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### Hours

- Monday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Tuesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



# Peninsula Library Newsletter

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## Library Calendar

Thank you to our patrons who treated us to snacks during the holiday season: Chic and Judy Gannon, Carol Adams, Kay Gold, Eileen McClarnon, Suzanne Shoffner, Susan and Michael Delahanty, The Yajko Family, Diane Herendeen and anyone else we may have missed!

**Thank you** to the businesses, organizations and patrons that participated in the Mini Tree Display. There were 19 trees from which to choose. Priscilla Allaman, a library patron, was at the library and helped pull the winning tickets. Here are the winners for 2016!

Becker Signs: Linda Golubski  
Boston Township Trustees—Jane Lemmo  
Brian's Turn—Sarah Lutz  
Burda Books—Mike Mraz  
Fishers Café—Walter Knoop  
Friends of the Peninsula Library—Rita Johnson  
Hale Farm and Village—Larua Von Tacky  
Heritage Farms—Zoe Whitmore  
Inn at Brandywine Falls—Cheryl Beyer  
Josiah Lincoln—Renay Sanders  
The Log Cabin—Suzanne Shoffner  
Peninsula Art Academy—Donna Guigas-Seigman  
Peninsula Home & Garden—Becky Monegan  
Peninsula Library—Sarah White  
River Light Gallery—Tinka Short  
The Spicy Lamb Farm—Laura Minnig  
Terry Lumber—Kathy Scott  
Winking Lizard—Nathan Craig  
Yellow Creek Trading Co.—Diane Herendeen

### **Friends of the Library Meeting, 1 p.m.**

January 10  
March 14

### **Tuesday Evening Book Club 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.**

January 10—*Between the world and me.* By Ta-Nehisi Coates.

February 14—*The Round House.* By Louise Erdrich.

### **Peninsula Library Foundation Meeting**

Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m.

### **Peninsula Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

Tuesday, January 17 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m.

### **Thursday Night Yoga**

**Thursday, January 19, February 16, March 16 & April 20.** Please

The Peninsula Library and the Friends of the Library would like to introduce Thursday Night Yoga presented by Nirvana Yoga. The classes will be held on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30-7:30pm. We are suggesting a minimum donation of \$6.00 to help cover the cost of the Yoga Instructor. Remember to bring a yoga mat or a towel. Save the dates: call the library to register, or just show up one of these nights for a relaxing evening.

### **Wednesday Afternoon Book Club**

**4th Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.**

January 25—*Destiny of the Republic: A tale of madness, medicine, and the murder of a president.* By Candice Millard.

February 22—*Everything I never told you.* By Celeste Ng.

### **Why Your Current Estate Planning May Not Be Enough**

Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Please come join on us on February 7, 6:30 p.m. to at the Peninsula Library to discuss “Why Your Current Estate Planning May Not Be Enough” with local attorneys, Attorney Heather R. Johnston and Certified Elder Law Attorney Erica A. Skerl. We will discuss the importance of having a properly set up estate plan to completely avoid the necessity of probate as well as the ability to avoid losing all of your assets to a nursing home. Unfortunately, documents found online can be inadequate and many legal practitioners are simply not aware of the best practices. Recent changes in the law make it even more critical to make sure you are up to date and prepared for the future. If you own a home or vehicle, have retirement or stock assets, or have children - you need an estate plan. RSVPs to the library are appreciated to assist in planning and set up, but are not required. We look forward to seeing you!

## **CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING**

### **Do you want to build a snowman?**

Stop in the children’s room this winter and help us build a snowman! We will have a fun snowman building activity for all ages!

### **Preschool Story Hour**

**Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.**

Preschool Story Hour for ages 3-5 continues on Mondays and Thursdays. Miss Chris will share stories, songs, fingerplays and dance. Please call the library to register.

Monday:

January 9, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24

Thursday:

January 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27

### **Kids Valentines Craft**

**Saturday, February 11 at 10:30a.m.-Noon.**

Hey Kids, Stop in the library for a make and take Valentines craft! Come make a Valentine’s Card and other crafts for your family and friends! Please call to reserve a seat by Thursday, February 9 8 p.m. so we have enough art supplies and cookies (to decorate) for everyone!

### **Lego Contest-ages 4 to 12**

**March 2017**

Create your own design, and display it at the library!

The age categories are:

4-6 (with an adult)

7-9

10-12

Registration is required and can be done anytime during library hours. Drop off your creation at the library the week of February 27-March 4. Your entry should be made on your own using your imagination (NO KITS) and no larger than 12”x12”x12”. Voting will be held March 6-30. You may vote once a day. Bring your friends, family, neighbors, etc. to vote! Call us or stop in to register and pick up your Official Lego Contest rules. Winners will be announced Friday, March 31, 2017!!

# The Friends of the Library

*Why be a member of The Friends of the Peninsula Library?*

The Friends are a group of volunteers committed to the advancement of the library and to community service. Without the Friends group many Library activities would not be possible. The main purpose of the Friends is to support the Library. The Friends are made up of the community, and anyone is welcome to join the group. Your membership counts in this support and will make more services available to you through the library. By attending meetings, or filling out the membership application, your input helps define the direction of the Friends and the Library.

- Annual Scholarship offered to Woodridge Seniors studying in the field of education
- Help with the Library's 75th Anniversary Celebration
- Organize and maintain the Book Sale Room
- Decorate at holidays & sponsor holiday programs
- Donations to various organizations
- Library Newsletter
- Bizarre Bazaar at Holidays
- Support library programs and purchase materials

### **With your membership you will receive**

- Coupons to use in the Book Sale Room
- Discounts on merchandise sold by the Friends
- Opportunities to volunteer for library programs and activities

The Friends meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Library. Please feel free to join us and find out more about the Friends group! All members are invited to join the meetings and encouraged to share thoughts and ideas! See you there!

## **Friends of the Library**

### **Membership Application January 1-December 31, 2017**

Please print. Return this form to Peninsula Library by hand or mail. I wish to be a Friend of The Peninsula Library. Enclosed is my membership contribution of

Seniors \$2 \_\_\_\_\_ Students \$2 \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make an extra donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help the Friends finance the printing and postage of the library newsletter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip-code \_\_\_\_\_

All dues are tax deductible per IRS guidelines.

Please make checks payable to: *Friends of the Peninsula Library, PO Box 58, Peninsula, OH 44264*

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**From the Director:**

Welcome to 2017!

Exactly one year ago, the Peninsula Library was moving to the Boston Township Hall for the month of January so that the library could receive some much needed improvements. That whirlwind move to and back is well behind us (pshew!) and we have been enjoying the renovated spaces for almost a full year now. We do have plans to make other improvements to the library, possibly in 2017 if we can arrange the funding and make everything happen just right. One of our most pressing problems is making major renovations to the library's restrooms. We will keep you posted as we know more and as our plans come closer to fruition.

The year 2017 will hold a special place in the history of the Peninsula Library. Way back in 1942, the local Girl Scout troop threw a Halloween party sponsored by Union Grange #2380. The admission to the party? One book! That party netted about 100 books and \$40 in cash. From those humble beginnings, the Peninsula Library officially opened on the second floor of the Peninsula Village hall on February 16, 1943. As we approach the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that party and the beginning of the library, we will be planning various events and activities to celebrate, commemorate, and reflect on the Peninsula Library and its history. What a different community this would be had that party not been held in 1942! Please watch this newsletter, visit our website or find us on Facebook to keep up with our plans for our anniversary.

As always, read through this issue of the newsletter and find a program or two of interest

to you or someone you know and circle that date on your calendar. The Peninsula Library sometimes has wonderful programs that are attended by small but very appreciative audiences. We try to have programs that would appeal to various ages and interests. If there is something that you would like to see a program on, please let us know and we will see if we can make it happen.

We also need your assistance with another issue. Because of the renovations and the move in January 2016, our circulation totals for 2016 are going to be down. Also, as a sign that the economy has improved, most every library is experiencing circulation reductions. What many people may not be aware of is that our funding is based partly on the number of items that we circulate. Of the five factors that determine funding from the State of Ohio (community population, number of facilities, square footage of facilities, circulation and percentage of the population that is classified as low to moderate income), circulation is the only factor that we really have much control over. Adding facilities and square footage might get us more money in the short term, but will ultimately cost us more for staffing and maintaining those spaces. Population levels and per capita income status are well beyond our control. Therefore, we ask that you help us out and borrow more materials in 2017. The circulation figure used to determine funding is a three year average. One good 2017 can help offset a lagging 2016!

Randy Bergdorf  
Director





The New Year brings with it the opportunity for new beginnings and new choices. As all of us try to make important changes to our lives in the form of New Year's resolutions, now is the time to discuss the opportunity to support the Peninsula Library through the Peninsula Library Foundation. The idea behind the Peninsula Library Foundation has always been to build an endowment to soften the blows that come with being a public-supported organization in tough economic times.

For seven years in a row, the Peninsula Library Foundation has been able to provide much needed additional revenue to the Peninsula Library. For 2010, the Foundation presented the Library with \$500. In 2011 the amount presented was \$3500 which was used to purchase new patron computers. For 2012 the amount was \$4600 which was used to offset reductions in the amount of money available to purchase new books. In 2013, the Library was most grateful to receive \$7,000 which was urgently needed to help the library carry on. For 2014, the library received \$19,180, part of which was used to develop a new website for the library. And finally in 2015 and 2016, the library received \$18,937 each year for a grand total of \$72,654 received to date.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to make the Peninsula Library Foundation a part of your New Year's resolutions. We need your support to continue to help the library provide much needed services and materials to the community. If you wish to donate, please use the form printed above. As you contemplate your New Year's resolutions, we ask that you consider the Peninsula Library Foundation.

Peninsula Library Foundation Endowment Campaign Gift and Pledge Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(as you wish it to appear in publications such as the Annual Report and newsletter.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a contribution to The Peninsula Library Foundation for the Endowment Fund to benefit the Peninsula Library & Historical Society.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my gift to The Peninsula Library Foundation in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My contribution is made in \_\_\_\_\_ Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I pledge to make a contribution to The Peninsula Library Foundation in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This pledge will be paid in three installments over the next 3 years. My first installment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information about deferred gift options for The Peninsula Library Foundation.

Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Peninsula Library Foundation, P. O. Box 292, Peninsula, OH 44264

The Peninsula Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization recognized by the IRS. Thank you.

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### **Learn How the Quarry Impacted the 1935 Mayor's Race at the Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum!**

The Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum is a branch of the Peninsula Library & Historical Society organized for the purpose of interpreting and promoting the area's history through permanent and special exhibits. The Museum is housed on the second floor of the historic Boston Township Hall which was built in 1887.

**Hours:** Wed., Fri., Sat. & Sun. 12-4 p.m. (or by appointment)

**Address:** 1775 Main St—2nd Floor Classroom in the Boston Township Hall, Peninsula OH 44264

Even though Peninsula area quarries had ceased to be in operation many years before the mayoral election of 1935, they still played a pivotal role in that year's race. Elmer Bronson Conger, who served as Peninsula's mayor for a total of 28 years, was trying to regain that office in the fall election of 1935. Running against Girden Harrington and Dan Billings, one of Conger's main platform issues was shutting down the nudists who had taken over the quarry on the Bishop family's property along 303. Said Conger, "Some nights there are as many as 200 men and women at that pool. They're a nuisance. They've been run out but they come back. We haven't had a mayor for years with guts enough to drive them out." Visit the Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum to find out more about the fascinating history of Peninsula area stone quarries!

