



PORTAGE LAKE DISTRICT
LIBRARY

Newsletter

June 2025

COLOR OUR WORLD™



2-year-old Mirian



10-year-old Xander



2-1/2-year-old Nelly



Almost 3-year-old Andrew

It's time for the 2025 Summer Reading Program!

The Portage Lake District Library Summer Reading Program kicks off with a party from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, the same day as Bridgefest. There will be a scavenger hunt, crafts, games, popsicles, and so much more. Everyone is invited!

The program, whose theme is Color our World, runs from June 14 to Saturday, August 23, is open to readers of all ages, and will include prizes throughout the experience. Most prizes are donated by our amazing local businesses to support reading.

To further support childrens' reading, **come hear from our local reading support team** who will teach methods of encouraging every child's reading journey. The event is 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5.



2-year-old Briar



17-month-old Grace



4-year-old Emrik



7-year-old Charlotte



11-year-old Emmitt

Summer Reading Program Events



3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10 and Tuesday, June 24

Pinchpot Palooza - a 2-part program practicing ceramic and glazing techniques

3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8

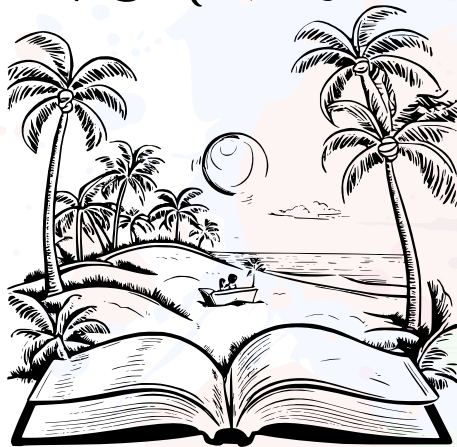
Fantastic, Fancy Fans - Making fans using cardboard pizza rounds

Date TBD

Fun with Fuzzy Funky Forms - building sculptures with styrofoam, pipe cleaners, and beads

Artist Linda Lohmann, above with her beloved dog, Simon, will teach a trifecta of art experiences throughout the summer. She says, "I enjoy exposing children to new mediums and new ways of working with old mediums. Making art almost always involves making decisions and using problem-solving skills. I enjoy helping students work through their options and make their own decisions."

I'm All Booked This Summer!



Free tote bags will be given out at the summer reading kickoff event as long as they last. The design features one of thousands of summery places books can take us.



April library stats

632 items were lent via Inter-Library Loan

678 items were borrowed via ILL

**243 new items were added to the library
collection**

51 new patrons registered for library cards

There were 7691 total material checkouts

Notable Author visiting



UP Author Tim Schulz will be at the PLDL at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 16. He'll read from his book, *A Cast Away in Montana*, which was awarded the Library of Michigan Notable Books 2025.

News updates for June

Parking to be affected



Parking on Wednesday, June 4 and Wednesday, June 11 may be affected by the docking of the Viking Octantis at the Houghton Waterfront Pier.

There will be plenty of downtown parking, though patrons who like to park along the pier or the three angled spots closest to the Lakeshore Center may find those spaces unavailable.

The Viking Octantis voyage is part of the Great Lakes Cruises.

Reserving Library Rooms

To reserve a room in the library for a future date, please go to pdl.org/meeting-rooms to fill out the online form. Or, follow the QR code to that page.



The form allows patrons to include all information PLDL staff needs to make sure the room is equipped with everything you need – technology, chairs, etc.

For anyone reserving a same-day room, just come to the circulation desk in the library.

Monday – Thursday | 10am – 8pm

Friday | 10am – 5pm

Saturday | 10am – 3pm



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MONDAY

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Chess Club
@ 4:00pm



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Chess Club
@ 4:00pm
Notable Book Author
Tour- Tim Schulz
@ 5:00pm

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Chess Club
@ 4:00pm

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Chess Club
@ 4:00pm

TUESDAY

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Staff Training Day
Open at 1:00 pm

Art with Linda 1 (1/2)

@3:00 pm

Silent Book Club
Teen's Edition
@ 4:15 pm

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Garden Program
for Kids
@ 3:00 pm

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Art with Linda 2 (2/2)
@3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

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Storytime
@ 10:30 am

Mike Fornes
USCGC MACKINAW
@6:00 pm

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Storytime
@ 10:30 am
Board of Trustees
@ 7:00pm

THURSDAY

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Storytime @ 1:30 pm
Eid-Sorytime @ 4:00 pm
Encouraging Every
Child's Reading @ 5:30 pm

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Storytime
@ 1:30 pm

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Library is closed

FRIDAY

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Summer Reading Kickoff
Legal Help Drop-in
@ 12:00 - 2:00pm

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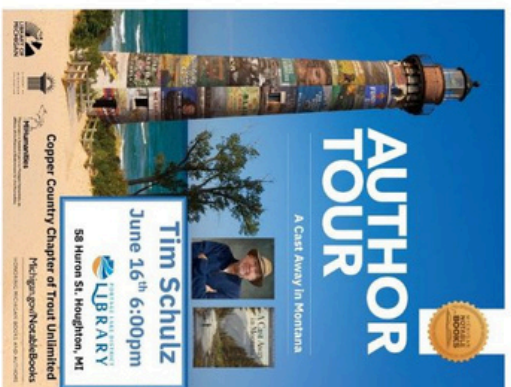
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Join us for an unforgettable event with Mike Fornes, author, journalist, and Master of the USCGC MACKINAW. With 2,000+ hours and decades of reporting, he brings Mackinaw's maritime history to life like no one else. Don't miss this chance to meet the author, see the ship, the bridge, and the people who shaped them.

Wed., June 11th at 6:00 PM
Read Fornes' Trout Unlimited's Most Famous Fly & Drip
Presented by a Bridge

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A Cast Away in Montana
Tim Schulz
June 16th 6:00pm
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