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PETERS TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPENING BOOKS, DOORS AND MINDS

LIBRARY HOURS THROUGH SEPT. 8

Monday through Thursday	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sundays	Closed
Closed:	Monday, Sept. 7

Please check the library website at ptlibrary.org for library hours for the rest of September. Continue to check our website for changes or cancellations due to Covid-19.

DONATIONS KEEP THE PT LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM THRIVING

Preserving local history has been a goal of the Peters Township Public Library since its founding over 60 years ago. To go beyond clipping newspapers, in early 2003 the library staff began an Oral History Project with funding from Taste of the Township. The goal was to record and preserve the history of the township through audio interviews with past and present residents.

The library worked with the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center Oral History Service Department to conduct the interviews. By April 2004, the collaboration had produced twenty-two interviews. They reflected various facets of the history of Peters Township - farm life, education, government, recreation, transportation, churches, and industry. Next, the interviews were transcribed, edited, printed, bound, and added to the library's Local History Collection. You can search the library catalog for "Life in Peters Township: an oral history project" and request any of the bound volumes to check out and enjoy.

In the spring of 2008, a two-story addition expanded the building with space for a Local History Room on the second floor. Over the past 12 years, the room has acquired copies of the bound oral history interviews and many photographs and documents received from various donors. Along with several volunteers, Head Reference Librarian Margaret Deitzer and Information Technology Librarian Ed Wolf continue preserving the donations that tell the story of the township from the late 1700s to present.

Last year The Peters Township Library Foundation committed to channeling contributions received from the Washington County Community Foundation's Day of Giving toward the library's local

history efforts. This donation supported the ongoing work of library staff and archivist Carolyn Friedrich to make the collection searchable from anywhere in the world.



A recent donation from Edward and Janis Lybarger added extraordinary resources to the collections. The Lybarger family connection to the library began in

the 1950s with his mother, Alberta Myers Lybarger. As president of the Women's Club of Peters Township, her efforts helped to make the dream of a community library for the township become a reality. Their new donations cover topics like local schools, churches, civic organizations, businesses, and the development of the library through blueprints, photographs, newspapers, and artifacts. The library welcomes items like these to continue to document the past and present growth of Peters Township. Please call the library for more information.

The Lybargers have also financially supported The Peters Township Library Foundation, which continues to support this archival work, covering the costs of making this collection accessible to the public.



Is preserving Peters Township history important to you? The WCCF Day of Giving is Thursday, September 10, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Your online donation that day to The Peters Township Library Foundation continues to support our efforts to preserve, arrange, scan, digitize, and store our growing collection of Peters Township Local History. Your tax-deductible gift will also benefit programming and resources not covered by the library's operating budget. AND you will help us become eligible for added support from the WCCF's \$100,000 bonus pool.

Due to COVID-19, we are encouraging credit card contributions from the safety of your home on September 10. **Donors still wishing to give by check are asked to mail those checks directly to the WCCF.** Each check must be made payable to "WCCF" and be accompanied by an official WCCF Gives Check Contribution Form. For more details about making your donation, visit the library web site.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

New programs you and the kiddos won't want to miss! Please register online at ptlibrary.org/events.

MAKE AND TAKE MONDAYS

Aug. 3, 10, 17, and 24

Stop in the Youth Services Department for an exciting DIY craft activity to take home and create. One kit per child while supplies last!

VIRTUAL NIGHT WITH WQED: DINOSAUR TRAIN

Thursday, Aug. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Join us on Facebook or YouTube any time after 6:30 p.m. for an entertaining storytime and activities featuring Dinosaur Train. Register online and we will have a FREE Dinosaur Train activity packet for you to pick up to go along with the program.

BACKYARD CAMPING STORYTIMES



Tuesdays, Aug. 4, 11, 18
10:30 to 11 a.m.

We would love to see you in the library's backyard for an outdoor storytime. Bring a blanket or sleeping bag to sit on as you enjoy stories, take-home crafts, and songs. Registration required. Limited to 14 kids plus one caregiver each. Caregivers and siblings that will be attending must register too online at ptlibrary.org/events. This program will be offered with social distancing and masks are required to participate.

LEGO CHALLENGE!

Thursday, Aug. 6: Bag pickup date

All ages are welcome to join us for a community-wide LEGO Challenge. We will give you a FREE bag of random LEGO pieces for you to create a castle. Post a picture and brief description of your creation on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or e-mail it to Shannon Pauley at spauley@pt-library.org for a chance to win an Amazon gift card. You must register at ptlibrary.org/events to pick up your bag of LEGO pieces on Thursday, August 6. Limit one bag per participant. The deadline for all submissions is Friday, August 14.

VIRTUAL PIRATE STORYTIME



Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.

Ahoy me hearties! All hands on deck for our yearly celebration of Talk Like a Pirate Day. Buccaneers and landlubbers can join us for stories, crafts, and a treasure hunt. Don't be marooned! Avast ye to our website for all the scuttlebutt and registration details!

Especially for Tweens & Teens

VIRTUAL DIY RECYCLED T-SHIRT BAG

Friday, Aug. 7, 1 p.m.

Got too many t-shirts? Learn how you can transform one into a new bag! Tune in to the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or the library's YouTube channel for all the how-to steps!

TEEN DIY MANTRA BANNERS

Friday, August 14: Kit pick up day

Stay motivated all summer and into the school year with your own mantra banner. We have a whole kit for you to decorate a canvas banner with your personal motivational message! Be sure to register to reserve your supplies. We will send you a confirmation email with the details to pick up your craft kit. Limited to 20 teens/tweens.

TEEN DIY DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Monday, Aug. 10: Kit pick up day

Swing by the library to grab your D & D craft kit and get creative. Use the clay we provide to sculpt your own dragon and decorate a dragon egg too. Be sure to register to reserve your supplies. We will send you a confirmation email with the details to pick up your craft kit. Limited to 20 teens/tweens.

VIRTUAL SAT CRASH COURSE

Aug. 10, 11, 12, and 13, 6 to 7 p.m.

\$150 per student

The Peters Township Public Library will once again be partnering with the Huntington Learning Center to offer a SAT Crash Course to prepare for the August 29 or later SAT exam. This program will be facilitated by a certified teacher and will focus on specific skills needed for the SAT including: time management, evidence-based reading, grammar and language mechanics, strategies for calculator and no calculator sections. The program will be held in four, one-hour sessions via Zoom*. Registration is required. Please visit or call the library to make a payment by credit card.

TRY THESE HOMEWORK HELPERS!

Available at ptlibrary.org/resources



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ADULT PROGRAMS

Register online at the library's website at ptlibrary.org or by email at programs@ptlibrary.org. Please include name of program, name of participant, and phone number.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT



Thursday, Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m.

This program is a virtual webinar.

Presented by: Jayeann Harr, Higher Education Access Partner with PHEAA

Discover the ins and outs of how to pay for college at our annual College Financial Aid Night. Jayeann Harr will present a webinar to discuss a variety of methods to finance a college education. She will describe all federal and PA-state financial aid programs, scholarships, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) application process. We invite high school students and their parents to attend this free virtual program. You will need to register online at ptlibrary.org/events to receive the access codes to attend the program.

HOSPICE 101

Thursday, Aug. 27, 6 to 7 p.m.

This virtual program will be offered via Zoom.

The field of healthcare is constantly changing. Many myths and misconceptions surround hospice. Join us online via Zoom* to hear a thorough review of the hospice Medicare benefit and clear up any misunderstandings about this specific entitlement. This event is sponsored by a grant from the McElhattan Foundation. You will need to register online at ptlibrary.org/events to receive the access codes for the program.

Library-Sponsored Clubs

The majority of library-sponsored clubs are currently on pause. We have limited space available to participate in two book discussion groups via Zoom.

EVENING BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

You will need to register online at ptlibrary.org/events to receive the access codes to participate in these book discussions.

Aug. 12, 7 p.m.: *Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest and the Music that Made America* by Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw

Sept. 9, 7 p.m.: *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

You will need to register online at ptlibrary.org/events to receive the access codes to participate in these book discussions.

Aug. 19, 1 p.m.: *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure

Sept. 16, 1 p.m.: *Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest and the Music that Made America* by Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw

Curbside Pickup Service Available By Appointment



We continue to offer Curbside Pickup Service to our readers who prefer not to enter the library building. Place your requests online through the WAGGIN catalog using the link at the top of our website at ptlibrary.org. You can also call the library to place a hold during library hours. Please leave a message if a staff member is not available for your call. When you receive an email notification that your item is ready, please call 724.941.9430 #1 to let us know you would like to schedule a curbside pickup. We have designated spaces in our parking lot for this service. A library staff member will wear a mask and deliver your items in a bag directly to your trunk.

Computer Classes

The Peters Township Public Library offers a variety of virtual computer and technology programs. These programs will take place in Zoom*. You can find our current schedule of programs by visiting ptlibrary.org/events. Under the Events Category dropdown, select Computer Classes. To register for a class, just click on a class title and scroll down. Beneath the class description will be a Register button. After you register online, you will receive a Zoom meeting invitation before the start of the program. If you don't see a Register button, that class is already full. But don't worry, we will likely be offering another session in the following weeks! Here is a sample of some of the topics covered in our classes with Information Technology Librarian Ed Wolf:

DEVICES & APPS

Do you need a little extra help learning how to use your phone/tablet or have questions about just how something works? Get personalized support navigating your new (or old) device with Information Technology Librarian Ed Wolf. This is a virtual question-and-answer based program with no set agenda—so have your questions ready!

INTRO TO MS EXCEL



Attend a virtual small-group session with Information Technology Librarian Ed Wolf covering the basics of Microsoft Excel. This class will cover creating a spreadsheet, working with rows and columns, customization, and an introduction to formulas.

INTRO TO MS POWERPOINT

Attend a virtual small-group session with Information Technology Librarian Ed Wolf to learn how to create basic and effective PowerPoint presentations—complete with charts, pictures and eye-catching animations with Microsoft PowerPoint.

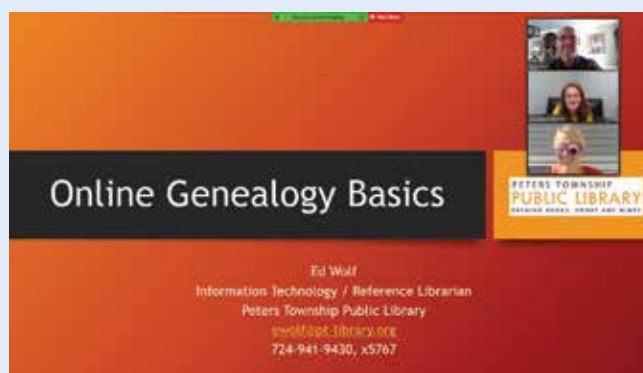
INTRO TO MS PUBLISHER

Attend a virtual small-group session with Information Technology Librarian Ed Wolf to learn about the basics of creating and designing posters, flyers, cards, and other types of graphic materials with Microsoft Publisher.

INTRO TO MS WORD

Attend a virtual small-group session with Information Technology Librarian Ed Wolf covering the basics of Microsoft Word. This class will cover creating and saving documents, navigating the toolbars, and different ways of customizing your information.

ONLINE GENEALOGY BASICS



Turn your stay-at-home time into the perfect find-your-family time with a lesson in genealogy research. Attend a virtual small-group session with Information Technology Librarian Ed Wolf and discover how to use the 3 online resources offered at ptlibrary.org with your Peters Township Library card – Ancestry, Heritage, and Family Search. Start to discover your family story by learning more about the basic features each offers.

**If you're not familiar with Zoom...*

Zoom is an online meeting software available as a free desktop (for Windows, MacOS, and Linux Operating systems) or mobile application for Android and Apple iOS devices. Once Zoom is installed, you will be able to join the virtual Library program using the invitation link we send you.

Because the librarian facilitating the event will not be able to provide live technical support during the virtual program, it is strongly encouraged you familiarize yourself with Zoom in advance of the program. You can also join a test meeting to familiarize yourself with Zoom. For more in-depth instructions please visit the Zoom support page on joining a meeting.

NEW SERVICES FOR PTPL LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS!

Get help preparing your child for kindergarten!

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For ages
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For ages
10 thru adult

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