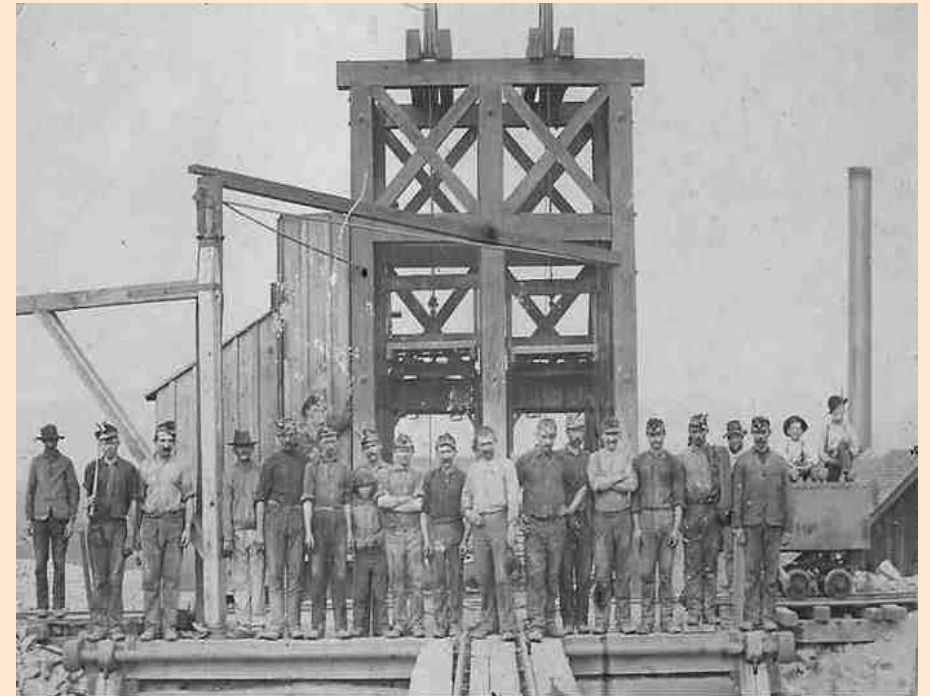
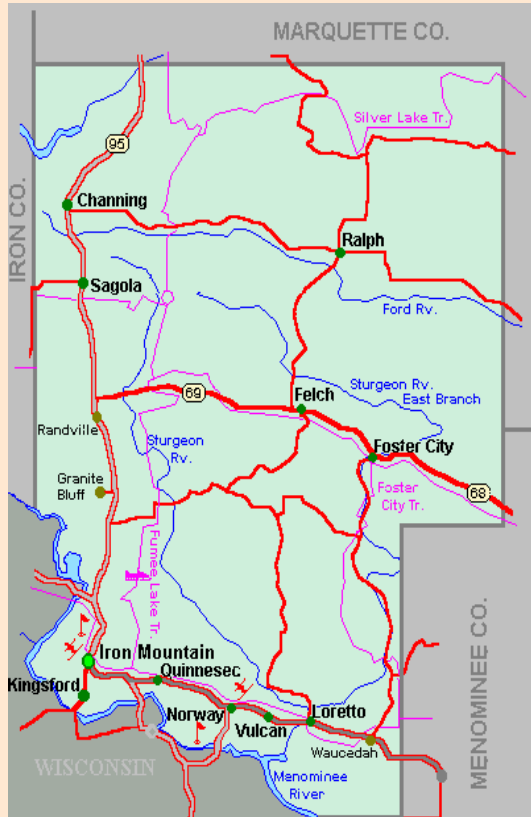
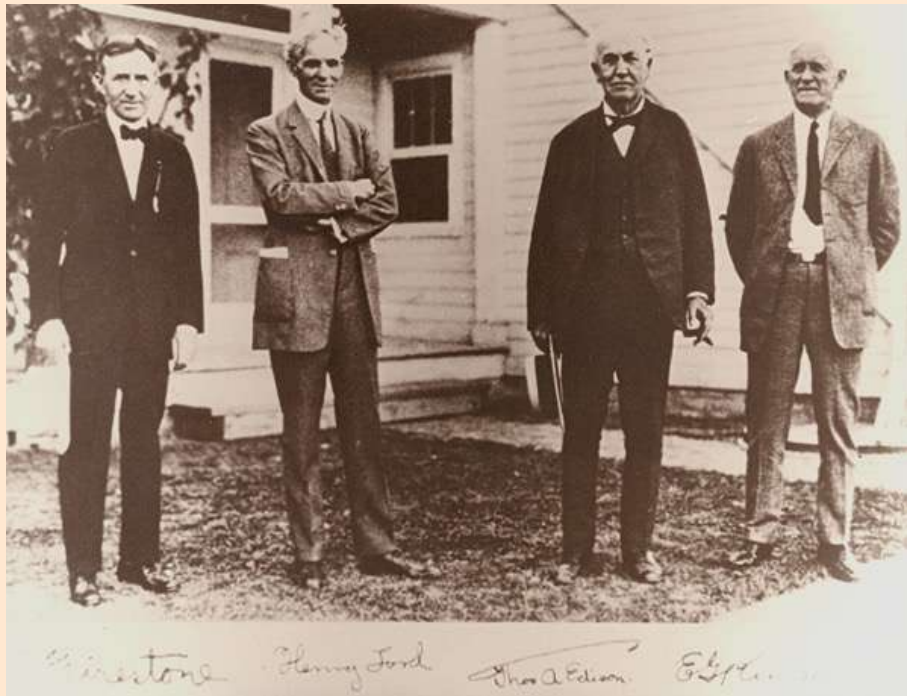


Beyond Microfilm: Local History Partnerships



Emily Cummings



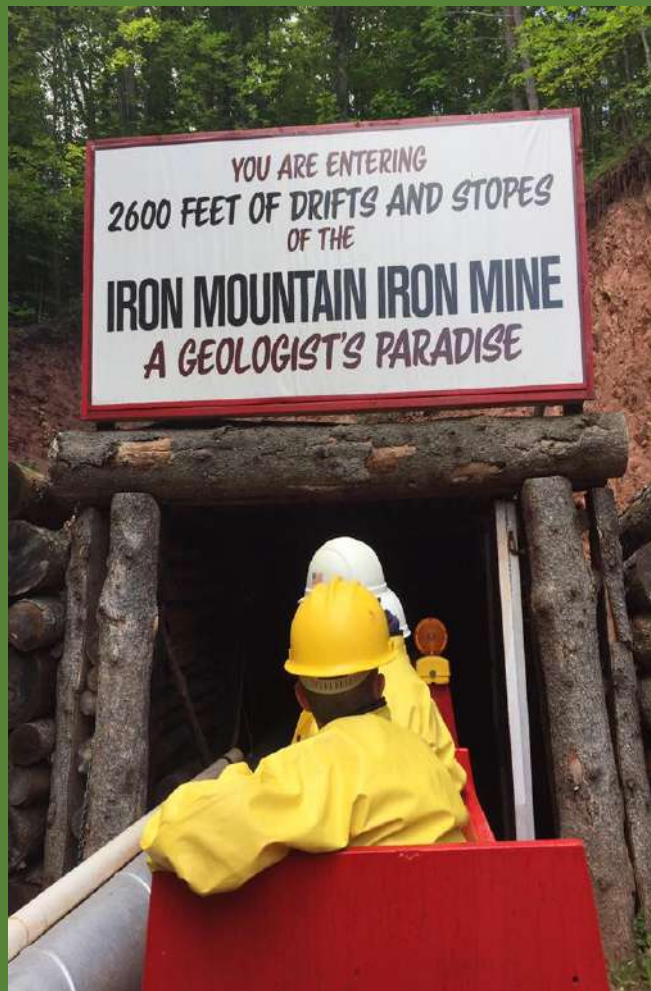
Dickinson County Library

- 3 branches
 - Main
 - Solomonson
 - North Dickinson



Local Museums

- Menominee Range Historical Museum
- Cornish Pumping Engine and Mining Museum
- WWII Glider and Military Museum
- Jake Menghini Historical Museum
- Iron Mountain Iron Mine



- Local histories help shape who we are
- Reconstruct history of a place
- Connect to community's past, present, + future
- Creative way to bring history out of archives + into public
- Preserve materials that document history of towns + county
- Make materials available to researchers + general public
- Help people understand ancestors in context

Why Have a Local History Section in the Library?



How Do You Promote Local History?



- Digitize historical documents
- Create online databases
- Organize virtual tours
- Host community events/workshops
- Conduct oral history interviews
- Preserve/Use photographs
- Creating displays/exhibits

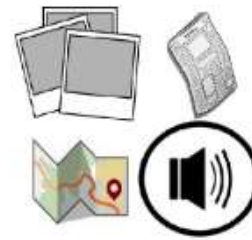
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- Upper Peninsula Digital Network
- Mission = to manage + sustain low-cost, secure, + geographically distributed digital preservation + access service for locally created digital primary source material documenting history of Upper Peninsula of Michigan



BROWSE

Browse All Collections



Browse by Format



Browse by Topic



Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives



Chippewa County Historical Society



Community Donations



Copper Range Historical Society/Museum



Dickinson County Library



Drummond Island Historical Museum



Escanaba Public Library



Finnish American Heritage Center



Grand Marais Historical Society



Iron County Historical Museum



Ishpeming Area Historical Society



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community



Manistique School and Public Library



Marquette Regional History Center



Menominee County Library



Michilimackinac Historical Society



Negaunee Historical Society



Newton Township Historical Society



Ontonagon County Historical Society



Painesdole Mine and Shaft



Peter White Public Library



Schoolcraft County Historical Society



St. Ignace Public Library



Superiorland Library Cooperative

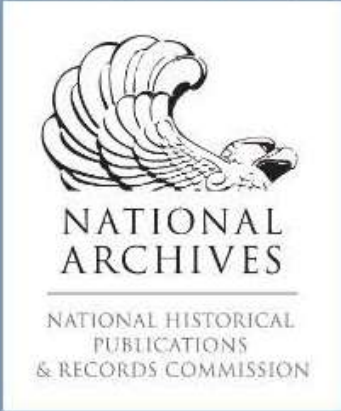


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West Shore Fishing Museum

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- About Us, Policies, and Resources
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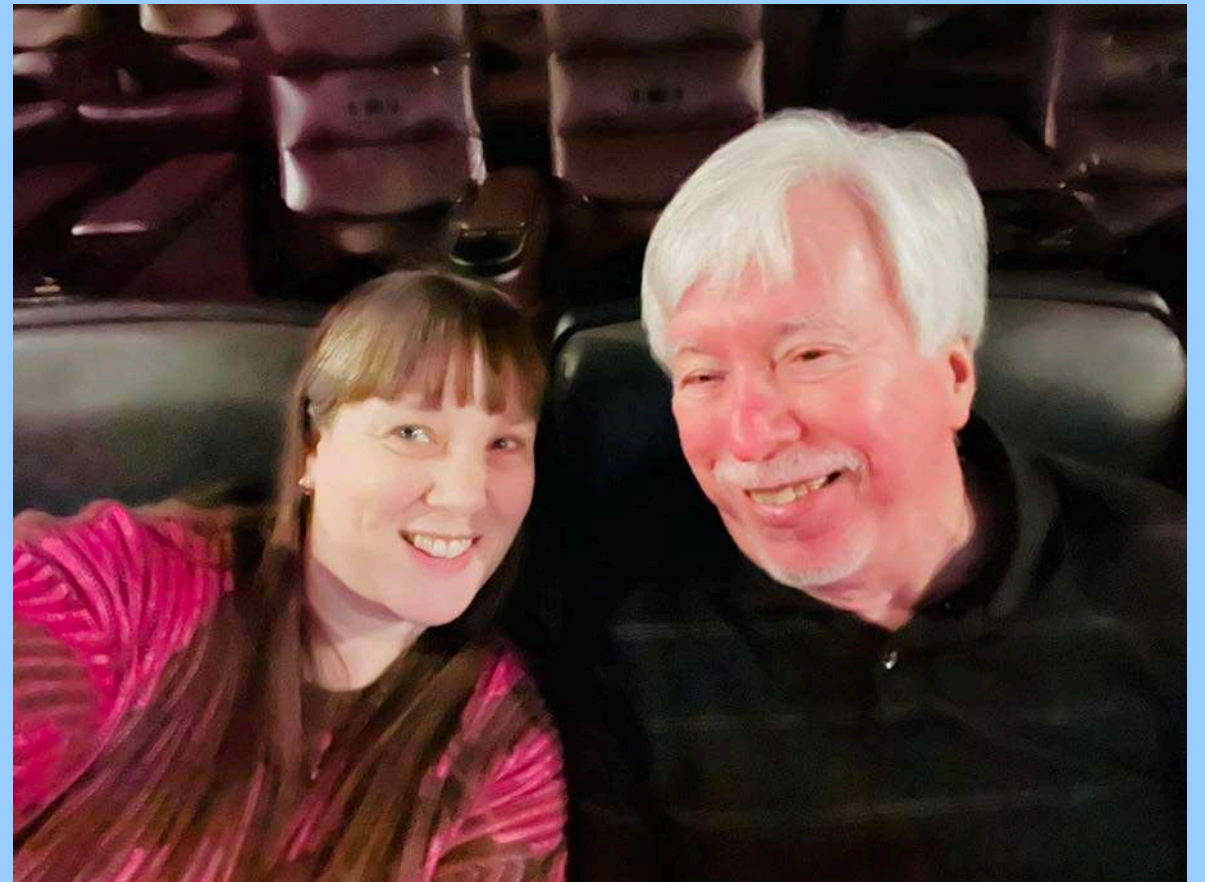
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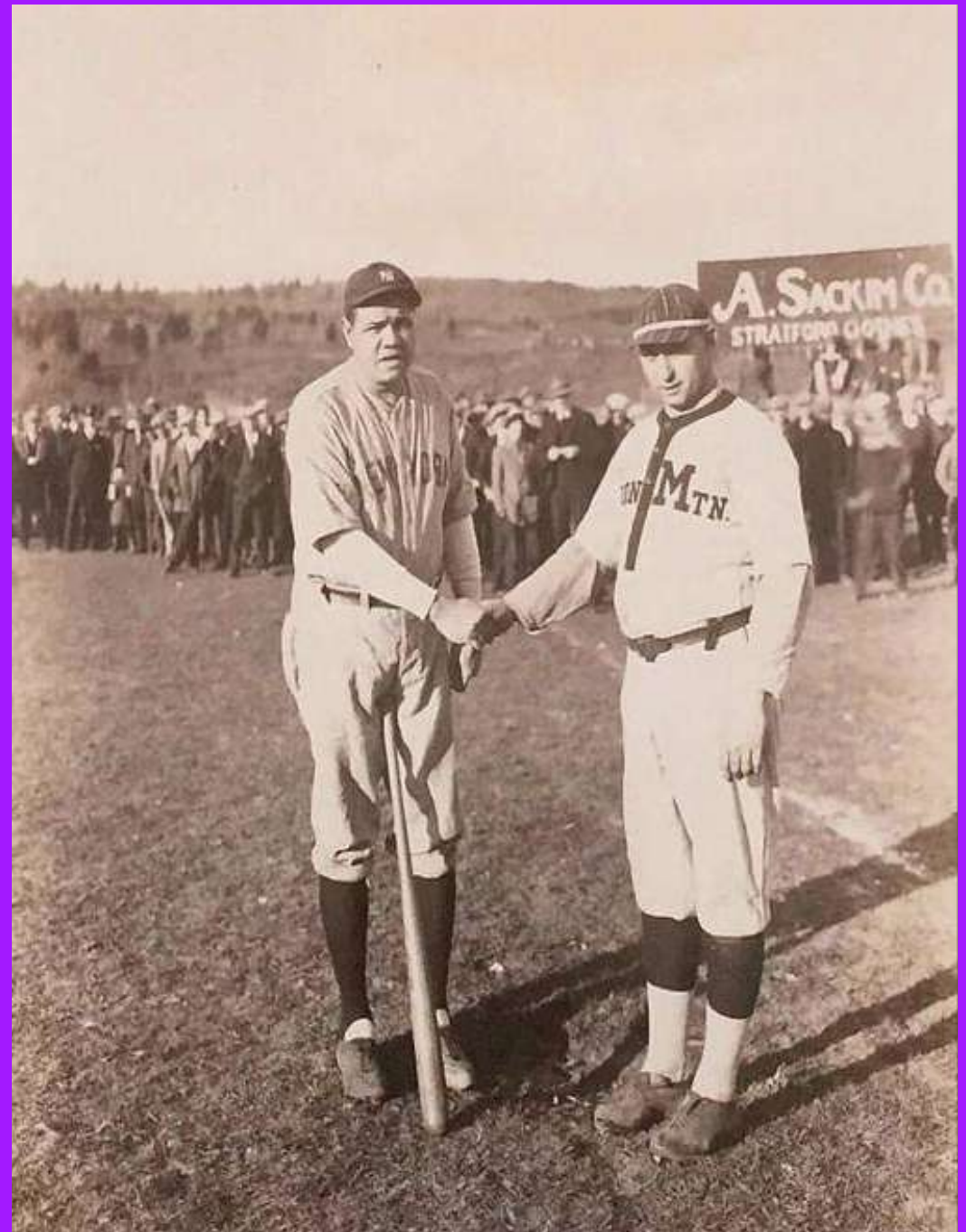
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- **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Studies show:**
 - **Positive link to community health, local school effectiveness, institutional connection, + cultural opportunity**
 - **Develops broader networks of support**
 - **Fosters role as trusted pillars of community**
 - **Expands access beyond books**
 - **“Libraries Are for Everyone” strengthens community ties + honors diversity**

Benefits of Partnering with Museums



- **Combining resources maximizing outreach to community**
 - Host a gallery space, historic walking tours, panel discussions, storytime, etc.
- **Partnership breaks down barriers to learning, leisure, + enjoyment (i.e. free museum passes/programs)**
- **Connects people in places that promote human flourishing**
- **Challenges idea museum spaces only for elite + highly educated**
- **Eliminates idea of museums just for tourists**



Library + Museum Resources for Children + Teens

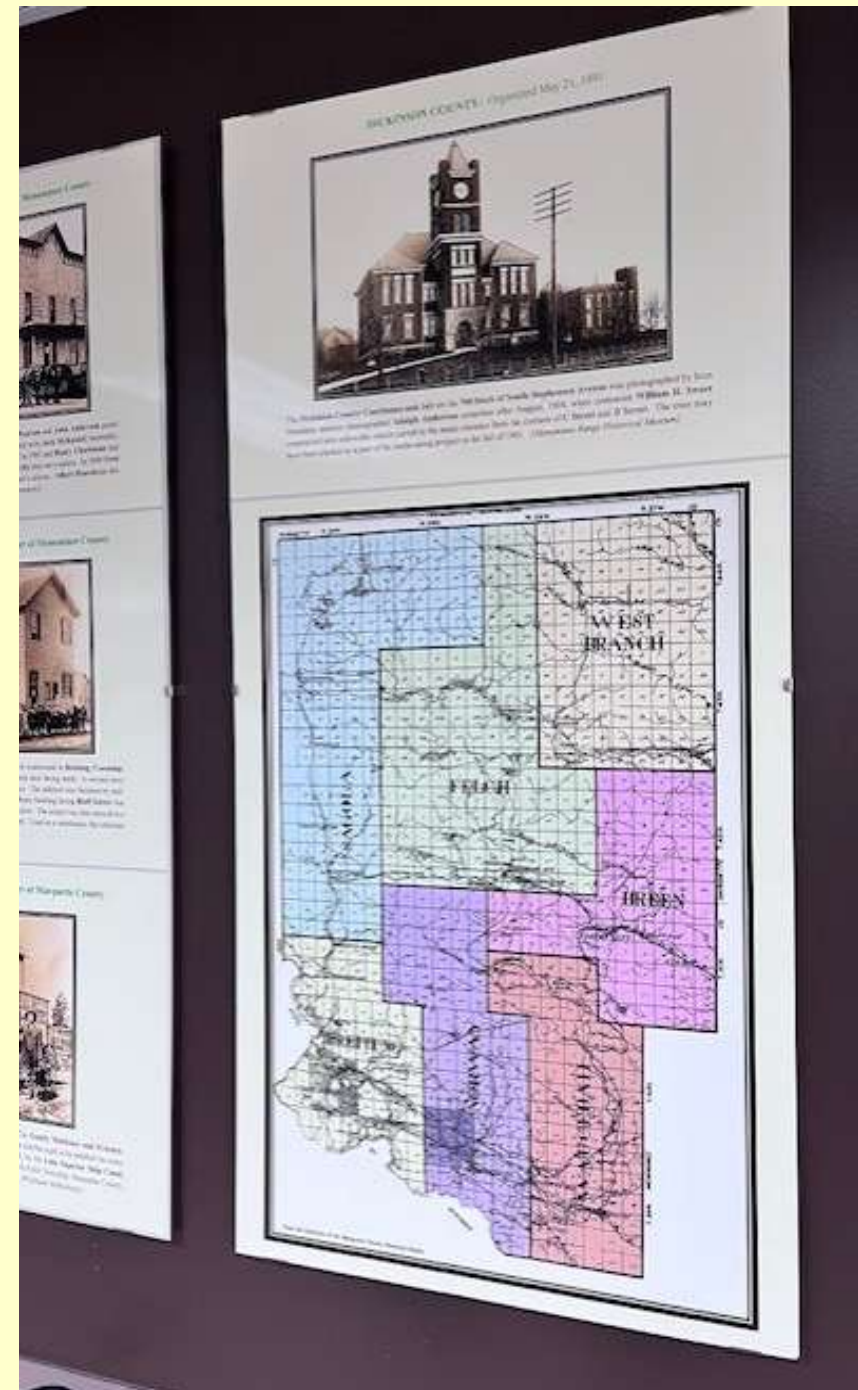
- Critical in providing access to underserved populations
- Provides invaluable resources for early learning
- Lend objects + make special displays to offer resources to parents + educators for enhanced cultural + scientific learning
- Provide high quality, hands-on learning experiences to students of all ages + backgrounds
- Deepens curiosity + wonder
- Partnership with Children's Museum
- Liberate child's learning experience, making it limitless, exciting, + constantly growing through combined resource sharing



The “Shhhh!” Room



- Intimidating + old-fashioned nature of local history rooms + archives exists
- Special collections + people who work with them can sometimes be viewed as unwelcoming
- Overcome this by determining if need image overhaul
- Brainstorm innovative history-themed programs to engage broader audience + participation
- Make space + programs educational + entertaining
- Keep budget limitations in mind



DCL Local History Room

- Work/Research space
- Divided into sections
 - Dickinson County
 - Michigan
 - Wisconsin





- Cemetery records
- City directories
- Plat books
- Yearbooks



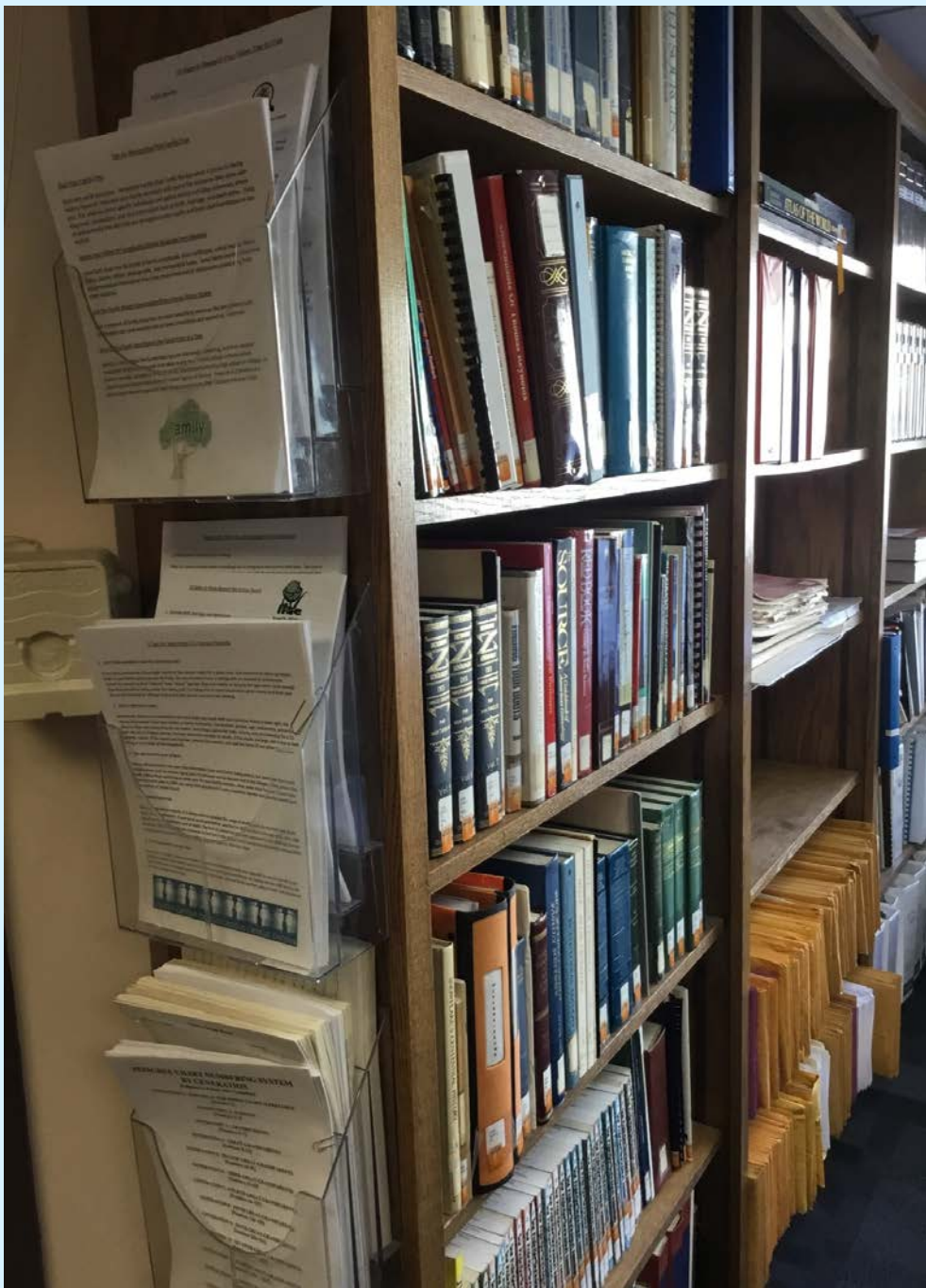
- Drawers
 - Files
 - Newspaper clippings
 - Photographs
 - Pamphlets





- **Binders**
 - **Obituaries**
 - **Marriages & Anniversaries**
 - **Military**

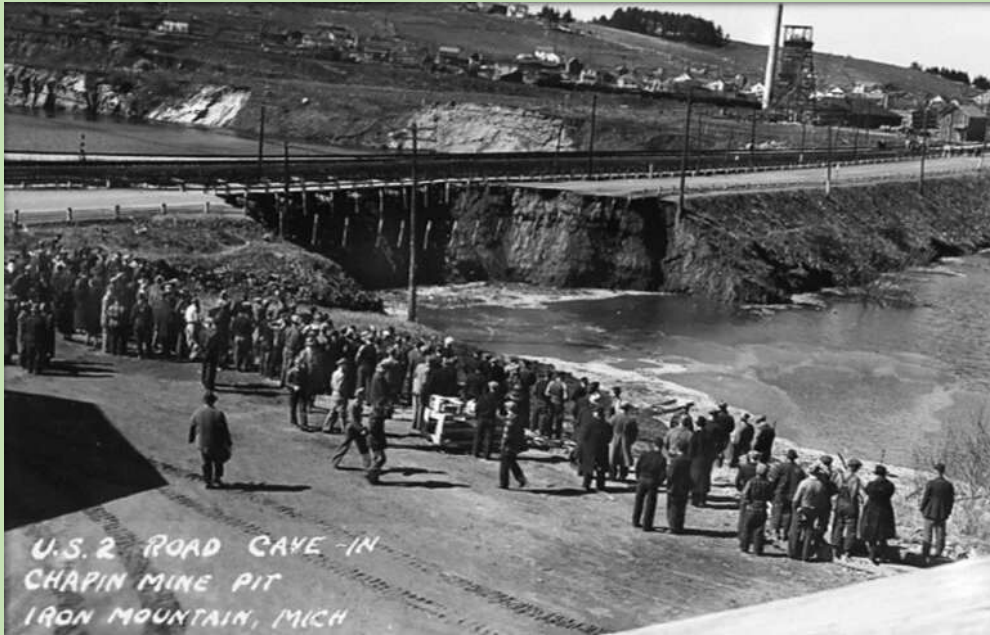




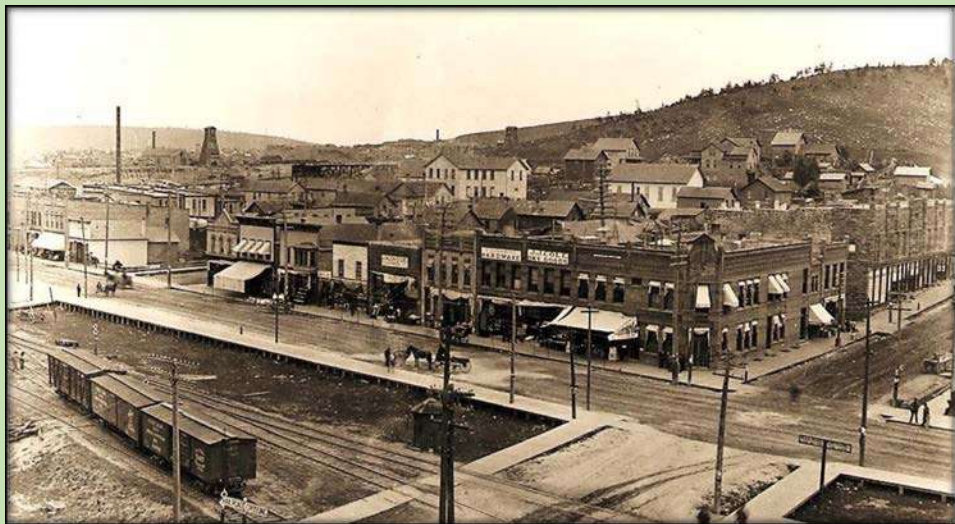
- **Genealogy**
 - **Handouts**
 - **Tips for Researching Your Family Tree**
 - **5 Tips for Searching U.S. Census Records**
 - **Family History Resources**
 - **10 Steps to Move Beyond the Census Search**
 - **Things to Do When You Are Stumped in Family Research**
 - **10 Ways to Research Your Family Tree for Free**
 - **Genealogy Society**



Library Website



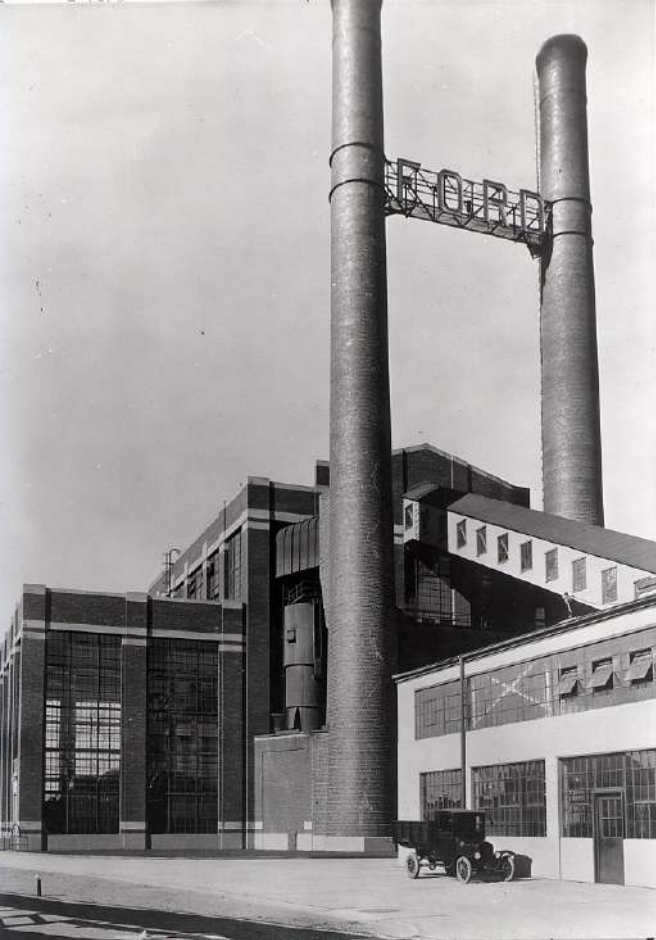
- **Menominee Range Memories – The Rest of the Story**
 - Bi-weekly historical articles with The Daily News beginning in December 2015
- **Local History PowerPoint Presentations**
 - William Cummings: “Remnants of Early Downtown Iron Mountain,” “Early School Days in Dickinson County, Michigan,” + “Researching Your Family Tree”
- **Historic Photographs**
 - Organized by geographic area of county
- **Local and Regional History Files**
 - Hundreds of pages of valuable local + regional history files



- **Dickinson County Business Listings, 1879-1928**
- **Annotated Bibliography for Dickinson and Iron Counties, The Menominee Iron Range, and the UP**
- **City Directories and Gazetteer Information**
- <https://dcl-lib.org/local-history>

Library Signage in Building

- Our plan
 - Meeting rooms
 - Chapin Mine
 - Millie Mine
 - Pewabic Mine
 - AV Room – Pine Mountain Ski Jump
 - The “Stacks”





Research

A screenshot of the FamilySearch website homepage. The browser address bar shows "familysearch.org/en/united-states/". The page features a navigation menu with "Family Tree", "Search", "Memories", "Get Involved", and "Activities". A banner for "rootstech by FamilySearch" mentions "Early bird registration begins September 25." with an "Add Reminder" button. The main heading asks "What will you find out about your ancestors?" and states "Search billions of ancestor profiles, photographs, and historical documents at once—absolutely FREE." Below this is a search form with fields for "First Names", "Last Names*", "Place Lived", and "Birth Year", and a "SEARCH" button. A large photograph of a diverse family smiling and holding a framed historical photograph is the background for the main text.

- Free for Dickinson County residents
- Fee for out of county residents
- Available free resources (i.e. FamilySearch)
- Host “how to” programs on researching
- <https://www.familysearch.org/en/united-states/>

Daylight in the Swamps

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE MICHIGAN LUMBERJACK

Monday, October 7

6:00-7:30 PM

Main Branch

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

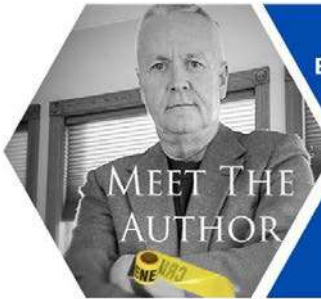


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Programs/Idea

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BOOK BREAKDOWNS:
ROD SADLER

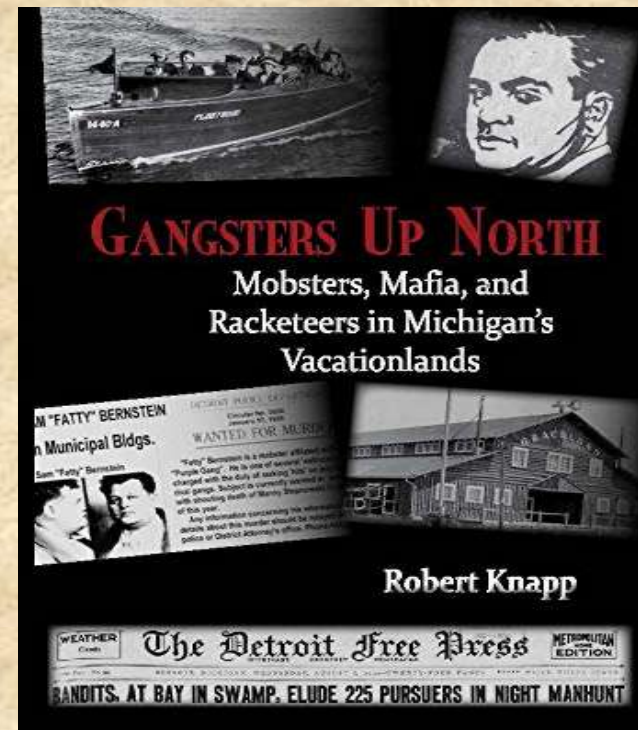
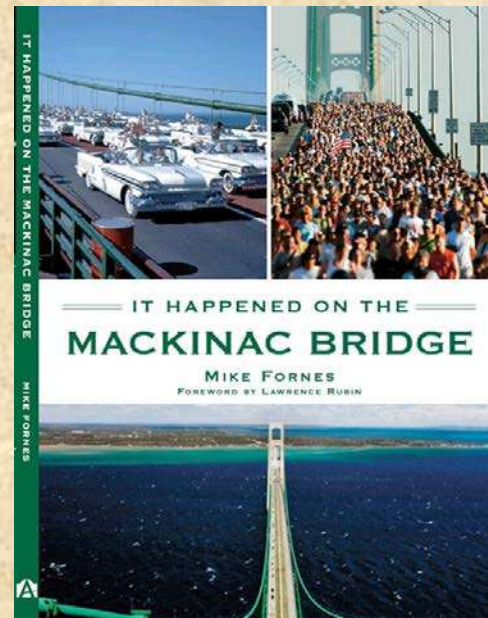
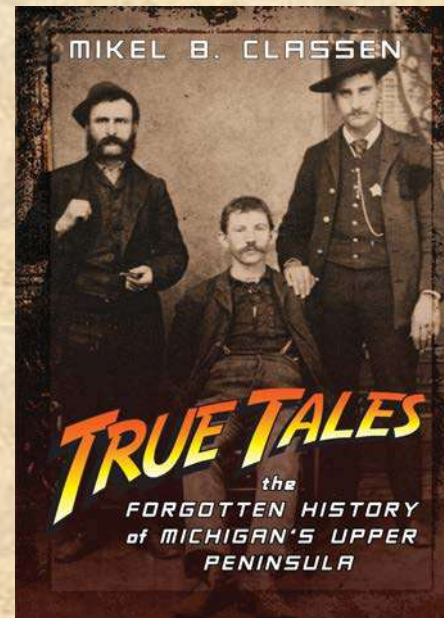
U.P. Notable true crime author Rod Sadler will share what inspired him to become an author, details about his books and do a Q&A session. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



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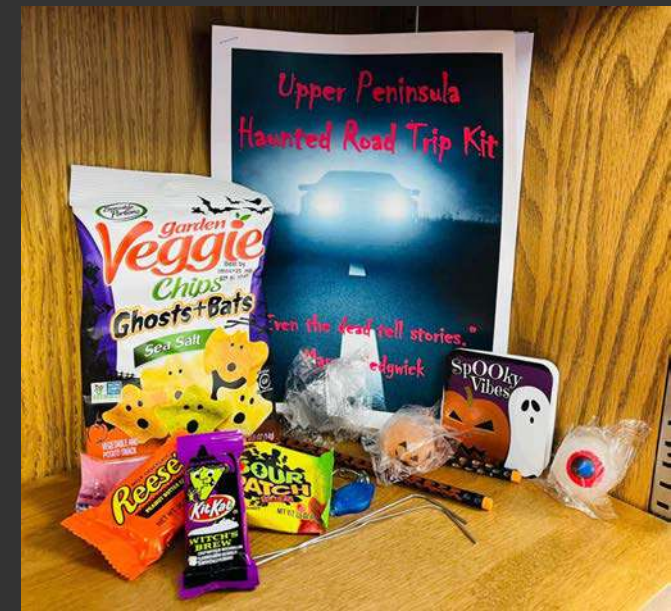


SATURDAY, MAY 18
1:00-2:30 PM
MAIN BRANCH



Haunts, Tricks, + Sites Beyond the Stacks

- Road trip
- Murder mystery
- Local lore



- Coming soon! (Sacramento Library inspired ideas)
 - Halloween: show classic film + then conduct a tour of Local History Room/Stacks; individuals in full costume pop out to tell stories during tour (spookily decorated to set scene)
 - Archives Crawl: partner with 3 other local archives; participants view key treasures from various collections, chat with special collections librarians/archivists, + go on behind-the-scenes tours while gathering stamps in an archival passport
 - April Fools': librarians tell 5-6 historic stories (each includes truths + wild fabrications) + audience members are asked to guess which is which; photos collections display included with Photoshop work to change them in some way
 - Decades Lectures: history of a decade, highlighting arts, music, fashions + culture enhanced by fashion shows, dance instruction, movie clips, + visual displays
 - Community Oral History Project accessibility of interviews on website (residents can suggest candidates for interviews)

Mechanical Wonders

- Grades 5-12
- Onsite
- Permission slips
- Chaperones/Parents
- Local historian





- Cornish Pump & Mining Museum
- World War II Glider & Military Museum



Built Ford Tough

- Adults + teens
- World War II Glider & Military Museum
- Local historian
- After hours
- So popular added another session



Historic Downtown Walking Tour



- Microphone headset
- Information booklet
- Map of route

Iron Mountain Cemetery Tour



- Members of museum board
- 2-2½ hours
- Microphone headsets
- Binder with photos to enhance information



Pine Mountain Ski Jump

- Stories + original songs based on interviews with ski jumping legends interviewed 25 years ago
- Described ski jumping culture at its height (1930s/1940s) when teenage boys in mining towns of U.P traveled across Midwest to compete at tournaments
- Iron Mountain champion skiers attended program



- Originally built in 1930s
- Highest man-made ski jump in U.S. + one of highest in world
- Top jumpers from around world compete in annual FIS Continental Cup
- Partnership with Kiwanis Ski Club, who provided tour of Pine Mountain Ski Jump after program



Geological History

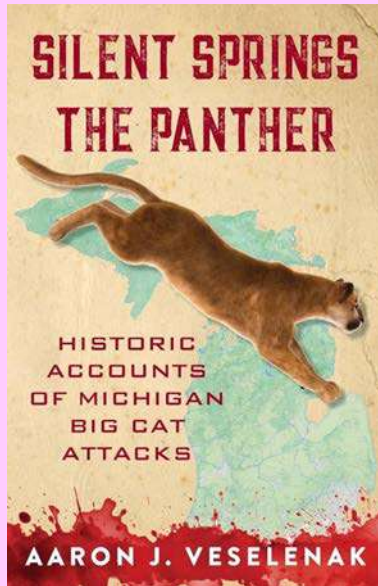


- Shawn Carlson
- Scientist who worked in diamond, uranium, + other types of mineral exploration throughout US + internationally, particularly in Canada
- Authored + co-authored 38 articles + scientific papers
- Co-authored 2013 *Minerology of Michigan Update*
- Responsible for discovery of 11% of all mineral species known to occur in Michigan
- Involved in discovery of 7 previously unknown minerals

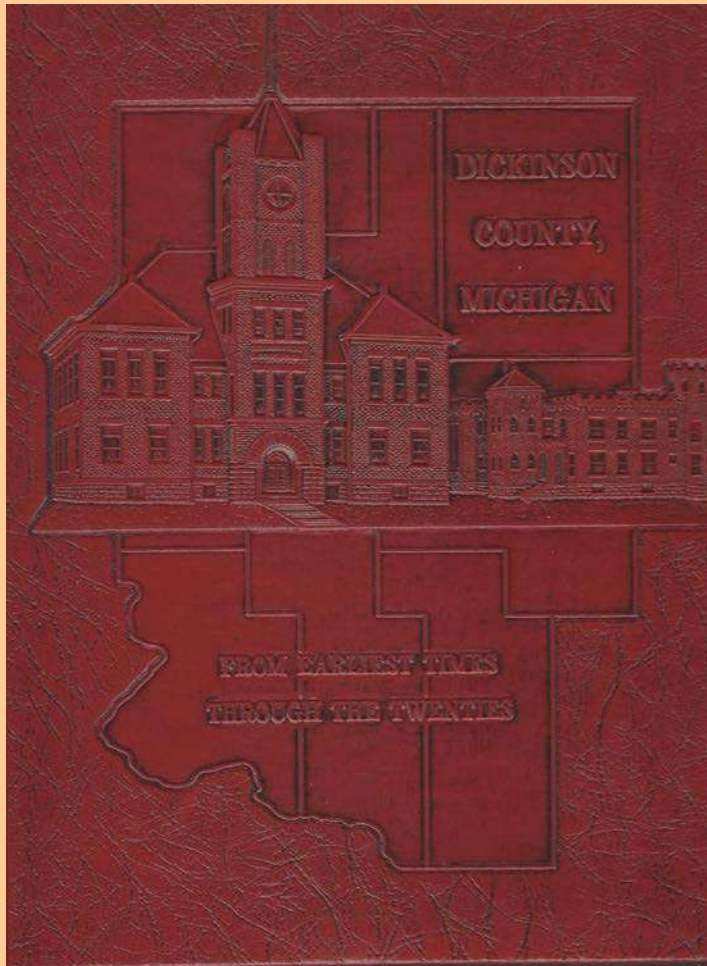
Local Wildlife History



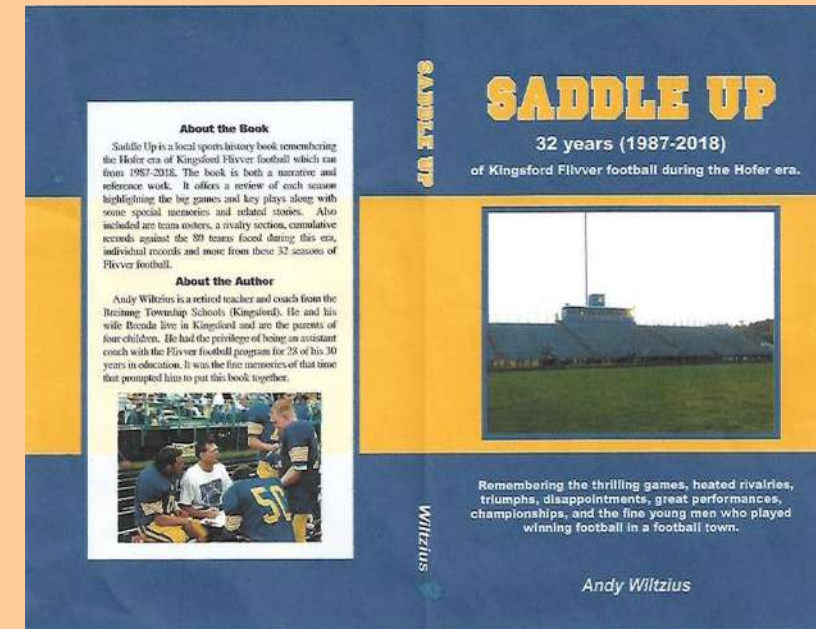
- Great Horned Owl
- Raptors
- Panthers
- Chickens
- Turtles
- Frogs
- Bats
- Bees



Local Authors



- Book Breakdowns series program



Scanning Day

- Dell Latitude 5520 Laptop
- Dell Latitude 5520 Laptop Power Supply
- Plustek OpticBook A300 Plus
- Plustek OpticBook A300 Plus Power Supply and Cables
- Wireless Mouse
- Surge Protector
- Kodak Color Separation Guide and Grayscale
- Box of Nitrile Gloves
- Glass Cleaning Kit
- 4-Port USB 2.0 Hub
- [Plustek A300 Digitization Guide](#)



Braumart Theater

- Titanic and Her Local Ties
- Reached out after library program
- 103 attendees



Titanic and Her Local Ties



- Dr. William Edward Minahan – Fond du Lac, WI
 - 6 month trip to ancestral Ireland with wife, Lillian, and sister, Daisy
 - Daisy = appendicitis – hastened need to get home
 - Last words to wife + sister: "be brave"



- Maude Sincock
- Mother was friend of Agnes
- Traveling with family to get to father (worked in Quincy Mining Company in Hancock)

Davies Family

- Agnes Davies (48), John Morgan Davies (8), + Joseph Charles Nicholls (19)
- After husband's death wanted to move family closer to oldest son from first marriage, Richard Jr., who emigrated near New Allouez, Michigan
- Sold all belongings to raise necessary funds



Maud Sincock's Account



“It didn’t seem so bad to me, but very soon after a steward came along banging on every door calling, ‘Everyone on deck with lifebelts.’ ”

She got up quickly and put a raincoat over her nightgown. She opened the door and watched people ask the steward if the *Titanic* was going to sink. He told them it was only a precaution. She went down the passage toward the second class elevator, only to find the lift boy gone. She then had to climb five or six decks up before reaching the boat deck.

Crowds of passengers were on deck, jostling each other as they tried to find friends. Maude found it useless to try to get through the crowds and stayed put, although she went to the railing and watched the lifeboats being filled. Maude carried her lifebelt, rather than putting it on. She waited for her turn. A sailor said, ‘This boat is full enough,’ but Maude waited and got into another one, (possibly lifeboat #11). She turned and looked back toward the deck and saw the firemen coming up, wearing their working clothes. She realized then that the situation was bad, in the distance, Maude could hear the band playing. The boat lowered into the water. The ocean was calm, the air very cold. A sailor told her, ‘She’s going fast.’ Looking back, she could see the lights disappearing as the bow sank down, water pouring into open portholes. Flares were being fired, although they failed to bring help.

As the *Titanic* sank and broke apart, Maude thought the loud noise she heard was the boilers exploding. The lifeboat rowed around all night long among the icebergs. As morning came a sailor called out “That’s a ship”, as he saw a speck appear on the horizon. The lifeboat was rowed toward the *Carpathia*. Getting aboard the *Carpathia* involved getting into a bosun’s chair, facing the side of the ship, and “walking up the side as two sailors hoisted you up.” Maude found the passengers aboard the *Carpathia* to be very helpful. “They did all they could for us.” On board the *Carpathia*, she discovered that Mrs. Davies son Joseph Nichols had been among those who perished. Maude spent her 21st birthday aboard the *Carpathia*.



Agnes Recalling the Sinking to *Iron Mountain*

Press:

With tears streaming down her face, “We had retired about eleven o’clock, but were still awake when the impact was felt. My son told us to hurry and dress and I immediately set about getting little John Morgan ready. You see he is a mere bit of a child and not yet nine years old. The ship must have struck about twelve o’clock.

Through all this time we had received no warning from the steward, no orders to prepare for anything like what we were to experience. Had it not been for our own anxiety and curiosity to learn what was going on we might have perished. We went on deck about 12:15 and my son and myself were placed in the third lifeboat. My older son, Joseph, helped place us into the boat and asked permission to enter himself, this being refused with the threat that he would be shot if he attempted to get in. I pleaded with the officers in vain, that he be allowed to come with me. There were about fifty in the boat, but there was room for more. After we were lowered away and before the boat left the ship some men entered it by sliding down the davit ropes.

I saw one man shot at while he was getting into our boat. More than half of those in our boat were men, nearly all of them sailors and members of the crew, many being firemen.

We were then cast off and the last I saw of my boy he was throwing kisses at the little fellow here and myself and assuring us that he would be saved. There was plenty of room in our boat if the officers would only have permitted him to enter.

All the men didn’t have permission of the officers to enter the boat, either. When I got into the boat I found a lot of men lying down in the bottom, some of them stretched out under the seats.

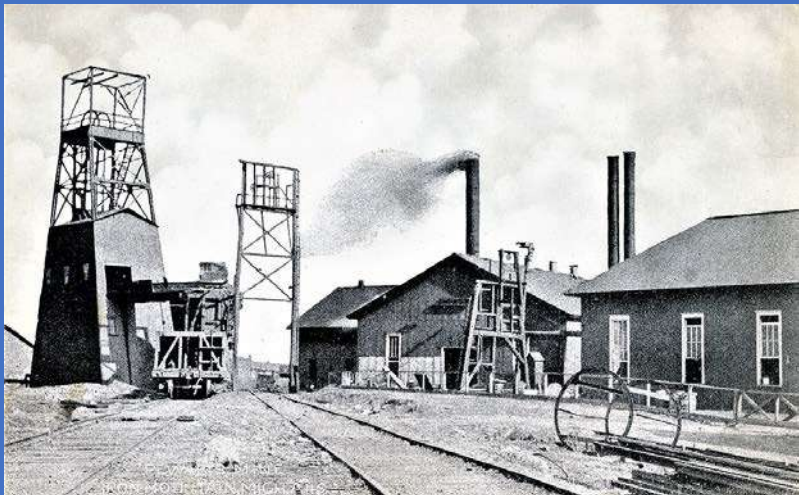
The men in charge of the boat rowed as hard as they could to get away from the ship. By the time she sank, which was at 1:45, it seemed as if we were miles away, although I could hear the screams, cries and moaning of the drowning passengers. When the men in the boat learned that one of my sons was on the steamer and would not be saved they formed a line before me so I could not see the ship as she plunged beneath the waves. I saw her sinking gradually, however, till near the end, and watches as row after row of lights went out of sight. It was awful, terrible.”

The Skoog Family

- Born in Sweden (W. 1872 + A. 1868)
- Married June 5, 1898; moved to Iron Mountain shortly after
- Engineer + fireman at Pewabic Mine
- November 1911 – sold all furniture from house on 501 East D Street except piano, which left with neighbor, to return to Sweden
- Relatives began receiving letters intended to return to Iron Mountain + had booked passage on *Titanic*



Wilhelm Johansson (40) +
Anna Bernhardina n e
Karlsdotter (43)





- Karl Thorsten (11)
 - Born July 13, 1900
 - Age 7, railroad accident near father's mine taking him lunch
 - Liked hopping onto rail car for ride to mine
 - Missed perch, slipped, fell onto tracks, + legs pinned under wheels
 - Left leg and toes on right foot amputated
 - Crutches rest of life



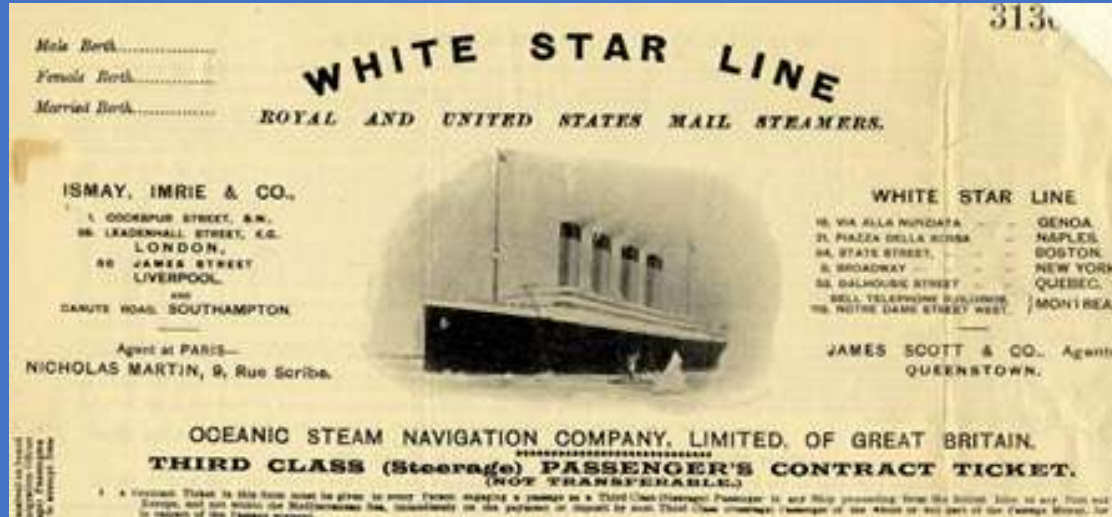
- Harald Victor (5)
 - Born August 22, 1906



- Mabel Cristina (9)
 - Born July 22, 1902



- Margit Elizabeth (2)
 - Born April 14, 1910



- Elin Nathalia Pettersson (18)

- Lived with relatives in Stockholm
- Wilhelm = her uncle
- Dreamed of America for a long time
- Destination 805 East A Street, Iron Mountain, MI (Olaf + Marie Rask's home)

- Jenny Lovisa Henriksson (28)

- Cousin to Elin Pettersson
- Maid to senior accountant at National Bank in Stockholm
- Only body of Skoog party found (#3 – identified by “J.H.” on clothing)
 - Grey cloth jacket, red jersey jacket, blue alpaca blouse, blue sere skirt, wool combinations, black stockings, black boots, grey cholera belt, one grey suede glove, one brooch

- Deaths at Sea Report

Anna	Skoog	F	43	do	Swede	Sweden
Carl	Skoog	M	10	do	do	do
Harald	Skoog	M	4	do	do	do
Mabel	Skoog	F	9	do	do	do
Margret	Skoog	F	2	do	do	do
Wm	Skoog	M	39	do	do	do



1997 Movie *Titanic*



- Nameless Scotland Road family inspired by them



The Run for the Roses: A History of the Kentucky Derby

- PowerPoint at library
 - Non-alcoholic mint juleps
 - Encouraged to dress in Derby gear
- Wild Horse Saloon
 - Derby dishes
 - Mint Juleps/Cocktails
 - Fake bets
 - Watched on big screen in real time



- **California Chrome:** 2014 – Won Derby + Preakness Stakes; 4th California-bred horse to win Derby
- Winning time considered slow for Derby win, but popularity inarguable; nickname = "People's Horse"

Hometown Connection

- Co-owners: Perry + Denise Martin & Steve + Carolyn Coburn
- Perry earned applied physics degree from Michigan Tech
- President of Materials Technology Labs in McClellan, CA
- Mother, Catherine, from Iron Mountain
- Spent many happy summers with grandparents + their beagle, "Duke," in Iron Mountain



As much as possible, approach local history work from a service-based + entertaining perspective – it excites people + benefits all involved



CHOICES

It could mean the difference between having a good day and being forced to run an ancient Peruvian obstacle course.