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Peninsula Library Newsletter

PENINSULA LIBRARY



We want to offer our utmost thanks to all who helped with organizing the kick-off event to our 75th anniversary year, the Oktoberfest on October 14. Over the course of the four hour event, we served eighty guests! We could not have done the event without the assistance of Bob Anderson, Rick Butler, Chic Gannon, Judy Gannon, Don Getz, Barb Kaplan, Mike Kaplan, Jane Lemmo, Dave Morehouse, Liz Morgan, Rick O'Desky, Margo Snider, Catherine Timko, and Peggy Jo Whitman. Additionally, we had other folks volunteer to help and I know that we will be needing their assistance at our future events. A big thank you also goes out to all those who attended this event and made the evening so special with their presence. The 75th anniversary committee will be meeting soon to plan future events for this year of celebration.

Programs

Friends of the Library Bizarre Bazaar

Today through December 30.

The Bizarre Bazaar is up and running! 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!

Classic Movie Night

Thursday, November 2 at 6:30pm—*Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*—

(Columbia, 1939, 129 minutes)

Through a series of behind the scenes political dealings, town hero and organizer of the Boy Rangers Jefferson Smith (James Stewart) finds himself the newly appointed junior senator for his state. The state's senior senator, Joseph Paine (Claude Rains) has hooked up with political boss Jim Taylor (Edward Arnold) on a pork barrel project and the goal is to keep Jeff in the dark about it. After Senator Smith takes office, he starts in earnest to draft legislation that he feels will benefit his state and the country. Assisting him is legislative assistant and secretary Clarissa Sanders (Jean Arthur) who winces each time Jeff runs headfirst into the intractable bureaucracy that is Washington. Known for James Stewart's filibuster scene on the Senate floor, this is one of Frank Capra's best films.



Read and learn @ your library

Tuesday Evening Book Club

2nd Tuesday—6:30 p.m.

November 14— *A gentleman in Moscow*.

By Amor Towles.

December 12—*Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine*. By Gail Honeyman.

Holiday Card Making

Saturday, November 18—10am-Noon

Join us for a fun class where you get to make your own cards! Cards and envelopes will be provided. If you have stamps, embossing powder and stamp pads, please bring to share with everyone. Registration is required, please call the library to sign up! There is no fee for this class, but donations are graciously accepted to help cover the cost of supplies.

Celebrate Christmas in Peninsula

12th Annual Mini Tree Display

November 25 to December 18 (drawing will be held on Tuesday, December 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 display will open on November 25 and remain up through December 18. Tree winners will be drawn on Tuesday, December 19. The proceeds will go to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Library's Carole Wright Children's Fund for children's programming.

Wednesday Afternoon Book Club

4th Wednesday—1:30 p.m.

November 29—*Looking for me*. By Beth Hoffman. (please note this is the 5th Wed due to the holiday)

January 24, 2018—*The Hired Girl*. By Amy Schlitz.

A 60's Music/Television Christmas presented by Bill Brauning.

Thursday, November 30—7 p.m.

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!

Classic Movie Night

Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm

Miracle on 34th Street

(20th Century Fox, 1947, 96 minutes)

Negatively impacted by a failed marriage, Macy's department store Santa coordinator, Doris Walker (Maureen O'Hara), has reached a cynical point in her life which she has passed on to her young daughter, Susan (Natalie Wood). When Macy's Santa Claus shows up intoxicated for the Thanksgiving Day parade, Doris replaces him with Kris Kringle (Edmund Gwenn), who purports to be the "real" Santa. Kris is a holiday Santa like no other, even encouraging Macy's shoppers to purchase certain products from Gimbel's because they are of better quality. Eventually, Kris' continued assertions that he is the "real" Santa get him in hot water with the authorities who feel that he is mentally incompetent, resulting in a court hearing to determine his fate.

Adult Coloring—Christmas

December 9 - 10 a.m.

Coloring books are not just for kids! Discover the therapeutic benefits of coloring at the Peninsula Library. During this drop-in adult coloring program you will relax, reduce stress, and leave feeling restored. Coloring books and supplies will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own materials. This is for ages 18(+).

Children's Programs**Preschool Story Hour****Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.**

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

Mondays:

November 6, 13

Thursdays:

November 2,9,16

Kids Crafts: Thanksgiving**Saturday, November 11—****10:30am-12pm**

Join us for a morning of Fall/Thanksgiving Crafts. This is for ages 3 and up with a parent/care taker. Please call for reservations so we have enough art supplies for every-

one!

Kids Craft: Christmas**Saturday, December 2—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 which we will mail Special North Pole Express. For ages 3 and up with a parent/guardian. Please call to register so we have enough art supplies for everyone.

Community Christmas Party at the Boston**Township Hall****Wednesday, December 6—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.

**Christmas In Peninsula Activities**

Christmas in Peninsula is sponsored by the Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce. Leading up to Christmas, the weekends in Peninsula will have several activities throughout the town, as well as sales in some of the stores. To find more events, please go to this website: explorepeninsula.com. The events listed below are at the library or co-sponsored by the Friends of the Peninsula Library at another location.

Meet Some Reindeer Friends**December 2—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.

Learn your Elf Name at the Library**December 9—10 a.m.- 4 p.m.**

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

Grinch Day at the Library!**December 16—10am-4pm**

Stop in the library to see our Grinchmas Tree and pick up a Grinch activity sheet!

Library Meetings**Peninsula Library Foundation —7 p.m.**

November 6

Friends of the Library — 1 p.m.

November 14

Peninsula Library Board of Trustees 7 p.m.

November 21, December 19

From the Director:

Can you believe that this will be the final newsletter for 2017? How quickly the year has gone by!

I would like to thank everyone who helped organize our Oktoberfest event and also thank everyone who attended to help us celebrate. We had some generous patrons volunteer to help us with our 75th anniversary events. If we were unable to connect you with a spot at this first event, we should have many other opportunities at subsequent events. We are planning an event to observe the 75th anniversary of the day the Peninsula Library first opened in the Peninsula Village Hall (February 16, 1943). Details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the newsletter.

The responses to our “I love the Peninsula Library because...” campaign are still coming in! Some are left in person and some have been mailed in. Many thanks to those who have taken the time to say such nice things about us. Here is a further sampling:

I love the Peninsula Library because

... on a recent trip to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, our RV broke down in the middle of town. Thankfully we were travelling with friends, so the husband was able to help my husband get parts and work on it. However, that left my friend and I wondering what to do with 9 kids! We started walking down the street with the kids and in less than a block we found your library. We were treated extremely kindly, and one sweet librarian even offered us drinks and snacks when she heard our plight. Our kids had a delightful time at the library and it is still being talked about as the highlight of the trip! Thank you so much!!

... the librarians are nice!

... it's unique and I love the lecture series!

... it's beautiful and the staff is great!

... it is a beautiful, peaceful and friendly library. Been coming here my whole life and I live in Sagamore Hills.

... the employees are nice to kids!

... I have always loved going to libraries and Peninsula is my favorite! Your staff is always so friendly and helpful. They always feel like family. You all are great! Special programs are always very significant.

At the same time that the Peninsula Library is celebrating its 75th anniversary, the Peninsula Library Foundation is celebrating their 25th anniversary. Founded in 1993 to provide an alternate funding source to the library, the Foundation has amassed just over \$1 million as an endowment to provide for the library's future. The Foundation has provided \$91,365 to the library since 2010 to help make up some of the dollars lost due to reductions in funding from the state. If you find yourself looking for an end-of-the-year tax deduction, please consider the Peninsula Library Foundation.

Randy Bergdorf
Director

Peninsula Library & Historical Society—75th Anniversary Celebration

Please help us to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Peninsula Library during 2017-2018 by completing the following sentence:

“I love the Peninsula Library because _____.”

After you fill out the form, please return it to the staff at the circulation desk. Thanks for your help!

Friends of the Library

Membership January 1-December 31, 2018

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 _____

The Friends of the Peninsula Library is a 501(c)(3) organization recognized by the IRS.

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

Peninsula Library Foundation

Name: _____

(as you wish it to appear in publications)

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 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 mission of **The Friends of the Peninsula Library** is to support the Peninsula Library, enhance its services, and ensure its continued existence through fundraising, advocacy and volunteerism. The group accomplishes this through sponsoring many library programs, financing the library newsletter, providing refreshments for programs and events, running the book sale room and the Bizarre Bazaar and funding special requests as they come up throughout the year.

How can you help support the Friends of the Library?

- * Renew your Friends Membership for 2018
- * Visit the Book Sale Room
- * Look for bargains at the Bizarre Bazaar
- * Attend library programs
- * Volunteer for a Friends of the Library Event
- * Attend one of their regular meetings to learn more about the Friends

We look forward to your support!

The Peninsula Library Foundation provides support to the Peninsula Library and Historical Society through a professionally managed endowment fund. Established in 1993, the Library Foundation raises contributions from the community to build the endowment so that the Library will have a means of long term support. Each year since 2010, the Library Foundation has directed dollars to the Library and Historical Society through a formula that ensures ongoing future support.

Contributions by people in the community have helped to make this long term support for the Library possible! By making a donation to the Library Foundation, people can help ensure that our beloved Library will always be a treasured community asset, for today and for generations to come.

Please consider making a contribution to the Library Foundation to help build a stable form of long term support, or if you prefer to help the Library's immediate needs, please consider a gift directly to the Library.

Your support matters to the future of the Library due to the frequent challenges of public funding. The Library Foundation is not supported by grants, only donations from people like you. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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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 Cuyahoga Valley Historical 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 (or by appointment) **Phone:** 330-657-2665

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

Learn about the Moody & Thomas Mill at the Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum!

Hermon Bronson arrived in Boston Township in 1824. In 1832, he built a flour mill on the narrow strip of land which was part of a peninsula in the Cuyahoga River. Capitalizing on a natural fall in the elevation of the river, the mill went through a few subsequent owners until it was purchased by Chandler Moody and Charles Thomas in 1902. The structure that Bronson had built was taken down and a larger, more efficient mill was built in its place. The Moody & Thomas Milling Company hummed along quite successfully until December 26, 1931. Visit the Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum and find out what happened on that cold December night.

