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# Peters Township

## Family TREE

'Tis the season  
to head to a local  
**Christmas tree farm**

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
OPENING BOOKS, DOORS AND MINDS

#### LIBRARY HOURS

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 all day:** Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020  
Friday, Dec. 25, 2020  
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2021

**Close at 4 p.m.:** Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020

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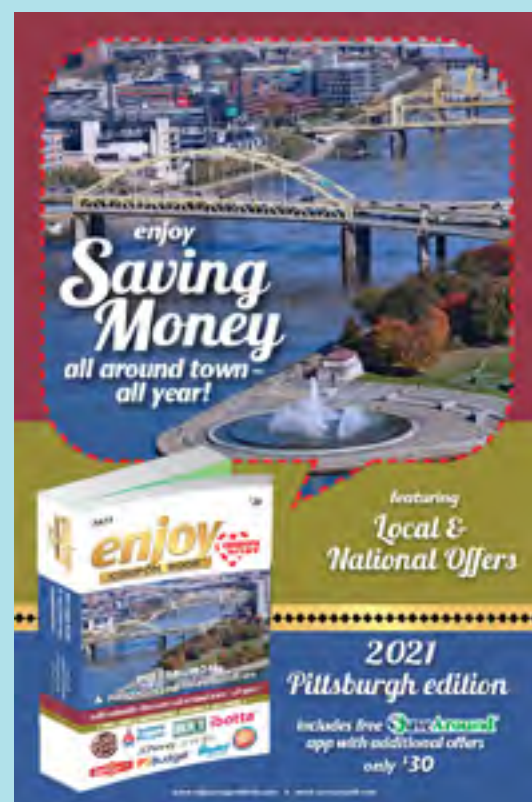
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The Peters Township Library Foundation is sponsoring the sale of the "Enjoy 2021 Coupon Books." If you buy a book this year, you can download the free SaveAround® app that includes more offers to use all around town and across the country! Coupon books are available at the Library Services Desk for \$30 each. Proceeds benefit The Peters Township Library Foundation.

**Keep up-to-date about library news and programs!**



Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter @ [tiny.cc/ptplnews](http://tiny.cc/ptplnews).



# PTPL WINTER READING CHALLENGE

FRIDAY, JAN. 1 TO SUNDAY, FEB. 28, 2021

**One Adult winner and one Youth winner  
will be awarded a Kindle Paperwhite eReader!**

Readers of ALL AGES! Whether you are reading for fun or for school, reading for work or to your little one, you can make your reading count toward our library goal of 250,000 minutes! Log your reading in the Reader Zone app or online at [readerzone.com](http://readerzone.com). (Program Code b9df5)



*After the Decluttering Has Occurred...*

## What's Next?

*with Jill Yesko, Certified Professional Organizer  
and owner of Discover Organizing Inc.*

**Saturday, January 9, 2021  
at 10 a.m. via Zoom**

Registration is required at  
[ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to receive the  
Zoom access link to this session.





# YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

Visit the library events calendar at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to register for a program or to reserve a program kit.

## Virtual Holiday Programming

### ELF ON THE SHELF STORYTIME VIA ZOOM

Thursday, Dec. 3, 6:15 p.m.



The Elf on the Shelf is BACK. Join Ms. Shannon for an exciting storytime via Zoom and then search for the Elf when you visit the library! Registration is required online to reserve a free Elf on the Shelf activity kit and to receive the Zoom

access link. Limited to 20 participants.

### DIY HOLIDAY ORNAMENT

Monday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.

We have put together a beautiful holiday ornament kit for you to pick up, take home, make, and display. Registration is required online to reserve your instructions and supplies. Ms. Linda will post a how-to video on the PTPL Youth Service's Facebook page and the library's YouTube channel. Limited to 25 participants.

### A STORYTIME FOR HANUKKAH

Friday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m.



Ms. Linda celebrates the Hanukkah season as she shares the book *I Have A Little Dreidel* by Maxie Baum. Registration is required online to reserve a DIY dreidel kit. This video will be available on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page and the library's YouTube channel. Limited to 20 participants.

### EDIBLE HOLIDAY TREATS

Monday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Oh, the holidays – cookies, candies, and chocolates! Registration is required online to reserve a kit to make your own edible treat. Instructions and supplies will be included with the kit or watch Ms. Linda take you through the steps. Watch her video on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or the library's YouTube channel. Limited to 25 participants.

### THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS VIA ZOOM

Monday, Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Watch Ms. Linda via Zoom as she reads the classic poem *The Night Before Christmas* by Clement Clarke Moore. Santa will stop by for a visit as he takes a break during the busiest time of the year! Registration is required online to receive the Zoom access link. Limited to 20 families.

### FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHTS VIA FB LIVE

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 6 p.m. – Holiday Movie Trivia

Join Ms. Sydney on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page for a monthly fun-filled FB Live, family-friendly trivia night! Is your family full of holiday movie experts? You will have to come up with the answers quickly if you want to win a prize in this fast-paced game!

## Virtual Winter Programming

### TAKE AND MAKE MONDAYS

Visit the Youth Services Department every Monday to pick up an exciting DIY craft! Our library staff designed these activity kits for you to take home and spend creative time together. One kit per child while supplies last. No registration needed.



### ONE MINDFUL MOMENT MONDAYS

For all ages

Mondays, Jan. 11 to March 4, 9 a.m.

Start your week off with Ms. Linda for a stretch, a child's yoga pose, a story, and mantra for the week. These calm 10 minutes will set the tone for a peaceful, mindful week. Watch the videos on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or the library's YouTube channel.

### STEM SATURDAYS

For all ages

Saturdays, Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and Jan. 23, 10 a.m.

Watch Ms. Linda's videos while joining in with your free STEM kit. Videos will be posted on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or watch them when convenient on the library's YouTube channel. Registration is required online to reserve your kit for each program. Limited to 25 participants for each session. Dec. 12 – Tissue Paper Magic, Jan. 9 – Fake Snow, and Jan. 23 – Melting Snowmen.



### CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE BOOK CLUB

The CYOA Book Club is for readers in Grades 2 and 3. Join Ms. Sydney as we read a different adventure each month and



YOU help to shape the ending of the story! These readers will be most successful when attending the club meeting with an adult.

**Saturday, Dec. 19, 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Space Pup**

You are best friends with your cat and dog who happen to be able to talk. Do you go with them to visit the moon or visit Paris with a school friend? Either way, it's an adventure you can help shape as we explore the 9 possible endings together! Registration is required online before Friday, December 18 to receive the Zoom access link. Limited to 20 participants. Register one person per family.

**Saturday, Jan. 16, 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Your Very Own Robot**

Your scientist parents have left a few too many robot pieces lying around, but do you know enough to construct your own? Will you be able to control the robot or will it take over the school? Either way, it's an adventure you can help shape as we explore the 12 possible endings together! Registration is required online before Friday, January 15 to receive the Zoom access link. Limited to 20 participants. Register one person per family.

**LUNCH BREAK STORYTIMES**

*Suggested for ages 2 to 7 years old*

*Monday through Thursday, 12 noon*

*Beginning Jan. 11 through March 4, kit pick up begins*

*Friday, Jan. 8*

Join us for video storytimes with Ms. Linda, Ms. Patty, Ms. Shannon, and Ms. Sydney. We will share an adventure each week as we explore a different theme. Videos will be posted on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page at noon, or you can watch them when is convenient on the library's YouTube channel. Registration is required online to reserve your weekly kit of activities for pickup. Limited to 24 weekly kits.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR TIME**

*For all ages*

*Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.*

*Beginning Jan. 11 through March 5*

Ms. Shannon would love to be part of your morning routine with your littles at home. During these weekday video visits, she will talk about the day of the week, the weather, and sing songs. Join her every morning at 10 a.m. or watch when is convenient for you. Ms. Shannon will post her videos weekdays on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page and the library's YouTube channel.

**BOOK BABIES**

*Suggested for ages Birth to 15 months*

*Tuesdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 2, Feb. 16, and March 2, 11 a.m.*

Have fun with Ms. Patty and giggle with your precious baby from the comfort of your home. We will listen and dance together to your favorite childhood songs. Sign up at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) for the January 19 session to register your little one for the entire series and to reserve your kit for a one-time pickup at the library. Only registered participants will receive directions via email to access the scheduled videos.

**MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME**

*Suggested for ages 1 to 2 ½ years*

*Tuesdays, Jan. 19, Feb. 2, Feb. 16, and March 2, 11 a.m.*

Moms and Dads! Spend some quality time in your home with your little one. You and your child will sing and work on fine and gross motor skills with Ms. Patty's help. Sign up at

[ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) for the January 19 session to register your little one for the entire series and to reserve your kit for a one-time pickup at the library. Only registered participants will receive directions via email to access the scheduled videos.

**FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHTS VIA FB LIVE**

*Tuesday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m. – Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Join Ms. Sydney on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page for a monthly fun-filled FB Live, family-friendly trivia night! How much do you know about civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.? You will have to come up with the answers quickly if you want to win a prize in this fast-paced game!



**HOT CHOCOLATE BINGO VIA ZOOM**

*Monday, Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m.*

Put on your comfy jammies, get your hot chocolate ready, curl up, and play a few rounds of Bingo via Zoom with Ms. Linda. Registration is required online to receive the Hot Chocolate Bingo Kit and the Zoom access link. Limited to 20 participants.

**Teen/Tween Programs**

**TEEN BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM**

*For Grades 9 and up*

*Thursday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m.*



*Fans of Divergent, Delirium, or The Wrath & the Dawn!* Let Ms. Shannon introduce you to the first book in the Selection series called *The Selection* by Keira Cass. For thirty-five girls, the Selection is the chance of a lifetime. The opportunity to escape a rigid caste system, live in a palace, and compete for the heart of gorgeous Prince Maxon. But for America Singer, being Selected is a nightmare. It means turning her back on her secret love with Aspen, who is

a caste below her, and competing for a crown she doesn't want. We will discuss the book at a Zoom session on December 10 at 6 p.m. Registration is required online to receive the Zoom access link. The first three readers that register will receive a free copy of the book.

# Winter Bucket List



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COZY SWEATER



GO ICE SKATING



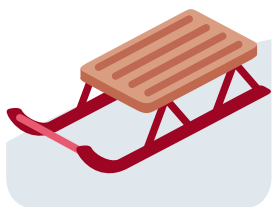
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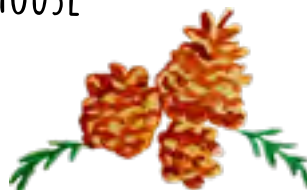
WEAR A  
WARM  
SCARF



GO FOR A  
SLED RIDE



DONATE TO THE  
FOOD PANTRY



GATHER  
PINECONES



GET A HOLIDAY BOOK  
AT THE LIBRARY



HANG A  
WREATH ON  
YOUR DOOR



DRINK SOME  
HOT COCOA



CATCH A  
SNOWFLAKE  
ON YOUR  
TONGUE



BAKE  
COOKIES



BUILD A  
PUZZLE



WRITE A LETTER TO  
AN OLD FRIEND



MAKE A SNOWMAN



LISTEN TO  
HOLIDAY MUSIC



GO FOR A WALK  
IN THE SNOW



**YULE BALL BINGO VIA ZOOM***For ages 9 and up**Thursday, Dec. 17, 7 to 7:30 p.m.*

Join Ms. Sydney for some HP bingo and trivia! Feel free to dress up for the Yule Ball or wear your muggle attire – either way, you are going to have a MAGICAL TIME. Registration is required online by Tuesday, December 15 to pick up your bingo supplies and receive Zoom access link. Limited to 20 participants.

**HAMILTON SINGALONG & TRIVIA VIA ZOOM***For ages 9 and up**Thursday, Jan. 14, 7 to 7:30 p.m.*

Join Ms. Sydney online as we sing along to Hamilton and answer trivia questions for a chance to win prizes! Registration is required online before Thursday, January 14 to receive Zoom access link. Limited to 20 participants.

**TWEEN WINTER BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM***For ages 9 to 13*

Join Ms. Linda as you read *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill beginning on Monday, January 25. In this 2017 Newbery medal winner, Luna, after being raised by a witch, must figure out how to handle the magical powers she was accidentally given. She must control her powers before it's too late. We will discuss the book via Zoom on Thursday, February 25 at 4:30 p.m. Registration is required online to receive the Zoom access link and activities prior

to the discussion. The first five tweens to register receive a free copy of the book. Limited to 10 participants.

**TWEEN/TEEN DIY ACTIVITIES**

Registration is required online to reserve your free kit. Register today - supplies are limited! Limited to 12 kits for each activity.

**Holiday Sharpie Mugs***Kit pickup begins Friday, Dec. 4*

Decorate mugs using sharpies! Your free kit includes a mug, sharpies, and baking instructions.

**Holiday Charm Bracelets***Kit pickup begins Friday, Dec. 18*

This free DIY Charm Bracelet kit would make a great gift!

**DIY Mini Macramé Wall Hanging***Kit pickup begins Friday, Jan. 8*

Follow easy step-by-step instructions to create a beautiful mini macramé wall hanging.

**DIY Water Color Painting***Kit pickup begins Friday, Jan. 15*

Create your own mini watercolor painting! Kit includes a mini canvas and a pack of watercolors.

**DIY T-Shirt Scarves***Friday, Jan. 29, 4 p.m.*

Tune in on the PTL Youth Services Facebook page and the library's YouTube channel as Ms. Shannon shows you how to make a scarf out of gently-used T-Shirt.

# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

**Visit the library events calendar at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to register for a program or to reserve a program kit.**

*Thursday, Dec. 10, 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom*

Join Anne Marie Oyler, Pittsburgh history buff and founder of the Paul Riis Legacy Preservation Group for a lively discussion on the historic structures and landscapes in South Park that were designed by Paul B. Riis. Riis was a Swiss-born landscape architect who served as the first director of South and North Park. Oyler will discuss little-known facts about the Cascades, the Vale of Cashmere, Spreading Oak, the Totem Pole Lodge, the toboggan run, Silent Brook, Corrigan Drive Swimming Pool, South Park Golf Course, Nevin and Edgebrook Shelters, the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, and other interesting structures within the park. This program is suitable for adults and teens. Oyler is the author of *Historic Structures and Landscapes in South Park - Allegheny County Parks: A Walking Driving Tour* and *Monuments of South Park - Allegheny County Parks: A Walking Tour*.

**DIY TISSUE PAPER POMPOMS VIA ZOOM***Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.*

Add to your holiday décor by making festive Tissue Paper Pompoms. Registrants will receive supplies and instructions to access the CreativeBug video detailing how to complete the project. You can follow the instructions or you can join us for a



live Zoom session where we make them together! Registration is required online before Monday, December 14 to pick up your kit and receive the Zoom access link. Limited to 25 participants.



### DIY BATH BOMBS VIA ZOOM

*Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.*

Start the New Year off by learning a relaxing new skill and creating your own Bath Bombs. You will receive all the supplies and instructions you need for this easy craft. Follow the instructions yourself or join us for a live Zoom session where we make them together! Registration is required online before Monday, January 11 to pick up your kit and receive the Zoom access link. Limited to 25 participants.



*Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. via Zoom*

Join Richard Condon via Zoom as he shares fascinating photographs and stories related to Western Pennsylvania's role in the American Civil War - from Allegheny Arsenal to the Civil War defenses of Pittsburgh. Richard Condon is a public historian from Western Pennsylvania, currently living in the South Carolina Lowcountry. For nine years, he has worked with a multitude of sites and organizations, including The Battle of Franklin Trust, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, and Flight 93 National Memorial. He is currently serving as a Park Ranger at Reconstruction Era National Historical Park in Beaufort County, South Carolina. Condon is the founder of *Civil War Pittsburgh* and contributor to the *Pennsylvania in the Civil War* blog, which both focus on education and preservation regarding Pennsylvania's role in the American Civil War. Registration is required at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to receive the Zoom access link to this discussion.

## Library-Sponsored Clubs

### EVENING BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

*Please call the Reference Department at 724.941.9430 #2 for more information.*

**Wednesday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m.**

*A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg*



Deep in the southernmost part of Alabama, along the banks of a lazy winding river, lies the sleepy little community known as Lost River, a place that time itself seems to have forgotten. After a startling diagnosis from his doctor, Oswald T. Campbell leaves behind the cold and damp of the oncoming Chicago winter to spend what he believes will be his last Christmas in the warm and welcoming town of Lost River.

**Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.**

*Inheriting Edith by Zoe Fishman*



For years, Maggie Sheets has been an invisible hand in the glittering homes of wealthy New York City clients, scrubbing, dusting, mopping, and doing all she can to keep her head above water as a single mother. Everything changes when a former employer dies leaving Maggie a staggering inheritance. A house in Sag Harbor. The catch? It comes with an inhabitant: The deceased's eighty-two-year old mother Edith.

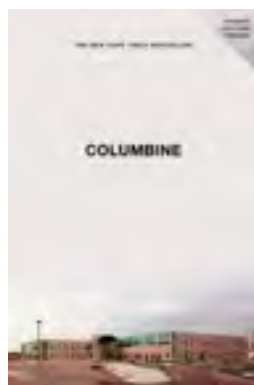
### AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

*Please call the Reference Department at 724.941.9430 #2 for more information.*

*No meeting in December.*

**Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m.**

*Columbine by David Cullen*

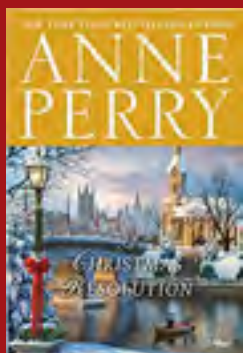


"On April 20, 1999, two boys left an indelible stamp on the American psyche. Their goal was simple: to blow up their school and to leave a lasting impression on the world." Their bombs failed, but the ensuing shooting defined a new era of school violence ... Dave Cullen delivers a profile of teenage killers that goes to the heart of psychopathology.

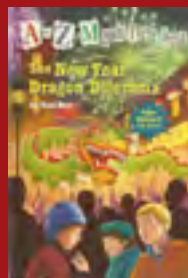
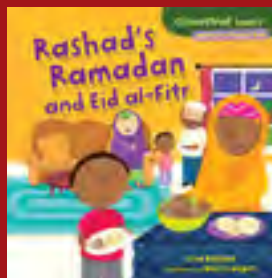
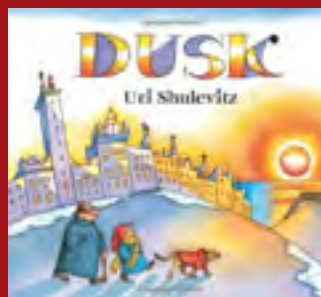
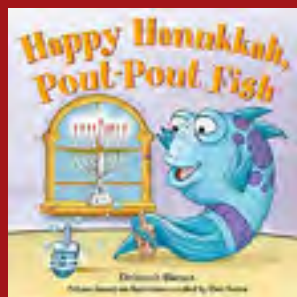


# NEW HOLIDAY BOOKS!

## Fiction for Adults



## Fiction for Children



Visit our library soon to see all the holiday books we have for you!