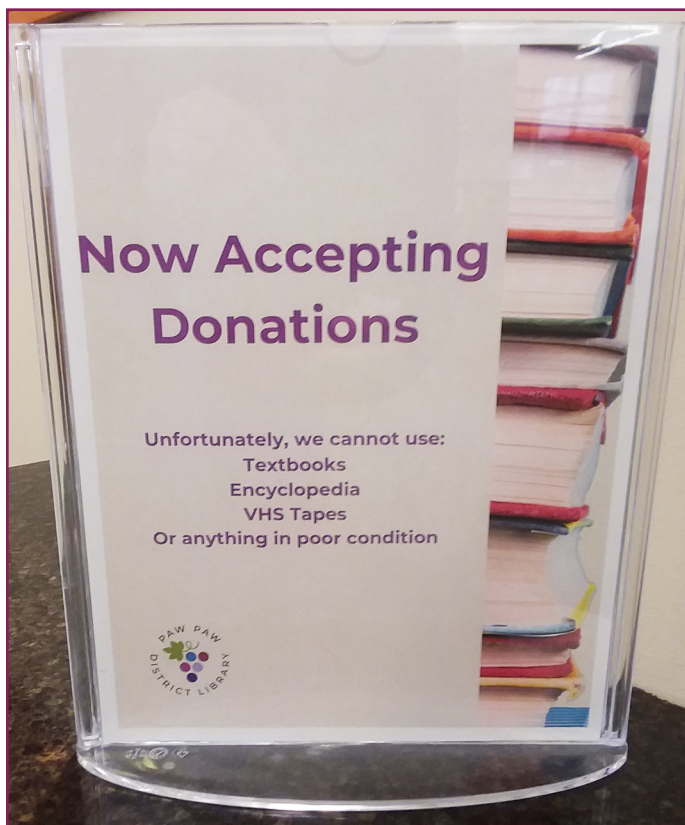


The Friends of the Paw Paw District Library Winter 2024 Newsletter

Mission Statement: The Friends of the Paw Paw District Library, Inc. is an independent, non-profit community organization dedicated to promoting the Paw Paw District Library as an essential institution in our community.



We're Ready for Your Books!



With the availability of a new storage and sorting work space for use by The Friends (courtesy of Kerry Tapper), the Paw Paw District Library is again accepting donations of new or gently-used items (e.g. books, DVDs & CDs). Should you wish to donate such items, please begin by contacting the Library for information concerning what is acceptable and how best to deliver your materials to them.

Friends volunteers are already preparing such items to be made available for sale to the public on May 17 & 18, 2024 in the community room at our Library. Several more volunteers will be needed to move the stored items & staff the sale. Please consider donating your items and/or your time to help with our largest annual fundraising event. Proceeds from our book sales enable our continuing support of such programs as Geek Fest, Voices from the Past and Santa's Winter Workshop, all of which promote community engagement with our Library.

Featured Library Programs

KIDS

Wednesday **Express Yourself: Emoji Key Chains**
Feb. 21 *Make an emoji keychain for your*
6 pm – 7 pm *backpack using Model Magic and*
markers.

Wednesday **Spy School**
Mar. 20 *Brush up on your spy skills as you*
6 pm – 7 pm *conduct experiments involving*
invisible ink, chromatography, and
much more!

Wednesday **Juggle with Mr. Jim**
Mar. 27 *Learn to juggle step-by-step with*
6 pm – 7 pm *Mr. Jim Merrills. Registration*
opens on March 6

TEENS

3:30 – 4:30 pm **Book-ish:**
Not Your Grandma's Book Club
Second Tuesday of each month; the club explores
different genres while completing an activity.
Mar. 12 *Graphic novels and folding origami*

ADULTS

2nd & 4th **Color Me Happy**
Tuesdays *Coloring stimulates the areas of*
10:30 am-noon *the brain that control motor skills*
and senses, and it is fun! Everyone is
welcome. All materials are provided.

ALL AGES

Thursday **The Great North American Eclipse**
March 14 *Get ready for the April 8 total*
6 – 7 pm *solar eclipse with a talk by*
Kalamazoo Astronomical Society
President Richard Bell.

Look for more information about these and other programs on the Library's online calendar.

Contact/Follow The Friends

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Digital Services Provided by PPDL

Did you know you can access free eBooks, music, magazines, audiobooks, streaming video and online courses with your library card? Check out the following services on the Library's website: www.pawpawlib.org/books-more/.

Overdrive/Libby – eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines

Hoopla – eBooks, audiobooks, music, and comics

Kanopy -- documentaries, indie and foreign films, classics, and blockbuster movies

LinkedIn Learning – 16,000 courses and certification programs

Beanstack – track books you've read and participate in challenges

Hotspots Available

Don't have reliable access to the Internet? Hotspots are portable devices that allow patrons to connect to the Internet anywhere a cellular signal is available. Hotspots checkout for free for one week. Patrons must be 18 years or older and possess a valid Paw Paw District Library card.

The Friends Board of Directors

President:	Kris Steward
Vice President:	Cindy Barres
Secretary:	James Miller
Treasurer:	Tom Shoemaker
Membership Director:	Joan Ford
Book Sale Co-Director	Carla Chase
Book Sale Co-Director	Darlene Wilson

The Friends Calendar of Events

March 27, 2024	Regular Board Meeting
May 17 & 18, 2024	Used Book Sale @ Library
May 22, 2024	Regular Board Meeting
July 24, 2024	Regular Board Meeting
September 25, 2024	Regular Board Meeting
November 20, 2024	Regular Board Meeting

The Friends Board meetings are open to the public & typically held at 4:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of alternate months in the PPDL Community Room. For most current schedule information please check the Events section of the PPDL website.

**“A library
is infinity
under a roof.”**

Gail Carson Levine

Acknowledgements

The Friends of the Paw Paw District Library express their appreciation to:

- Proprietors & staff of Paw Paw's Biggby Coffee (400 S. Kalamazoo St.) for hosting The Friends' traveling book sale cart in December 2023
- Kerry Tapper of Look Sharp! Marketing/Sporting Image for providing The Friends with storage & sorting work space



LOOK SHARP!
MARKETING
SPORTING IMAGE



We are so grateful to Look Sharp! Marketing/Sporting Image for The Friends' current storage & sorting space (shown above)! Located in a section of their warehouse, the space measures about 16x20' and is both heated and well-lit.

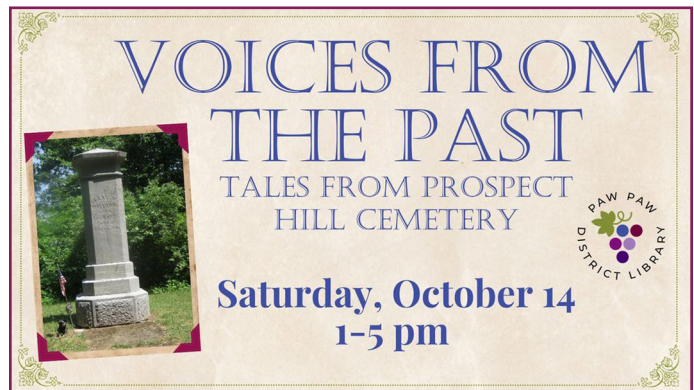
PPDL Collections Highlight: Local History Room

For anyone seeking more information about our regional past, the PPDL Local History Room is a hidden gem of a resource. Located behind our Library's array of public computers, this space offers a quiet refuge and skilled staff to assist with all sorts of local history inquiries. Due to the unique and fragile nature of some of the collection items therein, unattended use of this space is not possible. However on most weekdays patrons will find Local History Librarian Marty Maytnier or Library Assistant Julie Smith there at work on their many projects.

Local History staff typically assist with twenty or more inquiries per month, each of which may take anywhere from a few minutes to several months of research to resolve. The most common types of inquiries utilize our Library's collection of plat maps, photographs or obituary files. More complex topics may involve searches of newspaper articles, other digital resources or contacts with other regional history sources. While staff do their best to answer walk-in questions, they encourage patrons to make appointments and/or submit their inquiries **before** they visit to allow time for staff to locate and prepare the appropriate resources. Such advance planning saves time for all concerned.

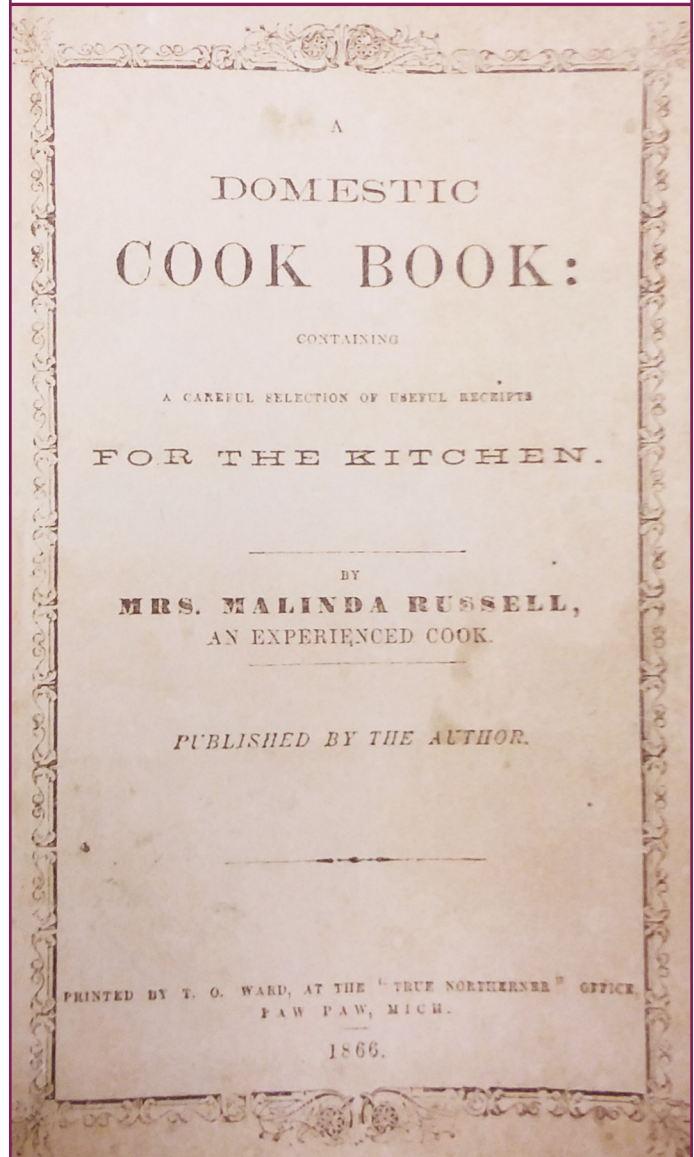
Since most of the Local History Room's assets are not listed in the Library's online catalog, patrons can gain a much better overview of the resources available within from the recently expanded Local History section (under the Services tab) of the PPDL website (<https://www.pawpawlib.org/local-history-2/>). This web page also includes links to other local history information that is available online.

When she isn't assisting with specific PPDL patron inquiries, Ms. Maytnier might be compiling information for a broader audience, including scholarly research topics such as the African American historical significance of the 1866 Malinda Russell cookbook published in Paw Paw (shown at right). She might also be preparing for Library programs such as **Voices from the Past** (which The Friends have helped to support). This consists of PPDL staff and volunteers playing the roles of historically significant characters buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery (and for which Ms. Maytnier has done everything from researching & selecting the characters to writing their scripts to fabricating their costumes). Although tickets to the initial season of this program (in October 2023) were sold out well in advance, video of those performances is still



Above: Flier for 2023 season of Voices from the Past;

Below: Cover of 1866 cookbook published in Paw Paw, MI



available on the Library's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@pawpawdistrictlibrary/videos>). Note that a second season of this program (featuring a different set of Prospect Hill denizens) is currently in the works for early Fall 2024 and with more scheduling details forthcoming.

Membership Brochure Updated

The Friends' membership brochure (shown below) has been updated to include our new logo as well as photos and information about more recent Friends events and activities. It is now available in the entryway of our Library. Please encourage everyone you know to pick up a copy and join us!



WELCOME

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Our current Paw Paw District Library building was built in 2010 with the support of a capital campaign organized by The Friends of the Paw Paw District Library



Kids of all ages enjoyed games, crafts, photos with Santa and refreshments while listening to live music provided by members of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra during Santa's Winter Workshop at PPD. Friends' funding and volunteers facilitated this mid-December 2023 program.