

Pellston Library

Over this past winter a committee was formed to look into ways to keep our library operational and to increase public awareness and involvement. The Pellston Friends of the Library grew from that committee.

The purpose of the Pellston Friends of the Library is to support and help expand library services by raising funds, creating a volunteer pool, and assessing the needs of the library staff and our community.

The Pellston Library is a branch of the Mackinaw Area Public Library or MAPL. There are two branches... The Bliss Library and the Pellston Library. The MAPL service area includes eight townships, Mackinaw City and the Village of Pellston. Your library card is valid at the main library, both branches and seven other local libraries not included in the MAPL system. This allows for books from other libraries to be available to you. Available at the Main Branch, Bliss and Pellston are computers, copy and fax machines, and access to the Michigan Electronic Library or MEL and much more.

The MAPL provides a Summer Reading Program, with take away crafts. The Children's Summer Reading Program begins the week of July 12. It will be 6 weeks long. Each week at Mackinaw, Bliss and Pellston branches there will be an outdoor family activity, story and take home bag. This is designed for kids 5-17 years old but younger kids can participate with adult assistance. The last week (August 23) each family will have a fairy house to decorate with items found in nature. This is the only week you MUST pre register for. In order to have a fairy house reserved you must sign up by August 2.

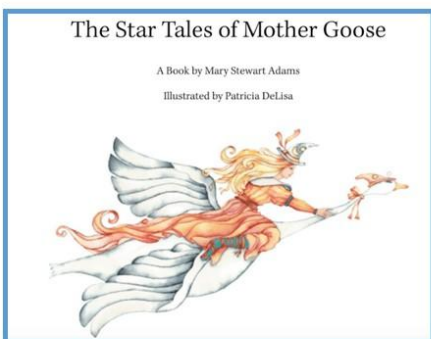
The MAPL has had a SEED LIBRARY for several years. This year it was expanded to include the Pellston Library. The Seed Library is free.

The Pellston Friends of the Library will support and raise funds for these MAPL programs, and to create more activities and programs specifically for our community. Our first five projects are a Book Sale during the upcoming Community Picnic on July 1st, a partnership with the Little Traverse Conservancy to provide Outdoor Nature Classes and Activities, a partnership with the the Pellston Public Schools for a "Growing Readers Together" tutoring program, an Intro To Pickleball with Deb Mascarin, USA Pickleball Ambassador and the creation of a Community Garden in the vacant area next to the library.

This garden is completely funded through a grant from the Petoskey Harbor Spring Community Foundation and several donations. Work will begin in July. The garden will have a covered area, and other seating areas for reading, games and tutoring. It will be landscaped with native plants. There are already newly refurbished picnic tables on site.

A list of all of the currently scheduled programs is listed below. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the Pellston Friends of the Library email Mary Ripin at cmrapin@gmail.com with "LIBRARY" as the subject. If you have questions about the classes please call Tammy at the library at 539-8858.

Summer Reading At The Library



Local Author Mary Stewart Adams
will read from her new book,
"The Star Tales of Mother Goose"
July 6th at 11am. For all ages.

Story Hour **Every Tuesday at 1pm**

The following Summer Reading Programs are offered in Pellston through the Mackinaw Area Public Library. All of the programs are drop in with your friends or family unless otherwise mentioned. There will be a display based on that week's theme, activities and outdoor games. There will also be a take-away activity. Which, if you bring it back the next week there will be a surprise waiting for you.



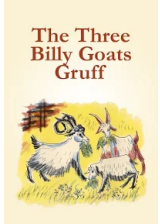
Alice in Wonderland

July 19-23



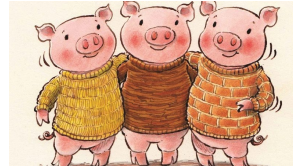
Storytelling Week

August 2-6



Three Billy Goats Gruff

July 12-16



Three Little Pigs

Aug. 9-13



Fairy Houses and Gnome Dolls

Aug. 16-20



The Wishing Tree

July 26-30

Pre registration required for this week only.

Pellston Friends of the Library Classes and Activities

Introduction to Pickleball

2:30 –3:30 ages 5 to 12

3:30 to 5pm ages 12 to adults

Both Session are July 13th

Deb Mascarin is currently the USA Pickleball Ambassador in West Michigan and is a certified instructor/clinician with the Professional Pickleball Registry. debmascarinpb.com

Meet at the Pioneer Park Courts.



Little Traverse Conservancy Summer Classes at the Pellston Library

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS

Thursday, July 8 @ 2:30 - 4pm

Ages 7-12

This course introduces the skills and mindset needed in a wilderness survival situation. Session will cover basic introduction to the following abilities: Importance of attitude, self-reliance and sound decision making, being prepared and informed before venturing out, and strategies for addressing a survival situation. This program will primarily focus on shelter building techniques and fire building.

COOL CAMOUFLAGE

Monday August 9th @ 11 am to Noon

Ages 5-12

Come out, come out, wherever you are! Camouflage is an amazing adaptation that helps animals blend into their surroundings. Get ready to learn about different types of camouflage, predator and prey adaptations, and food chains as we play games and use our observation skills along the trail.

INTRO TO NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Aug 2nd 1-3pm

Ages 12-adult

Interested in photography and like nature? This is the program for you! This program's focus is to improve your nature photography skills and expand your creativity while providing an opportunity to photograph unique and exciting subjects at the beautiful Braun Nature Preserve. Cameras provided but feel free to bring your own if you have one.

Nature Journaling & Sketching/Eco Journaling

Aug 12th 5:30-7pm ages 12-adult

Nature is filled with amazing things to discover at every turn! This program will introduce students to the art of nature journaling. The field portion of this program will take us to the gorgeous Braun Nature Preserve where we'll be using our senses and observation skills while practicing creative writing and basic drawing techniques. Journals provided but feel free to bring your own.

Growing Readers Together Tutoring Program

Starts July 12th.

Contact Tammy VanAntwerp at 231-539-8421 if you have questions.

Call Tammy at 231-539-8858 or pellstonbranch@gmail.com.

Classes are free of charge.

Library Hours

Monday 11am -4pm

Tuesday and Thursdays 4-7pm

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