

Friends of the Library Newsletter

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MOST WANTED BOOK LIST by Jesse Shirtz

The ten most asked for books at the Carnegie Public Library recently.

1. Wolf's Mouth John Smolens
2. Two from the Heart Patterson, Costantini,
and Raymond
3. X: a Novel Ilyasah Shabazz with
Kekla Magoon
4. Wait for Dark Kay Hooper
5. The River at Night Erica Ferencik
6. The Store James Patterson and
Richard DiLallo
7. The Room of White Fire T. Jefferson Parker
8. Robert B. Parker's
Little White Lies Ace Atkins
9. Never Never James Patterson and
Candice Fox
10. Marathon Brian Freeman

LIBRARY STATISTICS (August-October 2017)

Visitors to the library: 9,536

Items checked out: 13,568

Library card holders: 4,147 (141 new!)

FROM THE FRONT DESK by Jesse Shirtz

It's the end of 2017, and you know what that means: best books of the year lists! No matter where you look (Goodreads, Litsy, Kirkus, Library Journal, Booklist) everyone is compiling their list of the best written (or most enjoyed) books of the year. Library staff members have created a display featuring some of ours. Feel free to send us your favorites through our Facebook page!

My favorites this year include the following:

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

A List of Cages by Robin Roe

Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor

Kill the Boy Band by Goldy Moldavsky

Real Friends by Shannon Hale

FIND GREAT GIFTS IN FRIENDS CORNER!

New Notecards! Ishpeming Historic Buildings & Landmarks by Kathrine Savu (\$10)

New Ornament! Winter Sports Clubhouse

Others: Ski Hall of Fame, Suicide Hill, Cliffs Shaft, Ishpeming High School (\$6 each or 2 for \$10)

FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

by Heather Lander

The weather might be getting colder, but the library is always a warm place to visit. Find a cozy place to read or play in the library, or choose a book to take home with you. The Children's Room and our Teen Loft are excellent places to escape in the winter when the weather starts making you feel like you're trapped inside! The library also offers many fun programs for children and people of all ages.

Our Tot Tuesday program is now offering an additional chance to attend storytime. Tot Tuesday is every Tuesday and is now offered at both 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. This program features stories, songs, dancing, and crafts and is geared towards children ages 5 and under. Following storytime, stay for playtime and the chance for caregivers to meet and mingle with one another. We will not have Tot Tuesday on December 19th or 26th.

Here is a list of our upcoming December children's programs:

On December 9th at 11 a.m. join us for Christmas DIY crafts for children of all ages. We will have various Christmas crafts for younger children in the Children's Room and crafts for tweens/teens in the Programming Room at the same time. These crafts will be great for decorating your home or bedroom for Christmas or to pass along to someone else as a gift.

On December 14th at 5 p.m. join us for our Tween Book Club discussion of *Real Friends* by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham.

On December 15th at 11 a.m. join peer counselors and a lactation consultant from the Marquette County Health Department for Breastfeeding Moms' group. Meet other moms, learn about breastfeeding and other parenting topics, ask questions, and share ideas and stories!

On December 16th at 11 a.m. we will be offering our fourth installment of Yoga Storytime with Kristen Carlson. This program is geared towards children ages 4-8 and takes children on a yoga journey. The instructor leads the group in a storytelling adventure and teaches the children yoga poses which correspond with the story.

On December 28th at 5:30 p.m. join us for the return of our Tween/Teen Minute to Win It program. Compete against your friends in wacky challenges. Can you stack three golf balls on top of each other? How fast can you put together a Mr. Potato Head blindfolded? We will provide snacks! Stop by and show us your skills!

On December 29th at 11 a.m. join us for winter slime making! Who doesn't love playing with slime? Create sparkle slime at the library and take a bag home with you!

In the New Year, look for the return of popular regular programs such as our tween and teen crafts. Additionally, we hope to offer new programs that meet the needs and wants of the Ishpeming community. Wishing Happy Holidays to all from the Children's Room! We look forward to seeing you soon!

BOOK REVIEW by Linda Peterson

A Secret Sisterhood: the Literary Friendships of Jane Austen, Charlotte Bronte, George Eliot, and Virginia Woolf by Emily Midirikawa and Emma Claire Sweeney, Boston, Houghton Mifflin, c2017.

In a subject area that hasn't been previously explored in biography, the authors of this fine non-fiction book explore the relationships of four famous women writers and their female friends. These friendships were important, nourishing and vital to all four authors.

In fact, the friends were writers themselves. Austen, Bronte, Eliot, and Woolf needed more than the typical female friendship—they needed the special intellectual companionship of creatures like themselves. These friends of the mind shared the experience of putting pen to paper and expressing their innermost thoughts and desires.

There was personal empathy between them to be sure, and great moral support not only for literary efforts but also for personal problems that arose. Jane Austen's friend was Anne Sharp, a would-be playwright and a governess to Jane's brother's daughter. Due to her low social status she faded into obscurity while Jane became a world-famous author. However, they helped and encouraged each other in the beginning.

Charlotte Bronte's friend was fiercely intelligent Mary Taylor, a radical writer and thinker. She influenced Charlotte and was able to introduce her to ideas of the wider world away from the isolated Haworth Parsonage. George Eliot, whose real name was Mary Ann (Marian) Evans Cross, was friends by mail with the American writer Harriet Beecher Stowe. They read and critiqued each other's work. They gave each other needed moral support when it was necessary.

Virginia Woolf's female friend was Katherine Mansfield, a fine writer in her own right. Their relationship was complicated but important to both. The two talented women were eccentric and displayed a unique strangeness of personality that proves for an interesting examination.

This book is more than informative; it casts an illuminating light and enriches our appreciation and understanding of the women, their friends, their efforts, and their times. Highly recommended.

FROM BELOW THE BRIDGE by Cindy Mack

This past fall the American Library Association presented their annual report, *The State of America's Libraries*. Public libraries play an ever-increasing, vital role in such community services as early childhood literacy, computer training, and workforce development. In addition,

they provide a safe place for everyone, reflecting and serving the diversity of their communities in their collections, programs, and services.

The thousands of public libraries in towns and neighborhoods across the United States invite community conversations and actions that further understanding and address local needs. No matter the service or program, no matter the age of the patron, the intent of the library, its staff and its resources is to create experiences that will enrich, enhance, and foster the lives of those we serve.

As the vital role public libraries play in their communities continues to expand, funding continues to be an ever-mounting issue in some local communities. As local government entities grapple with reduced financial resources and the increased need to fund necessary capital improvement projects, financial support for libraries seems to decrease.

During this holiday season please consider a donation to the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library or the Friends of the Library. Your financial support is instrumental to the library's success. More importantly, though, please be sure to stop by and use this amazing gem. It is undoubtedly a resource that preserves a sense of our past, while at the same time it helps move the Ishpeming community into the future.

Beat the Winter Blues at the ICPL

by Kelsey Boldt

Even the heartiest of Yoopers can feel the winter blues creep in every now and then. We always strive to offer our patrons the best experience, and this winter we have some events coming up that you won't want to miss.

On Thursday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. we welcome back Marty Achatz, Linda Smith, and Seamus Collins for what has become an annual tradition of Christmas poetry and music. You may recognize Marty's name, as he became our 2017-2019 U.P. Poet Laureate earlier this year. Marty's work is always imaginative and playful with strong currents of sincerity and warmth. He will read some

Christmas poetry as well as a new Christmas essay. Accompanying Marty are Linda and Seamus, local musicians who always provide the perfect musical tone for the evening. It is one of the ICPL's great pleasures to welcome these talents, and their events have become a favorite among our patrons.

In order to help keep the holiday spirit alive and well heading into Christmas, the ICPL will also host a gift wrapping party on Wednesday, December 20, from 4-6 p.m. Hot cocoa and wrapping paper will be flowing and the Christmas songs will be playing. We will provide as much wrapping paper as possible, but it never hurts to bring a bit extra just in case we run out. The event is a great way to take some of the stress out of gift wrapping.

As always, the adult book club meets on the second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month. In December we will meet on the 12th at 2 p.m. and on the 13th at 6 p.m. We have a fantastic group of people who gather at each meeting, but we are always looking for new members. December's read is *If We Were Villains* by M. L. Rio. It is a murder mystery among a group of young college students who study Shakespeare. Even if you can't make it to our meetings, don't miss out on the novels we read. We advertise all of our events, including book club, on social media.

Keep an eye out for January and February as well. We have several poetry readings waiting in the wings and some film screenings in addition to book club. The ICPL hopes to be a bright spot during the cold winter months—we look forward to seeing you soon!

Drive the Cold Winter Away Anon., before 1625

All hail to the days that merit more praise
Than all the rest of the year.
And welcome the nights that double delights
As well for the poor as the peer!
Good fortune attend each merry man's friend
That doth but the best that he may,
Forgetting old wrongs with carols and songs,
To drive the cold winter away.

The Friends of the Library Thank the Following:

September Lyceum Book Presenters:

Jim Kippola & Phil Hill/*Finn Farm: A Pictorial History*

Dundon Room Display/Cookie Jars

Nancy Anderson, Judy Charbonneau, Karen Marietti, Connie Mattson, Kathy Merrill, Sheryl Schrandt, Rochelle Sundberg

Fall Tea and Fashion Show

Bethany Lutheran Church

Crock & Rocker

Tea Servers:

Tia Anderson, Kaelyn Amis, Ella Demarois, Emily Demarois/Immanuel Lutheran Church

Faith Cain/Bethany Lutheran Church

Izzy Kantola/Lake Superior Christian Church

December Larson, Mackenzy Nelson, Lily

Anderson, Hali Simon/Westwood H.S. Key Club

Table Favors: *Sue Felt Holmgren*

Tea Cups Donation: *Barb Palomaki*

Tea Pots Use: *Shirley Hicks, Sheryl Schrandt, Lois St. Onge*

FROM ONE OF OUR FRIENDS

Do you remember—Ishpeming & Negaunee, 1940s-1950s by Tom Sharland

The Ishpeming city incinerator—just off Pine Street north of the mining company office; trash was dumped and burned, with bad-smelling smoke downwind?

When the Al Quaal Recreation Area was just called the Winter Sports Club?

The two railroad overpasses on US-41 about where Snyder Drugs and its mini-mall are now, west of Ishpeming?

Picnics and parties at Negaunee's Jackson Grove—before it became overgrown with trees?

Driving from Suicide Hill to National Mine via the old Cliffs Drive, a pleasant ride until they paved it over all the stumps and rocks and the new Tilden Mine was developed?

Steam engines from three railroads moving about

downtown Ishpeming: C&NW, DSS&A, LS&I?

The crossing gates on Main, First streets controlled from a tower between Main and First?

The Gossard clock chiming the hours?

The first Italian restaurant (in modern times)—the Napoli, on Main Street?

Street maintenance (paving) was done with a true steam-roller?

Watching football games at the playgrounds before the stadium was built?

City snowplows (usually Walter Snow-fighters) so loud you could hear them a half-mile away?

Police station and jail was on the east side of City Hall?

Streetlights downtown were the 4 (or 5) globe units, each with a single bulb? Away from downtown, only single-bulb lights spaced about every two blocks?

The first replacements for those lights were long fluorescent tubes that were of dubious quality, especially in winter?

Drinking fountains at the bottom of Old Ish, even a horse-trough on the west side?

The Jenks Block faced Front Street, with the Miners Bank and several businesses, including the original studio of WJPD radio upstairs?

Downtown bars with names like Red's, Beanie's, Imperial, Roosevelt, Senate, Royal, and the Iron Tankard (at the Mather Inn)?

A swampy area where the Robbins Flooring Co. was later built (probably a peat bog)?

The Ishpeming Hospital, screened on Division Street by cedar trees?

The Brownstone, a very busy part of CCI's operation?

Ishpeming residents coming to see the first shiny yellow diesel locomotive that pulled the Northwestern's "Peninsula 400" passenger train?

The first local drive-in restaurant, maybe called "Hamburger Heaven," next to the Wagon Wheel Bar on US-41?

The YMCA on the southwest corner of Division and Pine, later to become the National Guard Armory until it burned?

Almost every neighborhood away from downtown had its own ski hill where youngsters gathered all winter, building and smoothing the snow, using bindings cut from automobile inner-tubes?

All cars had real "bumpers" that kids used to hang on to and "shack" rides in the snow, for a block or more, quite dangerous and almost surely to lose a mitten?

There were very few pickups around?

The first TV station available was Channel 2 WBAY-TV in Green Bay, and only with a tall tower antenna?

The first local TV station was WDMJ-TV, Channel 6, operating from the Mining Journal office on Washington Street in Marquette?

The yearly ski tournaments at Suicide Hill drew huge crowds, some kids walking from Ishpeming and Negaunee in late January or early February?

The Greyhound bus depot in the Zephyr gas station on the corner of First & Bank streets?

There were two “dime stores” on Main Street—F.W. Woolworth’s and J.J. Newberry’s?

The local bus service between Ishpeming and Marquette was Billings’, later Northland Lines?

Malts and milkshakes were available at the Dairy Mart, run by Copper Country Dairy, on the southwest corner of First & Division?

Local elementary and intermediate (and some high schools) were named High Street, Ridge Street, Cleveland, Grammar School, Salisbury, North Lake, National Mine, and St. John’s?

Before the age of computers youngsters (and adults) did their research at local city libraries?

All radios were either AM or short wave? FM had not yet been developed, and there were not yet portable radios until transistors were invented.

How much do you remember?

MEMORIES by Barbara Nuorala

We can all relate to toilet training days for the little tots! We patiently try and try, wondering if we will ever succeed. Lo and behold: one day it happens! Today in seeing the pretty training pants on TV, it seems they really must help.

Remember the little potty chairs? They had a place of honor in the kitchen, so Mom could keep an eye on a child valiantly trying as she did some chores. We would clap our hands at accomplishment as the child gleefully clapped with us. We couldn’t watch them all the time, so if we saw him (or her) behind a chair with a red face—oh—oh—grab him and run for the potty. Then came the day when they graduated to the toilet. They looked so small, sitting on that big toilet.

I remember the big chuckle I had when my youngest great grandchild mastered the toilet. I put

the little toddler on and closed the door—I finally peeked in, and he said, “Could I have some privacy, please?” Out of the mouths of babes!

Remember feeding the little ones their first baby foods? This also took patience. Put it in and it runs down the chin! Scrape it up, and put it back in. Sometimes they wouldn’t open their mouth. Then you played choo-choo train or an airplane zooming into the mouth. Beware of a sneeze! 😊

Those days were long, long ago—for me, but they are still remembered!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to the following friends for their recent donations.

Kay Belfry
Carol Heavyside
Cathy Viant Priest

In memory of Mary Goodney Knauss
Jim and Karen Ombrello

WRITTEN IN THE PAST by Liz Powelson

This is December of 1887 and the beginning of the year 1888. History gives us some memories from around the world. December 1, 1887, Sherlock Holmes first appeared in print: Study in Scarlet. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s first story about the detective he named Sherlock Holmes was published in Beeton’s Christmas Annual. It wasn’t until a London magazine called the Strand began publishing Doyle’s shorter Holmes adventures in 1891 that the detective became a phenomenon. 1887: Elizabeth Cochrane, journalist, faked insanity to investigate insane asylums and was admitted to Bellevue. She wrote under the pen name of Nellie Bly and was summarily diagnosed as “positively demented...a hopeless case.” 1888: January 3, Marvin C. Stone of Washington, D.C., patented the drinking straw. Slurp! January 12, a major blizzard hit South Dakota and left hundreds of children and adults dead. In 2004 David Laskin authored The Children’s Blizzard. January 27, National Geographic Society was founded in Washington,

D.C. Its first magazine was published October 1, 1888. In 2004 Robert M. Poole authored Explorers' House: National Geographic and the World It Made. February 22, John Reid of Scotland demonstrated golf to Americans at Yonkers, NY. Reid converted his lawn to six holes for golf in Yonkers, NY, the first golf course in the US. March 4, Knute Rockne, Norwegian-US football player, coach for Notre Dame, was born. (http://timelines.ws/1887_1890.HTML) Here is what history gives us in Ishpeming from our own Iron Ore.

December 10, 1887

The Ishpeming and Winthrop stage line is doing a good business.

The new bank building is being finished. Steam has been introduced and it is expected the place will be ready for business by the first of the new year.

December 17, 1887

Geo. Mennie's ice rink opens for the season on next Tuesday evening. A brass band will be in attendance.

Mr. Melby is preparing for his winter cut of ice. He is plowing the snow from the surface and will give the ice a chance to "grow." It is at present about eleven inches thick.

December 24, 1887

The Peninsula bank opened its doors Wednesday and reports having done a pleasing business since. It is not yet quite finished. There is some painting to be done and the bank furniture, desks, railings, etc. will not arrive until about the middle of January. The new safe is being admired by many. It is a Diebold, with all the modern applications for safety. Mr. Garrier, the cashier, is pleased with the surroundings.

A stock company has been formed for the purpose of erecting a toboggan slide in the city in order to give the people the opportunity of indulging in that favorite amusement. The slide will be built either on the north or south shore of Lake

Bancroft. The places show it will be an extensive "shoot," costing in the neighborhood of \$1000.

December 31, 1887

Leap Year is upon us, and the heart of the average school marm beats with renewed hope.

Those of our young people who are attending school at points below are home on a vacation.

A Finnish paper, the North Star, will be started in this city in a short time. The Swedish paper has increased its staff representatives by the addition of an associate editor.

A local paper says that a few tramps are noticed about town. They are only men who are seeking to furnish the city with electricity or gas for illuminating purposes.

Christmas passed off smoothly and satisfactorily and was observed in the usual happy manner. Everyone had a good time. Gifts were numerous, and none enjoyed them more than the little ones. One lady was horrified to find a link of Bologna sausage in her stocking, but reposing beneath it was a fine gold watch, and all former ill feeling was forgiven.

January 7, 1888

The city library will be enlarged by the addition of a large number of new books.

The curlers are getting their rink in shape for the coming tournament. It has been flooded and will be marked off the coming week.

The first "walk" of the Ishpeming snow shoe club was enjoyed on Monday evening, when an attendance of twenty-four members was had. The snow of the previous day made sufficient for all purposes required. There was enough, as those in the lead soon discovered. A fine repast was prepared at the club house by Mr. Geo. Johnston, the famous caterer, songs were sung, stories told and the party reached town at eleven. Hereafter the start will be made at seven o'clock, sharp, and each member is expected to be on hand at that time. It permits of an earlier return than the old time of departure, which was an hour later. The walk is

quite a long one for those not used to much outdoor exercise, and it is desired to have time to go more leisurely. The next tramp will be upon Monday evening of the coming week.

A change in the management of the roller rink has occurred by which Mr. Israel Lavin assumes the interest of Mr. McDonough. Rink will be open to-night when an apple race will be an amusing feature.

The street commissioner is removing the snow from the sidewalks and doing a good work. In many places about town the sidewalks have been deserted for the middle of the street on account of the lack of attention being paid to keeping them in a passable condition by the owners. The snow plow has not yet been called into requisition.

January 14, 1888

The boats at Mackinac Straits are said to be frozen in the ice.

Iron Mountain will put in electric lights for illuminating its streets.

With a toboggan slide, snowshoe club, skee club, curling and a commercial club, we shall be clubbed to our complete satisfaction.

Mr. Perrin, of Cheboygan, Michigan, who is a manufacturer of toboggans will erect a slide in this city on the north shore of Lake Bancroft, beginning work upon it at once. It will have two chutes and be rapid enough to satisfy everyone. It will not be carried down the hill directly but take a course obviously across it ending upon the lake. To come directly down the hill would make too sudden a flight. One was had there last winter. The pitch is about forty-five degrees to the horizon and one did more flying than sliding. The slide will be well conducted and no doubt will secure a liberal patronage. Mr. Perrin is also building a slide in Marquette on the Presque Isle road.

January 21, 1888

The bachelors are looking forward to the time when the young ladies will announce their leap year party.

The Watters' restaurant, on Cleveland

avenue, has become a very popular one. Their oysters are greatly praised. They sell them in bulk, cans, prepare stews, frys, boils, raws, etc., and have an oyster trade that is profitable to themselves and satisfactory to their customers. Those wishing a treat should call upon them.

The story told in the telegraphic dispatches about the great blizzard in the west, from Dakota to Chicago, following other stories of the same sort that have been told this winter, ought to be another forcible reminder that Michigan is a pretty good state to live in. In one of the New England states, the other day, a man was frozen to death in his bed. In Dakota, Wednesday, school children in a considerable village, who had only a few blocks to go to reach home, were so blinded by the snow and buffeted by the wind, with the temperature below zero, that many were only saved by men of the place turning out in squads to help them home, and steam whistles were blown all day to help people blinded by the storm to reach a place of shelter. Michigan never has anything at all like that.

January 28, 1888

The new toboggan slide is ready for business. It is one of the finest in the country, long enough, safe, and will be liberally patronized.

February 11, 1888

The Western Union Telegraph company opened its new office in the Peninsula bank building, this city, Thursday.

The card of the Peninsula bank will be found in our issue of this week. The institution is doing a healthy business, has pleasant and accommodating officers, has come here to remain and is a credit to our city.

February 18, 1888

Fine ice is now coming from Lake Angeline. Full two feet in thickness, clear as crystal.

From a 30-below-zero atmosphere the fore part of the week the weather has toned down to a thaw. The sidewalks are a glare of ice and one's perpendicular is as uncertain as politics.

February 25, 1888

The Norden Ski club having received its new uniform, will give an exhibition of sliding and jumping at the Lake Angeline hill this afternoon at 2 o'clock. If the weather is warm the hill on the south side of the lake will be used; if sufficiently cool to make good sliding the hill to the north of the lake will be the "scene of action." The club will start from Walseth & Tislov's barn at 1 o'clock, and will be headed by the Lake Angeline & Scandinavian brass band. A cordial invitation is extended to all to witness the performance of the club. There will be two classes in the contest, with three prizes for each.

March 25, 1888

The first of March was ushered in with one of the liveliest snow storms of the season, a veritable lion in its tone. We will look for the lamb later on.

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

FRIENDS OF THE ISHPEMING CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY is an organization made up of the library's friends!

"The purpose of our organization is to maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to focus public attention on the library; to stimulate the use of the library's resources and services; to receive and encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library; to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community; to lend legislative support where needed; and to support the freedom to read as expressed in the American Library Association Bill of Rights."

This was our mission statement when our organization was formed in 1979, and it has served us well. We have also added fund-raising for the library as one of our primary goals.

If you would like to join us, you are welcome to join us at our meetings, which are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Leverton Community Room. We meet on December 14 but not again until March 9, 2018. We

do not meet in the cold months of January and February or the summer months of July and August.

Ice Walking: Flat Feet on Gripping Sole

by Nancy Adams-Cogan

Walk with great care.
Watch out for bumps and lumps
and even the slightest tilted plane.
Detect the icy peril hidden under snow.
Do not be deceived.

This is the time to plan each step;
This is the time to place each foot.

So pick up one foot;
Pick it straight up.
Move it a few inches forward.
Set it straight down.

No slip. No slide.

Now pick up the other foot.
Pick it straight up.
Move it forward.
Set it down flat.

No kick. No swing.

Practice conscious walking.
Intend to stay upright.
Defy the ice. Ignore the slush.
Now and then stomp or brush.

Walk tall on feet as flat
As you can flat them,
Flat Foot Floozie
Flat Foot Floy.

Forget the roll from heel to toe.
Foot like a brick is the way to pick.

Fear of falling may be wise,
But conscious walking may be wiser.
(with TRAX)