

Our Mission

The Mission of the Portage Lake District Library is to inspire our diverse community to discover, imagine, and connect.

Our History

The Portage Lake District Library has come a long way from its humble roots in the Carnegie building in 1910. From growing into a District Library in 1974 to opening our doors at the new Waterfront location in 2006, we are proud to have served the Copper Country for over 114 years and look forward to many more!

Original Carnegie



Waterfront Location



Where your story begins!

"Public libraries are the heart and soul of any community. They are a place to read and think and browse and dream."
– Mary McNear, Author

Our Story through Numbers

From July 2023 to June 2024

- 67,580 People access the library on-site, which is a 16% increase from the year prior.
- 8,210 People attended 214 programs and events.
- 3,341 New titles added to our collections.
- 882,000 Digital titles available across, Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

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DISCOVER

Online Collections & Streaming

Access over 882,000 titles: eBooks, audiobooks, films, music, and periodicals through our digital collections like Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy.



Explore New Hobbies & Ideas

Discover what inspires you with our ongoing classes and presentations. Find how-to and guide books within our nonfiction collections to try out new hobbies.



Early Literacy & Childhood Development

Our Youth Team creates opportunities for our youngest learners to develop early literacy, interpersonal, and fine motor skills. Our children's area is a great place to explore these skills alongside our weekly storytimes.



Legal Self-Help Center

Launched in 2024, our Legal Self-Help Center is available to help you navigate your legal journey. Connect to state and local resources through our twice-monthly Legal Help Drop-in hours and monthly Legal Matters speaker series.

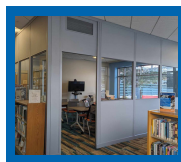


CONNECT



A PLACE FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

From birth and throughout life, the Library fosters a love of learning. Gardening, travel, author visits, chess, mental health, and STEM are just a few recent topics we've explored through demos, speakers, and events.



A PLACE TO MEET & GROW OUR COMMUNITY

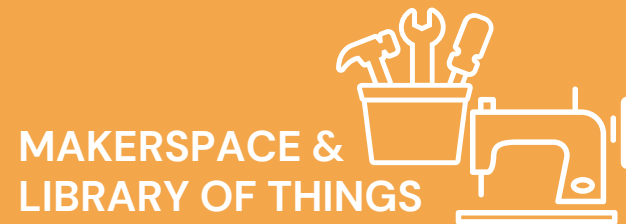
Local community groups are thriving in our free meeting rooms! Our four meeting spaces are able to accommodate small study groups and larger training opportunities. Our centralized location makes us the heart of our community and helps launch new ideas and initiatives.

IMAGINE



MEETING YOUR TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

With wireless printing, public computers, and programs to build tech skills, the Library is bridging the digital divide. The Library's wifi is always on and can be accessed freely around our building.



MAKERSPACE & LIBRARY OF THINGS

Our tool lending library is here to kick off your next project with power tools, sewing machines, button makers, and more. Take your craft project to the next level with our Cricut for in-library use by reservation.



HERE WHEN YOU NEED US

Our staff members continue to improve their skills and knowledge to meet the needs of our community. We're here to help, and no question is too big or small. Start your journey at the library today!