October Library Director's Report for September 2019

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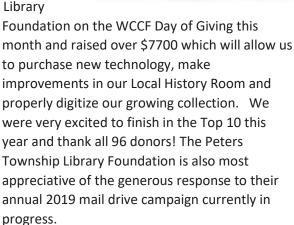
Labor Day signaled the end of summer and the official re-opening of our library doors on Sundays from Noon to 4:00 p.m. We welcomed 16,000+ visitors this month and celebrated National Library Card Sign-Up Month with 137 new WAGGIN card registrations bringing our total to 20,570 registered cardholders. In honor of this special month, Ms. Shannon visited PTHS and signed students and staff up for library cards. We had a total of 12 new card sign ups and 85 students or staff stopped at the table to receive library information.

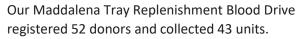
Our library joined hundreds of other libraries across the USA on National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 24th, for the second year in a row to help with voter registration. Volunteers from the League of Women Voters and the library helped answer questions at our table in the lobby.

Our 7th Annual Fall Animal Fair welcomed ten organizations and businesses this year. Visitors stopped by between 11-2 to learn more about pet care and to meet new furry friends.



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Those units are already in area hospitals helping critically ill newborns, patients being treated for cancer, those suffering from traumatic injuries and many others.

Library assistant, Shari Schneirov, and Noreen Balach, our custodian, were busy this month working together to get our library pond water regulated and cleaned. There were many happy smiles when kids of all ages noticed our two new fountains and new goldfish. And speaking of new... our new tween movable bookshelves were delivered, and we are working closely with Public Works to paint a new fire lane and new crosswalks in front of the library in the coming weeks.



PTPL library assistant, Jamie Mack, heard there was an interest in starting a library Cookbook Club and designed one that revolves around four unique cookbooks for each season of the year to give interested cooks the opportunity to select a new recipe to make and share. Their first gathering was held on the first

day of fall and was enjoyed by twelve new members. Each person brought a delicious sampling for all to enjoy served up on Jamie's vintage Canonsburg Pottery place settings.



We offered another new program in September to share information about the growing

interest in keeping backyard chickens. Kristan Marchewka who has been raising chickens since 2016 and Melissa

Germain who is new to the idea both answered our call and shared their knowledge with 34 guests who flocked to the library with plenty of questions. We also greatly appreciated Assistant Planning Director, Seth Koons, taking time from his busy schedule to join us for this evening to clarify the local PT ordinances. Seth also provided a valuable handout to all who attended.

Our five Study Rooms were filled with 538 users and it's always great to see students finding new spots to



spread out their laptops and notebooks. The corner windows on the second floor are both popular and



private with a built-in view of our municipal campus. Ms. Linda launched a brand new STEM Storytime program this month. This program is specifically

designed for kindergarten-age students and will enable us to fulfill state library programming requirements.

Carrie Weaver continues to keep our 8197 newsletter subscribers posted with upcoming events and reminders and our 3D printer hummed for 38 hours this month. We had 24 days in September with circulation of more than 500 items and five days with circulation of more than 1000 items. Our busiest day was the day after Labor Day with 1325 checkouts.

On behalf of the Peters Township Public Library we extend our deepest sympathies to the Tarbert Family and to our Public Works and Fire Departments on the tragic death of their co-worker, Adam Tarbert. Adam visited us often and was always willing to lend a hand and a smile on many library projects both inside and out. He will be deeply missed by all of us.

