

woodwork used extensively inside. A fireplace, pictures, plants and suitable furniture were all added to enhance its beauty and cultural atmosphere. In the basement a large handsomely equipped assembly room which sat 125 people was created for meetings of an *“educational and patriotic nature.”*

According to an article in the Grand Rapids Herald of 4 February 1923, the Petoskey Public Library was ranked among the best in the State of Michigan. Petoskey had the best circulation of any library in Michigan.

Changes to the building over the years include new glass doors at the main entrance; the enlarging of the librarian’s office on the east side of the building; and stairs to the side entrance to auditorium were enlarged and improved. These were removed in 1989 for the addition of a new entrance stair and elevator linking it with the then McCune Arts Center next door, thus finally making the library easily accessible by everyone.

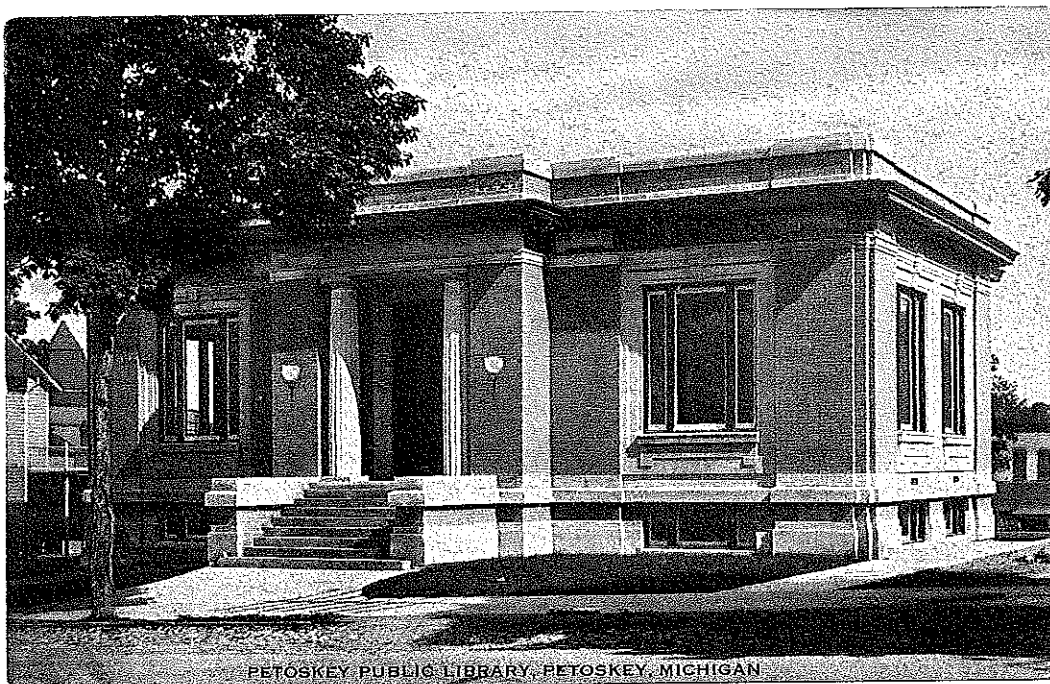
Also in 1989, the City of Petoskey purchased the former Michigan bell Telephone Company building across Mitchell Street from the Carnegie Library, on the recommendation of the Library Commission, for library expansion. It was not until 2000 that the Friends of the Petoskey Public Library spearheaded a successful millage drive to fund the proposed expansion, operation and restoration of the Carnegie building.

The new Library opened in November of 2004. In 2007, the Library celebrated it’s 100 year since inception and in 2008, the 100th anniversary of the Carnegie Building.

On August 3, 2009, the City of Petoskey created the Petoskey District Library, which was approved by the State Librarian on September 17, 2009. The area of the district is the city limits of the City of Petoskey.

Bear Creek and Resort Townships passed operating mileages of .4 mill for four years on August 7, 2012.

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Petoskey Public Library, Petoskey, Michigan
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