



Akron-Summit County Public Library Peninsula Library & Historical Society Issue 10 on May 4, 2021 Election

For over 75 years the Peninsula Library & Historical Society has been serving the needs of the residents of Boston Heights, Boston Township, Peninsula Village and the residents of Summit County.

The following is a partial list of the services we provide to our community:

- Children's Programs
- Summer Reading Club
- Pre-school Storyhour
- Crafts Programs
- Local History Programs
- Local History Publications
- Local Genealogy
- Award-Winning Exhibits
- Library (Open 60 hours/week)
- Museum (Open 15 hours/week)
- Meeting Rooms
- DVDs & Blu-Rays
- Audio Books & Playaways

- Internet Access (wireless, too!)
- Research Data Bases
- Word Processing Computers
- Faxing & Copying Services
- Library Grounds & Gazebo
- Reference Assistance
- Long Loans to Schools
- Membership in Clevnet
- Downloadable Audio Books
- Downloadable E-books
- E-magazines and e-comics
- Movies & TV thru Hoopla
- National Ranking Star Library

For all these years, we have been able to provide these services because of your support. Libraries in Ohio are funded primarily by the state's Public Library Fund (PLF). The PLF is allocated to counties on a population-based formula. Within each county, the money is distributed to each library system. Summit County uses a formula developed in the 1970s which averages various factors including popula-

tion, number of facilities, square footage, and circulation. For 2021, Peninsula Library will receive 1.77309% of Summit County's allocation.

Through a strategic agreement dating back to 1985, the Peninsula Library has been fortunate to share in the levy proceeds of the Akron-Summit County Public Library. This arrangement provides that ASCPL will provide to Peninsula Library the levy proceeds collected in Boston Heights, Boston Township and Peninsula Village. For 2021, this amount is estimated to be \$125,000.

In 2020, the Peninsula Library was ranked 29th out of 1,113 libraries in the nation in our expenditure category for which *Library Journal* awarded us three stars. We continue to strive towards excellence in our programs and services. We greatly appreciate the support we receive in the form of borrowing of materials and attendance at the library's and museum's programs

Quick Facts:

Issue 10, the 1.9 mill replacement levy, is not a new tax. Property owners already pay this tax.

The 1.9 mill levy provided 27% (\$127,730) of the Library's total 2020 operating revenue (\$471,601).

The Library has had the support of the community through a local property tax levy for 35 years. The current levy expires in 2021.

The replacement levy is not an increase in millage. It was also 1.9 mills in 2015 and will be collected at that rate. Peninsula Library should continue to receive about \$120,000 per year for six years.

This six-year levy will be used to maintain facilities, services, resources, and programs.

Without this levy, the Library would be forced to consider reductions in hours, staffing, services, programming, and purchasing of materials.

The cost of the levy for the owner of a \$100,000 home is \$51.00 per year, or \$4.25 per month.

The Peninsula Library Needs You!

This levy is a six-year, 1.9 mill operating levy that will cost the owners of a \$100,000 home \$4.25 per month. That's \$51.00 per year (or less than \$1.00 per week) for all the great things that the Peninsula Library does for our communities.

The year 2020 has been hard on all of us and libraries have not been immune to the impacts. Most, if not all, of the libraries in the state were closed for various amounts of time. Because of the closures, one of the factors which determines Peninsula Library's

funding, circulation, is down 20% over 2019.

Money generated by this levy can only be used for operating costs such as staff payroll, utilities, building and grounds maintenance, purchasing of library materials, and other operating costs. It cannot be used for capital improvements or building expansions. For any questions about the levy, please visit www.supportourlibrary.com or call Director Randy Bergdorf at (330) 657-2665.

Where to Vote:	
Boston Heights	Boston Heights Town Hall 45 E. Boston Mills Rd Olde 8 & Boston Mills Rds.
Boston Township	Boston Township Hall 1775 Main St. 303 & Riverview Rd.
Peninsula	Peninsula Town Hall 1582 Main St. 303 & Akron-Peninsula Rd.
Board of Elections	(330) 643-5200

For More Information or to
Find Out How to Help:

www.supportourlibrary.com

Or Call Randy Bergdorf at:
Peninsula Library
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ADULT PROGRAMMING

The Peninsula Library programs for adults and children will continue to take place via **Zoom**. If you would like to participate, please email the library at info@peninsulalibrary.org and you will receive an email from us with the link to join Zoom. Please call at 330-657-2291 with any questions.

Classic Movie Night via ZOOM 1st Thursdays at 6:30PM

Because we do not know when in-person programming like Classic Movie Night will be able to resume, we are gathering virtually to chat about favorite films and classic movies. We cannot show the movies for copyright reasons, but we can certainly still talk about films! Here is our schedule for the spring series:

April 1: Make 'em Laugh!

April is designated as National Humor Month and our film night is also on April Fool's Day. What are the films that make you laugh? Screwball comedies, mockumentaries, silent film pratfalls—what classic films make you smile and brighten your day?

May 6: What a Disappointment!

Many of us have heard so many great things about a certain classic film only to be disappointed when we actually have the chance to watch it. Were you let down by *Citizen Kane*? Less than thrilled by *The Wizard of Oz*? Let's talk about it and you might feel better!



June 3: Animation Vacation!

Since Donald Duck's birthday is on June 9 and he is often regarded as one of the stars in the animated universe, what are some of the animated films which you enjoy? Animation can be stop action, Claymation, and many other formats.

Please note that none of the participants in our in-person Classic Film Nights are film historians or film critics. They are just a group of fans of classic films who enjoy talking about them. If you are interested in joining our Classic Film chats, please contact us in advance of the dates above by sending an email to info@peninsulalibrary.org or by calling the library at (330) 657-2665 so that an email invitation can be sent to you.

Unsung Heroes of Rock-Early Pioneers of Rock 1929-1956 with Bill Brauning via Zoom

April 8, 7pm.

Prior to the 1960's, there were musicians playing a style of music that would become the precursor to what we know as Rock & Roll. These styles were varied—from Country-Western, to Blues and early R&B, Boogie Woogie and Texas Swing, these early pioneers had a voice of their own that would later be seen as Rock and Roll. Follow their interesting story and their great musical contributions. Some of the artists include Big Momma Thornton, Charley Ryan, Emma Mae Morse, Louis Jordan, Bill Haley, Big Joe Turner and of course Elvis, just to name a few.

**Tuesday Evening Book Club—ZOOM—
2nd Tuesday at 6:30pm**

April 13—*Anxious People*. By Fredrik Bachman

May 11 - *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*. By J. Ryan Stradal.

**Wednesday Afternoon Book Club—
ZOOM—4th Wednesday at 1:30pm**

April 28—*Before we were yours*. By Lisa Wingate.

May 26—*Fried Green Tomatoes*. By Fannie Flagg.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Preschool Story Hour via ZOOM

Story time is on Zoom on Mondays at 10am and Thursdays at 1pm until April 29. Please email the library at info@peninsulalibrary.org or call the library to sign up to get the email with the Zoom link.

Mondays @ 10am

April 5, 12, 19, 26

Thursdays @ 1pm

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Get Ready for
Summer Reading Club
2021!**



Summer Reading Club 2021 is just weeks away! The theme this summer is *Tails and Tales*. We are planning another summer of virtual activities for the following age groups:

Kids—preschool thru 6th grade

Tweens—7th grade to 12th grade

Adults—18 and up

Registration for Summer Reading Club begins the week of June 1 for all ages. When you sign up you will receive a Summer Reading Welcome Kit that includes the materials needed for your age group program. The children's and tween programs will run from June 1 through July 12. The adult program will run from June 1 through July 30.

We look forward to another summer of virtual programs and reading with everyone! More details will be in the next newsletter, but if you have any questions, please call the library at 330-657-2291 or email info@peninsulalibrary.org.



The Peninsula Library Foundation will publicize its 2020 Annual Report in the June/July/August edition of this Newsletter. That report will detail its gratitude for donations of \$126,175, which contributes toward annual distributions to the Peninsula Library and Historical Society, \$16,827, in 2020. Annual distribution values are derived from a percentage of the average of Foundation's assets measured from 12 preceding quarters. If the PLHS accepts the pending 2021 distribution of \$19,183, these grants will have totaled \$156,995, since 2010. This return on generous giving is, after all, the Foundation's *raison d'être*, as reiterated in its Mission Statement: *"The PLF exists solely to provide financial support to the Peninsula Library and Historical Society through a managed endowment fund."*

The Foundation would also like to remind the voting community that the Library receives funding, annually, from the Akron-Summit County Public Library (ASCPL), which has placed a 1.9 mill renewal levy on the May 4 primary election ballot. We are fortunate that our Library functions as an independent organization, while also deriving \$127,000+ annually from ASCPL. The Peninsula Library Foundation encourages all of the friends and customers of the Library to keep in mind ASCPL's real support of our Library when you vote on its renewal levy on May 4.

Peninsula Library Foundation Meetings 2021 @ 7pm via Zoom—May 3, August 2, November 1

Peninsula Library Foundation Endowment Campaign Gift and Pledge Form

Name(s): _____ (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 Peninsula Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization recognized by the IRS. Thank you.

The Friends of the Library

Thank you Friends of the Library members for continuing to support our group during this past year. Our fundraising efforts have been small due to Covid-19, but we are slowly gearing up for a new 2021!

Beginning April 1, the Friends will feature a Mini Bizarre Bazaar Table in the lobby at the Library. The Table is all donation based where you name your price for the items you select. We use these donations to give back to the library by supporting the library newsletter, programs, office/library equipment.

We hope that as the year moves on, and the health outlook gets better we will once again be able to offer a bigger set up for the Bizarre Bazaar Table in time for the Holidays.

In the Book Sale Room, the \$2.00 Paper Bag full of books is still going on. Call the library and let them know what kind of books you like to read, and someone will get a bag of books ready for you to pick up for only \$2.00.

Friends of the Library Membership 2021

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 _____

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



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Library Curbside Hours

Monday—Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday-Saturday 9am-5pm
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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: Thursday, Friday & Saturday—12-5 APPOINTMENTS ONLY **Phone:** 330-657-2665

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

**Learn about the History of Deep Lock Quarry
MetroPark at the Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum!**

The entity now known as Summit MetroParks was created by an action of the Boston Township Trustees in 1921. Utilizing a recently enacted state law, the trustees applied to the Summit County Probate Court to create the park district. Among the first parcels of land owned by MetroParks was the one donated by the Cleveland Stone Company in 1934 which became Deep Lock Quarry Park. In advance of exploring Deep Lock as part of the MetroParks centennial, pay a visit to the Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum and learn about the quarry which operated there from 1825 thru 1917. The Museum is open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from Noon until 5pm by appointment only. In order to schedule a visit, please call (330) 657-2892 to choose a convenient time.

