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Library Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 17, 2025  
7:00pm-8:00pm (ET)  
Margaret Dundon Reading Room

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2025 meeting
4. Public Participation (*limited to 5 minutes*)
5. Librarian's Report
  - a. Circulation
  - b. Calendar of events
  - c. Budget Report
  - d. Book Bills
  - e. Friends of the Library
  - f. Sustainable Shelves
  - g. Beanstack
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Schedule next meeting of Sustainability Committee
7. Communications
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Public Participation (*limited to 5 minutes*)
11. Date of next meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Margaret Dundon Reading Room
12. Adjournment
  - \*Requires a vote

## Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

### Board Minutes March 20, 2025

Present: Elyse Bertucci, Paul Olson, Kaylee Reno and Brooke Routhier. Jesse Shirtz, Library Director was present. Absent, Darren Boldt; Public: none.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

Motion by Elyse Bertucci and supported by Brooke Routhier to approve the February 20, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Public Participation: none.

#### Librarian's Report:

Jesse Shirtz, Library Director, presented a monthly progress report, statistical report and library report for March 2025. A total of 33 children, tween and adult programs were held and continue to be well attended, including a new Italian language class. A total of 575 items were provided to library patrons through inter-library loans. Unique Management continues to provide significant value and returns many items to the library. Covid test distribution program continued. The Summer reading program planning is underway themed "Color Our World". The library was selected as a stop on the Michigan Notable Books Tour. Youth and adult outreach programs and other efforts continued and are increasing library resource access.

- Circulation: Attendance in February was higher than the previous month and has increased year over year since 2022. Roughly 10% of the total library material was in circulation.
- Calendar of events for April was provided. April is poetry month.
- Budget report: The budget report was provided but does not include the budget line item amount. The City is still loading that data. The budget data as tracked by the library staff show that the library is on track with the overall budget.
- Book bills: Book invoices were reviewed and signed by the library board.
- Friends of the Library: Association of Friends of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library (FOL) meeting updates include a revamp to one book sale per year and a donation to the summer reading program.
- Sustainable Shelves: continues to be a good resource for books pulled from circulation.
- Beanstack: Information on accounts and activities was provided by age group.

Presentations: None.

#### Committee Reports:

- The Sustainability Committee did not meet this month.

Communications: none.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Tousignant donation: A list of potential projects was provided but is still being developed. Annual distributions no later than 2028. No update this month.
- The Children's room redesign (Friends will cover up to \$15,000 for the renovation plan). No update this month.
- Capital Improvement items submitted for consideration to the City:
  - o Heating system replacement – One bid with two options was received by Prime: Keep as steam heat but replace pipes and radiators for approximately \$200,000 or switch to a hot water heat

radiator system for roughly \$500,000. This bid was received recently and is still under consideration.

No update on Capital Items below:

- o Children's room renovation
- o Front steps/pillar deterioration repair
- o Computer replacement
- o Tile and glass floor repairs and carpeting replacement
- o Roof replacement fund allocation in preparation for full replacement in 2034 to 2039. The repairs completed this year should provide 10-15 more years of service.
- Policy manual review, revision and updating is ongoing. The Ray Leverton Community Room policy is in progress and the first reading took place last month. The policy will be reviewed by City staff for comparison to other rental agreements. Second reading is tabled until the April meeting.

New Business:

- A motion was made by Kylee Reno and seconded by Elyse Bertucci to approve the 2024 annual report as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.
- An Executive Order was issued by President Trump on March 14, 2025, to dismantle the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The IMLS provides state wide inter-library loan delivery system. This is expected to impact the inter library loan program which is used by the library service population. Families that are home schooling children are especially active users of the inter library loan program.
- A motion was made by Elyse Bertucci and seconded by Kylee Reno to adopt a resolution in support of retaining funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The resolution was unanimously approved and is attached.

Public Participation: None

Next meeting is April 17, 2025 7:00 PM in person at the Library.

A motion was made by Brooke Routhier and seconded by Kaylee Reno at 7:54 PM to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Routhier

MARCH 2025



# Monthly Progress Report

VISIT [HTTPS://ISHPEINGLIBRARY.INFO](https://ishpeinglibrary.info) FOR PAST ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORTS & UPCOMING PROGRAMS

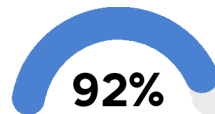
## Programming

Number of, and attendance at, programs for adults & youth

<b>10</b>	<b>461</b>
# Kids Programs	Attendance at Kids Programs
<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>
# Teen Programs	Attendance at Teen Programs
<b>16</b>	<b>158</b>
# Adult Programs	Attendance at Adult Programs
<b>30</b>	<b>654</b>
Total # Programs	Total Attendance

## Highest Circulating Collections

Patrons checked out this percentage of the section this month



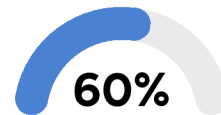
New Adult Fiction



New Vox Books



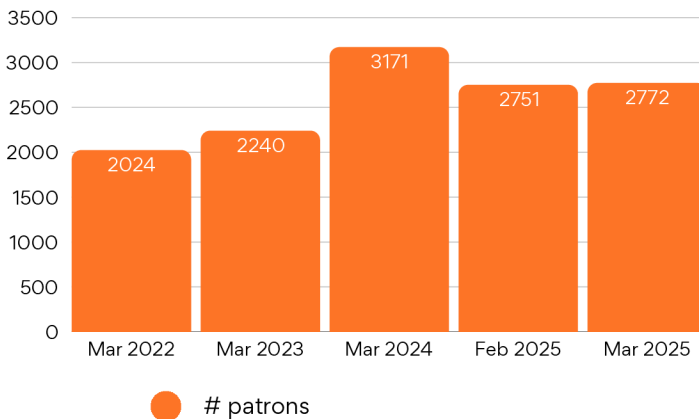
New Kids Graphic Novels



New Kids Picture Books

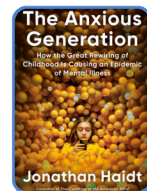
## Visits to the Library

Visits to the library compared to last month and previous years



## Most Popular Books

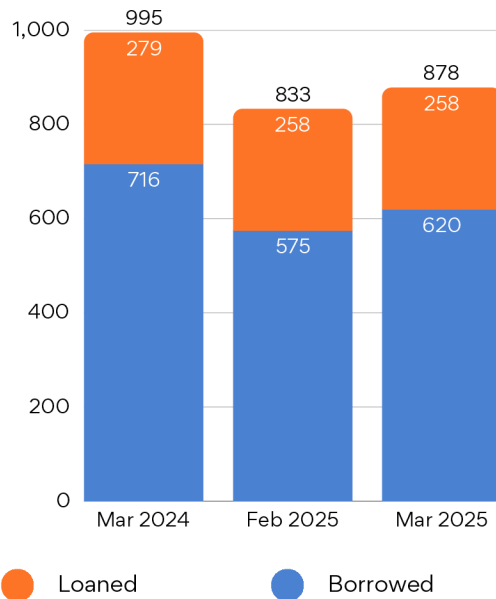
The most checked-out books for Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction, YA, and Kids





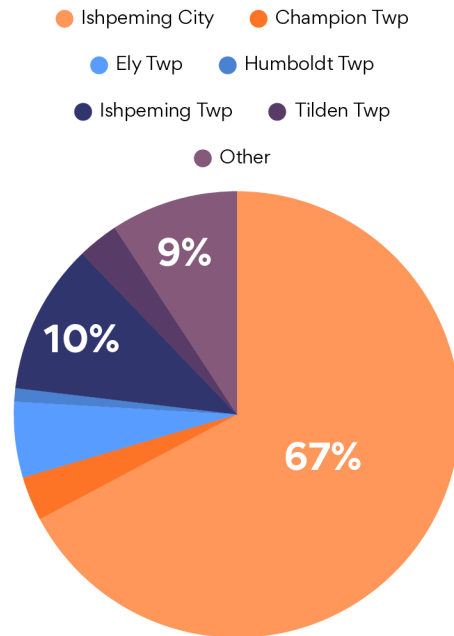
## Inter-Library Loan

The number of physical items loaned to and borrowed from other libraries

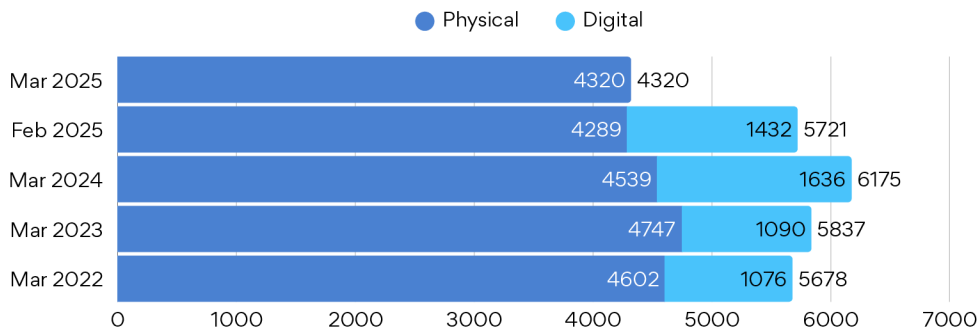


## Library Cardholders

Percentage of cardholders by service area



## \*Items Checked Out



The number of physical and digital items checked out by our patrons

Percentage of total physical collection circulated:

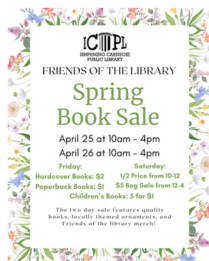
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## Upcoming Programs

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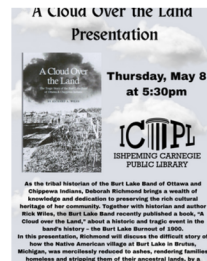
APR  
25 & 26



MAY  
7



MAY  
8



MAY  
10



## **March 2025 Statistical Report**

### **March Circulation Stats**

We circulated 4,320 physical items in the month of March. (Digital circulation stats are not included due to a reporting error from the co-op. They are working on updating this!)

- We had 40 new people register for library cards in the month of March.
- 620 items were borrowed on interlibrary loan.
- Collections that have the highest percentage of circulation:
  - NEWFIC (new adult fiction) - 92%
  - NEWJAUDIO (Vox books) - 85%
  - NEWJGRAPH (new children's graphic novels) - 68%
  - NEWJEASY (new picture books) - 60%
  - NEWJNF (new children's nonfiction) - 60%
  - JAUDIO (Vox books) - 58%

### **March Programming Stats**

30 programs were offered throughout the month of March with 654 attendees.

- 10 programs for kids with 461 attendees
  - Heather has been doing field trips and outreach events with the local schools
  - 75 attendees at Tot Tuesday on March 18th
- 16 programs for adults with 158 attendees
  - 37 people attended the first gardening event of the season with Partridge Creek Farm
  - Italian Lessons began with 10 attendees at both sessions! More sessions are being added throughout the summer.
- 4 programs for teens with 35 attendees

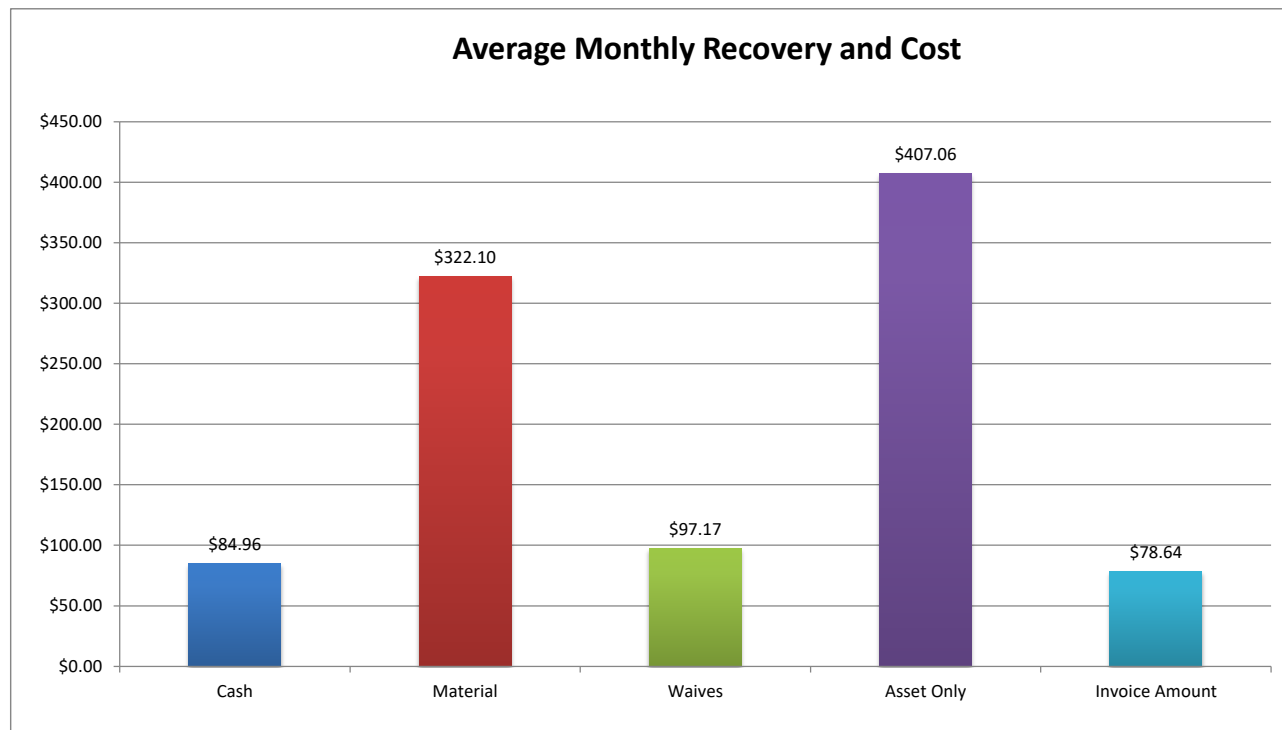
Nicole Johnson  
Librarian



## Monthly Recovery Statistics: Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library

4/2024 Through 3/2025

Month	Cash	Material	Waives	Total	Assets Only	Invoice Amount
March-25	\$10.00	\$1,016.83	\$110.90	\$1,137.73	<b>\$1,026.83</b>	\$46.60
February-25	\$56.70	\$337.91	\$148.79	\$543.40	<b>\$394.61</b>	\$93.20
January-25	\$136.53	\$420.96	\$253.01	\$810.50	<b>\$557.49</b>	\$116.50
December-24	\$67.00	\$262.99	\$0.00	\$329.99	<b>\$329.99</b>	\$58.25
November-24	\$86.20	\$204.99	\$10.00	\$301.19	<b>\$291.19</b>	\$104.85
October-24	\$331.80	\$253.94	\$53.10	\$638.84	<b>\$585.74</b>	\$69.90
September-24	\$34.00	\$337.87	\$99.94	\$471.81	<b>\$371.87</b>	\$58.25
August-24	\$62.45	\$262.90	\$63.30	\$388.65	<b>\$325.35</b>	\$93.20
July-24	\$74.80	\$269.89	\$111.40	\$456.09	<b>\$344.69</b>	\$186.40
June-24	\$0.00	\$208.95	\$121.00	\$329.95	<b>\$208.95</b>	\$93.20
May-24	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$72.50	\$172.50	<b>\$100.00</b>	\$23.30
April-24	\$60.00	\$287.95	\$122.10	\$470.05	<b>\$347.95</b>	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,019.48</b>	<b>\$3,865.18</b>	<b>\$1,166.04</b>	<b>\$6,050.70</b>	<b>\$4,884.66</b>	<b>\$943.65</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$84.96</b>	<b>\$322.10</b>	<b>\$97.17</b>	<b>\$504.23</b>	<b>\$407.06</b>	<b>\$78.64</b>
						<b>Total ROI: \$6:1</b>



## Anthropology Kids Day w/NMU

**Saturday, March 29 at 11am - 1pm**

Join us at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library for a Kids Day Event with NMU'S Center for Forensic Science, NMU'S Anthropology Club, and NMU'S Criminal Justice Association! We will be exploring the exciting worlds of Anthropology, Forensic Science, and Criminal Justice with fun activities like fingerprinting, coloring, mug shots and more!

## Tot Tuesday Preschool Storytime

**Tuesday, April 1 at 11am**

**Tuesday, April 8 at 11am**

**Tuesday, April 15 at 11am**

**Tuesday, April 22 at 11am**

**Tuesday, April 29 at 11am**

Join us for stories, songs, and movement activities followed by an optional craft and playtime. Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers.

## Yoooper Planners

**Wednesday, April 2 at 5pm**

Join us for glamorous planning to organize the chaos with Lisa from Amethyst&Co. This will be a monthly program held at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library! The first meeting will have a little welcome goodie bag, and each meeting after will have free sticker sheets. Bring your own planner or a simple planner will be provided to you. Lisa will also have a "pop-up" shop of additional stickers available for purchase. Learn about the planner hobby and ways of organizing your months and days. For adults and teens. Registration required. Call the library at 906-486-4381 to register.



## Book Club at the Ishpeming Senior Center

**Thursday, April 3 at 11am at the Senior Center**

The Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library is hosting a monthly book club at the Ishpeming Senior Center (121 Greenwood St., Ishpeming)! This month's selection is *You Are Here* by David Nicholls. Copies are available for checkout at the library. Newcomers are always welcome to attend.

## Drop-In & Draw Club

**Thursday, April 3 @ 1pm - 3pm**

Join us on the first Thursday of each month from 1pm-3pm for a time to gather together and draw with others. This is a casual group where you will bring your own supplies and project to work on.

During certain club days, there will be special instructors--stay tuned for more info on that. For teens and adults. Located in the Ray Leverton Community Room

## Project Linus: Fiber Artists Meetup

**Thursday, April 3 at 3pm - 5pm**

Calling all fibers artists including knitters, crocheters, quilters, and other fiber crafters! Gather together to work on blankets for Project Linus, an organization that donates homemade blankets to children in need. Bring your own project to work on for the cause. Also, yarn will be provided to make blankets to donate.

## Garden Planning Workshop Series (2 of 4)

**Thursday, April 3 at 5:30pm**

Join us for our second workshop with Partridge Creek Farm! This workshop will detail garden planning for our growing zone, focusing on sustainable, budget-friendly, and DIY methods of gardening.

## Afternoon Movie

**Friday, April 4th at 1pm - Ron's Gone Wrong (2021, PG)**

**Friday, April 11th at 1pm - Spirit Untamed (2021, PG)**

Children and families are invited to join us for free popcorn and a movie! Afternoon children's movies are shown on the half days and PD days for the local public schools.

## Connected at Home: Book Club

**Monday, April 7 at 11am**

Phone-based

The Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library is working in collaboration with the Ishpeming Senior Center to bring a book club to people who want to participate from the comfort of their home via phone. The book selection for April is *You Are Here* by David Nicholls. Call the Ishpeming Senior Center to sign up for this program 906-485-5527.

## Italian Lessons: Casual Conversation

Wednesday, April 9 at 4pm

Wednesday, April 23 at 4pm

Marilena Corradino will be at the library to teach Italian in a casual conversation format. This class is perfect for beginners or those who want to practice speaking Italian with others.

## Crochet Club

Wednesday, April 9 at 5pm

Thursday, April 17 at 2pm

Gather together with fellow crafters to socialize while you work on a project of your choice. Beginning supplies and instruction will be provided if you'd like to learn how to crochet! This event is for kids, teens, and adults.

## Meditation with a Twist + Craft for Kids

Thursday, April 10 at 5:30pm

Join us for a relaxing class where Amy from the Apiary Life Studio will lead you through a guided meditation. There will also be a segment to connect with others in the class. Call the library at 906-486-4381 to register for the meditation. Make it a Family Event: At the same time, there will be a craft for kids in the children's room. \*Kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the craft.\*

## Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 10 at 7pm

The Friends of the Library meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the library for their monthly meeting. New members are welcome to attend and join!

## Homeschool Hangout

Friday, April 11th from 10am-12pm - \*Soil Food Webs with Partridge Creek Farms\*

Friday, April 25th from 10am-12pm - \*Money Smart with TruNorth Credit Union\*

\*Special guest speakers/events will begin at 10:30am\* Homeschooling families are invited to visit the library and hangout with both old and new homeschooling friends.

## Poetry Reading with Beverly Matherne and Troy Graham

Wednesday, April 16 at 5:30pm

April is National Poetry Month, and we are honored to be hosting two poetry readings on back-to-back evenings here at the library. This poetry reading will feature local poets, Troy Graham and U.P. Poet Laureate, Beverly Matherne.

## Graphic Novel Book Club (Grades 4-7)

Thursday, April 17th at 4pm

Join us to discuss the book and have snacks. Copies of *The Moth Keeper* will be available to checkout at the library. Newcomers are always welcome to attend.

## Bookworms (Grades 4-8)

Thursday, April 17 at 5pm

Our tween book club will meet in the Children's Room on April 17, 2025 for *Wings of Fire #1: The Dragonet Prophecy* by Tui T. Sutherland. Bookworms will read children's and middle grade books published for grades 4-8. Members will choose upcoming books at each meeting and copies will be available for checkout at the library.

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## Adult Book Club

Tuesday, April 22 at 2pm

Wednesday, April 23 at 6pm

Join us for adult book club! Copies of *That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America* by Amanda Jones are available for check out. Meetings are held at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library.





## Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

Friday, April 25 at 10am-4pm

Saturday, April 26 at 10am-4pm

Shop our spring Friends of the Library Used Book Sale! Used books available at great prices. While you're here, check out the new library sweatshirts available for purchase as well.

## Silent Book Club at Velodrome Coffee in Ishpeming

Saturday, April 26 at Noon

Velodrome Coffee, 105 S. Main St. Ishpeming

Join us for silent book club at Velodrome Coffee in Ishpeming hosted by the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library! Bring your own book of choice to read silently for 1 hour with fellow bookworms, followed by time to socialize and talk about books!

## Popcorn and a Movie for Adults

Wednesday, April 30 at 2pm

Adults are invited to join us for free popcorn and a movie! We will be showing the 2023 release, "The Marvels" (PG-13) in our community room.

## Adult Horror Book Club

Wednesday, April 30th at 6pm

Join us for adult horror book club! Copies of *Lost Gods* by Brom are available for check out. Meetings are held at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library.



Put some spring in your step and get reading! Log your reading on Beanstack to earn colorful badges all month long. Ready, set, bloom!



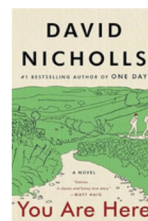
## TRY OUR NEW MOBILE APP!



We are thrilled to announce that we have a new mobile app for our library! This app makes it so much easier to navigate our online catalog, place holds on materials, and check on your account from anywhere! To access the app, search for "Superiorland Library Co-op" in the app store, download the app, and login with your library card number and PIN (which is the four-digit year you were born). If you have any questions, please give us a call at 906-486-4381. We are so excited about this new app for our patrons!



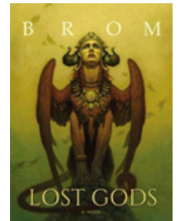
## April Book Club Selections



Senior Center  
Book Club/  
Connected at Home



Adult  
Book Club



Adult Horror  
Book Club



Bookworms  
(Grades 4-8)



Graphic Novel Book Club  
(Grades 4-7)

## Book Club at the Ishpeming Senior Center

Thursday, May 1 at 11am at the Ishpeming Senior Center

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## Drop-In & Draw Club

Thursday, May 1 at 1pm - 3pm

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## Garden Planning Workshop Series (3 of 4)

Thursday, May 1 at 5:30-7pm

The Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library is hosting part 3 of our Get Ready to Garden series! This part will focus on tips and tricks for prepping your planting spaces, including how to build a rain catch barrel and save on water.

## Graphic Novel Book Club (Grades 4-7)

Thursday, May 1st at 4pm - "Continental Drifter" by Kathy MacLeod

Thursday, May 15 at 4pm - "Wildflower Emily" by Lydia Corry

Join us to discuss the book and have snacks. Copies of the book will be available to checkout at the library. Newcomers are always welcome to attend.

## Walking Together: Finding Common Ground Traveling Exhibit

Tuesday, May 6th - Saturday, May 31st

The Walking Together: Finding Common Ground Traveling Exhibit Project was developed by the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan to uncover, acknowledge and document the truth about Indigenous experiences in the MI Native American Boarding Schools. The exhibit will be located on the main floor of the Ishpeming Library throughout the month of May.

## Tot Tuesday Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, May 6 at 11am

Tuesday, May 13 at 11am

Tuesday, May 20 at 11am

Tuesday, May 27 at 11am

Join us for stories, songs, and movement activities followed by an optional craft and playtime. Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers.

## Author Presentation: Adam Rex

Wednesday, May 7 at 5:30pm

This year's featured author for the Young Author's Conference, Adam Rex, will be here to present to children and families about his books and what it's like to be an author followed by a Meet and Greet! Snowbound Books will be here with books available for purchase.

## "A Cloud Over the Land" Presentation

Thursday, May 8 at 5:30pm

As the tribal historian of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Deborah Richmond brings a wealth of knowledge and dedication to preserving the rich cultural heritage of her community. Together with historian and author Rick Wiles, the Burt Lake Band recently published a book, "A Cloud over the Land," about a historic and tragic event in the band's history - the Burt Lake Burnout of 1900. In this presentation, Richmond will discuss the difficult story of how the Native American village at Burt Lake in Brutus, Michigan, was mercilessly reduced to ashes, rendering families homeless and stripping them of their ancestral lands, by a wealthy land developer and the local sheriff.



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## Homeschool Hangout

**Friday, May 9th from 10am-12pm - \*Lego: Build the Change with Miss Heather\***

**Friday, May 23rd from 10am-12pm - \*Partridge Creek Farms: Learn About Our Local Food System\***

\*Special guest speakers/events will begin at 10:30am\*  
Homeschooling families are invited to visit the library and hangout with both old and new homeschooling friends.

## Afternoon Movie

**Friday, May 9th at 1pm: "Boss Baby: Family Business" (2021, PG)**

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## Books n' Blooms

**Saturday, May 10 at 11am - 3pm**

Join us for our second annual Books n' Blooms here at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library, in collaboration with Hope-Dreams Art! There will be events happening throughout the library to celebrate spring, gardening, plants, flowers, and more during Mother's Day Weekend!

**Program Lineup:**

- Flower Painting Class with Hope-Dreams Art from 11am-12pm (the only event that requires registration- call the library at 906-486-4381 to register)
- Craft for Kids: Seed Bombs from 11am-1pm
- How to Gift Plants Presentation from 12:30pm-1pm
- Spring Foraging Presentation from 1:15pm-2:15pm
- Planty Poetry Workshop from 2:30pm-3:30pm

## Italian Lessons: Casual Conversation

**Wednesday, May 14 at 4pm**

**Wednesday, May 21 at 4pm**

**Wednesday, May 28 at 4pm**

Marilena Corradino will be at the library to teach Italian in a casual conversation format. This class is perfect for beginners or those who want to practice speaking Italian with others.

## Native American Boarding School Presentation

**Wednesday, May 14 at 6pm**

Tom Biron will be at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library to discuss his experiences as a Survivor of the Native American Boarding School System.

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## Adult Book Club

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Wednesday, May 21 at 6pm

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## Crochet Club

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Thursday, May 29 at 2pm

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## Adult Horror Book Club

Wednesday, May 28 at 6pm

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Join us for silent book club at Velodrome Coffee in Ishpeming hosted by the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library! Bring your own book of choice to read silently for 1 hour with fellow bookworms, followed by time to socialize and talk about books!

## TRY OUR NEW MOBILE APP!



We are thrilled to announce that we have a new mobile app for our library! This app makes it so much easier to navigate our online catalog, place holds on materials, and check on your account from anywhere! To access the app, search for "Superiorland Library Co-op" in the app store, download the app, and login with your library card number and PIN (which is the four-digit year you were born). If you have any questions, please give us a call at 906-486-4381. We are so excited about this new app for our patrons!

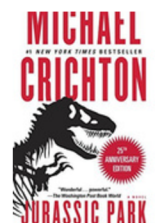
## May Book Club Selections



Senior Center  
Book Club/  
Connected at Home



Adult  
Book Club



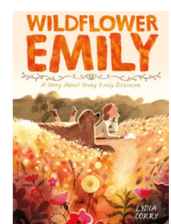
Adult Horror  
Book Club



Bookworms  
(Grades 4-8)



Graphic Novel Book Club  
(Grades 4-7)



Sustainable Shelves				
List Date	Total # books	# recycled	# re-sold	\$ credit earned
4/7/2021	15	15	0	\$0.50
6/16/2021	91	80	11	\$18.80
7/12/2021	175	152	23	\$32.84
8/5/2021	133	109	24	\$26.93
10/8/2021	111	97	14	\$17.52
11/9/2021	141	132	9	\$16.95
1/13/2022	178	156	22	\$19.37
2/10/2022	379	360	19	\$24.98
3/10/2022	521	489	32	\$40.08
4/11/2022	432	424	8	\$22.58
5/5/2022	281	262	19	\$34.98
6/9/2022	520	503	17	\$28.14
8/3/2022	118	106	12	\$2.72
10/6/2022	180	156	24	\$10.63
3/9/2023	211	96	115	\$52.40
4/5/2023	161	115	46	\$15.20
5/11/2023	113	98	15	\$9.94
7/17/2023	384		45	\$17.91
9/19/2023	156		16	\$5.21
11/14/2023	124		39	\$8.71
12/8/2023	228		57	\$11.81
1/15/2024	203		31	\$8.84
6/6/2024	201		7	13.66
8/10/2024	190		10	15.1
10/10/2024	343		19	27.84
2/24/2025	154		12	11.78
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5743</b>	<b>3350</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>\$495.42</b>

Beanstack - March 2025						
Beanstack Monthly Registration & Participation Totals						
Month	New Accounts	New Readers	Completed Activities	Completed Activity Badges	Logged Books	Logged Minutes
March 2025	1	1	0	0	691	27,047
February 2025	4	4	29	16	860	37,338
January 2025	6	6	51	19	1,000	67,084
December 2024	10	10	15	7	1,098	22,713
November 2024	5	5	1	1	1,028	16,831
October 2024	22	22	5	5	1,171	21,307
September 2024	1	1	6	5	1,198	18,663
August 2024	35	35	386	359	1,184	241,055
July 2024	20	20	401	572	1,500	125,272
June 2024	56	56	280	246	1,638	85,246
May 2024	6	6	8	8	1,227	26,802
April 2024	0	0	0	0	1,524	25,690
March 2024	2	2	24	9	1,971	29,096
TOTAL:	168	168	1,206	1,247	16,090	744,144
1000 Books Before Kindergarten: Local Area Participation Totals (since January 2023)						
Local Area	Total Readers Enrolled (Challenge)	Total Completions		Total Earned Badges	Logged Books	Logged Minutes*
City of Ishpeming	45	6		4,646	16,483	0
Champion Township	1	0		102	526	0
Ely Township	9	0		274	2,490	0
Humboldt Township	0	0		0	0	0
Ishpeming Township	13	2		1,136	5,400	0
Tilden Township	7	2		241	2,011	0
Negaunee	18	2		782	3,896	0
Other	4	0		52	147	0
No Local Area	0	0		0	0	0
TOTAL:	97	12		7,233	30,953	0
*This challenge only counts books read, not minutes.						
2025 (year-long): Your Next Chapter						
Local Area	Total Readers Enrolled (Challenge)	Total Completions		Total Earned Badges	Logged Books*	Logged Minutes
City of Ishpeming	13	3		7,012	0	55,712
Champion Township	0	0		0	0	0
Ely Township	3	1		1,136	0	21,394
Humboldt Township	0	0		0	0	0
Ishpeming Township	2	1		254	0	14,279
Tilden Township	0	0		0	0	0

Negaunee	3	1	322	0	21,173
Other	3	1	419	0	10,190
No Local Area	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9,143</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,748</b>

\*This challenge only counts minutes read, not books.

**March 2025: Women's History Month**

Local Area	Total Readers Enrolled (Challenge)	Total Completions	Total Earned Badges	Logged Books*	Logged Minutes
City of Ishpeming	10	7	6,500	0	13,517
Champion Township	0	0	0	0	0
Ely Township	1	1	257	0	6,765
Humboldt Township	0	0	0	0	0
Ishpeming Township	1	1	67	0	505
Tilden Township	0	0	0	0	0
Negaunee	1	1	161	0	3,179
Other	1	1	327	0	1,701
No Local Area	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7,312</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,667</b>

\*This challenge only counted minutes read, not books.



## **Written Report for the April 17, 2025 Meeting**

Jesse Shirtz, Library Director

### **Outreach**

This year's Young Authors presentation will take place Wednesday, May 7 at 5:30 and will feature children's author and illustrator Adam Rex. Each year we partner with Young Authors and Snowbound Books to host a presentation with the year's author and to offer books for purchase and personalization.

This month Heather will be hosting field trips from Mini Miners and visiting Hematykes for a storytime at their location.

The Senior Center Book Club continues to meet at the Ishpeming Multi-Purpose Senior Center once per month, with the Connected At Home phone-based book club also meeting once per month for the same book. Silent Book Club meets once per month at Velodrome in Ishpeming for a relaxed reading and socializing hour.

### **Summer Reading 2025**

Planning for summer reading is underway. This year's theme is *Color Our World*. The program will run from June 10 through August 9. Thus far we have received \$7,050 in donations, but donations of items for prizes, for our summer reading program. Our programming lineup will be finalized by May 10.

Donor list:

Donor	Amount	Items/Notes
Association of Friends of the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library	\$1,500.00	
Diane Brown	\$1,500.00	
Little Caesar's		1-10 pizzas to be donated at a program date TBD
Read My Lips		4 \$15 gift cards
Velodrome Coffee (Ishpeming)		gift basket with coffee & merch
Bell Auxiliary	\$2,000.00	
Gauthier Insurance	\$50.00	
Cattron's Lumber	\$50.00	
R. L. Balconi Co.	\$100.00	
Congress Pizzas	\$100.00	
Kiwanis Club of Ishpeming	\$250.00	
Dave's Collision Center	\$50.00	
TruNorth	\$50.00	
Northern Veterinary Associates	\$50.00	



		two free games of bowling for every child who completes the program
River Rock Lanes and Banquet Center		
Casselman & Henderson, PC	\$150.00	
Tricor, LLC	\$50.00	
Upper Peninsula Health Plan, LLC	\$500.00	
David Leverton	\$100.00	PayPal
UPPCO	\$200.00	
Rotary Club of Ishpeming	\$250.00	
UPEA (UP Engineers & Architects)	\$100.00	

### **Grants to Rural and Small Libraries**

We are now able to announce that our library is the recipient of an in-kind book donation grant from United for Libraries and Penguin Random House! Nicole and Kay Tupala (President of our Friends group) worked together to apply. The \$500 grant will be used to update our nonfiction history and culture of North America section for adults. Also, our Friends of the Library group pledged an additional \$500 worth of proceeds from their next book sale for this project. Those funds will be used to purchase more titles for both youth and adults.

### **Policy Manual**

I am waiting for confirmation/clarification from the city on the need for an indemnification clause for the Ray Leverton Community Room Policy. Adoption is scheduled for the May 15, 2025 meeting. The Patron Code of Conduct is on deck.

### **Library Repairs**

A walkthrough for the RFP for the library heating system replacement took place Monday, February 10. Submissions were due March 5, 2025.

### **IMLS Funding Cuts Update**

Background: An executive order to eliminate the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) was issued on Friday, March 14, 2025. While ICPL does not receive funding directly from IMLS this elimination will have direct impacts on the services we are able to offer our residents. The most devastating change will be the loss of the MeLCat Catalog and state-wide inter-library loan delivery service.

In 2024 our library borrowed 2,261 items through MeLCat, which made up 26% of our total items borrowed. As a state, one million items were shared through the service last year.



Update: The American Library Association with AFSCME, 21 attorneys general (including Michigan), and a group of publishers (4 of the big 5, plus Sourcebooks) are separately suing the federal administration to retain the statutory requirements of IMLS, which they state includes the grants to states program. The grants to states program is what Michigan uses to fund the Michigan eLibrary and MeLCat.

Because of how the fiscal year falls and that IMLS historically reimburses the costs of MeL and MeLCat, those programs are funded through 9/30/2025. However, three states (CA, CT, WA) have had their grants rescinded. There is ongoing discussion of seeking a replacement for the lost IMLS funds (~\$5 million) necessary to fund MeLCat from the state budget.

#### **MDHHS Library OTC COVID-19 Test Distribution Program**

This voluntary program aims to increase access to at-home COVID-19 test kits for free. We have distributed 1,104 test kits (2,208 tests) since October 2023.