

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. 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.



96 donors generously designated The Peters Township Library

Rank	Organization	Amount
1.	Washington City Mission	613
2.	Washington Area Humane Society	265
3.	Meals on Wheels @ the Crossroads	175
4.	Angel Ridge Animal Rescue	172
5.	Lemoyne Community Center	157
6.	Low Cost Spay Neuter Washington County "Fix 'ur Cat"	151
7.	Greater Washington County Food Bank	136
8.	Monongahela Area Library	120
9.	Little Lake Theatre Company	106
10.	The Peters Township Library Foundation	96

Foundation on the WCCF Day of Giving this month and raised over \$7700 which will allow us to purchase new technology, make improvements in our Local History Room and properly digitize our growing collection. We were very excited to finish in the Top 10 this year and thank all 96 donors! The Peters Township Library Foundation is also most appreciative of the generous response to their annual 2019 mail drive campaign currently in progress.

Our Maddalena Tray Replenishment Blood Drive registered 52 donors and collected 43 units.

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.



Jamie Mack

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.



Kristan

Melissa

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.

