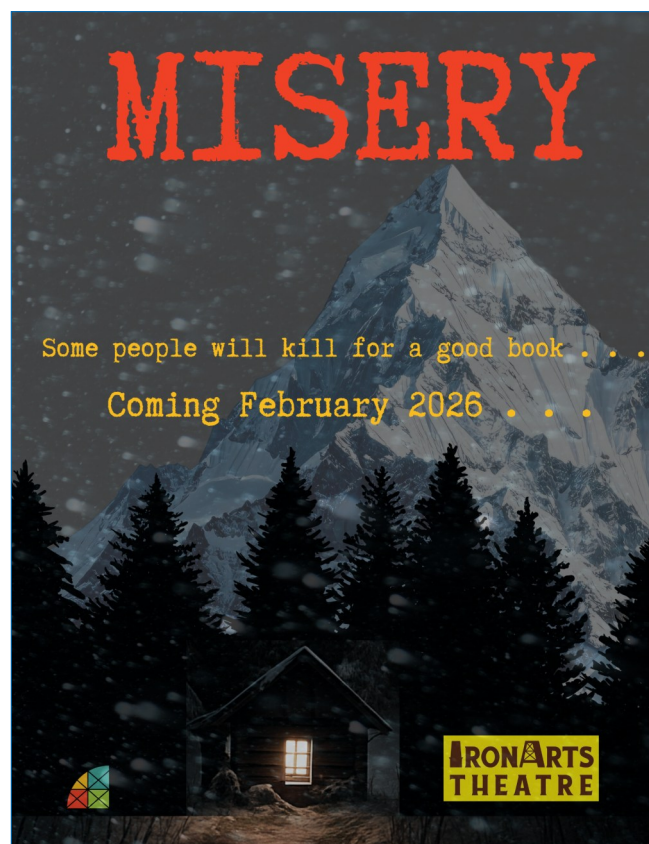
That's right, Annie Wilkes and her sledgehammer are taking to PWPL's Community Room stage for three performances, February 16, 17, and 18.

*Misery* is one of King's most popular works, spawning both an Oscar-winning film adaptation and a Tony-nominated Broadway production. The story concerns bestselling author Paul Sheldon being rescued from a car wreck by a reclusive registered nurse, Annie Wilkes. Sheldon's angel of mercy soon confesses that she's his "number one fan." Things start to unravel as Paul soon realizes there's something not quite right about Annie.

"*Misery* has always been one of my favorite Stephen King novels," Adult Programming Coordinator Marty Achatz says. "When I was approached to bring this story to the stage at Peter White, I jumped at it."

The production will be directed by Leslie Parkkonen (star and director of countless Marquette area shows) and star Thomas Laitinen as Paul Sheldon and Jessca "Red" Bays as Annie Wilkes.

"We have three of the area's most talented performers involved in *Misery*," Achatz says. "This is



going to be a show you won't want to miss."

Tickets for the production will go on sale in early January 2026, and this collaboration will benefit both Peter White Public Library and Iron Arts Theatre.

"Hopefully, this is the first of many collaborations between Peter White Public Library and Iron Arts Theatre," Achatz says. "Because, as you know, *Misery* loves company." ~.

## OUR DIRECTOR'S THANKS

Regardless of what's happening in the wider world, I always find reasons for gratitude when I'm at PWPL. Libraries are so much more than shelves of books — they are gathering places, learning hubs, and spaces for connection. Every day, people of all ages walk through our doors to explore new ideas, find resources, and experience a sense of belonging.

We are deeply thankful for the readers, learners, volunteers, and supporters who make this possible. Your visits, curiosity, and generosity keep our mission thriving. Together, we build a stronger, more connected community — one story, one program, and one shared experience at a time.

In the coming year, PWPL will set new goals as part of our updated strategic plan. While we don't expect major changes, this is an important opportunity to re-evaluate and refocus our priorities. As we reflect on

what service, sustainability, and expertise mean for our community, we invite you to be part of the conversation.

Join me for **Director Chat** on **December 3**, from **11:00**

**a.m.–12:00 p.m.**

or **5:00–6:00**

**p.m.**, and share

your thoughts

on what service,

sustainability,

and expertise

mean to you.

Thank you for

being an

essential part of

our library

family.—**Andrea**

**Ingmire, Library**

**Director**

## Director Chat

No January session.

**December 3 &  
February 4**

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

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# STICK WITH READING!

The variety of free activities offered by Youth Services throughout the year continually impresses both residents and visitors.

In October alone, there were 25 different events ranging from the new Art with Ella and Hola Espanol Spanish Club to classics like Muggles for Potter, Lego Club, and Story Times. And that's not counting the everyday, but never humdrum, library activities like the Scavenger Hunt, crafts in the Maker Space, and the Dramatic Play area (its Animal Hospital was a smash hit last month). The dedication and broad experiences the YS staff bring to their work are just one part of what makes that possible. For the more tangible elements,

Youth Services gets by with a little (or rather a whole LOT) of help from its friends: The Friends of the Library. For just the final quarter of this year, the Friends are providing over \$7500 to Youth Services to cover the cost of its programs. That amount provides many things, ranging from the craft supplies for Yarn Spinners to the materials required to set up and run events like our Superhero Fandom. Not all heroes wear capes, but their funding covers the cost of them...and masks, spangled



## WINTER READING 2026 STICK WITH READING!



- \* Free to participate for youth ages 0-14.
- \* Online registration begins January 17. Winter Reading ends Feb. 28.
- \* Pick up reading log(s) at the Youth Services desk.
- \* Read books, earn awesome stickers!

**STICK with Reading Kickoff: Family Read-In!**  
*Jan 17<sup>th</sup> | 10am-3pm | Youth Services Room*  
  
Drop in and read in a cozy reading tent or nook  
Earn extra stickers by completing the Kickoff Bingo Card  
Hot cocoa and cookies available from 11am-1pm

gauntlets, and painted backdrops. And prizes. It pays for a lot of prizes. Every month, children test their wits to complete the in-library Scavenger Hunt 300-400 times for a tiny treat. And our very early readers/listeners, working to complete 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, get to choose a fun incentive after every 100 books.

A large portion of this quarter's funding will go towards January's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Reading program with its numerous activities and, or course, prizes for participating, which rumor has it will be VERY exciting stickers!

This funding from the Friends will also cover a coming new initiative in Youth Services: a selection of available-for-check-out board games (which were offered at a discount by local business Taiga Games).

So who are these people? And how come they have so much cash to lavish on the area's youth?

**Special thanks to everyone who made a gift during the 2025 Summer Fund Allyn Roberts Challenge!**

**We are pleased to announce that the Challenge was met and over \$83,000.00 was raised this summer to support PWPL collections, programs and services!**



# GAME DAYS AT PWPL

**For All Ages**

**THURSDAYS  
9:30 AM - 8:30 PM**

**JAN 29 - NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY**  
**FEB 26 - CLASSIC BOARD GAMES**  
**MARCH 26 - CARD GAMES**

Activities will be available in the Huron Mountain Club Gallery, the Second Floor and for kids in the YS Room. Complimentary coffee, and hot tea all day. Bring your friends or make new ones. Don't miss these exciting community events—everyone is welcome!

Questions? Contact  
Teen Zone  
(906) 226-4321  
or [apierce@pwpl.info](mailto:apierce@pwpl.info)



## After School & Weekend Programs Feb - May 2026

**Dungeons & Dragons Junior**  
Mondays 2/9-2/23 & 4/13-4/27  
4:30pm-6pm | Great Room  
-For 4th & 5th grade. Join a D&D gaming group! In person registration required\*

**Family Day & Family Night @ Peter White**  
1:30pm-3pm & 4:30pm-6pm  
Wed. 2/18 - Blocks, Building & Towers  
Wed. 3/25 - Animals  
Wed. 4/15 - Games  
-Family friendly fun. Under 8 must have adult present in program.

**Yarn Spinners**  
Tuesdays 2/3, 3/3, 4/7  
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.

**Pokémon Trade & Play**  
Thursdays 2/5, 2/12, 3/5, 3/12, 4/9, 4/30  
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.

**Muggles for Potter**  
Tuesdays 2/10, 3/10, 4/14  
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.

**¡Hola Español! - Spanish Club**  
Thursday 2/19, 3/19, 4/16  
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!

**Art with Ella**  
Saturdays 2/7, 2/21, 3/21, 4/4  
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.

**LEGO Club**  
Fridays 2/6-5/1  
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  
(906) 226-4323



# REPAIR CAFE

**TOSS IT? NO WAY!**

Bring in broken household goods such as appliances, clothing, or bikes and skilled fixers will assist you in repairing them, free of charge. Save money, learn valuable repair skills, and reduce your environmental impact!

**January & February 2026**  
**Dates Coming Soon!**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Peter White Public Library**  
**Huron Mountain Club Gallery**

Scan to learn more or help!

## SCHOOL'S OUT, LIBRARY'S IN!

**MAPS Half-days & Full-days Off School  
LIBRARY PROGRAMS  
FEB-APRIL 2026**

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.

**Friday 2/13**

- Love LEGO & Magnets
  - Great Room. Drop in 12pm-5pm
- Valentine's Craft-a-palooza
  - Makerspace. Drop in 12pm-5pm

**Thursday 3/12**

- LEGO Building Challenge
  - Great Room. Drop in 12pm-5pm
- LEGO Stamping
  - Makerspace. Drop in 12pm-5pm

**Friday 3/13**

- LEGO Building Challenge
  - Great Room. Drop in 12pm-5pm
- LEGO Stamping
  - Makerspace. Drop in 12pm-5pm

**Monday 3/16**

- Dragon Craft
  - Makerspace. Drop in 12pm-5pm
- Sheep Toss & Obstacle Course
  - Great Room. Drop in 12pm-5pm
- "How To Train Your Dragon" Film
  - Community Room. 12:45pm

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# AUGUST 2025 - OCTOBER 2025 FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Holly Aldrich	Sandra Hassel	Barbara Meyer Susorney
Marjorie Anderson	The Ray and Peg Hirvonen Foundation	Shirley Michelson
Ken and Gerry Beck	Sandra Howes	Ellen Moore & Bruce Sarjeant
Isaac Behrens	Tom and Beth Humphrey	Maggie and Clyde Morgan
Joe and Mary Buys	Andrea Ingmire	Deborah Mulcahey & Peter Ollila
Larry Chabot	Fred and Ann Joyal	Gerald and Barbara Ojibway
Doris Chaudier	David Kallio & Nancy Olsen	Kathleen Pohl
Kenneth and Maura Davenport	Pamela Laurich	Sharon Rice
Bill and Mary Davis	Jean and Larry Lawless	Mary Schmeling
Mim and James Dixon	Chris and Lisa Leele	Elizabeth Vaessen
Arline Erickson	John and Eve Lindsey	Jennifer Voegtline & Chris Scouten
Polly Friend	Carol Margrif	Gerald and Susan Waite
Nancy and Harold Graves	Marquette Senior Men's Coffee	Lorilee Weiger
Barbara and Robert Grove	Evelyn Massaro	Steve White
Nancy Hamlin & Tom Bronken	Linda Matthews	Patricia and Anthony Wros

## IN MEMORY OF...

Rachel Crary from John Argeropoulos	Peg Larsen from Carolyn Myers
Kenneth Schellhase from Kay Baetsen	Sally Swanson from Penny & Ron Pederson
Esther Johnson from Mary Buckmaster	Harry Grote from Donna Peterson
John C. Craik from Mary L. Craik	Rachel Crary from Mark & Laura Petrie
Thomas, Elizabeth & John Donohue from	Grace Bessinger from Jan Raskin
Anne Donohue & Neil Russel	Lois La Brecque from Jan Raskin
Don Wedin from Darlene Dreisbach	Lois La Brecque from Alan & Patricia Sherbinow
Don Dreisbach from Darlene Dreisbach	Caroline Jordan from Heather Steltenpohl
Lois La Brecque from Susan & Robert Hogg	Lois La Brecque from Mary Jane Smith
Peggy Greifer from Margi & John Mallo	Caroline Jordan from Bryn & Michael Smith
Chris Heiskanen from Kris & Willard Martin	Caroline Jordan from Lynette & Chuck Suckow
Sue Mlsna from Bruce & Candy Miller	Nancy Lutey from Mary Lou Tillison
Rachel Crary from Elizabeth & Leland Miller	Rachel Crary from Jeanne Trost
Rachel Crary from Joanna Mitchell	Rachel Crary from Phyllis Valentine
Caroline Jordan from Ellen Moore	Rachel Crary from Carol Jean Watt
Rachel Crary from Carolyn Myers	

## IN HONOR OF...

Melissa Alan from Chuck & Judy Warner

Thank you for your kind gifts to the Peter White Public Library. We are grateful for your continued generous support. If you are interested in making a gift to the Peter White Public Library, simply return your donation in the enclosed envelope or visit [www.pwpl.info](http://www.pwpl.info) to make your gift online.

**Are you interested in making a monthly pledge to the PWPL Annual Fund?**  
**Simply visit [www.pwpl.info](http://www.pwpl.info) . Click on the Donate button to schedule an automatic monthly gift with your credit card. You may also designate your pledge for a collection or service and make a tribute gift for a loved one.**

For more information, please contact PWPL Development Director Heather Steltenpohl at (906) 226-4305 or [heather@pwpl.info](mailto:heather@pwpl.info)

**Thank you for supporting Peter White Public Library.**



## See The Impact of Your Gift In Your Lifetime

If you're 70 1/2 or older, you can make a gift up to \$100,000 from your IRA per year. Your major gift may fund a special project, create an endowment or support the Annual Fund. Library staff are here to help you find the way to do the greatest good with your legacy at Peter White Public Library.



## Supporting PWPL With Your IRA Minimum Distribution

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may be interested in a way to lower your income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. Making your gift with an IRA Charitable Rollover using your minimum distribution is an easy way to help PWPL further our mission.

### Benefits of an IRA Charitable Rollover

- You may avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to PWPL
- You may also meet your required minimum distribution for the year with your gift
- You will reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Your gift will not be subject to deduction limits on charitable gifts

Check with your financial advisor about how an IRA rollover gift can help you.

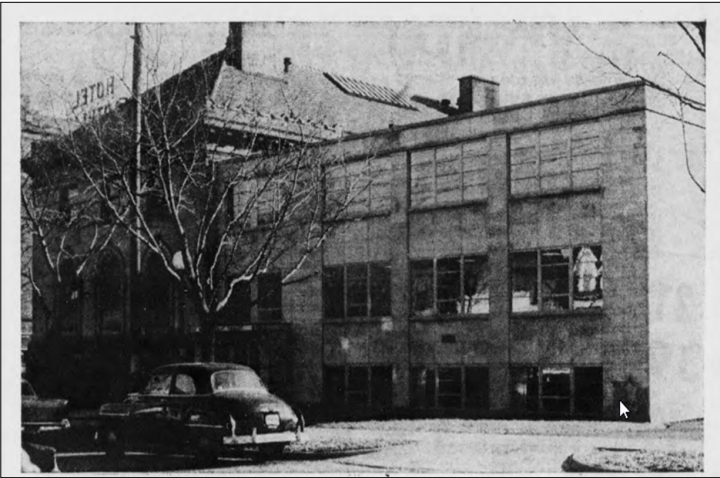
If you have any question about IRA Charitable Rollover Gifts, please contact us. We are happy to assist you.

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# BUILDING OUR FUTURE 25 YEARS LATER

Peter White Public Library (PWPL) has been serving residents of Marquette, Michigan for over 130 years. On March 27, 1891, Peter White's private Library and the school district library combined by a state legislative act then became Peter White Public Library. The original completed structure on Front Street and Ridge Street opened to the public on September 22, 1904. A 1958 addition added space and modernized the west side of the building, including an entrance on Ridge Street.



By the early 1990s, PWPL had no room for additional equipment or books. The building's aging infrastructure could not handle modern technology, meet ADA standards, or provide sufficient services to our community. In 1958, there were about 6,500 library cardholders, whereas today there are over 17,500 cardholders.

A planning committee began fundraising efforts for a new renovation and expansion project, which would



increase floor space from about 28,000 square feet to approximately 65,000 square feet.

Throughout February and March of 1998, Library staff and volunteers moved approximately 60% of materials to a temporary facility on Northern Michigan University's campus. The remaining materials went into storage during the 2 ½ years of construction. In total,



\$4.5 million was fund-raised by community members and organizations for the project, with a bond from the taxpayers contributing the remaining \$4.5 million. Volunteers Mike Coyne and Lynne Hammerstrom were instrumental in the campaign's success. The grand reopening, celebrated on October 22, 2000, brought the renovated original building and new west addition, equipped with extensive collections and technology capabilities to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In the past 25 years, PWPL has continued to provide excellent service to patrons in and around Marquette. As the times have changed, so have our needs and services.





In 2010, PWPL was one of five museums and libraries to win the National Medal of Honor for Museum and Library Services from the Institute of Museum and Library Service. This is the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries that make extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions. In addition to the National Medal, which was awarded to PWPL by then First Lady Michelle Obama at a White House ceremony, PWPL received a \$10,000 award and visit from Public Radio's StoryCorps.

In 2017, City of Marquette taxpayers approved a bond to repair the failing foundation of the 1904 building, renovate the entire lower level for expanded youth services program space, provide additional private study space, replace flooring and update PWPL's technology infrastructure. The second floor also saw a shift in the nonfiction shelving, opening up the beautiful view of Marquette's Lower Harbor.



We have seen different types of media come and go. PWPL began a DVD collection with the opening of this building and it is still circulating 25 years later. With the advent of DVDs came the demise of the VHS videocassettes as an obsolete media form. The same held true for audiocassettes as compact discs were all the rage. However, new technologies also became relevant that we embrace today. Downloadable content such as e-audiobooks, downloadable music, and streaming videos are available through PWPL today. Youth Services has added audiobooks in the form of Tonies and Yotos to their collections.

As the needs of our teen population have shifted, so has our location of teen materials and gathering spaces. Teen Services began in 2000 the northwest corner of the first floor. As teen services began to flourish, it was evident that teens needed a larger space of their own. In the summer of 2024, the Teen Area and the Adult Audiovisual Area traded spaces. Adult physical materials on the first floor are on the same side of the floor and the teens have dedicated space for hanging out as well as space for the



Teen Collections.

In 1995, PWPL had its first computer lab located in the lower level next to the Career Resource Center. In 2000, the new computer lab opened for patrons looking to use the internet and attend computer classes to learn the new technologies. The room served us well for a time as a computer lab but became obsolete as patrons began bringing in their own devices. Now, it serves as the Local History Research Room, housing our people and subject clipping files as well as rare, unique, and fragile holdings specifically pertaining to the history Marquette County.

As more technology came to the palm of our hands in the form of laptops and smartphones, patron needs continue to change. Wireless printing is a popular service allowing patrons to print from their own devices (laptop, iPad, smartphone, etc.). In addition to this printed newsletter, PWPL has an extensive website at



[www.pwpl.info](http://www.pwpl.info), e-newsletters, and a social media presence to ensure that patrons get the information they need about library events and services.

As time goes on and technology shifts and evolves, PWPL will continue to update our space and services to meet the needs of our patrons. Thank you for your generous support during these remarkable 25 years. ~

# PWPL Book Groups

## Winter 2025-26

### Tasty Reads

For readers who love to cook

2nd Tuesday  
12:00 pm  
Shiras Room

Wild  
Chocolate



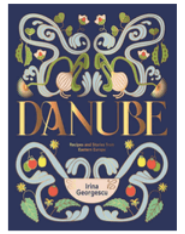
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The Kamogawa  
Food Detectives



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Danube



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We All  
Live Here



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Atmosphere



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Wild Dark Shore



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### Heritage Room Book Group

For readers who enjoy a fiction read.

1st Wednesday  
10:00 am  
Heritage Room

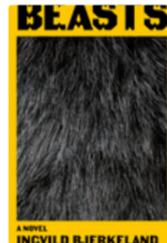
### All Booked UP

Focusing on current fiction in  
partnership with TV6

The final Tuesday  
10:00 am in the Shiras Room

The final Wednesday  
9 am on *Upper Michigan Today*

Beasts



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Flashlight



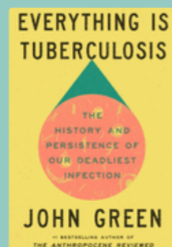
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Frida Kahlo's  
Love Letters



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Everything is  
Tuberculosis



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### Non-Fiction

For non-fiction readers

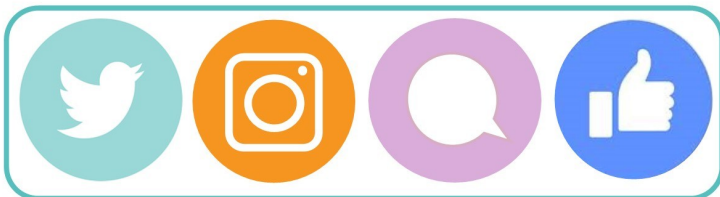
4th Wednesday  
2:00 pm  
Conference Room

### Questions?

Contact the Reference Desk  
(906) 228-9510 or  
refdesk@pwpl.info







## Tech Coaching for Seniors

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM in the Heritage Room**

**December 2, 9, 16 & 18**

**January 6 & 8, 13 & 15, 20 & 22**

**February 10 & 12, 17 & 19, 24 & 26**

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

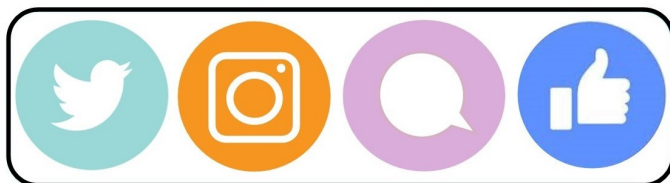
Call 906-226-4311 to sign up for 30-minute appointment.

Please charge your electronic device before each session and bring passwords with you.



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## Tech Tips for Cell Phones

### Third Thursday Roundtable

**When:** Thursdays from Noon—1 p.m.

December 18

January 15

February 19 (*Noon-12:30*)

**Where:** Heritage Room

**What to Bring:** iPhone or android phone

No registration required. Share tips and tricks with other Android and Apple cell phone users. Drop in anytime between Noon and 1 PM. Feel free to bring a friend. We learn by supporting each other!

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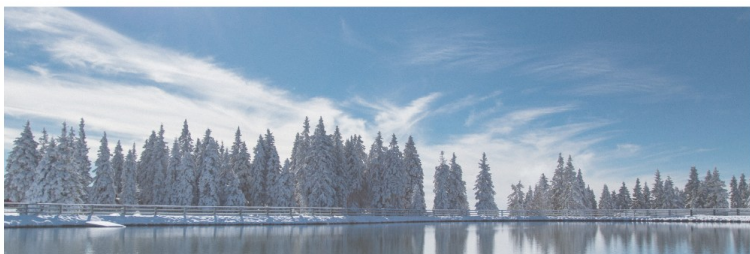
# Supporting Resiliency Program Series



**Cultivating Care, Compassion, and  
Connection, Heritage Room**  
Every Friday, noon - 1:00 p.m.



**Drop in Meditation, Heritage Room**  
Every Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



**Year of Mindful Living, Shiras Room**  
First Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

# BLOCKBUSTING CINEMA

**Dinner &  
a Movie**



## Merry Movie Mayhem

Rated G, PG, or PG-13

Come watch of the winner of PWPL's annual Merry Movie Mayhem matchup!

Monday, December 15, 2025  
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Community Room



## Conclave

Rated PG

Runtime: 120 minutes

Monday, January 12, 2026  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Community Room



## The Substance

Rated R

Runtime: 140 minutes

Monday, February 9, 2026  
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Community Room

Questions?  
Contact Marty Achatz  
(906) 226-4322  
No Admission Charged.



# GLOBAL CINEMA



## Fanny & Alexander

Rated R

Run Time: 188 minutes  
Friday, December 19, 2025  
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Shiras Room



## Flow

Rated PG

Run Time: 84 minutes

Friday, January 9, 2026  
12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Community Room



## Fallen Leaves

Not Rated

Run Time: 81 minutes

Friday, February 13, 2026  
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Community Room.

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## Just One More Chapter! 2026 PWPL Shirts On Sale Now !



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# DOCU CINEMA



## The First "Silent Night": The Christmas Carol that United the World

NR

Runtime: 54 minutes  
Friday, December 12, 2025  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Shiras Room



## An Act of Love: A Personal Story About LGBTQ Rights & Religion

NR

Runtime: 87 minutes  
Friday, January  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Community Room



## An Act of Love: A Personal Story About LGBTQ Rights & Religion

NR

Runtime: 86 minutes  
Friday, February 14, 2026  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Community Room

Questions?  
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No Admission Charged.





# Teens Read Winter Reading

Teens join us for Winter reading!  
For every 5 books you read  
enter to win a \$50 gift card from  
Blossom Bird Bubble Tea or  
Snowbound Books

January 17 - February 28

Please place logs into entry box of  
your choice. Bonus Prizes are  
available if your turn in a log when  
Amanda is at her desk!

Winners will be drawn on March 2nd.

Logs are available in Teen Zone

Questions contact Amanda at [apierce@pwpl.info](mailto:apierce@pwpl.info) or 906/226-4321



## TEEN PROGRAMS

Questions? Contact Teen Services 906-226-4321 | [apierce@pwpl.info](mailto:apierce@pwpl.info)  
No Admission Charge

### Monthly Programs



#### Teens Game On!

Drop in for monthly gaming; we will have a selection of video games, boards games and more.

Jan 14, Feb 11, April 8, 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.

Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, 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.

Jan 28, Feb 25, March 25, April 22, 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.

Jan 21, Feb 18, March 11, April 15, 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.

Jan 7, Jan 21, Feb 4, Feb 18, March 4, March 25, April 8, April 22, 1 pm

For youth ages 11 & up. No admission charge. Teen Zone

Questions? Contact  
Teen Zone

(906) 226-4321

or [apierce@pwpl.info](mailto:apierce@pwpl.info)



PWPL Teens Present

## Prom Dress Swap



February 21, 2026  
10 am - 4 pm  
PWPL Community Room

The Peter White Public Library is accepting Prom and  
Formal Dresses for our annual Prom Dress swap.

Dresses can be dropped off in the  
Teen Zone at the  
Peter White Public Library.



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For questions please contact:  
Amanda Pierce at  
[apierce@pwpl.info](mailto:apierce@pwpl.info) or call  
(906) 226-4321

Questions? Contact  
Teen Zone  
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PWPL TEENS PRESENT

# Yule Ball

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025 | 7:30 - 9:30 PM  
DOORS OPEN @ 7:20

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