

PETOSKEY CARNEGIE LIBRARY

The Petoskey Evening News
Tuesday, May 4, 1908

The new Carnegie library for Petoskey now presents a fine appearance, both the interior and exterior, but this appearance does not approach the beauty of the building and surroundings as they will be when completed. The library building proper is very near to completion, and will be finished within a couple of weeks. When the furniture is installed, in a couple of months, the building will be one that will do credit to the "*only Petoskey*," and will be an elegant place for mental recreation. It most certainly will be appreciated by the library's regular patrons and borrowers, who now number in the neighborhood of 3,000, nearly half of the entire population of Petoskey. This showing is far above the average, and only indicates that the present library will satisfy a need that has been long apparent in the city and immediately contiguous territory.

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**The Petoskey Record**  
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Besides the site given by Mrs. Johnson for which she paid \$500 to a book fund and the M.E. church has given \$1,000 for the same fund, making \$1,500 for the purchase of new books.

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The laying of the Carnegie Library cornerstone will take place Friday, September 25, with a full staff of the Masonic Grand Lodge in charge. The ceremony will be very impressive and interesting. On the evening of the same day the grand lodge officers will officially dedicate the new lodge room and furniture which has but recently been installed.

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The Masonic Grand Lodge officers of Michigan have signified their acceptance of the invitation extended to them to come to Petoskey September 25 to supervise the laying of the cornerstone of the new Carnegie Library. The same evening they will dedicate the new Masonic Temple.

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**The Petoskey Evening News and Daily Resorter**  
**Monday, September 21, 1908**

Friday, September 25, at 2 p.m., is the date set for the laying of the cornerstone of the new public library building, and it is the desire of the library board and others interested that this event be made a grand success that will long be remembered.

The Masonic Grand Lodge officers of the State of Michigan will be here to perform the ceremonies according to their ancient rites, and it is hoped and expected that each and every person in Petoskey will lay aside his labors for an hour and assist in this public undertaking.

The city officials, school board, public schools, church societies and all fraternal organizations, and all the people of the city and surrounding country are cordially invited to be present to see and hear this dignified and impressive ceremony.

The Petoskey Band will render its best music, the Methodist church choir will sing the anthem, and Rev. Bedford-Jones will deliver the oration.

The mayor's proclamation will ask all stores and business houses to close for the hour in order that every person may have an opportunity to attend.

We wish it to be fully understood by all that this library building belongs to the people, and we respectfully ask a generous response and cooperation at the ceremonies at the Junction of Mitchell Street and Waukazoo Avenue on the above named date.

Very Respectfully,  
E.E. Gilbert  
President, Library Board