



# PETERS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

## MONTHLY REPORT

### SEPTEMBER 2020

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## PROGRAMMING

Currently the library is hosting two in-person programs. For the months of September, October, and November; Youth Services is offering an outdoor storytime at the Amphitheater in Peterswood Park. Our September program hosted 23 people.

And, the Roots Genealogy Club is meeting once a month at a pavillion in Peterswood Park. The library was able to set that up for them and they are grateful to have the opportunity to meet in person.

Our Evening and Afternoon Book Clubs continue to meet virtually through Zoom. The members of the book club are happy with the Zoom platform. These two library book clubs have been meeting virtually since COVID-19 started without missing a day!

Our virtual computer classes started back up in September with good attendance. Ed Wolf has also been offering one-on-one instruction via Zoom.

The end of the month brought Banned Books Week which we highlighted with a display, shelf talkers pointing out banned books, and Sydney Krawiec created a video (with the help of staff members Ed Wolf, Sue Miller, and Mary Kipling) explaining what Banned Books week is, and why we recognize it every year.

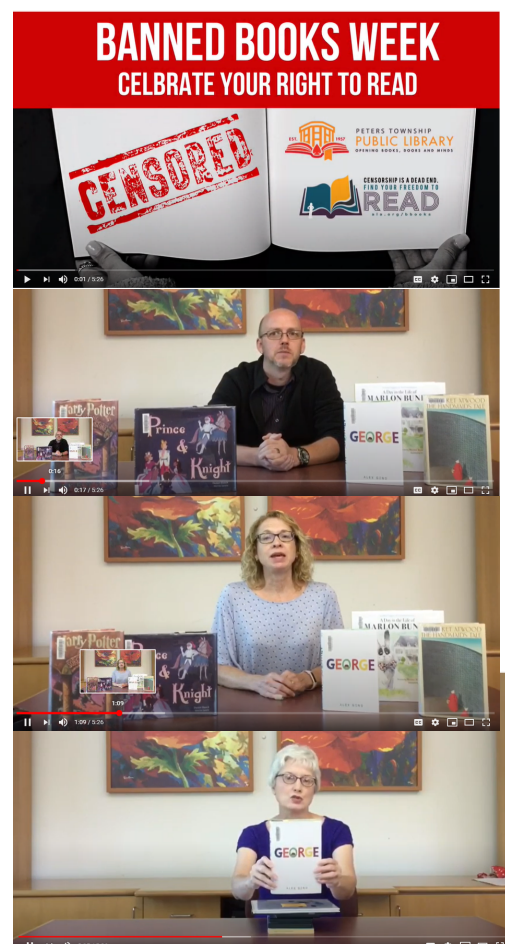
## PROGRAM ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER:

**Adult:** 18 programs with 91 in attendance

**Young Adult:** 4 programs with 22,304 in attendance\*

**Children:** 44 programs with 1,429 in attendance

**\*22,271 uses of the Hogwarts Virtual Escape Room**



## FALL bucket list 2020



## STAFFING

Library staff continues to go above and beyond to provide **excellent service** to our visitors while following safety precautions to help keep the community safe during the pandemic.

Sue Miller, Ed Wolf, Shannon Pauley and Linda Esposito continue to monitor the PA Power **Chat with a Librarian** service. We have also added Stephanie Shultz, Mary Kipling, Patty Hartenbach, and Sydney Krawiec to the WAGGIN Chat queue.

In September, after an interviewing process, a new library director was chosen. In October the library will welcome **Lacey Love**. Ms. Love is the library director of the Bradford Library and brings with her over 5 years of public library director experience.

## STATISTICS

Circulation of physical items continues to **increase**, while circulation of electronic materials decreases slightly.

Website use, as well as website users and sessions, is up from last month.

Visits to the library stays steady this month, with school back in session.

Reference questions in September **increased 14%** since August. Much of that increase is from the number on staff using the WAGGIN Chat with a Librarian Service, where patrons can chat live with a Peters Township or WAGGIN librarian to find answers to reference questions and help with their library account.

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