

Superior News

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Thank You for Your Support of the Superior District Library

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Superior District Library area for their sterling support of the recent millage request for our library system.

I am so pleased and proud to be part of a community that came out to show the value of library access for everyone. The district library

millage insures that a strong partnership is nurtured amongst our many communities, providing access under a uniform system of support. Our system libraries are the heartbeat of the communities we serve, and on behalf of the Board of Trustees I thank those of you who spoke out for the millage, those who

helped promote it, and everyone who voted to support your Superior District Library.

Again, thanks to everyone who helped make the Superior District Library a strong part of our many and varied communities.

Melissa Belevender
President
Board of Trustees

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Superior Poetry Café at Bayliss Public Library



The next Superior Poetry Café will take place on Thursday, January 23, at 7 p.m., in the Community Room at Bayliss Public Library.

The featured poet will be Matthew Williams, who was born and

raised in Sault Ste. Marie. He started writing music and poetry six years ago when he first took lessons on the guitar. Last year he performed on guitar with Detroit poet and musician M.L. Liebler at a library concert. Matthew has been a frequent participant in the library’s open mics and poetry and songwriting workshops.

His poems are usually themed on the ecology of the Sault and are metaphorical. He credits experiences at the library for much of his

success.

Currently, he is a student at Bay Mills Community College in the Native American Studies program. His plans are to become a full-time musician; he performs locally, sometimes with friends Zac Crook or Lola Kennedy.

There will be an open mic after his reading/performance, where the public may read from their own work.



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If you are interested in knitting/crocheting for charity or gifts for others, please feel free to attend the Yarn-Workers Guild. Just bring your yarn-working projects from home and enjoy an evening of camaraderie with other yarn workers.

Charity items will be donated to a local distributor.

Meetings will take place on Tuesdays, January 28 and February 25, from 6-8 p.m. at Bayliss Public Library's Community Room.

If there is enough interest, continued monthly meetings will be held. Please contact Cheryl at 632-2014 with inquiries.

“Journey Stories” Has Traveled to Curtis Library!

“Journey Stories,” a traveling Smithsonian Institution exhibit, has traveled to Curtis! The Erickson Center for the Arts is featuring this exhibit which explores the stories of travel and movement that built our diverse American society. Having this amazing exhibit in Curtis was made possible by a Michigan Humanities Council grant.

“Journey Stories” has

inspired many programs and events in town. Curtis Library has invited book discussion groups from Curtis, Newberry, Engadine, and DeTour to journey to Curtis for a special book discussion and luncheon at the Erickson Center. This discussion will be led by Ruthette Mills, author of *What Shall We Build?*. Complimentary books have been provided to all the book groups. This

discussion and luncheon will be held on Monday, January 13, at 1 p.m. Tours of the exhibit will follow lunch.

The exhibit can be viewed any business day. Please see the Erickson Center for the Arts website at ericksoncenter.org for program dates and times or call 906-586-9974 for more information.



Pickford Community Library Receives Michigan Humanities Council Grant

“Let’s Talk About It: Muslim Journeys” is a scholar-led reading and discussion program designed to foster opportunities for informed community conversations about the histories, faith, and cultures of Muslims around the world and within the United States. The Pickford Community Library is honored to have been selected as one of the two libraries in the state (along with Hoyt Memorial Library in Saginaw) as partners in this program with the Michigan Humanities Council. The library is the recipient of a \$1,000 grant and the Muslim

Journeys Bookshelf.

The Bookshelf consists of a collection of 25 books, three documentary films, a one-year subscription to Oxford Islamic Studies Online, and a DVD of short films titled Islamic Art Spots. It has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association as part of the Pickford Community Library’s permanent collection.

The Project Scholar for this program is Jillena Rose, a Humanities Lecturer at Lake Superior State University and an acclaimed poet. Addi-

tional project leadership will be provided by Ann Marie Smith, Pickford Community Library Manager, with support from a special Project Advisory Committee consisting of Melissa Belevender, Juley McGreevy, Pastor Larry Osweiler, Pastor Jessica Paulsen, Diane Serra, Kelly Slater, and Anne Stander.

The “Let’s Talk About It” discussion sessions are scheduled for March 11 and 18, and April 1, 8, and 15. There will also be special movie events. Be on the lookout for more information in mid-January.

Fundraiser to Benefit Les Cheneaux and Pickford Community Libraries

Northwoods Christian Camp will be hosting a fundraiser on January 17. There will be cross country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, and refreshments in the lodge. While the fundraiser is to help raise awareness about the camp, one-half of the proceeds will be donated to both Les Cheneaux Community Library and Pickford Community Library. Watch for more details.

Collecting Your Family's Oral History

To tie into the 2013-14 Great Michigan Read book *Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret*, consider gathering your own family's story by doing an oral history.

The book, by author Steve Luxenberg, is his journey as he traces his surprise discovery that his late mother had a sister who was sent away under mysterious circumstances and never mentioned by the family again.

To get you started, check out the Michigan Oral History Association website michiganoha.org. The association believes

that "preserving the voice of the individual helps document Michigan's past." The association holds annual conferences, and workshops that educate and promote the importance of oral history. They also have an a booklet available for purchase called *Guide to Doing Oral History* and an oral history database.

Another good source for oral history interviews and projects is the National Park Service website at www.nps.gov/history/HISTORY/oralhistory_NEW.htm. This website offers loads of

educational links to materials and how-tos for your oral history projects. They also link to another great source—the Oral History Association, which is the national organization for the preservation of oral history (www.oralhistory.org).

When gathering around loved ones, try video or audio recording an oral history interview about their lives, growing up, where they worked, wars they fought in, and other insights into times long past. You never know what amazing stories you may uncover.

NaNoWriMo

This year we had six participants in our Come Write-in program at Bayliss Public Library.

Four of the participants wrote over 50,000 each, reaching their writing goal for the month of November! All together, they wrote a total of 276,164 words, which is about 693 pages! These exhausted writers have a lot of editing work ahead of them, but they should be proud of their wordy accomplishments.

Congratulations to all of our National Novel Writing Month participants this year.

Les Cheneaux Community Library Thanks Volunteers

Les Cheneaux Community Library would like to begin this year by saying thanks to the many volunteers who are so valuable to the library.

The volunteers who have continuously helped through 2013 were Joyce Ayers, Carolyn Beacom, Shirley Braun, Kylee Call, Patty Carr, Sue Drenth, Anne Gonczyk, Emma Harman, John

Harman, Carole Jacob, Janice LaRue, Gail Legate, Gail O'Neill, Margaret Pittman, Michelle Royan, Helen Shoberg, Alaine Tolan, and Mona Welke.

These people are so kind and wonderful, and help keep me laughing. They keep the library organized and the shelves neat, the staff smiling, the displays updated, the

books shelved, the materials packaged, and so much more.

Les Cheneaux Community Library wouldn't be what it is without them.

I would also like to thank the Friends of LCCL. They are our rock, without them we wouldn't be here.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

WMH Education Series at Bayliss

The War Memorial Hospital Community Education series continues at Bayliss Public Library on Wednesday, January 15, at 7 p.m.

The theme will be "Faster & Better Meals for Families." Danielle Frazer-Martinchek, RD/Chief Clinical Dietician, will speak about healthy meals you can make in 30 minutes that both kids and adults will eat.

The February 19 program topic is to be determined.

Programs are held on the third Wednesday of each month and are free and open to the public. Since the library is closed on Wednesday evenings, please enter by the front door.

Sault Naturalists Club Will Begin Meeting at Bayliss

The first meeting of the Sault Naturalists Club of Ontario and Michigan at its Bayliss Public Library location will take place on January 14, at 7 p.m.

Sault, Ontario residents Dieter and Erica Ropke will present pictures from the Island of

Crete, a place where they have spent many happy hours hiking, kayaking, and enjoying the Mediterranean culture. Crete is the largest and most populous of the Greek Islands, the fifth-largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, and one of the thirteen administrative

regions of Greece.

The Ropkes are excellent photographers and storytellers and we will imagine ourselves on the warm waters of the Mediterranean with the snow and wind outside only a distant memory.

Quilting Classes at Rudyard

Calling anyone who has always wanted to learn about quilting to attend a series of beginning quilting classes on Wednesday nights from 5-7 p.m., beginning January 8, at Rudyard Library.

Jan Besteman, an expert quilter will be the instructor. She will guide you from the beginning of your project to the end! It promises to be a fun learning experience.

When asked if he had his library card with him, a Sugar Island patron answered, "Of course I have my card. It is more valuable than any credit card I have ever known."

Bayliss Public Library Says Thank You to Authors

Bayliss Public Library would like to thank these local authors, authors with local connections, and authors who have spoken here within the past year for donating their books to our collections: Michael Carrier, Caroline Grabowski, Ken Hatfield, A.J. Hutchison, Wesley James, Les Kinney, Bonnie Buckley Maldonado, Loreen Niewenhuis, Roger Parr, Ione M. Thompson, Genevieve Usimaki, and David Walks-as-Bear.

All of these books may either be checked out or viewed in the Judge Joseph A. Steere Room.

League of Women Voters, Meet at Bayliss Public Library

The new area League of Women Voters EUP chapter, led by Amy Hjerstedt, has various events planned at Bayliss Public Library for the winter months.

On January 16, at 7 p.m., there will be a discussion of the book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

There will be a meeting at 5:15 p.m. prior to the book discussion.

The chapter is hosting the Michigan DNR on January 30, at 6:30 p.m., on the topic of a Mackinac County land-lease proposal.

There will be a League meeting at 5:15 p.m. on February 20.

On February 22, at 1 p.m., they will hold a study session on the

League's Education position, where they will discuss issues of finances and structure, teacher certification, and public school academies.

Contact Amy at amy.hjerstedt@gmail.com for more information. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan voter education organization committed to promoting good government and citizen participation.

Building Circles of Support Program at Pickford

The Pickford Community Library is honored to host the "Building Circles of Support Program," a partnership for personal healing, cultural pride, and positive change, sponsored by the Sault Tribe. "Building Circles of Support" is a process of engaging youth and adults in conversation and learning around critical issues impacting the com-

munity, such as substance abuse, bullying, and suicide prevention.

This important community program is free and open to the public—all ages are encouraged to attend. It is facilitated by Lisa Burnside from the Sault Tribe using a curriculum developed by the Sault Tribe Alive Youth (STAY) Project and the Michigan State Universi-

ty Extension Program. It will be conducted on selected Tuesdays in January and February (to be announced) at 6 p.m. at the library.

Do you know someone who might be interested? So many of our lives are touched by these issues. Contact Ann Marie Smith at amsmith@uproc.lib.mi.us or call her at 906-647-1288 for more information.

Curtis Library to Participate in World Book Night

April 23 is World Book Night! Curtis Public Library has been selected as a distribution site for World Book Night Books. What an honor to participate in this worldwide program to share the love of reading!

World Book Night began in 2011 in the United Kingdom. The concept is simple and generous. People apply to be "book givers." Book givers are

given 20 books to give away to light or non-readers. Givers pick up their books at distribution sites—Curtis Library in Curtis is one! All of the books are to be given away on World Book Night. Imagine, around the world, givers are going door-to-door, saying "Hello! Tonight is World Book Night. Here is a book for you!"

This year, half a mil-

lion books will be given away by 25,000 givers. Please visit the website www.us.worldbooknight.org for more exciting, book-happy information.

On Tuesday, April 22, Curtis Library will host a World Book Night Kick-Off Event. Givers, readers, authors, and all are invited to come celebrate this night before World Book Night.

Breaking into Magazine Writing with Neil Moran

Do you have a lot of ideas for stories and articles, but need help getting them published? Join veteran freelance writer Neil Moran on February 11, at 6:30 p.m., at Bayliss Public Library, as he explains how to break into online and print publications.

Neil has close to 30 years of experience writing for different maga-

zines, including *Michigan Country Lines*, *BackHome*, *UP Second Wave*, and *GIE Media*.

In this session, Neil will show you how to write a compelling query letter, when and when not to contact an editor, and a few secrets to breaking into publishing, including the use of social media.

Neil Moran is also an author of two regional

books on gardening and runs Haylake Business Communications, a copywriting/public relations service, out of his home office. His website is www.neilmoran.com.



Gardening Club Organizational Meeting Scheduled at Rudyard Library



Yes, we are headed for spring, believe it or not. Seed catalogs will be arriving in mailboxes before we know it.

We are fortunate enough to have three master gardeners in our area and each one has expressed an interest in being part of a gardening club. An organizational

meeting is planned for January 6, at Rudyard Library, at 6 p.m.

Whether your interest is in vegetables, flowers, shrubs, fruit trees, etc., let's share ideas and plan together for the love of gardening!

Support Group for the Visually Impaired

The Support Group for the Visually Impaired meets on the first Thursday of each month at Bayliss Public Library. Because of the holiday, their January meeting will be held on the 9th.

Local author Caroline Grabowski will speak about and read from her new book, *Headlines & Headstones from Sault Ste. Marie's Past*, which will be available for purchase and signing. Much of the research for her

book was done at Bayliss Public Library from the microfilm of early editions of the Sault *Evening News*.

At the February 6 meeting, an art activity will take place where collages will be created. Those with some eyesight and those who are support persons will be blindfolded.

Both programs will be held from 6-8 p.m. and are open to the public.



The XXII Winter Olympic Games will be held in Sochi, Russia February 7- 23, 2014.

CCGS Meets at Bayliss

In 2014, the Chippewa County Genealogical Society will meet at Bayliss Public Library on the third Tuesday of each month.

They start the year on January 21, at 7 p.m., with a session on Beginning Genealogy.

The February 18 meeting will be a research session. Library laptops will be available, but you are also welcome to bring your own computer to make use of the Ancestry database subscription that CCGS helps provide for Superior District Library member libraries for in-house use.



CCHS to Meet at Bayliss

Ed Koivisto will speak at the Chippewa County Historical Society's January 29, 7 p.m. general meeting to be held at Bayliss Public Library.

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, he will wear a Civil War uniform as he talks about "How Weapons Were Used in the Battle of Gettysburg." A brief meeting will take place prior to his presentation.

Refreshments will be provided. The program is open to the public. Please enter by the front door.

The next meeting of the Brown Bag Book Club at Bayliss Public Library will be Saturday, January 25, at noon, where we will discuss ***The Thing About Luck*** by Cynthia Kadohata. This title won the 2013 National Book Award for Juvenile Fiction.

P.S. Be Eleven by Rita Williams-Garcia is the selection for February 22, at noon.

Bayliss Public Library was proud to co-sponsor the Superior Children's Book Festival on November 2.

It was an amazing day of authors, games, prizes, and fun for 400 guests.

Stay tuned for next year's festival!

Join Lise White and Friends as they celebrate the joy of storytelling with song, wonder, heart and laughter. It will be an evening to be enjoyed by both young and old in the Children's Room at Bayliss Public Library, on Thursday, January 30, from 7-8 p.m.

Featured that night will be the music from Lise's recently published story songbook, ***The Tailor and the Princess***.

Santa Claus arrived by firetruck to the Christmas party at Brevort Township Library/Community Center on December 21. Santa's elves provided the refreshments, goodies, and candy and Santa himself handed out presents to all after checking his list to see who'd been naughty or nice!

Two New Clubs Offered at Bayliss Public Library

Bayliss Public Library is offering two new clubs for builders ages 5-14.

The Homeschool Lego Club, which began December 10, will meet the second Tuesday of every month, at 1 p.m.

Another Lego Club will meet the second Saturday of every month, at 1 p.m.

Younger siblings are welcome to enjoy the Children's Room while the clubs build. The toy

area of the Children's Room has Duplo blocks as well as other toys for them to play with.

We wish to thank the Eles family, Carolyn Person and an anonymous donor for their generous gifts of Legos. We are still soliciting donations of Legos as we need a large amount for maximum creativity.



What's the connection between Legos and books? Playing with Legos offers children something physical, something imaginative, and something mechanical. Promoting play contributes to early literacy development by increasing attention span, memory, creativity, and language and vocabulary skills.

Young Adult Writers Group Mentors at Pickford Community Library Receive Letter from State Representative Frank Foster

Dar Bagby and Janet Beasley were the happily surprised recipients of a letter of praise from State Representative Frank Foster. What a joy to witness the mentors of our Pickford Community

Library Young Adult Writers Group receive much deserved acknowledgement from a legislator for their contributions to our library and to our community!

Brava, Janet and Dar!

We concur—we are grateful that you developed your innovative program here and so blessed to benefit from your talent and enthusiasm! Thank you so much!

"Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open."

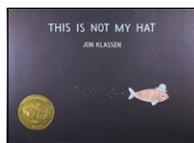
—Laura Bush

Winter StoryTime Resumes at Bayliss Public Library

Winter StoryTime will reconvene on Wednesday, January 8, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, January 9, at 1 p.m., at Bayliss Public Library.

The theme for the winter StoryTime will be "Calling Caldecott." Each of the books read will be a Caldecott Medal or a Caldecott Honors

winner. The Caldecott Medal is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American Picture Book for Children published in the United States. The Caldecott Medal winner for 2013 is ***This Is Not My Hat***, written and illustrated by Jon Klassen.



Join us for an hour of stories and crafts. Chil-

dren already enrolled in the fall session will be automatically re-enrolled for the winter. There is still plenty of room for new attendees.

Please call Debbie Lehman at 632-9331, send her an email at debbiel@baylisslibrary.org, or just drop by the library for more information.

Friends of Bayliss Library

We are happy to report on two very successful fund raisers this fall: our annual Silent Auction which raised \$778 and our recent Holiday Book Sale which brought in a total of \$483.25! Thank you to all the auction and book sale participants—you make it possible for us to buy the “extras” that Bayliss needs.



Upcoming events for the Friends of Bayliss include our annual membership drive (still only \$10 per year for individual memberships), a mini-book sale on January 7, from 3-6 p.m. featuring self-help and travel books and videos, and our annual Sweets Sale on Thursday, February 13,

from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Sweets Sale is a delicious way to remember your Valentine!

Look for us at the Winter Farmers' Market as well, on Saturday mornings in the Community Room at Bayliss Public Library, where will be selling gently used cookbooks and gardening books.

Tax Forms

Superior District Library member libraries will again provide copies of Federal and Michigan tax forms and booklets, when available.

Call your library to see if they have arrived before you decide to stop by.

Tax Aide

AARP Tax-Aide is again taking calls for appointments to prepare income tax returns for elderly and low-to-middle income taxpayers, including those receiving only Michigan Property Tax and Home Heating Credits.

Tax Preparation Sites are located at libraries in Sault Ste. Marie, Cedarville, and St. Ignace, starting in February.

Interested persons must call to set up an appointment. For an appointment at Bayliss Library, call 906-632-9331; for Les Cheneaux Community Library in Cedarville, call 906-484-8008.

Did you know that in 2012 Michiganians checked out 89 million items from public libraries?

*—Michigan Public Libraries
Data Digest 2012 Edition*

Two New Collections Coming to Les Cheneaux Community Library

This year will bring some exciting opportunities here at Les Cheneaux Community Library.

Our friend Tammy Cruickshank is helping us create a genealogy section here at the library.

On August 2, there will

be a Genealogy workshop. More information about this workshop will be coming in the following months.

Over the years the Friends of Les Cheneaux Community Library have received donations of rare

books. We are in the process of making a home for them in our Reference collection. These books may be used in-house, but not checked out.

Stop by the library and check out the progress of

Winter Farmers' Market at Bayliss Public Library

Bayliss Public Library and MSU Extension, Greening Michigan Institute present their fourth annual Winter Farmers' Market at the library.

The Market will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. from January 4 through May 3, in the Community Room.

Items for sale include eggs, fresh fish, produce,

baked goods, jams, honey and maple syrup, artwork and crafts such as wood, knitting and crochet, handmade cards, jewelry and more.

The Friends of the Library also sell used books on gardening and food preparation.

For more information, contact the library at 632-9331, MSU Extension at 635-6368, go to baylissli-

brary.org, send an email to

ssm.farmersmarket@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at Sault Ste. Marie Winter Farmers' Market.

Think local, buy local, be local!

The annual “Sweet Sale” sponsored by the Rudyard Friends of the Library will be Thursday and Friday, February 13 and 14 during open hours at the library. Baked goods may be dropped off by Wednesday afternoon. Stop by and support your library.

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New Books

Fiction

- MaddAddam** by Margaret Atwood
- Deadline** by Sandra Brown
- Mayan Secrets** by Clive Cussler
- The October List** by Jeffery Deaver
- Circle** by Davis Eggers
- The Last Witness** by W.E.B. Griffin
- Silencing Eve** by Iris Johansen
- Someone** by Alice McDermott

Non-Fiction

- One Summer: America, 1927** by Bill Bryson
- JFK's Last Hundred Days: The Transformation of a Man and the Emergence of a Great President** by Thurston Clarke
- Five Days at Memorial: Life & Death in a Storm-ravaged Hospital** by Sheri Fink
- David & Goliath: Underdogs, misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants** by Malcolm Gladwell
- Tip & the Gipper: When Politics Worked** by Christopher Matthews

Now Showing at Bayliss Public Library

Bayliss Public Library will be showing the following films.

- January 18 at 1 p.m.—Much Ado about Nothing
- January 25 at 1 p.m.—The Smurfs 2
- February 8 at 1 p.m.—Iron Man 3
- February 15 at 1 p.m.—Despicable Me 2

Free movie; popcorn by donation.

Movies are shown through Movie Licensing USA.



Pickford Community Library Hosts Family Night at the Movies! Free Popcorn and Fun!

Thanks to the wonderful response to the program last winter, our "Family Night at the Movies" series will continue on the last Saturday of each month at 6:30 p.m., at Pickford Community Library.

On January 22 and February 25, we will be

showing animated blockbusters from Movie Licensing USA. Please call for titles.

We hope you can join us for a season of family fun and community fellowship. The movies are free; the popcorn is by donation.

For more information,

call the library at 906-647-1288 or email us at amsmith@uproc.lib.mi.us. Hope to see you at the movies!

Check Out a Movie from One of Your Superior District Libraries

On these long, cold winter nights why not have your own "Family Night" at home with some of your favorite movies?

Your Superior District Library members have over 12,800 movies on DVD and VHS. There is something for everyone in your family. Check some out tonight!

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