

**MOST WANTED BOOK LIST** by Jesse Shirtz

The most asked for books at our library recently:

1. NYPD Red 3 James Patterson  
and Marshall Karp
2. 14<sup>th</sup> Deadly Sin James Patterson  
and Maxine Paetro
3. Station Eleven Emily St. John Mandel
4. Mr. Penumbra's 24-  
Hour Bookstore Robin Sloan
5. The Survivor: a  
Mitch Rapp Novel Kyle Mills
6. The Guest Cottage Nancy Thayer
7. The Girl on the Train Paula Hawkins
8. Endangered: a Joe  
Pickett Novel C. J. Box
9. The Crossing Michael Connelly
10. The Rumor Elin Hilderbrand

**2015 ANNUAL STATISTICS**

Visits to the library: 45,301  
Items checked out: 49,234  
Library card holders: 4,093 (521 new!)

**Dundon Reading Room Art Displays**

Thanks to the following:

January: Nook & Cranny Studio/Art Array  
February: Birchview School/ Children's Art  
March: Kathie Chapman/ Easter Eggs

**F.O.L. SPRING EVENTS****Used Book Sale: Two Big Days: April 1 & 2**

See details in president's message.

**U.P. Post Office Adventuring: April 10, 2 p.m.**

Lucy and Lina Blair spent four years traveling to every post office in the Upper Peninsula in an effort to see the entire U.P. and photograph the changing environment of the USPS in rural areas like the U.P. Since starting the project, over 20 post offices in the U.P. have either closed or drastically reduced hours. Lucy and Lina's photos and subsequent book, *Post Offices of the Upper Peninsula*, show a diminishing yet ever-important aspect of U.P. connectivity with the rest of the state and country.

**FROM THE FRONT DESK** by Jesse Shirtz

Another year has gone by, and the library is busier than ever! 2015 saw some of our highest attendance and circulation numbers on

record. In just one calendar year there were over 45,000 visits to our library, whether patrons checked out items, used our public computers, or attended one of our many programs. Not only was this more visits than last year, but it shows an increase of 26% in just five years!

We also checked out over 49,000 items in 2015! This includes items on our shelves, items inter-loaned from other libraries throughout the state (and a few from out of state), and downloadable items from our website (eBooks, audiobooks, and eMagazines). In five years our circulation has increased by over 15%. Our community continues to utilize the inter-library loan systems (local, statewide, and across the nation) increasingly, as well. Last year our library's patrons requested and received over 5,000 items from other libraries! We are incredibly excited that we are able to expand our collection in this way for our patrons.

Thank you to everyone who has continued to use the library. Help us to make 2016 even greater and visit today!

**FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM**

by Heather Lander

The library is a fabulous place to stop and relax on a cold and dreary winter or spring day. The children's room is a fantastic spot to add to your list of "places to go when you need to get out of the house with your children or grandchildren!" Not only can you cuddle up and read a great book (and check out some to take home), but we offer lots of toys and games to keep you occupied and entertained! If you have never been to our library, please take the time to drop in and visit us. If it's been awhile since your last visit, we miss you—come back!

While summer seems so very far away, our library staff is deep into planning for the 2016 Summer Reading Program. Our regularly scheduled children's programming will continue until May, when we will take a break from programming in order to finalize our planning and prep work for Summer Reading, which will kick off on June 14! In addition to our regular programs, we will offer several special programs and events that you will not want to miss.

In March we will partner with Birchview Elementary School and their "One School, One Book" event, featuring *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo. Our library will be hosting a book club meeting featuring a discussion of the book as well as craft activities on Friday, March

18, at 4 p.m. We will follow up by hosting a viewing of the movie, "The Tale of Despereaux," (2008) on Saturday, March 19, at 1 p.m. Popcorn will be provided!

We will be offering a special storytime on Tuesday, April 26, at 1 p.m. for Money Smart Week. Our Money Smart Kids Read! Storytime will feature money-themed stories, songs, and crafts. In partnership with Money Smart Week and the Michigan Credit Union League & Affiliates we will be able to provide every family in attendance with a FREE copy of the picture book, *Bunny Money*, by Rosemary Wells.

Finally, we are excited to announce that our library will host a visit on Wednesday, May 4, (time yet to be determined) by Jerry Pallotta. Jerry Pallotta is this year's featured author for the Marquette-Alger Young Author's Conference. Jerry is the author of many, many great books for children, including the "Who Would Win?" series and a plethora of alphabet books featuring various themes. Please be sure to check our website or Facebook page for event details and our monthly calendar. Better yet, stop in and visit us at the library and pick up a printed calendar to hang at your home!

Our library will also participate in three community outreach events for children: Literacy Day at North Star Academy on March 2, Reading Day at the Mall sponsored by The Marquette-Alger Reading Council on Saturday, March 19, and Family Night at Aspen Ridge Elementary School on Wednesday, May 25.

Spring is a very busy time at our library for field trips. We love hosting group visits! We personally invite you and your class or group to visit us at the library. We would be happy to plan a storytime, arrange a library tour, and offer you a fabulous visit personalized just for your group. Now is the time to schedule your group visit. Dates and times are limited, so be sure to call in advance. We also understand that times are tough, and it may be difficult to bring your class or group to the library, but you are in luck! The library can come to you! Call now to schedule a visit by our children's librarian to your classroom or organization.

Well wishes to all from the Children's Room. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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### **ADULT PROGRAMMING: UPDATES and WHAT'S on the HORIZON** by Kelsey Boldt

Adult programming has been as successful as ever this winter with some great things to look forward to this spring as well. The latest craze to hit our library is Outside the Lines Adult Coloring Club. Adult coloring books have been quite popular, as you may have noticed. There are arsenals of them in many craft and

grocery stores as well as fun and vibrant pens and pencils to match. This calming and creative craze has not been neglected by our own community. We have had between two and three adult coloring sessions per month since January, and attendance continues to grow. We provide some necessary equipment (a few coloring books, gel pens, colored pencils), but often attendees will bring their own materials from home and enjoy a blissful hour of uninterrupted coloring time. Upcoming dates include March 17 and 31, at 6 p.m. More dates to follow!

Our craft series is another popular event. So far this year we have made wine bottle bags, recipes in a jar, and themed wreaths, to name a few. This program is on hiatus for the spring, but check back in for more of these DIY activities. More special programs to keep your eye out for are the ever popular jam sessions led by Mr. Jim Janofski. Musicians and listeners of all ages and skill levels are welcome to attend. Our library board president, Mr. Paul Olson, also offers his own artistic talents with the Life Drawing class. The program lasts six weeks and patrons learn how to draw from life with charcoal and guidance from Mr. Olson. The most recent series ended on March 12.

Our Friends of the Library generously funded a new projector with surround sound for our programming room, using monies donated in memory of former library staff member Shirley Nardi. We have been breaking it in with some great movie screenings. Once a month we screen a movie and provide free popcorn! On March 23 at 5 p.m. we will screen a basketball-themed movie in honor of March Madness.

If you're looking for even more madness in March, help us pick the adult Summer Reading Program book! It's true; we are already planning for our Summer Reading Program, and we need all the help we can get. We will have a "book bracket" set up that will feature ten popular titles from over the last few years. Every few days we will pit titles against each other, and patrons can vote on which one will make it to the next round. The winner will be the summer pick for adult book club, so make sure your voice is heard! In the meantime we will have our monthly adult book club as usual. The March title is *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay. The meetings are informal and always provide new insights. Bring your opinions (good or bad!) and perhaps some suggestions for the next month.

This spring you'll find whatever you need to make your library experience the best it's ever been. We always appreciate our patrons and their enthusiasm for our special library. If you have any questions or comments about upcoming events, stop in, give us a call, or check us out online.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT by Carol Anderson

The streets of Ishpeming are very slushy today, and winter is starting to fade just a bit. El Nino and the Groundhog have been on the side of those of us who are not exactly snow lovers, but there's still been enough of the white stuff to enjoy plenty of skiing, sledding, and snowmobiling.

As winter wanes, March is the time for the Friends of the Library to start planning their spring calendar of events. April Will Kick Off with a Two-Day Book Sale! The community has bestowed so many generous donations of gently used books upon the F.O.L. that we have amassed a vast collection over the winter months. The selection is top notch, so I know all book lovers will want a chance to comb through them, as there are sure to be some great finds.

"Premiere Day" will be **Friday, April 1, from 3–5 p.m.** when shoppers who buy a Carnegie canvas tote bag for \$5.00 (regularly \$7.00) as admission will be the first to peruse the tables and choose from our excellent selection of books, priced at 25¢ for paperbacks and 50¢ for hard covers. **Saturday, April 2,** will be "Bargain Day," with no admission charge and book prices remaining the same as Friday from 10 a.m. until noon. Then continuing on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. there will be a three dollar a bag sale.

On **Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m.** the Friends will host their first lyceum of 2016. "U.P. Post Office Adventuring" will feature two local authors and photographers who made it their mission to visit every post office in the U.P., including the Ishpeming Post Office, which is celebrating 100 years of service! Please join us to learn about these historic buildings. We'll have coffee brewing and bakery on the table.

The F.O.L. invite you to the library, not only to shop for books or to meet new authors, but also to see all the exciting changes that are happening here. New members are always welcome, so please take the opportunity to stop by one of our events and let us know if you are interested in becoming a part of our group. Additional information concerning the Friends of the Library may be obtained at the librarian's desk or by calling me at 485-5479. We would love to meet you and to share our vision and ideas for serving the Carnegie Library.

*Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.* Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## MEET THE INTERN by Nicole Johnson

Hello! I am the new intern and part-time library clerk at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library. I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to be working here! I have loved books and

reading my entire life, and I have always dreamed of working in a library. I turned those dreams into reality when I began volunteering here almost two years ago. I spent time volunteering during the Summer Reading Program. I loved being involved in all of the activities throughout the summer and seeing all the excitement about reading and books. This experience made me realize that I wanted to pursue a career in library science.

An opportunity arose for me to be an intern here during my senior year of high school. It allows me to spend two hours each morning at the library for high school credits. Interning here has been an amazing opportunity because I have learned so much about everyday library procedures. I have gained so much from this experience as an intern, more than I would ever have learned in a classroom setting.

Just before Christmas 2015, a part-time library clerk position opened up, and I applied for the job. I was fortunate enough to be hired for the position in January. Being a library clerk presented many more opportunities, from leading the Teen Book Club to being more involved in the community through events and activities.

I am so thankful for all of the kindness that I have received from everyone. I feel very fortunate to work with such an amazing group of people who have been so helpful and welcoming. I have learned so much from each and every one of my co-workers, and I am very lucky to be part of such a remarkable library.

My plans after high school include attending Northern Michigan University to major in Business Information Systems. I plan to continue my education and get a master's degree in library science. My ultimate goal is to be a Young Adult Services Librarian.

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## FROM BELOW the BRIDGE by Cindy Mack

Libraries are at the heart of our communities, improving the quality of life and continuously evolving in order to serve the public and to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies. Libraries also are expanding beyond their traditional roles by providing more opportunities for community engagement and delivering new services that connect closely with patrons' needs. Libraries from large to small are amazing resources, playing a critical role in transforming lives, especially in this digital age.

Every April libraries across the country celebrate during National Library Week. This year's theme is *Libraries Transform*, and it is the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>. It is a special time to advocate and celebrate libraries and to promote

library use and support. During this time of year, it is important to thank the Friends for their continued support of the library. As a library director, I know we could not meet the needs and expectations of our patrons without the continued support of a Friends of the Library organization; Friends are an integral part of a library and how it transforms people's lives. Please consider supporting the Friends of ICPL by attending their spring lyceum or stopping by the library during one of their used book sales.

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**BOOK REVIEW** by LaVerne Koski

The Forest by Edward Rutherford, Random House, c2000

Long winter months require a really good, absorbing read, and Edward Rutherford's The Forest is an excellent choice. Rutherford brought us Sarum, the Salisbury Cathedral story, and London, from its early encampments on the Thames 2000 years ago to the present metropolis.

This master storyteller brings the same skills to The Forest, with appealing and believable characters from 1099 to 2000. *Forest* is a French term meaning reservation, and this is King William the Conqueror's New Forest—a reservation set apart for the king's hunting, on England's southern coast. More than one hundred thousand acres of heath and forest sweep from Salisbury to Southampton and the English Channel. Off its southern shore lies the Isle of Wight. Ponies grazed here freely over the years, but the main purpose of The Forest was as a deer farm, with a stock of about 7000 deer, to provide an ample table for the king and his men. Run by foresters appointed by the king, the deer were driven like cattle into a trap where hunters made their selections.

Populating The Forest were nobles who served the king as well as peasants who had their own smallholdings. Their livestock could graze on the lands, and they were free to take firewood and peat. Laws of The Forest prevailed with penalties and fines for infractions.

Prominent in The Forest was Beaulieu Abbey, founded in 1204 by Cistercian monks, and as self-sufficient as a small town. Brother Adam of Beaulieu portrays the essence of abbey life in this time of deeply religious community, and his humanity makes for a compelling story. Life on Forest homesteads as well as in the little harbor towns and the manor houses is realistically depicted with many colorful and influential people involved.

A splendid map of The Forest area is at the beginning of the book as well as a family tree of characters we follow over the 900 years this

epic covers. Fiction blends with historical figures and events. The majestic oaks built the ships for Admiral Nelson's navy. The fishermen of these harbors helped Sir Francis Drake fight off the Spanish Armada. The railroads come, and the rights of the peasants are threatened. Parliament can override the king! Public opinion becomes a reality, and nature becomes an ecological subject.

The great oaks are a very definite presence in this tale—from acorns and beginnings, through seasons and the many inhabitants of these trees; how the roots spread out in proportion to the spread of the branches; their importance to the life of The Forest. Their story weaves through the history of the region.

Smugglers, witchcraft, the Customs men, the royal Stuarts, Oliver Cromwell, King Charles—humor, romance, intrigue, history—an enchanting novel, written beautifully and educating us as well. To read a Rutherford novel is to know you have done something really worthwhile. I recommend you take a delightful trip into The Forest! Footnote: The New Forest Museum in Lyndhurst displays every facet of the history of The Forest and is a key feature for tourists in this popular area.

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**BOOK REVIEW** by Linda Peterson

The Sound of Gravel: a Memoir by Ruth Wariner. N.Y. Flatiron Books, c2015

Ruth Wariner was born in 1973, the 39<sup>th</sup> child of her father and to his fifth wife (her mother). Ruth's parents belonged to a splinter branch of the Mormon religion, a sect that still believes in polygamy. In fact, it is one of the main tenets of their belief. Ruth is one of six children her mother gave birth to. The family lived in Mexico, as polygamy is, of course, illegal in the United States. Ruth's mother took turns sharing the husband's affections with her "sister wives." Ruth's family lived in abject poverty—no running water, no plumbing, primitive cooking and heating facilities. Ruth's mother made regular runs to the U.S. to collect welfare benefits illegally. That is what the family lived on.

Despite the difficult life she lived, Ruth managed to survive, helping her mother with the younger children, doing housework (from the age of 5!), and was sometimes able to attend school. She and her siblings would once in a while be able to visit her grandparents (her mother's parents) in the U.S., which seemed a veritable haven of normalcy and comfort after the deprivation of their home in Mexico.

Things went even more downhill when Ruth's mother took a second husband. (Her first

husband, Ruth's biological father, had died when Ruth was still a baby.) The second husband, Ruth's stepfather, was a bad man—abusive, sly, unreliable. Ruth eventually realized that she had to get herself and her siblings out of the terrible situation they were living in. She was able to do so, with courage and spirit. This is a truly moving and inspiring memoir of how one young girl managed to escape a terrible life and create a new one for herself and her brothers and sisters. Highly recommended.

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**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thanks to the following friends for their recent donations.

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**In memory of Henry & Maria Vogeler**

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**ANOTHER WALK THROUGH  
DOWNTOWN ISHPEMING, 1950's**

by Tom Sharland

We're standing in front of the Fire Hall where Lake, Pearl and Front streets meet and begin walking east on Pearl, where there's a small house in the "V" just short of St. John's parochial school on the left and the convent taking up that short block. At Pine, Vet's Cab is on one corner, Frank Tasson's Sinclair station kitty-corner and a residence on the southeast corner. Next on the right is the Imperial Bar, with the Wonder Bar just past it. Coming to Main, the new Style Shop is on the left, with Kahn's (later Bloch's) clothing store on the right in a large building; dentist Dr. Main is upstairs.

Crossing Main eastbound, the Brown Derby restaurant, with its tall round tower, is on the right, with Gately's furniture across Pearl from it. Progressing east, we find Hickey's Bar, Laver Oil Co., Superior Shoe Shop (Dominic Tassone), Elis Maki, tailor, and Liberatae Appliance filling out the block on the right; LaForest Bootery occupies the near left corner. Crossing First, we see the yellow-painted Bjork & Zhulkie Funeral Home, with Tousignant

Wholesale (both buildings destroyed by fire in the early '50's). Herbie Medlyn's grocery extends to the alley, with the Metropolitan Insurance Co. office upstairs, past which is D & C Ford dealership and garage, later to become Willey's Tire Shop, at the corner of Second St.

Walking east, several residences are on the left, with the physical plant for the schools and Central Grade School filling the short block to Third. Kielinen Contractor is across the street from the IHS gymnasium, with a two-story apartment building on the (northwest) corner, and the Ishpeming Hospital is just east across Fourth Street. It would later be enlarged, with main entrances moved from the southwest corner of the building, to the center, finally to the northwest corner when it became Francis A. Bell Memorial Hospital.

We swing north on Fourth to Cleveland Avenue, then west, where Gustafson's store (later Walt Murray's, and still later a laundromat) is on the corner to the right, past several houses, with the Salvation Army across the street. Mecca's Shell station is across Third on the right, the Swedish Methodist church on the left, Quaal's store next on Cleveland, with Rosberg's grocery across from it. Across the alley from Quaal's is the Ishpeming Theater, connected to the giant Gossard plant which extends to Second, and looking north we see Maurice Johnson's Sport Shop and a beauty shop next to it. Anita's little neighborhood store is on the near corner on the right.

Crossing Second, on the left we see the A & P Store and Fred Eggan Hardware short of the alley, with—I think—a couple of clothing stores on the north side of Cleveland Avenue, with Burt's Cash & Carry (later IGA) next west. Goldie's Smartwear is across the alley on the south, with a couple of stores between it and Trestain's Western Auto on the next corner. A large furniture store owned by George Kemp occupies the northeast corner. Crossing First, the Senate Café is on the left, across from Stam's Electric. Next to the Senate is a barber shop, Eman's Shoe Store and Tillson's, and across from them are Beanie's Bar and the Pickands Coal Company. We cross the alley to find two large buildings on either side of the street: sandstone-built Woolworth's on the left and J. C. Penney's on the right, and get to Main Street.

We cross Main, see the Indian (Old Ish) metal statue between the Peninsula Bank to the left and the Miners' Bank to the right in the Jenks Block, on Front Street angling to join Cleveland Avenue just short of Pine. Upstairs in the Jenks Block was the original radio station WJPD (named for its founder, James P. Deegan), and downstairs was, west of the bank, Negro & Nissen appliance store and probably another

clothing store. A small parking lot separated those shops from the large Carpenter Cook and Hewett Grocery Co. warehouses and Spear & Son lumber company to the west, bringing us back to our starting point at the Fire Hall.

After that walk, it's time for coffee. Stop and see us again when the weather warms up.

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**WRITTEN IN THE PAST** by Liz Powelson

Spring is in the air—somewhere. As I write this article, we have just come through another blustery Monday. So what else is new? I guess we will have to wait another four years for the next Leap Year Storm. Sounds good to me. Back in the spring of 1886 residents of Ishpeming and surrounding areas dealt with a variety of situations, some weather related. Read on to see what The Iron Agitator had to share.

March 20, 1886

The curlers have closed for the season, without a match game to their credit.

St. Patrick's day in this city was mostly noticeable on account of the mildness of the weather. Everyone generally expects the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, to be a stormy, blustering day, for the reason that it has always proven so. On its last occasion however little fault could be found. The air was balmy, rain fell in a desultory way for a few hours rendering walking uncomfortable, but it wasn't bad, as St. Patrick days go. Services were held in St. John's Catholic church. A number of the citizens attended the celebration at Hancock.

Sunday night some party or parties entered the feed store of F. Braastad & Co., on Front street, worked the combination of the safe, broke open the inner door and took from the cash drawer \$25. Ingress was gained to the building by forcing open a window in the rear that leads to the elevator pit, a pad-lock being broken to allow of the window being swung inside. Whoever committed the theft must have been acquainted with the combination, and knew that the money was there. At four o'clock Saturday afternoon Mr. Braastad deposited all the money that was in the safe at that time in the bank, the \$25 being paid in after that time. It is thought the party will be apprehended.

Negaunee--Speckled trout are being unlawfully taken from Teal Lake by fishermen who catch them through the ice.

Republic—The LeGrande roller rink will be a thing of the past after this month, having been in existence just one year.

March 27, 1886

Cornish Corner—From our Cornwall, England exchanges of March 11<sup>th</sup>

Redruth has now a string band of 23 ladies and gentlemen.

No fishing during the week at St. Ives. Weather too rough.

At Beverley on Thursday, the wife of a man named Gould gave birth to four girls, all of whom are living and well. Mrs. Gould is now the mother of twelve children.

April 17, 1886

The Marquette and Ishpeming polo teams will probably cross sticks at Superior rink, this city, Wednesday evening next. Five men now are played instead of seven, and a more scientific game will be witnessed than yet seen on the floor here.

The sidewalks are free from snow, and the streets have assumed that beautiful liquid tint obtained by mixing water and hematite iron ore.

Twelve years ago Monday next Ishpeming was visited by its great fire. It would be a hard matter for the elements to do so much damage now.

April 24, 1886

The city offers a reward of \$25.00 for the conviction, or information lending thereto, of any person tampering with the street lamps or other public property. This grows out of the demolishing of the street lamp in front of the Swedish Bethany church a few nights since.

Lake Angeline is 21 inches higher than it was last fall. On Thursday morning the lake was covered with ice, but not a sign of any could be seen in the evening.

May 1, 1886

The Nelson house lawn was mowed on the 20<sup>th</sup>, the earliest clipping it ever had. Grass is growing wonderfully fast.

Champion and Beacon—On Saturday last Mr. Paul Toms, of Beacon shot an American eagle that was attempting to play wreck with his poultry. The bird was supposed to be in the air 250 or 300 yards. Mr. Toms shot it through the head. The bird measured 6 feet 6 inches from tip to tip of wings. Mr. Toms presented it to Mr. Edward Durid who will have it prepared and placed behind his bar.

May 8, 1886

A new sidewalk has been laid on Euclid street, from the Nelson house square to First street, an improvement that is appreciated.

Now that Third street is to be continued northward to the race course, it is likely that considerable building will be done on the Cleveland company addition to the city this summer.

**And that's the way it was written in the past...**