

Monday, April 1, 2024

Storytime

Date and Time: Monday, April 1 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey MI

Location: Children's Program Room

Nurture a love of reading and books and build early literacy skills through stories, songs, and rhymes. For ages 0-5 and their grown-up(s).

Chess Club

Date and Time: Monday, April 1 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St Petoskey MI 49770

Location: Lower Level Classroom

Learn to play chess or play against others. Open to young people ages 8–18. Please drop in!
Chess is mentored by Robert Bemben, Robin Ray and Adam Masek.

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Mah Jongg Open Play

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 2 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Storytime

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 3 11:00 am - 11:30 am

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Location: Children's Program Room

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LCTC Reader's Theater

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 3 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Address: 451 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey

REGISTER NOW FOR APRIL'S SESSIONS!

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Great Decisions

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 3 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: Zoom meeting only

Join fellow foreign affairs hobbyists to discuss the year's top issues in another "Great Decisions" eight-part series, a program by the Foreign Policy Association (fpa.org). Briefing books, with articles about each topic, are available at the library. (*This series will be held on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, and May 15*)

ALL SESSIONS MEET VIA ZOOM from 6:30pm-8:00pm

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APRIL 3 SESSION - NATO's Future" by Sarwar Kashmeri

Description - *Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has come under increased scrutiny, not because NATO troops are involved in the conflict, but because of its role in relations between Russia and its neighbors. Will expanding membership in NATO protect countries, or will it further provoke Russia?*

Joining our discussion for the April 3 session will be Natalie Melnychuk.

Ms. Melnychuk's professional experience includes working as NATO Representative to Ukraine as the Head of the NATO Information and Documentation Center in Kyiv, Ukraine; as a Political Officer in the Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, Euro-Atlantic Partnership Section at NATO HQ in Brussels, Belgium; as Manager of U.S.A.I.D.'s Parliamentary Development Project, U.S. – Ukraine Foundation, in Kyiv, Ukraine; in Research Analysis at RFE/RL, Munich, Germany; in Research at The United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D. C.; at Chicago Research and Trading, Management Partnerships International on the first American-Soviet high tech Joint Venture; at Heartland International, Chicago, Il., on parliamentary reform and democratization in Africa; and in various other academic/policy positions. She is a consultant on Euro-Atlantic Security, a lecturer at Wayne State University, and a Doctoral Candidate in Political Science at Wayne State University where her research focuses on Euro-Atlantic Security, aspects of asymmetric warfare, and coming to a new understanding of Alliances.

Petoskey Film Series

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Upcoming Schedule of Movies

Thursday, April 4, 2024

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Petoskey Ukulele Players

Date and Time: Thursday, April 4 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

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Location: Carnegie Building (upper level)

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United Way Presents ...

Date and Time: Thursday, April 4 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 451 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey

LOCATION: Carnegie Building, 6:30pm-7:30pm

United Way of Northwest Michigan - CharEm Region Office, in partnership with the Petoskey District Library, is hosting conversations with area nonprofits. On the first Thursday of every month, the audience will be introduced to a human services nonprofit helping our neighbors and find out how they can get involved in making our community better. There will be a time for Q&A at the end of the program. For the April 4th program, we will be learning more about the program's host, United Way. Their mission is to connect and mobilize the caring power of our local communities to advance the common good.

Friday, April 5, 2024

Anime Club

Date and Time: Friday, April 5 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

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Location: Classroom

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French Conversation Group

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LOCATION: Lower Level Classroom, 5:00pm-6:00pm

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Saturday, April 6, 2024

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Solar Eclipse 2024!

Date and Time: Monday, April 8 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Address: 500 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI

Locations: Outdoor Labyrinth, Lower Level, Periodical Room

There is nothing like a solar eclipse to inspire the wonder and awe of our place in the universe! We are excited to share this experience with our community. The eclipse begins at 1:59pm, maximum coverage is at 3:13pm, and the eclipse ends at 4:25pm. Eclipse viewing glasses will be available at the teen desk starting Monday, April 1st and will be available the day of the eclipse at the main circulation desk.

While here, you can view the eclipse with eclipse glasses or check it out with our telescope (don't worry, it'll have a solar filter!). We will also have activities throughout for all ages to learn about and enjoy the eclipse.

We are definitely hoping for clear skies, but if the clouds get in the way, no worries! We will have the NASA livestream of the eclipse in two indoor areas: the periodical room on the first floor (by the front doors) and the lower level teen area/makerspace.

If you have any questions, please contact Nisa Kessler (NASA partner eclipse ambassador and Teen Librarian) at 231-758-3113 or nkessler@petoskeylibrary.org.

SCHEDULE OF LIBRARY ACTIVITIES ON APRIL 8

2:00pm: Anishinaabe Knowledge of the Moon - Amanda Weinert, LTBB

2:20pm: Yardstick eclipse activity

2:30pm: Eclipse Science - Nisa Kessler, Eclipse Ambassador

2:45pm: Oreo Moon Phases activity

3:00pm: Anishinaabe Knowledge of the Moon - Amanda Weinert, LTBB

3:20pm: Pinhole Viewer activity

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Location: Lower Level Classroom

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Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Mah Jongg Open Play

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Yum! Graphic Novels about Food

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 9 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey MI

Location: Tween Space

Books with a side of food is a winning combination! Let's have fun with *Lunch Lady*, *Peach and Plum*, and *Pizza and Taco*. We'll give you the book, you bring the excitement.

Code Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 9 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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Location: Lower Level Classroom

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Page Turners Book Club

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 9 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey

For our April club meeting, we'll be sharing our thoughts and discussing *Absolution* by Alice McDermott. The

Page Turners Book Club typically meets the **third Tuesday of the month** in the Large Meeting Room and titles are selected quarterly by the participants. (Our April meeting was changed due to scheduling conflicts with the club's facilitator.) Join us for a discussion and refreshments inspired by the story! If you have any discussion questions or thoughts you would like to share regarding our current read, please bring them with you to the meeting. New members are always welcome.

Book titles scheduled (so far) for 2024:

January 16: *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding

February 20: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

March 19: *The Hero of This Book* by Elizabeth McCracken

April 9: *Absolution* by Alice McDermott

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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Ready, Set, Library! Pop-Up at Petoskey Brewing

Date and Time: Thursday, April 11 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 1844 Harbor-Petoskey Rd

Join us at Petoskey Brewing for a PDL Pop-Up Library on Thursday, April 11 from 5:00-7:00pm, to celebrate National Library Week with beer, books, and fun! In our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to explore, be inspired, connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey, YOUR Library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs. Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line. Stop and see us at Petoskey Brewing to learn more!

Creative Greeting Card Making

Date and Time: Thursday, April 11 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey

LOCATION --- Lower Level Classroom from 5-7pm.

Have you always wanted to make your own greeting cards? Want to learn more techniques for rubber stamping and paper crafting? Join Chris Smith for an extraordinary card making class! At each class, you will create three cards that focus on a variety of techniques from coloring, generational stamping, die cutting, embossing and more! These classes will provide you with a variety of elements to get your creativity inspired. There are plenty of options for individual creativity and sentiment choices. No experience is necessary - you will receive all the support and inspiration needed to make beautiful cards! All supplies are provided. Registration is required for each class.

Friday, April 12, 2024

Anime Club

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Location: Classroom

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Saturday, April 13, 2024

Little Waves

Date and Time: Saturday, April 13 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey MI

Location: Children's Program Room

Little Waves - A Musical Journey for Young Minds!

Dive into the enchanting world of music with Little Waves, a children's program presented by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO). Designed for curious minds aged 4 to 10, this innovative initiative invites young explorers to discover the wonders of music and instruments in a relaxed and informal setting.

Led by the talented GLCO percussionist, Tim Mocny, Little Waves offers an extraordinary opportunity for children to explore various musical instruments and genres. Each session features different GLCO musicians, who expertly guide the young audience through the mesmerizing realm of musical wonders. From the resonant horns to the majestic tuba, the rhythmic percussion to the melodious oboe, every session promises an enriching experience.

Wild Ones

Date and Time: Saturday, April 13 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 451 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey

Wild Ones (wildones.org) is a national organization promoting environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities. Our local chapter meets on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30am-12:30pm at the Carnegie Building (or other location) to share information and learn about native plants, and events are open to the public.

Saturday, April 13 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Carnegie Building Upper Level

Native Plant Spring Round Table with Wild Ones Members Ann Scott and Mary Netzký

Have you decided to try planting native plants, but don't know where to start? This April, join our Round Table

discussion featuring native plant gardeners in the Northern Lower counties to hear what plants they have had success with, what types of conditions they have dealt with, what plants they want to try next, what references they have used, and where the best places are to buy the plants.

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Chess Club

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Location: Lower Level Classroom

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Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Teen STEM Grab & Go Project: Sundials

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 16 10:00 am

Address: 500 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI

Every month, PDL Teen Services offers STEM kits for tweens and teens to take home. This month, to continue with our solar theme, we will have materials and instructions to create a sundial!

Available at teen desk while supplies last! First come, first serve.

kits are designed for ages 11-18

Mah Jongg Open Play

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Lake Michigan Writers

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Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey

LOCATION: Lower Level Classroom

Lake Michigan Writers is a writing workshop open to creative writers in any genre and all experience levels. This new program is facilitated by Good Hart Artist Residency associate director Carrie Tebeau, in partnership with

h Petoskey District Library. Participants receive optional writing prompts, or bring their own work at any stage of the process, and then share up to 500 words each session followed by discussion and constructive feedback. Email carrie@goodhartartistresidency.org with questions or for more information.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Storytime

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 17 11:00 am - 11:30 am

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Lowercase Brush Calligraphy

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 17 4:00 pm - 4:55 pm

Address: 500 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI

Location: Classroom

Join Nikki as we begin our calligraphy journey! We will be working on learning lowercase letters. Worksheets will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own brush pens. Pens will be provided for those without. Registration is required with sign-up beginning in March.

Program intended for **Teens and Adults**

Apple Users Group

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 17 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St

Join other Mac (Macbook, iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch) users to share and learn from each other in a friendly environment. We will learn about peripherals, software, the features associated with Apple products and how to use them properly.

Mary Jean Meyerson, instructor and Apple enthusiast, will lead the group on various topics and be available for most questions during the hour-long meeting or as time permits.

Location: Lower Level Classroom

LTCT Reader's Theater

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APRIL 17 SESSION - "Understanding Indonesia" by Charles Sullivan

Description - Despite its large size, Indonesia remains virtually invisible to most Americans. But as one of the world's largest democracies, the world's largest Muslim-majority nation, and as an economic driver of ASEAN, why does it fly below the radar? What are current issues in U.S.-Indonesian relations, and what role can the country play in Asia?

Petoskey Film Series

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Thursday, April 18, 2024

Storytime

Date and Time: Thursday, April 18 11:00 am - 11:30 am

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Location: Children's Program Room

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Petoskey Ukulele Players

Date and Time: Thursday, April 18 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey

Location: Lower Level Classroom

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For more information, please contact Kathy Brady (kathypoqa@yahoo.com) or Mary Clinton (mclinton@msn.com)

Teen Maker Thursday: Sun Art!

Date and Time: Thursday, April 18 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 500 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI

Location: Makerspace

Our Teen Makers meet every third Thursday for a fun maker project! This month, in honor of the Solar Eclipse, we will be creating Sun art!

Supplies limited, first come first serve.

this program is intended for ages 11-18

Protecting Our Health & Waters: Why Effective Septic Systems Matter

Date and Time: Thursday, April 18 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey

LOCATION: Lower Level Classroom

Did you know that Michigan is the only state without statewide regulations to prevent septic systems from polluting our waters? Currently, there is legislation in process that would create regulations for inspections of septic systems and possibly provide funding to address aging septic systems. The League of Women Voters Northern Lower Michigan, in partnership with PDL, is presenting a public forum. (The meeting can also be accessed through Zoom.) Anna McGlashen and Daniel Thorell, both experts in septic regulation and health implications of septic pollution will provide information on Michigan's septic situation and current efforts to reduce septic system pollution.

Chess Tournament

Date and Time: Thursday, April 18 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: 451 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey

Location: Carnegie Building, 451 E Mitchell St

The monthly chess tournaments are rated by the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF). Competitors of all skill levels ages 8-18 are invited to participate, but membership in the USCF is required. For more information email Robert Bemben, rjbemben@gmail.com.

Friday, April 19, 2024

Battery Recycling: Making a Positive Impact

Date and Time: Friday, April 19 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey

LOCATION: Lower Level Classroom at 10:30am

This Earth Day, make a positive impact and recycle your batteries with confidence. As the use of lithium batteries increases, so does the potential for battery fires. In this interactive session with staff from Emmet County Recycling, you'll learn to identify battery types, properly handle lithium batteries, precautions to take with corroded batteries, and more. Each participant will leave with a battery recycling kit and the knowledge to share with friends and family in an easy three-step process.

Note: The program will last about an hour with a Q&A period afterward.

Anime Club

Date and Time: Friday, April 19 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey, MI

Location: Classroom

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French Conversation Group

Date and Time: Friday, April 19 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey

LOCATION: Lower Level Classroom, 5:00pm-6:00pm

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Saturday, April 20, 2024

LTCT Reader's Theater

Date and Time: Saturday, April 20 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 451 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey

REGISTER BY 04-03-2024 FOR APRIL SESSIONS!

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Monday, April 22, 2024

Storytime

Date and Time: Monday, April 22 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey MI

Location: Children's Program Room

Nurture a love of reading and books and build early literacy skills through stories, songs, and rhymes. For ages 0-5 and their grown-up(s).

Chess Club

Date and Time: Monday, April 22 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St Petoskey MI 49770

Location: Lower Level Classroom

Learn to play chess or play against others. Open to young people ages 8–18. Please drop in! Chess is mentored by Robert Bemben, Robin Ray and Adam Masek.

Interlochen Public Radio at 60

Date and Time: Monday, April 22 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: 451 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey

Celebrate Interlochen Public Radio's past and future in northern Michigan with executive director Peter Payette when he presents "IPR at 60" on **Monday, April 22, at 7:00pm, in the upper level of the Carnegie Building.** Peter will share more about the history of IPR and its dedication to providing news, music, stories and other expressions of culture and community life. Learn and discuss how IRP can ensure journalism and music continue to be core features of a vibrant civic life in our region.

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Write It! Writer's Workshop

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 23 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: Carnegie Building 451 E Mitchell St Petoskey MI

Please register. North Country Community Mental Health, in partnership with the Petoskey District Library, is sponsoring a writer's workshop in honor of "May is Mental Health Month" to provide an avenue for personal expression and showcase the voices of people living with mental illness. Participants will take a close look at examples of writing in diverse genres, and generate their own micro-essays, short stories, and poems, from exercises designed to use a variety of personal experience as a springboard to diverse kinds of literary creative expression. Priority will be given to anyone 18 or older with a history of mental illness living in North Country's six-county service area. At the author's discretion, finished pieces will be displayed at the Petoskey District Library for the month of May and may also be included in a chapbook.

The class will be facilitated by David Hornibrook, the author of *Night Manual* (Wayne State University Press, 2019), and winner of the Moveen Prize in Poetry. His work has also been recipient of a Pushcart Prize and has been featured in *The Windsor Review*, *Juked*, *Third Coast*, *PANK* and elsewhere. He holds an MFA from the Helen Zell Writer's Program and is the Community Services Coordinator at NCCMH.

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Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Storytime

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Meet the Sun!

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Address: 500 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI

Location: Outdoor Labyrinth

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Petoskey Film Series

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 24 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Address: 451 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey

🎬 Thanks to a partnership with the Little Traverse Civic Theater, we're bringing you a fantastic lineup of thought-provoking movies that cater to an adult audience. Join us every Wednesday, starting at 7:00pm, at the Carnegie Building for the Petoskey Film Series! Admission is FREE (though we'll gladly accept donations). Doors open at 6:30pm with first-come seating, and feel free to bring your favorite movie snacks! Before each film, Bob Brill, Executive Director of LTCT, will share insights into why these movies were chosen. And after the credits roll, we encourage everyone to stick around and share their thoughts for some lively post-movie discussions. Spread the word, invite your friends, and enjoy the magic of cinema! 🍿

Upcoming Schedule of Movies

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Storytime

Date and Time: Thursday, April 25 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey MI

Location: Children's Program Room

Nurture a love of reading and books and build early literacy skills through stories, songs, and rhymes. For ages 0-5 and their grown-up(s).

Petoskey Ukulele Players

Date and Time: Thursday, April 25 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey

Location: Lower Level Classroom

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Library Board Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, April 25 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St

Regular Library Board meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 5:00pm in the lower level classroom (no meeting in December).

The Library Board is made up of five residents of the City of Petoskey appointed by the Mayor. The Board is responsible to hire the Director, create policies and oversee the budget. Members serve without compensation.

Friday, April 26, 2024

Anime Club

Date and Time: Friday, April 26 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey, MI

Location: Classroom

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Exploring Creativity with Betsy

Date and Time: Friday, April 26 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Address: 451 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey

Class size is limited and registration is required.

Get your creative juices flowing with local artist and illustrator Betsy Petersen on Friday, April 26, from 7:00pm-8:30pm at the Carnegie Building! This class is for you if you love to create, don't know how to prioritize your creativity, find yourself in a creative rut more than you like, are creating a lot but feel it is never good enough, or if you want to feel playful and expressive like a kid! We will be exploring creativity through art-based projects inspired by famous artists. Great for a "Date Night" or "Friends Night Out" to just have some fun being creative!

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Adventure Like the Okee Dokee Brothers

Date and Time: Saturday, April 27 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey MI

Location: Outdoor Labyrinth and Children's Program Room

Please note: The Okee Dokee Brothers WILL NOT be at this event. We are adventuring like they do, but not with them!

Nature! Adventure! Music! If you're anything like the children's music duo Okee Dokee Brothers, those three words spark happy thoughts. In anticipation of the Grammy award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers performing live on May 10 at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts (GLCFA), the Petoskey District Library staff invite you to share in an adventure with us on Saturday, April 27, from 11:00am to 12:30pm in the Library's Outdoor Labyrinth. This family-fun event will not only inspire a love of the world around us, but you'll enjoy some treats, courtesy of GLCFA, and a dance party where you can bust out your trailblazing moves to Okee Dokee Brothers' tunes.

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Demystifying Dyslexia

Date and Time: Saturday, April 27 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey

LOCATION: Lower Level Classroom

Educational therapist Kate Cohen invites teachers, parents, and anyone else interested in learning more about dyslexia to join her for a primer on the topic. She'll explain what dyslexia is and isn't, who it affects and how, and share effective intervention resources and the latest in brain research related to dyslexia.

Monday, April 29, 2024

Storytime

Date and Time: Monday, April 29 11:00 am - 11:30 am

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey MI

Location: Children's Program Room

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Chess Club

Date and Time: Monday, April 29 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

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Location: Lower Level Classroom

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Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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Lake Michigan Writers

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 30 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Address: 500 E Mitchell St, Petoskey

LOCATION: Lower Level Classroom

Lake Michigan Writers is a writing workshop open to creative writers in any genre and all experience levels. This new program is facilitated by Good Hart Artist Residency associate director Carrie Tebeau, in partnership with Petoskey District Library. Participants receive optional writing prompts, or bring their own work at any stage of the process, and then share up to 500 words each session followed by discussion and constructive feedback. Email carrie@goodhartartistresidency.org with questions or for more information.

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