

2016
Annual
Report



Empowering Individuals
Engaging the Community



Peters
Township
Public
Library



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A Message from the Library Director

The Peters Township Public Library remained committed to empowering individuals and engaging our community throughout 2016.

We welcomed Mrs. Sue Miller as our Assistant Director to coordinate programming and to oversee daily operations. Random Acts of Kindness Week with fine amnesty brought countless smiles to our community along with the return of many missing items. The community shredded six tons of paper at our Protect Your Identity event and saved 120 lives during our annual Blood Drive.

As a tribute to her 40 years of dedicated service as our Library Director, Pier Lee's portrait painted by James Sulkowski now hangs in the Reading Room. We harnessed 3,240 hours of combined adult and teen volunteer power last year and served a special luncheon to honor them. Our enthusiastic Library Board of Directors and The Peters Township Library Foundation officers met monthly to share ideas and to plan for the future. The PTPL Friends continued to oversee our Used Book Sale and offered great daily bargains to our library shoppers. We celebrated our 15th annual Taste of the Township in grand style with over 300 guests!

A mobile-friendly website was proposed and launched to keep our community informed and connected while on the go. The Chamber Chase, Relay for Life, Community Day, and In-Community Magazine provided more venues for our library to connect with our community. Installation of indoor directional signage helped our patrons to locate resources and to orient themselves to our vast collection. We installed a vending machine and lounge furniture in Café Lee, outdoor umbrella tables, and bright lobby lighting to offer our community comfortable seating and bright new spaces to meet, work, and relax.

On behalf of the Library Board and Staff, I thank you for your support throughout 2016 and look forward to celebrating our 60th Anniversary together in 2017!

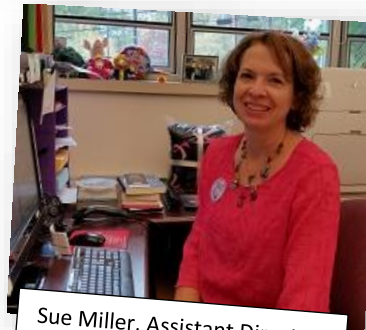


Myra R. Oleynik
Library Director



Library Board of Directors

(clockwise)
Scott Beinbauer
Frank Danyo
Kathleen McEvoy
Myra Oleynik, Director
Carol Adler, Vice-Chair
Richard F. Easton, Chair
Missing from photo:
Margaret A. Verlato,
Mark McFarlin, Judith
Adler-McNutt



Sue Miller, Assistant Director



Gussie, Book Sale Volunteer



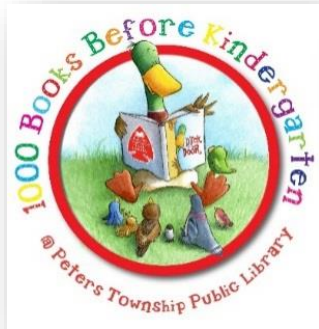
Taste of the Township Committee



PT Library Foundation Board
Marji Dickson - Treasurer
Diane Lioon - Secretary
Sue Filoon - Vice President
Maura Kelly - President

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Our Youth Services Department



Several new partnerships and programs in 2016 offered various opportunities to engage with the youth in our community. Best-selling author Jackie Urbanovic and our Children's Librarian, Linda Esposito, launched our *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* reading challenge with a customized program logo and a personally autographed book for those who completed their goal. An *Inquire Within* grant with WQED funded by EQT subsidized programs to introduce young readers to popular book characters like Curious George and PBS favorites Daniel Tiger and Thomas the Tank Engine. Special family nights highlighted new WQED programming.

At our first Pre-School Tea, we connected pre-school and kindergarten educators to launch Pennsylvania Libraries' *Cruise into Kindergarten* initiative, a state-wide early literacy program that introduced them to the many resources available in our department.

A new Junior SAFE Club (Students Active For the Environment) for tweens generated excitement in caring for our Pollinator Garden and Sensory Storytimes were offered for our young patrons with autism and their families. A collaboration with our elementary school librarians launched the first K-3 PT Poetry Party filling our rotunda on both levels.

Returning program favorites included our Summer Reading Program, "On Your Mark, Get Set, READ" and National Take Your Child to the Library Day with a performance by the Josh and Gab comedy duo. The Fall Animal Fair in September filled the library with animal lovers of all ages and four-legged friends.

Our teen readers especially enjoyed February's *Blind Date with a Book* display, Teen Tech Week in March, and our Shakespeare 400th Anniversary Week in April – one of our best attended teen events of 2016. Shannon Pauley, head of our Youth Services, met monthly with the Youth Advisory Council and her staff also provided outreach to various preschools. This department collaborated with the PT Rec Department for a Summer Tween Olympics, Trick or Treat the Trail, and Township Tree Lighting Night.



Our Youth Services Staff
Patty, Children's Assistant
Shannon, Head of Youth Services
Linda, Children's Librarian
Lynn, Children's Assistant



Our Reference Department

Whether you were seeking help in locating a particular book, learning to download an eBook for the first time, or researching obscure topics for a school project, Margaret Deitzer, head of our Reference Department, and her team of staff members and dedicated and talented volunteers were ready to spring into action.

Along with using the many resources within the library, the reference staff garnered relevant and accurate information on topics of interest to the community, reached out to local experts and facilitated several events with outstanding attendance throughout 2016. These included *An Evening with Jeanne Marie Laskas*, author of *Concussion* (327 attendees); *Global Challenges and US National Security Strategy* with the US Army War College panelists (128 attendees); *Heartbreak Close to Home: The Heroin Epidemic in Our Communities* (275 attendees); *Your Property Reassessment* (700 attendees); *ISIS and AL-Qaeda* with Thomas M. Sanderson (100 attendees) and *The Electoral College: What It Is and How It Works* with Director of Elections Larry Spahr (40 attendees).

History topics were in demand this year and well-received. The library hosted *An Evening with Abraham Lincoln* (110 attendees); *It's A Hockey Night in Pittsburgh* (55 attendees); and helped facilitate an exhibit to honor the 72nd Anniversary of D-Day (180 attendees.) The department coordinated over 100 photos to be scanned and captioned for inclusion in the Local History Photo collection on the new library web site and were featured in various locations throughout the library.

Assisting the Reference Department were 10 adult volunteers and 5 young adults who contributed 1,364 total hours in service to our community. Their efforts are truly appreciated.

Marketing new library resources and events to our busy community was a priority. Our Public Relations Coordinator kept our public engaged with press releases, eye-catching posters for our front doors and weekly e-newsletters to over 7,000 subscribers while also formatting online registrations and updating countless website posts.



Margaret, Head of Reference Department, with volunteer Judy



Cindy, PR Volunteer, and Carrie, PR Coordinator

Our Circulation, Cataloging and Technical Services Departments



Dianne and Arlene



Jamie and John



Stephanie and Deb



Nancy

Last year, 167,471 visitors walked through the library doors – that’s more than two and a half times the number of seats in Heinz Field! Additionally, there were 71,900 visits through our “virtual front door” to our library website.

Our Circulation Department checked out nearly 300,000 items to the public and our adult and student pages were busy returning these items to our shelves. Over 12,000 of those items were retrieved by library staff from our shelves for patron pick-up or for delivery to one of the other 19 libraries in the WAGGIN consortium. This talented team assisted almost 28,000 borrowers while answering questions by phone and registering guests for our numerous programs. They processed applications for 1,827 new cardholders and officially welcomed them to the Peters Township Public Library and the WAGGIN community.



Mary

Roz



Sue



Shari

Our Cataloguing team of Mary and Betty added more than 8,600 new items to our collection including Kindle Fires and cookie pans. Along with their numerous volunteers, they kept our materials in pristine condition by mending tears, fixing labels, re-packaging, and updating our online catalog records.



Betty



Peter

Peter Stamoolis, our Information Technology Librarian, proctored 19 tests, offered 48 computer classes and fulfilled 313 hours of 3D printing projects for patrons. Along with the Reference staff, he gave assistance when needed to the 18,400 adults who logged into the library computers. Keeping connected is clearly important to our library visitors on the go who logged into our wi-fi for more than 73,000 sessions.

Library-Sponsored Clubs

- Afternoon Book Club
- Beading Club
- Couponsing Club
- Roots
- Crochet Club
- Evening Book Club
- GO Green Club
- MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
- Stamp Club
- Genealogy Club
- Jr. SAFE Club
- FIRST Lego League
- Homeschooler's Group
- Chess with a champion
- Youth Advisory
- 3R's Book Club
- WWII Discussion
- Wii Sports for Adults
- Board
- Coloring, coffee and classics
- Group

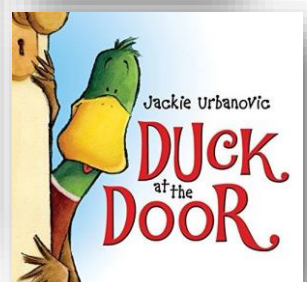
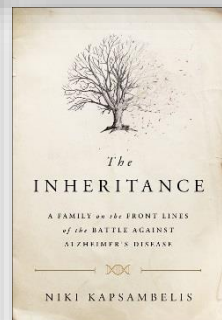
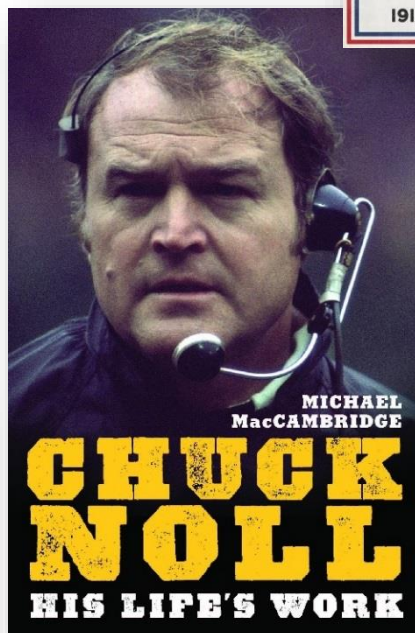
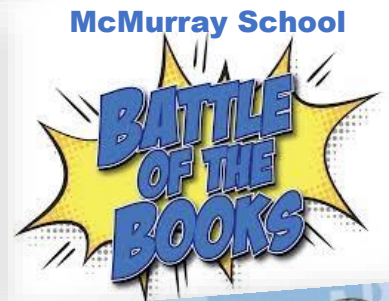
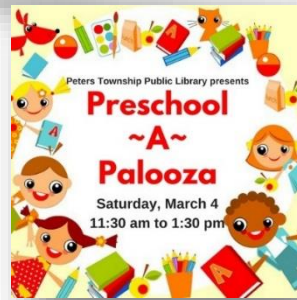
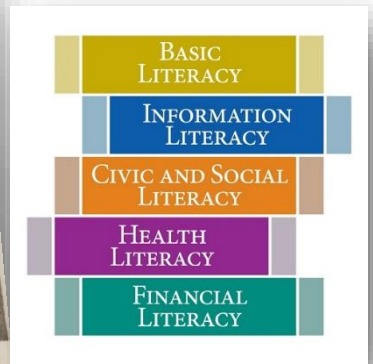
Looking Ahead to 2017

The Peters Township Public Library will celebrate its 60th Anniversary in October 2017! A new library logo is in the process of being designed and will be revealed this year. Having achieved the Bronze Star award in January, we will continue to pursue the PA Forward Gold Star Library certification with programs that support the five essential literacies introduced by the PA Library Association's new statewide initiative.

Our local focus on early literacy will bring together area pre-schools for a Preschool-A-Palooza to empower young families in their pre-school decision-making, and our second Pre-School & Kindergarten Educators' Tea is scheduled for late March. We are partnering with McMurray School to launch their first 4th Grade Battle of the Books competition. Our Family Activity Center will soon incorporate an interactive light board purchased with generous WCCF Day of Giving donations that will provide a new way to encourage creative family play.

The Thinking Money Financial Literacy Exhibition arrives in April, WWI and America programs will begin in August, and several author visits are scheduled throughout the coming year. Thanks to the financial support of The Peters Township Library Foundation, we will soon empower every individual of our community to virtually walk through our entire library 24/7 using Google's Interactive 360 degree mapping experience.

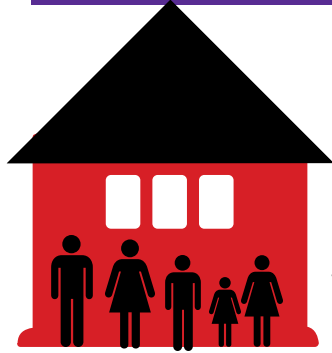
The PA Forward initiative has certainly captured our goals for 2017 very well with their statement - *With the right support, libraries are ideally positioned to become the community centers of information, technology, and learning that will fuel educational and economic opportunity for all of our citizens.*



2016

Peters Township Public Library BY THE NUMBERS

How the community used the library in 2016



167,471
Visitors to the library

353,162 Library items borrowed



73,080
Mobile sessions including access by iPhones or Android, laptops, tablets,



11,573
OverDrive downloads including eBooks and Audiobooks

31,030

music & magazine downloads
Using Freegal & Flipster



3,240
Volunteer hours



24,390
Children attended 1,030 programs



3,854
Teens attended 432 programs



6,273
Adults attended 364 programs



16,542
Questions answered



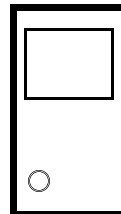
30,821

Uses of library public computers



4,592

Uses of study rooms



5 million+

Value of services and resources provided to the community

