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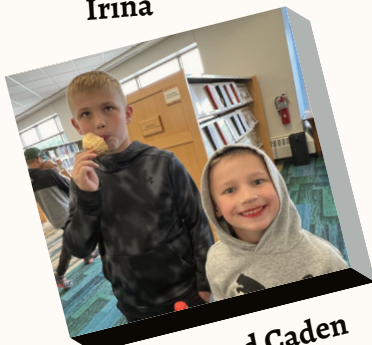
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And we're off!

PLDL Summer Reading Program – it's not too late to join us

Our summer reading program is under way for all ages – everyone is invited whether or not you have a library card, regardless of age, and whether or not you live in the PLDL district.

The event lasts through Aug. 23, 2025, so come on down to the library for your reading log.

Prizes include coupons from local businesses to support reading in our community.

We send a big thank you to all of our sponsors from the bottom of our hearts:

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Dunkin' + Baskin-Robbins

Fresh Coast Yoga

Incredible Bank

Karate Institute of America

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McDonald's

The Mine Shaft

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Toby and Sebastian



Zayne



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Mia and Liam



Mohan

PLDL wishes all good things to our departing director!

After three memorable years at the Portage Lake District Library, our director Katrina Linde-Moriarty, is moving on to their next chapter of life, and all of us at PLDL wish them the very best of luck and happiness.

Katrina shared some thoughts about their special time at our library and what comes next:

What do you most look forward to in your next chapter?

I can't wait to explore more of Keweenaw's hiking trails and campsites this summer. I am also looking forward to volunteering more within the community and plan to remain in the area in a different capacity.

What is one of your favorite memories from your time here?

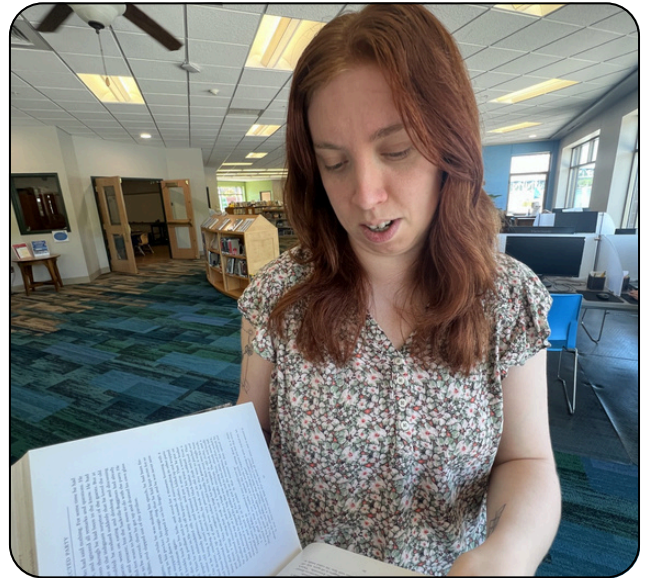
There was a time I took an unusual phone call from a sheriff in another county. He needed help locating the owner of a lost bag and the only identifying thing he could find was a library card. So, he called PLDL to see if the library could help.

Although I couldn't share information directly with the sheriff, I was able to pass along a message to the patron and the person was able to get their bag back. I bet you didn't know a library card could do that!

What will you miss?

I will miss the view for sure. To be able to watch the changing of the seasons and all the festivities from the large windows at the library are a treat.

I will also miss working with such a wonderful and dedicated library team. They try their utmost to answer each question, big or small, that comes across the desk and are always advocating for the community's needs.



Finally, Katrina had this to say as they depart:

"Over the past three years, it has been such a joy to learn and grow with the Portage Lake District Library team. The Keweenaw has such a rich and diverse history to explore, from its mining history to Michigan Tech. Having the opportunity to be a part of its narrative is something I will carry with me throughout my life. Thank you so much for being my home away from home and welcoming me into your community.

I would like to leave you with a beloved quote:

"I don't know half of you half as well as I should like; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve."

Bilbo Baggins, Fellowship of the Ring, J.R.R. Tolkien

PLDL Board President Sylvia Matthews added, "The Library Board would like to thank Katrina for their many contributions to our library. We wish them the best in all future endeavors and many happy adventures exploring the Keweenaw."

Discontinuing Hoopla & Kanopy

These services
ended on
6/30/2025



At the Portage Lake District Library, we are always looking for ways to enhance the value and experience of our resources. After careful review, we have made the decision to transition away from our Hoopla and Kanopy subscriptions due to rising costs associated with the pay-per-checkout lending model. While we know this may be disappointing for some of our patrons, we remain optimistic about providing new opportunities ahead for our digital offerings.

This change reflects a broader trend where libraries across the country are re-evaluating their pay-per-checkout lending model subscriptions due to similar challenges. The library is dedicated to providing our community with a wide range of quality digital content, and we're thrilled to continue doing so through platforms like Libby and Michigan eLibrary (MeL).

It's important to remember that the library service model has always been one of collective sharing and taking turns borrowing. This sometimes means longer wait periods for very popular titles. Our knowledgeable staff members are available to help you navigate our existing resources and find the titles you are looking for.

We remain hopeful for the future and will monitor any potential pricing changes with Hoopla and Kanopy. Should Hoopla adjust its lending model to better align with library budgets, we'll be happy to reconsider offering their services again in the future. Thank you for your understanding and continued support!



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PORTAGE LAKE DISTRICT
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Expect adjusted wait times for Inter-Library Loans



Our seldom-seen hero – ILL Manager Andra processes holds, new books, and so much more from her little office in a back corner of the library

Inter-library loans are one of PLDL's more popular features, and that service will fully continue with one change.

Beginning July 1, you may notice a slight delay in receiving your inter-library loan materials because PLDL will be going from a five- to three-day delivery schedule as a cost-saving measure. It is currently expected for items to take several weeks to arrive, depending on the lending-library location and wait lists. Choosing a specific library (for example one that is closer physically to us) is no guarantee the item will arrive any faster as each library has its own schedule and sorting system. There is no action the library can take to rush a hold unless the item has been in transit for more than three weeks. Please be patient with us.

When participating in the ILL system, please leave all labels, book bands, and paperwork that arrived with your inter-library loan material with the item. These are used to identify books and are a requirement of the cooperative system. Failure to do so may result in a temporary ban of using the inter-library loan program. In addition, please make sure you check the local catalog (Resource Sharing Libraries) before attempting to use the MeLCat system. MeLCat items that could have been ordered through the local system are unlikely to be filled.

Following those protocols will ensure that your inter-library loans continue to go smoothly.

In May,

59 new patrons joined us

6,776 books were borrowed

**Through ILL,
we lent 599 items
we borrowed 486 items**

**353 new items were added
to the PLDL collection**

Library News



Library app makes life easy

The easiest digital access patrons have to all of your library services is through the Superiorland Library Co-op. Simply download the app through the app store on your smartphone and log in with your library card number and PIN – the image above is the same one that appears on the app.

Once in, you'll be able to manage your library accounts, search for Inter-Library Loans, and access LIBBY, which gives you access to a large selection of ebooks and audiobooks.



City of Houghton moves millions-of -year-old orthocone fossils to north side of library

Come see millions of years of Keweenaw history in fossils

The City of Houghton moved orthocone fossils, pictured above, to the north side of the Portage Lake District Library to protect them from tree sap dripping in their former location. City Councilmember Craig Waddell is working with Kristine Bradoff to create an interpretative sign for the site.

"Together with proper signage, these fossils will help children, tourists, and really anyone to learn more about the Keweenaw's amazing geological history," Mr. Waddell said.



Get out your library cards!

PLDL is tightening up our checkout procedure by requiring a library card to scan from each patron.

This is our way of making sure that all materials are checked out to the right accounts and generally strengthening our security practices.

Even if we've known you forever, we'll scan your card at check-out. For anyone who has lost their card, we can easily issue a new one.

There may be a small fee to replace lost cards – talk to circulation staff for details.

Events aplenty in July



In June, MTU's Blizzard T Husky showed his helpful attitude, assisting us behind the circulation desk during Bridgefest weekend



Come Get SPOONED!

Join us for a side-splitting, interactive comedy show with the one and only Spoon Man – a published author and comedian with 30+ years of professional spoon-playing experience!

Expect outrageous impressions, crazy spoon tricks, a Mountain Band made from the audience, and lots of laughs. Totally clean, family-friendly fun!

Sponsored by **incrediblebank**

July 9th AT 1 PM **PORTAGE LAKE DISTRICT LIBRARY**



Kevin Kammeraad & FRIENDS



July 17th AT 10 AM








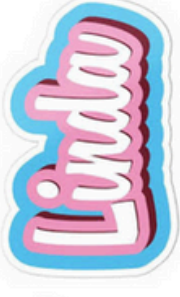



Monday – Thursday | 10am – 8pm
Friday | 10am – 5pm
Saturday | 10am – 3pm

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Storytime @ 10:30 am	3 Storytime @ 1:30 pm STEM @ 3:00 pm	4 Library Closed for July 4th	5
7 Chess Club @ 4:00pm	8 Art with Linda @ 3:00pm Teens Book Club @ 4:15 pm	9 Storytime @ 10:30 am Spoonman @ 1:00 pm	10 Storytime @ 1:30 pm STEM @ 3:00 pm	11 	12
14 Chess Club @ 4:00pm	15 	16 Storytime @ 10:30 am Finnish Dance @ 11:30 pm	17 Kevin's Puppet Show @ 10:00 am Storytime @ 1:30 pm	18 	19 Craft Circle @ 11:00pm
21 Little Kids Dance @ 10:15am Chess Club @ 4:00pm	22 Solar Panel 101@4:00 pm 	23 Storytime @ 10:30 am PLDL Board of Trustees @ 7:00 pm	24 Storytime @ 10:30 am STEM @ 3:00 pm	25	26 
28 Chess Club @ 4:00pm	29 Scanning Electron Microscopes (SEM)@4:00 pm	30 Storytime @ 10:30 am	31 Storytime @ 10:30 am STEM @ 3:00 pm		



Fantastic Fancy Fans (Children 7 and up)
Tuesday July 8 @ 3PM


Beat the heat!
Linda will teach you to make a fun using cardboard pizza rounds and coffee stirrer sticks.






SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPES

SEM EXPERIENCE WITH
MICHIGAN TECH
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING
DR. SMITHA RAO TEAM



JULY 29, AT 4:00 PM

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