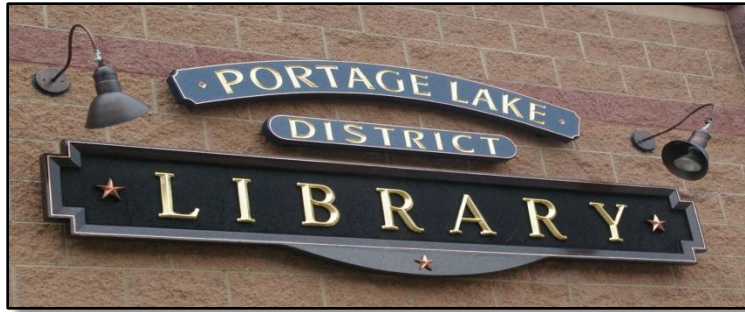


**PLDL
Newsletter**

Summer 2009



**58 Huron Street
Houghton, MI 49931
482-4570**

**Hours:
Mon, Thur, Fri: 10-9
Tue, Wed: 10-5
Sat: 10-3
Sun: Closed**

Be Creative at Your Library!

Opening day activities and registration for the "Be Creative at Your Library" Summer Reading Program will begin on Saturday, June 13, from noon to 3pm. Kids are invited to make art outdoors, weather permitting, and indoors, everyone can create their own ice cream sundae in the community room.



Chris Alquist, who heads up the reading program, checks out the fish tank with patron Mika Jalkanen.

Registration will continue throughout the eight week program. Participants can begin their summer reading anytime, and prizes will be awarded as people progress through their reading lists. The Summer Reading Program is open to all ages, children through adults, and reading logs may include books, magazines, audio books, reading to young children, or being read to. The Summer Reading Programs ends on Saturday, August 8.

Throughout the summer, PLDL will host programs that reflect the theme "Be Creative at Your Library." Weekly Storytimes and projects will also be offered. Look for listings of programs and events in the library, the media, and at www.pldl.org.

Everyone is invited to join the fun and be creative at your library!

**Reading Program Kicks off
Saturday June 13th... Join Us!**

- ✓ **Sign-up noon to 3 at the Library**
- ✓ **Ice Cream Sundaes Inside**
- ✓ **Outdoor Art projects**



Around the World...to Houghton

What do Mount Rainier, Wrangell-St. Elias, the Colorado Rockies, and Sedona, Arizona all have in common? How about Ecuador, Spain, and Canada? The obvious answer is that they are all fascinating vacation destinations; however, the not so obvious answer is that PLDL Librarian, Wendy Sharp, worked, biked, or volunteered, at each of the above locations.

Wendy, and her family, arrived in Houghton 13 years ago, after her time in Arizona, "because we missed winter." Wendy, as coach of the Ski Tigers, has made the most of the winters. Her husband Ray, and their children Kai, Isabel, and Salvador, regularly take advantage of the wonderful seasonal weather in the U.P. by engaging in numerous outdoor activities.

As Wendy says libraries are "central to a community" and she is grateful that the flexible hours allow for more travel, exploration, biking, and spending time with her family.

Much of Wendy's time will undoubtedly be spent outdoors, however, if she happens to be indoors you may find her at the library. If you are interested in learning more about the places and parks that she has visited, the library would be a great place to start your adventure.

Sometimes before we travel in life, we travel by book. ☼



Wendy is pictured on her bike in Ecuador during a stop in a small town famous for ice cream.

PLDL Offers Digital Audiobook Collection

Portage Lake District Library has expanded its services with the addition of digital audiobooks. Library card holders can check out and download digital titles anytime, anywhere by visiting <http://digitalmedia.gldl.info>. Users may browse the growing collection of best-selling and classic titles.



To check out a digital title, users will need a valid library card, personal computer and Internet connection. Once downloaded, digital titles can be enjoyed on the computer or transferred to supported mobile devices. Some audio titles can be burned to CD to enjoy in the car.

At the end of the seven day lending period, titles will automatically expire and are returned to the digital collection. There are never late fees or damaged items.

Patrons will need to install the appropriate free software, including the OverDrive Media Console for audio titles, which requires Windows 98SE and above or Mac OS 10 and newer.

The free and easy to use service is provided by PLDL and OverDrive of Cleveland, Ohio. For assistance, please visit or call the library.

Library Director Search

PLDL is seeking to fill the position of Director. Information is available online at www.pldl.org or by calling the Library at 482-4570.

Reading Tree Completed

The most recent point of interest in the Children’s Section is the Reading Tree. This wonderful piece of workmanship was created by Dave Larson of “Larson Design” with donations from the Gundlach family.

According to Librarian/Repairman John Wallace, “Our reading tree is made of cherry wood and the artist wanted to portray a rustic natural look with the branches overhead and the trunk with deep grooves.”

Not only is it appealing to the eye, there is storage underneath and the base is made of maple leading in steps up to the tree. It has been a popular spot for storytime since its installation in July of 2008.



PLDL Fun Facts Match Quiz

1. How many years since the move to the new building?
2. How many Districts are part of the PLDL?
3. How many nights a week is the Library open?
4. How many shelves of Donor Book Spines are there in the Library Lobby?
5. Most items at the Library can be checked out for how many weeks?

Answers:

- a. 3 – Monday, Thursday, Friday
- b. 3 – Chassell, Houghton, Portage Township
- c. 3 – 3 years on June 10, 2009
- d. 3 – 3 weeks
- e. 3 – located on the right as you enter lobby

1-c; 2-b; 3-a; 4-e; 5-d

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