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2018 Summer Reading Update

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The following numbers demonstrate registrations and accurate participation!

KIDS

331 kids registered and 8,365 Days Read!

TEENS

40 Registered and 24 bingo sheets Completed

ADULTS

57 adults registered and 32 adults completed summer reading

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Distinctive Framing	Royal Popcorn Supply
Durst Lumber	Sum Girls Boutique
Dynasty Flowers	Taco Bell
House of Yoga	Tootie & Tallulah's
Hungry Howie's Pizza	Twice Around Antiques
Westborn Market	

The kids are back to school and the Summer Reading season is behind us. All of us at the library would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their support of the Summer Reading program. With your sponsorship, we're able to keep kids plugged into reading throughout the summer. I'm confident many of them returned to school in strong academic shape because of their participation in the library's Summer Reading program.

2018 is a milestone year for the library! We were established in 1928 so that means it's time to have a 90th birthday party for the library! We hope you'll be able to join us on Thursday, October 11 from 7 pm to 9 pm to celebrate the library's 90th birthday. Stay tuned for more details but this will be a fun evening for all ages! Many thanks to the committee that's planning this celebration.

The library recently launched a new wireless printing service. With the new service, you can send print jobs to the library's printer from your phone, a computer, or any other connected device. You can even send print jobs from outside the library (like from home or the coffee shop) and then release them from the library's print release station. Visit www.berkley.lib.mi.us for instructions or talk to one of the librarians for additional details.

Here's to a successful fall book sale for the Friends! Very grateful for all the work that goes into this critical fundraiser.

Happy reading,
Matt

"The Great American Read" from PBS

BY SARAH CLANCY, FRIEND

Can you answer the question "What is the most well-loved novel?" It's a loaded question and "the classics" are always debatable as truly withstanding the test of time but PBS tackles this and other questions about books in their 2018 initiative called "The Great American Read". The website offers opportunities to weigh in on questions like "what novel impacted you the most?" and share pictures of yourself reading your favorite book in addition to voting on the winner. There's also a book club so if you find yourself wondering about that classic you somehow missed in high school, this is a great opportunity to read alongside others virtually. Read more here: <http://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/home/>

About PBS Books:

PBS Books is a multi-platform initiative celebrating the love of reading. Through daily social and digital engagement and live coverage of important literary events across the country, PBS Books celebrates books and writers and fosters a passion for reading. PBS Books has covered the nation's most important book events for more than four years, and an estimated 10 million viewers have tuned in to hear what these literary rock stars have had to say.

(from PBSBooks.org)

Friend of the Library to publish book about libraries

by Frances Vigeant, Friend of the Library

Peter White Public Library 217 N. Front St. Marquette, MI 49855 906 228 9510
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Children will be enchanted by the Dandelion Cottage in the Peter White Library in Marquette. Painted to look like a cottage with fields of dandelions and children playing, this charming room contains classic children's books that may be perused right there. The room was named after the book, *Dandelion Cottage* written in 1904 by Carroll Watson Rankin. It is about some young girls who are asked to pick all the dandelions around a tiny house. The owner of the house (purported to be Peter White) promises to let them play there and they turn it into a club house. What happens next is a good read. The book is still available.

A library was started in Marquette in 1871 in the City Hall. The Peter White Library, built in 1904 resembles Carnegie libraries being built around the turn of the century. The library contains the Marquette Arts and Culture Center which has 2 galleries of changing art exhibits. 40 computers are available for public use. There is an extensive "local history" collection and a large genealogy section. Volunteers come in to help people with their genealogies. A large community room is used for shows, concerts, lectures, plays and movies. In the children's area the circulation desk is a large boat on a "blue lake" rug with fish swimming. The theme, Lake Superior, was planned by families with children. An old card catalogue on the first floor is now converted to a seed catalogue and is devoted to dispensing heirloom seeds. The seeds are free to anyone who wants to try them. Gardeners are asked to keep records of their success with the seeds. Instructions for planting and care are available.

Pam Christenson was Director of Superiorland Library Cooperative when I visited. Formerly she was Director of the library in Ludington, and then Director at Peter White Library in Marquette. She grew up in Ludington and has always been an avid reader. Her grandmother was a librarian. Pam graciously gave me a tour of this magnificent library in Marquette. She views a secure future for libraries. "They are being used in non-traditional creative ways. Libraries are constantly changing to meet the needs of people, who consider them safe places to express their opinions."



There is much to explore in this amazing library. Marquette has two sister cities, one in Finland and one in Japan. In the Sisters Room are many artifacts and gifts from the two cities, kites hanging from the ceiling, dolls, and other items that display a beautiful blend of cultures.

LOOK FOR

- ~ The Victorian Dollhouse, open in front and in back, so it could be played on both sides. It has tiny authentic wooden Victorian furniture and figures. It is a doll's dream house.
- ~ The white marble bust of Peter White.
- ~ For those interested in plants, outside are beautiful gardens maintained by Master Gardeners.
- ~ Heirloom seeds in an old card catalogue.
- ~ The "Sisters" Room

An excerpt from *Bookin' to Michigan Public Libraries: 41 Libraries in the Upper Peninsula*
Free family entertainment, WiFi, and other amenities for adults and families, locals & travelers (To be published in 2019)

Save the Date

Join us as we celebrate
the Library's 90th
BIRTHDAY

Thursday, Oct 11
7-9p in the Library

A celebration of history with live
music, balloon animals, and
archives from the Library's
history.

All ages welcome and encouraged
- special birthday fun for the kids.



3155 Coolidge Hwy, Berkley, MI 48072

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Thursday, October 18
4-8p

Friday, October 19
10am-6pm

Saturday, October 20
10a-3pm (Fill a bag day!)

