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# Peters Township

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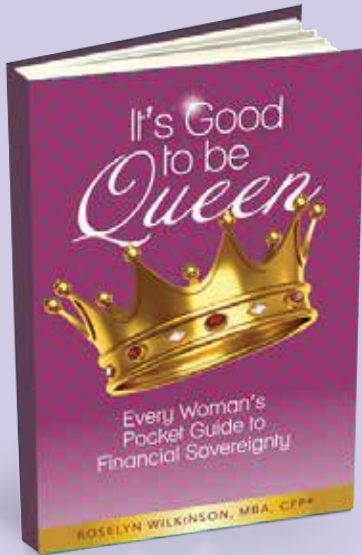
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# YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMMING



Visit the library events calendar at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to register for a program or to reserve a program kit. Winter Session programs are currently in session through Friday, March 5. Spring Session will run for 8 weeks, March 29 through May 21. Registration for Spring programs will begin online on Monday, March 8.

## Virtual Holiday Programming

### PINKALICIOUS VALENTINE'S PARTY VIA ZOOM

Thursday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.



If you could, would you like to live in a perfectly pink world? Join Ms. Shannon for a pinktastic evening of Pinkalicious stories, games, and more as we celebrate Valentine's Day together! Registration is required online to reserve a kit that includes a DIY Sock Puppet Activity and to receive the Zoom meeting invitation. Make your puppet BEFORE the program to share your creation! Four lucky friends will receive a FREE copy of the book *Pinkalicious Pink of Hearts*. Limit to 24 Kits.

### LEPRECHAUN TRAPS 101 VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, March 16, 7 p.m.

Let's get ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! We will provide a kit for your family to create an elaborate or simple trap for a Leprechaun – you decide. Then join Ms. Sydney on Zoom to read *How to Trap a Leprechaun*. Share your trap during the program and all the features you have included. Registration is required online to reserve a kit to build a trap and to receive the Zoom meeting invitation. Only one registrant and kit per family. Limited to 30 families.

### FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT VIA FB LIVE

Tuesday, March 16, 6 p.m. – Lucky Trivia

Join Ms. Sydney on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page for a monthly fun-filled FB Live, family-friendly trivia night! You and your family can see what Leprechaun lore you know as you answer questions about Irish traditions that influence our current St Patrick's Day Celebrations.

### DRIVE-THRU REVERSE EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 27, 2 to 4 p.m. OR Sunday, March 28, 2 to 4 p.m.



We have a special treat for you...Our fluffy, friendly, Easter bunny FOUND eggs for YOU! Drive through the library parking lot and grab your bag of eggs. Wave to the bunny as you go by. No, you will not be driving in reverse! We will GIVE you the eggs so you won't have to FIND them! Please bring a nonperishable food item for the food bank in exchange for your eggs and goodies. Registration is REQUIRED. To register for your 15-minute time-slot, call the Youth Services Department at 724.941.9430 #3

beginning Monday, March 15 at 10 a.m.

## Virtual Winter Programming

### ONE MINDFUL MOMENT MONDAYS

For all ages

Mondays through March 1, 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.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR TIME

For all ages

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. 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 weekly videos on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page and the library's YouTube channel.

### LUNCHBREAK STORYTIMES

Suggested for ages 2 to 7 years old

Monday through Thursday, 12 noon through March 4

Kit pick up begins the Thursday before each new weekly session



Join us for a daily storytime 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 watch them when convenient on the library's YouTube channel. Register online at [ptlibrary.org/](http://ptlibrary.org/)

events to reserve your weekly kit of activities for pickup. Limited to 24 weekly kits.

Week of Feb. 1 – Groundhogs

Week of Feb. 8 – Valentine's Day

Week of Feb. 15 – Penguins

Week of Feb. 22 – Being Kind

Week of Mar. 1 – Pigs! March 1 is National Pig Day

## NEW MONTH, NEW BOOK UNBOXING

*For the whole family*

*First Monday of the Month, 11:30 a.m.*

Moms! Dads! Kiddos! Get a sneak peek at what will be hitting the shelves in PTPL Youth Services Department. Join Ms. Linda on February 1 and March 1 as she opens the box filled with new arrivals. She will take you through a book talk of each so you can pick the ones you might like to reserve and read. Videos will be posted on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or watch them when convenient on the library's YouTube channel.

## BOOK BABIES

*Suggested for ages Birth to 15 months*

*Tuesdays, 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 February 2 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, 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 February 2 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.

## TINY TUNES MUSIC

*Suggested for toddlers and up*

*Second Monday of the Month, 12 noon*

This energetic program features playing and learning about music with Ms. Linda. Register online to reserve your kit that accompanies each program. Videos will be posted on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or watch them when convenient on the library's YouTube channel.

**Monday, Feb. 8** – *Music is Love*. Pick up a kit beginning Monday, February 1 to make something musical to play along and learn some "I love you" songs. Limited to 24 kits.

**Monday, March 8** – *Music March*. Pick up your stick kit beginning Monday, March 1 to design and use while you march along and learn a song or two for St. Patrick's Day. Limited to 24 kits.

## STEM SATURDAYS

*Suggested for Grade 1 and up*

*Saturdays, Feb. 13 and March 13, 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 24 participants for each session.

Feb. 13 – Grow Giant Crystal Hearts, March 13 – Math Games with Cards

## FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHTS VIA FB LIVE

*For the whole family*

*Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m. – Sweet Tooth Trivia*



Join Ms. Sydney on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page for a monthly fun-filled FB Live, family-friendly trivia night! How many sweet teeth do you have? Test your tooth's knowledge of Valentine's sweets in February's trivia.

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE BOOK

### CLUB VIA ZOOM

The CYOA Book Club is for readers in 2nd and 3rd Grade. 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 with an adult. Register by the Friday before each meeting to receive the Zoom meeting invite. Limited to 20 participants.

*Saturday, Feb. 13, 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Your Very Own Robot Goes Cuckoo-Bananas!*

Your parents are inventors, and one day you rescued a robot from the trash that they didn't want anymore. You had a lot of fun with him, but boy did he make things go crazy! Your parents weren't too happy about your robot adventures, but you really miss your friend. Can you trust him to behave himself, or is he about to go cuckoo-bananas in front of all your friends?

*Saturday, March 13, 10 to 10:30 a.m. – Monsters of the Deep*

Your older brother and sister are deep-sea explorers who have made exciting discoveries in the ocean. They discovered the ancient Lost City of Atlantis. Today they help endangered species. Now it is your turn to explore the mysteries of the deep, deep sea. Would you like to ride with a giant whale, or see a mermaid's secret home? YOU choose what happens next.

## LEGO CHALLENGE

*Monday, March 1 – Begin kit pickup*

*Saturday, March 13 – Deadline for submissions*



*Carsen – November LEGO Challenge winner*

Spring is coming SOON! Join in all the fun of our monthly, community-wide LEGO Challenges. Register online for a bag of free LEGO pieces or use your own. This month's challenge is to create something that GROWS using only LEGO pieces! Email a picture of your creation and a brief description to Shannon Pauley at [spauley@pt-library.org](mailto:spauley@pt-library.org) for a chance to win a fantastic prize! Registration is required at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to reserve

your bag of LEGO pieces. Limited to 25 participants.

## Tween and Teen Winter Programming

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH PAINTING VIA ZOOM



Alma Thomas, *The Eclipse*, 1970

*Tweens and Teens*  
 Monday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.  
 Registration deadline is Friday,  
 February 12

Create colorful and beautiful paintings in the style of African-American Expressionist painter Alma Woodsey Thomas. Learn about her life and other African-American artists with Ms. Sydney. Limited to 20 participants. Pick up your kit by Saturday, February 13.

### TWEEN WINTER BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM

For ages 9 to 13

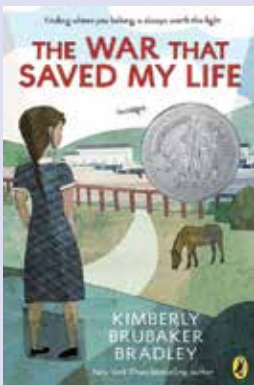
Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting invite. The first five Tweens to register receive a complimentary copy of the book. Limited to 12 participants.



**February Book:** *Blended* by Sharon M. Draper  
 Book pickup/begin reading on Thursday, Feb. 25  
 Zoom discussion on Thursday, March 25, 4:30 p.m.

Join Ms. Linda to discuss *Blended*, a novel that chronicles a biracial girl's struggle to define her identity and find her voice amid personal and societal expectations. After her parents' divorce, competitive pianist Isabella, 11, divides her time between her white diner-waitress

mother and her wealthy black father.



**March Book:** *The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
 Book pickup/begin reading on Thursday, March 25  
 Zoom discussion on Thursday, April 22, 4:30 p.m.

This novel examines WWII through the eyes of a disabled child eager to escape her life of neglect and abuse. With the threat of German bombs being dropped on London, most parents are anxious to get their children out of the city.

### POPPIN' READS TEEN BOOK CLUB VIA ZOOM

Thursday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m. Registration deadline is Saturday, Feb. 20  
 Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m. Registration deadline is Saturday, March 20

Join Ms. Sydney at the end of each month to share some pop, popcorn, and good reads with your friends. Tell everyone about a book you liked, or maybe did not like, and get some recommendations from your peers. Registration is required to get the Zoom meeting invite. Limited to 25 participants.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BINGO VIA ZOOM

*Tweens and Teens*  
 Monday, March 8, 7 p.m.  
 Registration deadline is Friday, March 5

Pick up your Bingo kit and supplies and join Ms. Sydney for a themed Bingo where we highlight some important women who have helped shape history. Registration is required to get the Zoom meeting invite. Limited to 20 participants. Pick up your kit by Saturday, March 6.

### TWEEN/TEEN DIYS ACTIVITIES

Registration is required online to reserve your free kit. Only 12 kits for each activity. We will post videos for each activity on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page and on the library's YouTube channel.



#### Origami Rose Bouquet

Kit pickups begin Friday, Feb. 12  
 Follow along with our instructional video to make your own rose bouquet in time for Valentine's Day.

#### Crewmate Keychains

Kit pickups begin Friday, Feb. 26  
 Make your own Crewmate keychains based on characters from the hit game Among Us using Shrinky Dinks.

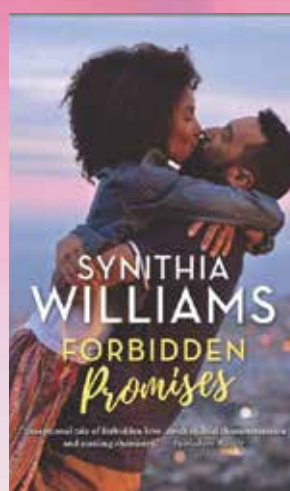
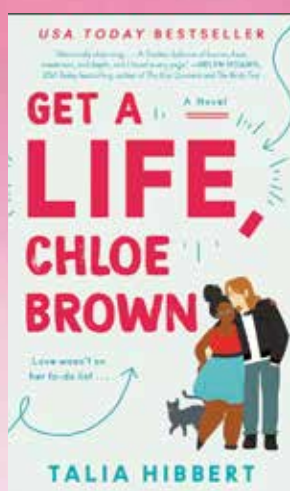
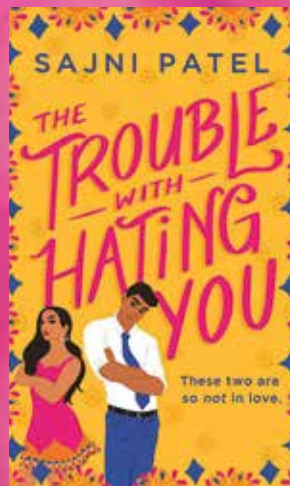
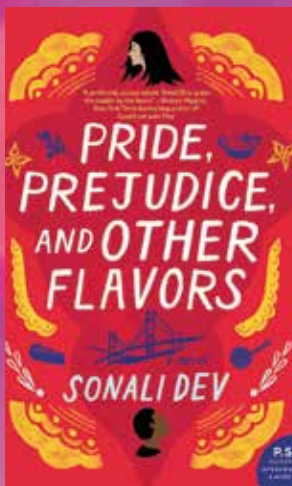
#### Friendship Bracelets

Kit pickups begin Friday, March 12  
 Come grab your string and follow the instructions in our video to create your own unique bracelets. Make a matching set for you and a friend.

#### String Art

Kit pickups begin Friday, March 26  
 Use the provided nails and string to create a book-inspired image, or use your own imagination to make something unique! A hammer is required to complete this project.

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# PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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## IT'S GOOD TO BE QUEEN

**Every Woman's Pocket Guide to Financial Sovereignty**  
with Roselyn Wilkinson  
Saturday, Feb 20, 10 a.m. via Zoom



When it comes to your money and finances, are you a damsel in distress? There's no need to wait for Prince Charming and no settling for being "princess." Why not move right up to Queen? It's time to own your financial life just as you do your career and health. Roselyn Wilkinson, author of *It's Good to be Queen: Every Woman's Pocket Guide to Financial Sovereignty*,

will discuss how to set your own goals and not abdicate your financial health to anyone else. If the whole idea of financial planning scares you, know that it's no more complicated than eighth-grade math. You can do this. After all, you're the Queen! Advance registration is required at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to receive the Zoom meeting invitation to attend this program.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY AND CHALLENGES FROM CHINA

Thursday, March 11, 7 p.m. via Zoom

This event will mark the 15th consecutive year the Peters Township Public Library has hosted officers from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA to share their knowledge with the community on a variety of military topics. Senior military officers will discuss how the U.S. military will maintain the competitive advantage in the Asia/China region. China currently has continued aggressive efforts to negate long-enduring U.S. warfighting advantages and challenge the United States' interests and geopolitical position. The U.S. military services, over the next decade, intend to prevail across the continuum of competition with China. Advance registration is required online at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) to receive the Zoom meeting invitation to attend this program.

## DIY VALENTINE'S DAY TREE VIA ZOOM

Tuesday Feb. 9, 7 p.m.

Register to reserve your craft kit and get the Zoom meeting invite as we create Valentine's Day Trees together. Kits are reserved for PT Library cardholders. Kits will be available for pickup beginning Saturday, January 30 and must be picked up by Friday, February 5. Limited to 30 participants.

Let's create something wonderful.  
[www.ptlibrary.org/events](http://www.ptlibrary.org/events)

## DIY FOUR-LEAF CLOVER BOUTONNIERES

Monday, March 15, 7 p.m.

Register to reserve your kit and get the Zoom meeting invite where we will create a felt boutonniere for St. Patrick's Day. We recommend you use a hot glue guns for this project. Kits are reserved for PT Library cardholders. Kits will be available for pickup beginning Saturday, March 6 and must be picked up by Saturday, March 13. Limited to 30 participants.

## MURDER MYSTERY EVENT VIA ZOOM

Tuesday March 23, 7 p.m. OR 8 p.m.

Since Paige Turner's arrest last February, it has been a relatively quiet year at Seymour Books Memorial Library. Like most libraries across the country, Seymour Books was forced to close their doors early in the spring of 2020. But the library is once again open and these characters have managed to find themselves in the middle of another murder. Join us online for this premier event! Limited to 30/per time slot. Only one registration needed for each household participating.

## PT LIBRARY DINNER PARTY VIA ZOOM

Wednesday April 7, 6 p.m.

Join our relaxed dinner party from YOUR home and catch up with friends or make some new ones. For this month's party, we ask that you prepare a meal using your leftover Easter ham or other ham substitute. Share your recipes and socialize safely while sharing a meal with your community. Limited to 20 participants. Only one registration needed for each household participating.

## Library-Sponsored Clubs

### EVENING BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

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

**Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.** - Planning Meeting  
**Wednesday, March 10, 7 p.m.**

*The Confession Club* by Elizabeth Berg



When a group of friends in Mason, Missouri, decide to start a monthly supper club, they get more than they bargained for. The plan for congenial evenings—talking, laughing, and sharing recipes, homemade food, and wine—abruptly changes course one night when one of the women

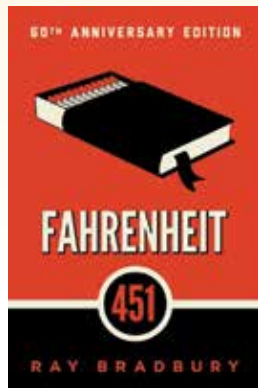
reveals something startlingly intimate. The supper club then becomes Confession Club, and the women gather weekly to share not only dinners but embarrassing misdeeds, deep insecurities, and long-held regrets.

### AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

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**Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m.**

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury



Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden. Montag never questions the destruction and ruin his actions produce, returning each day to his bland life and wife, Mildred, who spends all day with her television "family." But when he meets an eccentric young neighbor, Clarisse, who introduces him to a past where people didn't live in fear and to a present where one sees the world through the ideas in books

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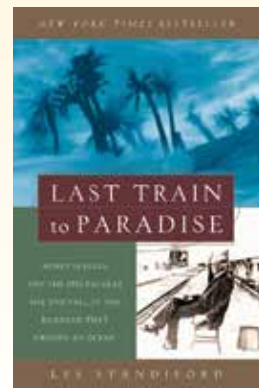
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instead of the mindless chatter of television, Montag begins to question everything he has ever known.

**Wednesday, March 17, 1 p.m.**

*Last Train to Paradise* by Les Standiford



The fast-paced and gripping true account of the extraordinary construction and spectacular demise of the Key West Railroad—one of the greatest engineering feats ever undertaken, destroyed in one fell swoop by the strongest storm ever to hit U.S. shores. In *Last Train to Paradise*, Standiford celebrates this crowning achievement of Gilded Age ambition, bringing to life a sweeping tale of the powerful forces of human ingenuity colliding with the even greater forces of nature's wrath.



## IMPORTANT TAX UPDATE

In 2021, the Peters Township Public Library will not be hosting AARP Tax-Aide volunteers. No tax appointments will be scheduled through the library. To find help, the AARP recommends you visit the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Locator at [aarpfoundation.org/taxhelp](http://aarpfoundation.org/taxhelp) to find a site near you or to receive tax assistance online. Call 1.888.687.2277 for AARP Tax-Aide. For copies of IRS tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit [www.irs.gov/forms-instructions](http://www.irs.gov/forms-instructions). To download or request PA tax forms and publications, visit [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov). You may call 1.888.PATAXES (1.888.728.2937) to leave a message to have forms mailed to you.



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