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Peninsula Library Newsletter

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Library Calendar

Library Holiday Hours:

CLOSED: November 24 & November 25

CLOSED: December 24, December 25, December 26, December 31

CLOSED: January 1, 2017

Classic Movie Night 1st Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

November 3—*The Great Dictator*

December 1—*It Happened on 5th Avenue*

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.

Friends of the Library Bizarre Bazaar

Every day during library hours

The Bizarre Bazaar is going in full force! Stop in the library to see what new treasures are awaiting you. The Table, where you name your price, will remain up through the end of December. New items are received almost daily, so shop early and shop often!

STEM could be a part of your community!

November 5, 1:30 p.m.

NEOHSTEM Alliance is a 501(c)3; the mission of the Northeast Ohio STEM Alliance is to promote and support K-12 activities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in Northeast Ohio.

The NEOHSTEM Alliance would like to grow STEM in the community by building parent groups to support programs in the schools and provide extracurricular opportunities in STEM for the students. These activities include STEM Project Fair (at Kent State on January 21, 2017) and associated program assistance such as clinics, robot programs, programming classes, math and Science Olympiad competitions, and programs unique to the interests of specific schools. The support of a larger community makes building these parent groups and supporting the programs easier, and provides opportunities for exchanges and competitions between schools. Please come and listen to the opportunities these programs provide students and let's discuss how to get something started, or support what has already started.

Stress and Stress Management

November 19—11 a.m.

The holidays are just around the corner and here is a chance to learn how to handle stress. Join us for a conversation about stress, its positive and negative effects on our lives, and how we can reduce it and use it to our advantage. Presented by Theresa Prezioso, M.S., M.Ed., M.S., a licensed Professional Clinical Counselor.

Tuesday Evening Book Group—2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

November 8—*A Fierce and Subtle Poison*. By Samantha Mabry.

December 13—*Winter Street*. By Elin Hilderbrand



Wednesday Afternoon Book Club—1:30 p.m.
November 30—*Nightingale*. By Kristin Hannah

Celebrate Christmas in Peninsula!

11th Annual Mini Tree Display

November 26 to December 17 (drawing will be held on Monday Dec 19)

The Peninsula Library and the Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce invite everyone to stop by the Library and view the display of Holiday Mini Trees decorated by local merchants and organizations. Raffle tickets will be sold for a tree of your choice, and the winner gets to take the whole tree home just in time for the holidays! Tickets are \$3 each or 5 for \$10. The proceeds will go to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Library's Carole Wright Children's Fund for children's programming.

A 60's Television Christmas presented by Bill Brauning. This event will be at the Boston Township Hall, 1775 Main St. Peninsula.

Thursday, December 1—7 p.m.

Go back in time to when Television dominated the airwaves in the 1960's and Christmas-themed specials were a big part of the holiday season. Celebrate the season with wonderful music, comedy and classic TV. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Peninsula Library. Please call the library to reserve a seat!

Adult Coloring—Christmas

December 10 - 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Coloring for Adults (18+) - Coloring supplies will be provided.

Harp Music for the Holidays—December 17—2 p.m.

NEO Harpers, A group of harp players and other musicians from all over Northeast Ohio, will be at the library to share some of their International Christmas Music!

NEW FOR 2017! Thursday Night Yoga

The Peninsula Library and the Friends of the Library would like to introduce Thursday Night Yoga 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: January 19, February 16, March 16 & April 20. Please call the library to register, or just show up one of these nights for a relaxing evening.

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: November 7, 14, 21, 28

Thursday: November 3, 10, 17 & December 1

Kids Crafts: Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 12—10:30 a.m.— Noon.

Kids ages 3 and up are invited to join us for a morning of Fall/Thanksgiving Craft making. Please call to register so we have enough art supplies for everyone. Parents/Guardians are required to stay with children.

Kids Craft: Christmas

Saturday, December 3—10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

It is Christmas time! Come to the library and make some holiday crafts and cards! Write a letter to Santa and we will mail Special North Pole Express to him. For ages 3 and up with a parent/guardian. Please call to register so we have enough art supplies for everyone.

Afternoon Christmas Movie at the Library

December 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Prancer (MGM, 1989 103 minutes rated G)

Meet Some Reindeer Friends -December 3—1-4 p.m.

At the Green Space across from Yellow Creek Trading Co., 1685 Main St.

Visit two of Santa's Live Reindeer courtesy of Yellow Creek Trading Co., Friends of the Peninsula Library and Ohio Hardwood Furniture. Children will be able to view the reindeer, touch a pair of antlers and ask questions about the reindeer from Spring Mist Farm.

Community Christmas Party at the Boston Township

Hall—Wednesday, December 7—6-8 p.m.

Join Santa Claus for the Annual Community Holiday party with food, fun, and crafts! This event is sponsored by the Peninsula Library, the Peninsula Police Department, and the Valley Fire Department. This event will take place at the Boston Township Hall on the corner of Rt. 303 and Riverview Rd.

Learn your Elf name at the Library

December 10—10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Ever wonder if you were an elf what would your name be? Stop by the library to find out by using our Elf Name Chart.

Afternoon Christmas Movie at the Library

December 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Elf (New Line Cinema, 97 minutes, 2003 rated PG)

Morning Christmas Movie at the Library

December 17 starting at 10:30 a.m.

The Grinch. (Universal Pictures, 105 min, 2000 rated PG)

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Presented by the Illusion Factory—December 17

11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the G.A.R. Hall

The Illusion Factory, Akron's only professional touring theater company for children, will be presenting "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" on Saturday, December 17, 11a.m. & 1 p.m. **at the G.A.R. Hall**, 1785 Main St. for the holiday season! This 25 minute production presents "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" as a staged reading. The two person play is appropriate for all ages and is perfect for holiday gatherings using The Dr. Seuss text as its script. Let our skilled professional actors take you to Whoville and experience the Magic of Dr. Seuss, with beautiful set and costumes! This program is FREE but reservations are **REQUIRED**. Please call the Library 330-657-2291 to reserve a seat! The 1pm show only has a few seats left and there are still plenty of seats available for the 11am show. Sponsored by the Carole Wright Children's Fund and the Peninsula Foundation (thru a grant from the Ohio Arts Council). This program is free, but donations are graciously accepted at the door!

The Friends of the Library would like to thank these volunteers for helping with getting the book sale room in order. Charlie Moyer, Ed Andros and Chic Gannon for building shelves and securing them to the wall. These volunteers unpacked boxes and organized the books on the shelves: Tina Stephens, Margo Snider, Chic & Judy Gannon, Marianne Moyer, Marsha Ackermann and Susie Lipchek! Thank you to everyone for your help!

The new book sale room will continue to be used as a small meeting room, but reservations must be made in advance. Please feel free to call the library to see if the room is open for the day.

Don't forget to renew your Friends membership. When you renew, not only do you receive the library newsletter, you will also receive a coupon for a \$3.00 bag of books from the book sale room (*does not include DVDs or CDs*).

We look forward to this new adventure with all of our supporters!

The Friends of the Peninsula Library

**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*

From the Director:

One of the amazing things that happens when we produce our bi-monthly newsletter is the time lapse between when we are writing the news and the ending date of the news in question. For example, I am writing this in the middle of October but the news covers all the way until the end of the year!

We completed a number of separate but very important building projects over the summer. We installed a new countertop on our circulation desk in August and resurfaced part of the wood front. The circulation desk, as well as the staff office area, was built in 1984 so this updating was long overdue! Also in August, we had the benefit of Charlie Moyer helping the Friends of the Library install book shelves in our small meeting room so that the Friends book sale could be ongoing instead of two back-breaking blockbuster events. Helping Charlie were Ed Andros and Chic Gannon. On behalf of the Friends, we would like to thank them for their great efforts! Finally, we were lucky enough to have prospective Eagle Scout Ryan Alvis choose the library as the beneficiary of his Eagle project. Ryan took on the HUGE task of rebuilding the lattice surround which houses the library's dumpster. The resulting enclosure looks simply amazing! Much thanks to Ryan, the other scouts in Peninsula troop 371, and the scouts' families and friends for all of their hard work!

Now that the Friends of the Library have their book shelves set up, they will be having a continuous book sale. The room that holds the Friends book shelves is also a meeting room that is used for small groups and tutors. When the door to the room is open, the book sale is

also open so please stop in and look over the books, magazines, CDs, DVDs! And while you are here, take a look at all of the great items in the Friends "Bizarre Bazaar." Many generous people have donated small household items for the Bazaar and "shoppers" donate money to the Friends to take items home with them. The "Bizarre Bazaar" will be open through the end of the year.

Fall is also the time for the Peninsula Library Foundation to conduct its annual campaign. If all goes as is hoped this fall, the Foundation will reach \$1,000,000 in its endowment to support the library! This feat has been almost 25 years in the making and is all the more phenomenal when you consider the service area of the Peninsula Library only has 2,572 people! Over the past seven years, the Foundation has donated \$72,654 to support the programs and operations of the library. Given that the library is still recovering from the Great Recession, these additional resources have been much needed and much appreciated. We hope that when you see the Foundation's appeal in this newsletter that you will take a moment to read it over and help them continue to support the Peninsula Library.

The next time I will be writing this column for the newsletter will be in the middle of December for the January/February 2017 newsletter. Let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a truly wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Randy Bergdorf
Director

Library Board Meetings

Peninsula Library Board—7 p.m.
November 15,
December 20

Library Foundation Meetings

Peninsula Library Foundation—7 p.m.
November 7
December 5

Friends of the Library Meetings

Friends of the Library Meeting 1 p.m.
January 10, 2017



Founded in 1993, the Peninsula Library Foundation was organized with the sole purpose to build an endowment for the Peninsula Library to soften the blows that come with being a public-supported organization. After working hard to conduct campaigns and raise money for the better part of two decades, the Foundation was in a position financially to begin providing additional support to the library. When the Great Recession hit, the Peninsula Library lost approximately 30% of its funding. We were so grateful that the Peninsula Library Foundation was there to provide additional revenue during the ensuing tough 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 \$3,500 which was used to purchase new patron computers. For 2012 the amount was \$4,600 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 in 2015, the library received \$18,937. This year we were fortunate to receive another contribution in the amount of \$18,937 which brings the total of contributions to \$72,654 to date.

The Peninsula Library Foundation's Annual Campaign is now under way! If you have given to the Foundation in the past, you should be receiving a renewal letter for the upcoming year. Those who are first time donors, please use the form printed here. If you would like to contribute or if you are looking for an end-of-year tax deduction, we ask that you consider the Peninsula Library Foundation.

We thank you for your support!

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

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**Learn How Peninsula Residents Knew What Time it Was
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

Many towns have a town square with a clock tower that regularly chimes to let everyone know what time it is. Peninsula does have the melodious sound of the Methodist Church carillon to help us pass the day. But at the turn of the 20th century, it was the quarry whistle which provided residents with a clue to what time it was. The Independent Quarry (now the swimming quarry), which opened in 1900, had a loud whistle which signaled the beginning of the work day, the time for the workers' lunch break and quitting time. Residents could use those three daily toots of the shrill whistle to know when to be at school, when they were late for a lunch appointment and when the quarrymen would soon be home for dinner. Visit the Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum to find out more about the fascinating history of Peninsula area stone quarries!

