

## PTPL March Library Director's Report for February 2019

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Although February is a short month, we filled it to the brim beginning with our annual "Take your Child to the Library Day" concert with more than 100 kids and their grown-ups gathered in our lobby on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We



Dr. Michael Neiberg return with 2019 U.S. Army War College Senior Officers

launched a new program called "C is for Create" where we shared new online tools. CreativeBug and Canva are geared to the creative maker in each of us. C also stands for crochet and our Daytime Crochet Club is growing with new creations every other Monday.

Margaret Deitzer partnered once again with the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh for the Eisenhour Series and hosted the senior officers of The United States Army War College. Dr. Michael Neiberg returned as moderator. Channel 7 student volunteers recorded the event and Harry Funk provided a comprehensive follow-up article in the Almanac. Despite it being Valentine's Day, we had a full house with

114 adults in attendance. Youth Services was also busy spreading the love that night with their Pinkalicious Valentine Party for parents, their little ones and all things pink.

We absolutely LOVE it when visitors sign up for WAGGIN cards and this month we registered 141 new cardholders. Library cards are used to check-out study rooms, materials and to login to online resources anywhere 24/7. We are pleased to note that this month our online resources were in demand and total database usage verified 1154 logins, 2712 searches and 415 downloads. We offered connections to student research with *A to Z: The World* showing 96 logins and 470 searches along with *World Book Online* which noted 195 logins and 532 searches. *Heritage Quest* was another popular e-resource this month with 848 searches. *Mango Languages* recorded 405 logins and *Law Depot* recorded 53 logins and 48 searches. *Niche Academy* logged 205 tutorials and *Freegal* indicated 543 downloads and 2578 songs streamed. Overdrive continues to be a favorite e-resource among our WAGGIN cardholders with 805 e-books and 395 audiobooks downloaded in February.



New directional signage

AARP volunteers began their annual assistance to seniors with income-tax appointments three days a week and met with 240 people to date with more appointments on the horizon. Our Library Services Front Desk kindly fielded lots of questions and phone calls and have scheduled 278 appointments through April. New directional signage was installed on the first floor to guide our 16,861 visitors this month. There were 16 days in February where we exceeded 500 visitors and one day, we exceeded 1000 visitors!



Jim Drake

We welcomed Jim Drake, Peters Township resident and model shipbuilder, to feature his creations which often contain more than 1500 pieces and take from 600-2000 hours to complete. This month we featured "The Berlin" and we are looking forward to seeing his USS Constitution in March.



Berlin



Dr. John Chupinsky, special guest at February's WW2 Discussion Group

Speaking of history, what a treat to have WW2 veteran, Dr. John Chupinsky, join us for our monthly WW2 Discussion Group. Dr. John was part of the 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion (1943-1945) and recalled lots of stories with incredible detail. He also brought along scrapbooks and unique memorabilia to share with our 24 guests.

We spent a lovely Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> afternoon with our first Book Club for Book Clubs. Fellow readers enjoyed cake pops and coffee while staff presenters including: Margaret Deitzer, Mary Kipling, Sue Miller, and Ed Wolf who joined me

and Maura Kelly from the PT Library Foundation to share various library resources for our local readers and to introduce the works of author, Anna Quindlen, who will be coming to Peters Township on November 7, 2019.



Book Club for Book Club Mixer

Thank you to Jim McNutt and the Western PA Lensshooters for their captivating photography lobby exhibit and for the many votes cast for the

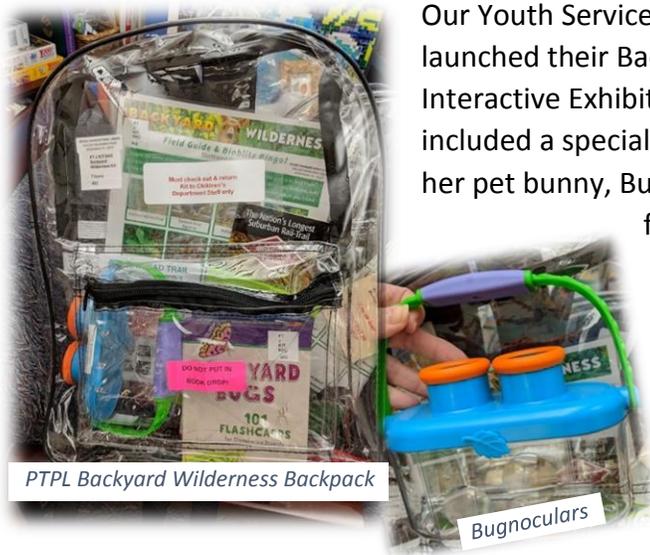


Colorful Splashes by Robert Agnew

“People’s Choice Award. We also continue to accept food donations in our lobby to benefit the PT Food Pantry and the Greater Washington County Food Bank. We are proud to be a part of the PT Chain Reaction, #PT4Kindness.

Mary Kipling’s team added 587 new items to our library collection including four brand-new “PTPL Backyard Wilderness Backpacks”. These are durable clear plastic backpacks with bugnoculars, flashcards to identify backyard birds, bugs, and wildlife along with maps of Arrowhead and Montour Trails. Families are encouraged to

check them out for two weeks and to explore outside together.



PTPL Backyard Wilderness Backpack

Bugnoculars

Our Youth Services Department officially launched their Backyard Wilderness Interactive Exhibit and programming which included a special visit from Sue Miller and her pet bunny, Buster. A representative

from Boston’s HHMI Tangled Back Studios, funding agency for Backyard Wilderness, joined us for two days to observe the exhibit

in use and was very complimentary of our efforts. Stay tuned for the Bioblitz coming in April to Peterswoods Park.



Asst. Director, Sue Miller and Buster