



Ironwood Carnegie Library

The mission of the Ironwood Carnegie Library is to strive to provide equitable access to materials and services that support the educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the entire community.

The Ironwood Carnegie Library was built in 1901 with a gift from Andrew Carnegie to serve the needs of the community that produced much of the iron which helped him build his fortune. We are the oldest continually operating Carnegie in the State of Michigan and were placed on the Historic Register in 2011. Our library is spatially representative of the library as it was back when it was built, with the exception of spaces being used for differing purposes. The library is a true cornerstone of our downtown and our community.

Dream Discover Do!



In 2023/2024:

- We offered 149 programs
 - 2667 people attended our programs
 - We had 8350 visits to the library
 - 2115 people had library cards
 - An ADA accessible restroom was added on our main level thanks to an ALA grant and support of the Friends of the Library
- We installed a new boiler system
 - We began a Senior Health and Wellness Programming Series
 - We continued to offer our Summer Reading programming, weekly classroom visits, story hours, early childhood literacy events, book clubs, and writing groups
 - In February 2024, we were awarded a \$750,000 Community Center Space Grant

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Community Center Grant

Capital Project: A 1000 square foot addition and breezeway; front sidewalk modification and wheelchair lift into basement area to make it accessible

Grant Amount: \$750,000

Approximate Cost: \$820,339

Cost with Options: \$852,139 (includes additional windows and enhanced breezeway)

Capital Campaign Fundraising Goal: \$102,139.00



Our goal? To revitalize our library spaces to better serve the community. This includes:

- **Creating open and flexible spaces for children's resources and programming:** Foster creativity and learning with adaptable areas for play, exploration, and interactive experiences.
- **Developing an accessible basement area:** Enhance usability for all patrons, including those with mobility challenges, by improving accessibility to the basement level.

Modifying existing spaces to enhance services for job seekers, older adults, and the entire community: Create dedicated areas for job search resources, computer access, and programs tailored to the needs of older adults. Improve overall functionality and comfort for all visitors.

Summer Program Kick Off: June 2024







Camp Invention! Grades 4-5
Hands On Science Camps
 Held on Tuesday afternoons beginning in July at the
 Ironwood Carnegie Library
 The Innovator's Kit is full of amazing STEM projects for you to create during each workshop.
 (Wait until you see the robot!)
 You'll also receive some awesome projects and books for home!
 Sign up for all of the camps or just the ones you can attend...but you need to sign up in advance!

 Hosted by Gogebic
 2pm-3:30pm Tuesdays
 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, and 8/1
 Pre-register by calling
 906.932.0203




AWKWARD STAGE DRAMA CLUB
 OPEN HOUSE
 Friday, August 18th
 Grades 4-6 10am to noon
 Grades 7-12 1pm to 3pm
 Ironwood Carnegie Library
 235 E. Aurora Street, Ironwood
 NEW THIS YEAR:
 Drama Club for grades 4 and 5!
 Ready to get back to the stage?
 Looking you might be interested in the drama club?



IRONWOOD CARNEGIE LIBRARY
ADVENTURE CAMP PROGRAM

Pre-register for this 5 session program!
 Each session you will be creating something you will need for an adventure hike.

A LITTLE BIT OF ART, A LITTLE BIT OF NATURE, A LITTLE BIT OF HEALTH AND SAFETY...A LOT OF FUN!

- 2:00pm Friday, June 18th**
Decorate Your Own Backpack! You need to bring stuff when you go on an adventure! Our adventure group will be decorating their own backpacks and filling it with lots of things you need to explore! Your backpack will include compasses and more!
- 2:00pm Tuesday, June 23rd**
Let's Make Hiking Sticks! It's good to have a hiking stick when you are going on an adventure walk, and it's even better when it's bedazzled and decorated just the way you want it!
- 2:00pm Tuesday, June 23rd**
Let's Make a First Aid Kit! We'll have the supplies you need to put together your own kit so you can be prepared for emergencies on your adventure walks! Our friends from Aspirin will be here to help us learn about first aid!
- 2:00pm Friday, June 26th**
Let's Make Trail Mix and Nature Journals! We'll make yummy treats perfect for an outdoor adventure and decorate journals for you to draw or write about your outdoor adventures!

12:30pm Friday, July 12
ADVENTURE HIKE Explore and Create at Miners Memorial Park! Pack up those backpacks that you've been working on and go! We'll meet at Miners Park and explore things you may not have looked at before! Join Ms. Kathy and Ms. Sue for a wonderful afternoon outdoors!

