



PETERS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

MONTHLY REPORT

AUGUST 2020

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PROGRAMMING

We wrapped up our first-ever Virtual Summer Reading Program in August. The Youth Services Department used the Reader Zone app and website, which was **funded by The Peters Township Library Foundation**. There were 404 participants from Birth through Adults who read a total of 6,983 books and 294,804 minutes.

In early August, as part of a survey to help with fall program planning, the Youth Services Department received positive feedback from our patrons about the new app and the virtual summer programs offered.

Shannon and Linda provided our first-since-COVID-19 in person storytime! For two weeks in a row, they **hosted a Backyard Camping Storytime**. Families came with blankets to social distance on the library lawn while our masked team members read stories and played games. We had many more participants arrive than the numbered registered, but our staff accommodated them because the program was outdoors.

On Thursday evening, August 27, Sydney and Carrie hosted a Zoom session for an informative presentation about hospice. Steve Illig of Family Hospice, a non profit organization that is part of UPMC, was the guest presenter. He discussed the services and programs that Family Hospice offers for persons with a life-limiting illness and their caregivers. **All the attendees were grateful to have learned more about these services** that are a benefit with Medicare.

Summer Reading Feedback

"The summer programs were awesome. My 3 1/2-year-old had so much fun with the packets and loved the STEM activities. The other paperwork also was a huge help to me so I didn't have to come up with activities and lessons for him every day. I can't say enough about how great the library staff has been putting all of these programs together." -Susan F.

"We love our library! Truly, you go over and above for us. We have appreciated the flexibility that was built into your summer programs." - Brittany S.





COLORING CONTEST PRESENTED BY **cfsbank**

Design your very own **DOLLAR BILL**

TEN lucky winners will receive a backpack full of school supplies!

Bring your finished dollar bill to PT Library or cfsbank by **AUGUST 21, 2020** to enter to win

This contest is open to all school age children. Please include parent's name and phone number on the back of the coloring sheet. This information will only be used for the purpose of contacting the winners. Contact Danielle Maurer at (724) 483-3566 with any questions.

STAFFING

In August, a new library intern joined our staff. Alexa Bove, who volunteered and worked at the library during her high school years, is a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh with a major in English. We are thrilled to have her back. We also hired a new library assistant for the Library Services Desk, welcoming Darla Grant. Darla is enthusiastic and excited to be a part of our team, and her past library experience will be a great benefit to the library.

All library staff is going above and beyond to provide excellent service to our visitors while following safety precautions to help keep the community safe during the pandemic.

The Library Services Team at the Circulation Desk warmly welcomes our guests while continuing the effort to monitor mask usage. Ed and Stephanie are providing excellent support as needed on the 2nd-floor computers while maintaining social distancing. Our Youth Services Staff is providing engaging storytimes and programs on several virtual platforms. The DIY kits they create and assemble to go along with most programs are very much in demand.

And through **funding from The Peters Township Library Foundation**, Margaret is able to work with a local archivist consultant to get the Local History Room in tip-top shape. It has been important project for the Reference Department.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The library partnered with our neighbor, **cfsbank**, to provide a coloring contest for kids in the community. **cfsbank** provided the coloring sheets, and our Youth Services team created coloring kits for kids to take home and use to color their dollar bill entry form.

VISITS TO THE LIBRARY

With the start of school, the library opened the Teen Room and Family Activity Center for browsing the collection. **The number of visitors to the library continues to increase** every month since we reopened our doors. New patron registrations continue to grow, **with 96 new patrons in August**. As in-person visits to the library have increased, visits to our website are declining. However, the circulation of our digital resources is staying steady overall, with OverDrive decreasing and Kanopy and Flipster usage increasing. **In August we saw the highest usage of Kanopy ever!**