

PTPL July Library Director's Report for June 2019

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We kicked off a joyous June by "popping-up" at the PT Farmer's Market on several Wednesdays this month. Staff members and Library Board members alike enjoyed sharing all that's happening at the library with those who visited our tent. We'll be visiting the PT Farmer's Market a few more times this summer so look for us.



Our Youth Services Department launched, "A Universe of Stories" in our lobby with the infamous Pittsburgh magician, Al Mazing. He delighted our crowd with lots of silly space jokes and loads of magic tricks. Space-related programming is planned for kids, tweens and teens in libraries across the country, including ours, to coordinate with the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing.

A wreath making class, acrylic painting, and a 3D design session kept our adult "makers" busy in June. The PTPL German Meet-up and Spanish Conversation groups continue to meet throughout the summer and are helping others to brush up on their foreign language speaking skills. We've added new books and DVDs to our travel section on the second floor just in time for summer trips.

The library sponsored a team for the newly combined PT/Canon-McMillan Relay for Life effort and shared a week's worth of Cancer Awareness days. We were thrilled to learn that this year's combined event raised a grant total of \$44,000.

Shannon Pauley and Sydney Krawiec volunteered at our TEAM PTPL table at the PTHS Stadium and helped us to do our part.



Mike Phillips, avid military collector and facilitator of our WW2 Discussion Group coordinated an impressive exhibit to honor the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in our multi-purpose room. Uniforms, first-aid kits, an army cot, radio gear, a jeep AND truck parked outside were just a few of the many items on display. Four WW2 veterans and



two students dressed as young German soldiers were also there to share their stories with our 100+ guests.

We also kicked off our series of PTHS Summer Reading Clubs by partnering with Huntington Learning Center. These are grade-level book club discussions designed by an instructor to help PTHS students get a jump on their summer reading assignments. Ed Wolf has loaded the PTHS assigned Summer Reading titles onto our Kindles and they are available for checkout.





Our Frankentoys event was filled with creative STEM thinking tweens who transformed broken toys, soundboards, wheels, and motors into brand new designs.



Our 2nd annual Read Local/Eat Local event, coordinated by Sue Miller and Carrie Weaver brought 400 people through our library to enjoy 25 local authors, 3 food-trucks and NYT best-selling local author, Marie Benedict. The day was sunny, festive and full of

opportunities for our local authors and the public to meet one another. We even had a

surprise visit from a shiny PTVFD fire truck! The first 100 guests received a canvas tote which they used to carry home plenty of new books. We also raffled off a prize basket valued at over \$850 from the local businesses within walking distance of the library. We encouraged everyone to also Shop Local at BioVitale Massage, Bloom Home Market, Bombash & Earley, The Buttercup and Thistle Soap Shop, The Eye Gallery,



Carrie Weaver, Marie Benedict, Sue Miller

Heisler's Market, It's New To Me Consignment Furniture and Accessories LLC, Lakeview Yoga, Louie Prior, Parea Gyros, Salt of the Earth, Starbucks, Studio Make, Victoria's Fudge-a-Licious, and Vintage to Vogue Consignment and Accessory Boutique. And special thanks to The PT Library Foundation and Washington Symphony Orchestra for their donations too!



We were also pleased to partner with Vitalant to coordinate another summer blood drive and collected 43 blood products to help critically ill newborns, cancer patients and those suffering from traumatic injuries. Donors were each given two Pirate tickets in thanks for their efforts.



We ended this busy month by hosting a tent at PT Community Day on June 29th with our popular prize wheel, play clay for kids and a table full of library info. We loved celebrating the anniversary of our 20th year in our current building with trivia questions for old friends and new residents to answer before they took a spin.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peters Township Public Library
20 years in our current building!

Some things improve with age...
Come visit us soon and see what's new since 1999!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Roof • New Bathrooms • New Flooring/Carpeting • Outdoor Patio • Cafe Lee • Teen Room • Family Activity Center • Maker Space with 3D printers • Sewing & Embroidery machines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Web Site • Free Wi-Fi • Increased staff to help you • Facebook/Twitter/Instagram • Local History Room • More Shelving for Books • New WAGGIN library cards • The Peters Township Library Foundation was established
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