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PETERS TOWNSHIP
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

Library Welcomes New Assistant Director



We are very excited to welcome a new Assistant Director, Illyanna Logan, to the Peters Township Public Library. For the past several years, Illyanna has been a Senior Librarian and Branch Manager at the Pasadena Public Library in California. There she managed

operations at two branch libraries, supervised nine employees, and handled acquisitions, programming, and outreach.

As Assistant Director at PTPL, Illyanna will be responsible for all adult services, including the Local History Room, collection development, and subscriptions and databases. She will also be the direct supervisor for all Reference and Adult Programming staff. Make sure to stop by the library this summer to welcome Illyanna to the PTPL management team!

In Remembrance of Marcia McMurray Lansdown



Marcia McMurray Lansdown, left, and Susan McMurray at the dedication of the James D. and William C. McMurray Local History Room

We recently learned that the library has lost one of our beloved benefactors, Marcia McMurray Lansdown (April 5, 1950 – February 7, 2021). Through a generous donation by Mrs. Lansdown and her sister, Susan McMurray, the James D. and William C. McMurray Local History Room on the 2nd floor of the

library was established in June 2014. They also donated priceless photographs, deeds, documents, books, and other archival materials to the PTPL Archives. These items now comprise the Joseph McMurray and Nan C. McMurray family papers. The sisters fondly remember visiting their grandmother, Nan McMurray, every summer and staying in the white house located at the intersection of Valley Brook and East McMurray Roads. You can still see the landmark home today when you drive through this busy intersection.

"We know that summer is almost over...when we meet at the township fair."



STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Peters Township Farm Fair Tuesday, June 15 at 7 p.m.

Via Zoom with Margaret Deitzer, Carolyn Friedrich and resources from the PTPL Historical Archives

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT PTLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS.



YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMMING

Visit the library events calendar at ptlibrary.org/events to register for a program or to reserve a program kit. Summer Session programs will run for 8 weeks from June 21 through August 13. CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed.

NEW Youth Services Technician



The PTPL Youth Services Department is happy to welcome Beth May to the team! Ms. Beth will be serving as a Library Technician and will be helping with tween and teen programming. She is full of great ideas for programs and is already planning some wonderful events for this summer. Ms. Beth is also a professional writer with a passion

for children's literature. If you are struggling to find your next read, Ms. Beth is happy to give you recommendations. Come in and say hi to Ms. Beth today!

NEW! Outdoor Programs

PT LIBRARY ZOO & SUMMER READING KICK-OFF



Saturday, June 5, 2 to 4 p.m.
Sunday, June 6, 2 to 4 p.m.
Read for fun all summer long in our all-ages Summer Reading Challenge. Reading groups are available for ages birth to PreK, K to Grade 2, Grade 3 to 6, Teens and Adult. Sign up online at ptlibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack App to participate. Preregister now and you will

be ready to log your reading on Monday, June 7. Swing by the library after hours on June 5 or 6 to pick up your Summer Reading Swag and take a peek at the PT Library Zoo – it's going to be wild!

BACKYARD STORYTIMES

Tuesdays, June 22 & 29, July 6, 13, 20, and 27, August 3 & 10 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Rain date Wednesdays at the same time

Let's get together in the fresh air and summer sun. Join Ms. Beth, Ms. Linda, Ms. Patty and Ms. Shannon for a weekly storytime on the library lawn. Registration is required for each session. Limit to 24 children plus 1 caregiver.

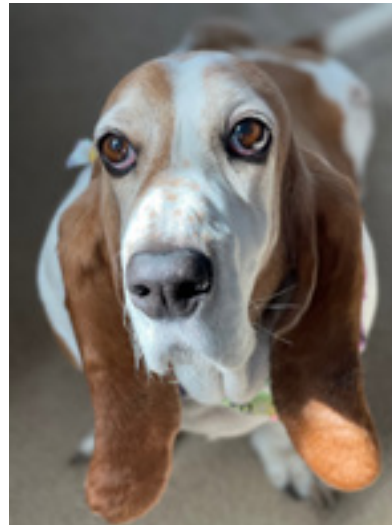
FAMILY TIE DYE DAY

Saturday, July 10, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Add some fashion flair to your summer look! Call us at 724.941.9430 #3 to reserve your 20-minute timeslot to tie dye with us on the library lawn. Please bring your own whites to dye – 100% cotton items work best. Space is limited, and you must call in advance to register.

Virtual Summer Programming

1ST ANNUAL PT PET SHOW



Pet Submissions due Sunday, June 6
Live Awards Show, Sunday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Do you have the best pet in town? The most photogenic? The one with the best smile? We will let the people decide in our very first PT Pet Show. Enter your pet via the form in our event calendar, and we will all vote for our favorites the week of June 7. We will announce the winners

at our live awards show via Zoom. We will choose three lucky pets to be the library's mascots for this summer's Tales & Tails Summer Reading Challenge!

BEDTIME STORIES

Suggested for ages 2 to 7

Monday through Thursday from June 21 to August 12, 7 p.m.

End your day with us with an evening bedtime story with Ms. Linda, Ms. Patty, Ms. Shannon, and Ms. Beth. We will share an adventure each week as we explore different themes. Videos will be posted on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page at 7 p.m. or watch them when convenient for you on the library's YouTube channel.

June 21: Dinosaurs

June 28: Sea Creatures
July 5: Elephants
July 12: Jungle Animals
July 19: Farm Animals
July 26: Pets
August 2: Dragons
August 9: Endangered Species

BOOK BABIES

*Suggested for ages birth to 15 months
Tuesdays, June 22, July 20, and August 10, 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. Registration is required. Sign up at ptlibrary.org/events for the June 22 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 videos.

MOTHER GOOSE STORYTIME



*Suggested for ages 1 to 2 ½ years
Tuesdays, June 22, July 20, and
August 10, 11 a.m.*

Spend some quality time in your home with your little one. Sing along to fun tunes, while working on fine and gross motor skills and direction

following with Ms. Patty's help. Registration is required. Sign up at ptlibrary.org/events for the June 22 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 videos.

STEM SATURDAYS

*Suggested for Grades 1 and up
Second Saturday of the Month, 10 a.m.*

Watch Ms. Linda's videos while joining in with your free STEM kit. Register at ptlibrary.org/events to reserve a kit. Videos will be posted on the PTPL Youth Services Facebook page or watch them when convenient for you on the library's YouTube channel. Limited to 24 participants.



TINY TUNES MUSIC

*Suggested for toddlers and up
Second Monday of the
Month, 2 p.m.*

This energetic program features playing and learning about music with Ms. Linda. Register at

ptlibrary.org/events to reserve your kit that accompanies each program and to receive directions via email to access the videos on the library's YouTube Channel. Limited to 24 participants.

NIGHT WITH WQED

*For all ages
Tuesday, June 29, 6:30 p.m.*

Join Ms. Shannon on Zoom for a storytime all about sea creatures featuring characters and activities from the PBS Kids

show *Splash & Bubbles*. Register online at ptlibrary.org/events to reserve your kits and receive the Zoom meeting invitation. Limited to 24 participants.

FAMILY ZOOM MEETUPS

*For all ages
Select Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 7 p.m.*

Meet other local families on Zoom and make some new friends. Share some fun facts about yourselves or work on challenges together. Limited to 20 families.

July 8: Pet Show and Tell

Your pet is the star of this Zoom session. Show us all their tricks or a favorite outfit!

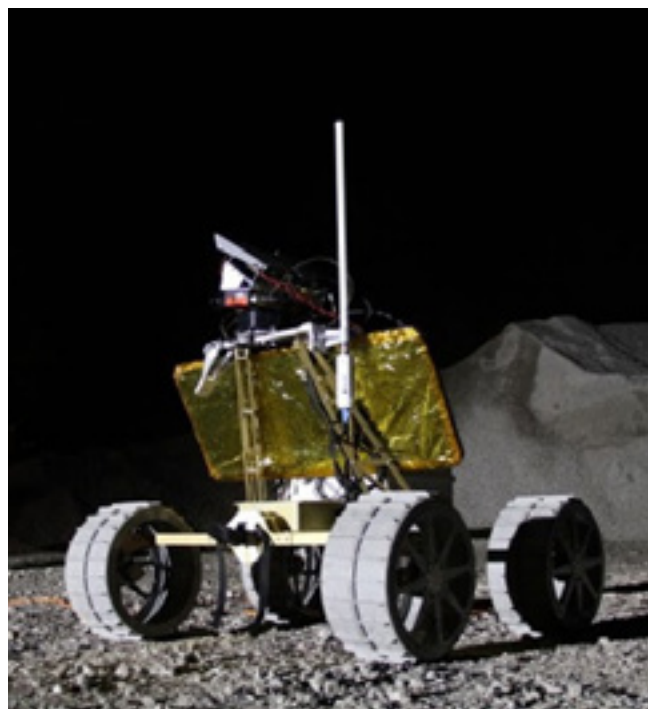
July 22: Collections Show and Tell

Do you collect have an amazing Star Wars collection? Or are you proud of your FIGPiNs? Put them on display at this Zoom session.

August 5: Live Lego Challenge

Grab your bin of Legos and complete several quick challenges. Each registered family can also come to the library to pick up a FREE bag of Legos to help with these challenges.

FROM PITTSBURGH TO THE MOON



*For all ages
Tuesday, July 20, 7 to 8 p.m.*

July 20 marks the 52nd anniversary of the first moon landing, a feat that would not have succeeded without the important contributions of Western Pennsylvania. Learn how Pittsburgh helped make space travel and the Apollo 11 mission a reality in this Heinz History Center Outreach Program. Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting invitation to this program.

Tweens and Teens Spring Programming

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

Grades 4 to 6

Thursday, June 24, 4:30 p.m.

How to (Almost) Ruin Your Summer by Taryn Sounders

Thursday, July 22, 4:30 p.m.

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer I. Holm

Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events to receive the Zoom meeting invite.

OUTDOOR EXPLORE OR MAKE

Fridays, July 2, 16, 30, and August 13

Grades 4 to 6 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Grades 7 to 12 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Join us outside on the library's lawn for an hour of creating. Beverages and individualized snacks will be provided. CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events. Limited to 12 participants. Don't forget your sunscreen!

July 2: *Slime*

July 16: *Folded Book Animals*

July 30: *Owl Pellet Dissection*

August 13: *Steampunk Journals*

TWEEN/TEEN DIY ACTIVITIES

For Grades 4 through 12

Register at ptlibrary.org/events for a kit for each activity. All materials and detailed instructions will be provided. Limited to 12 kits for each activity.

Altered Altoid Tin: Under the Sea

Kit pickup Friday, June 25 to Thursday, July 1

As we kick off the summer reading program *Tails and Tales*, let's explore sea creatures! Make an under the sea world using a recycled Altoid Tin.

Mini Terrarium

Kit pickup Friday, July 16 to Thursday, July 22

Design a tiny world of plants in a glass in a jar.

Funfetti Candle Votive

Kit pickup Friday, August 12 to Thursday, August 19

Create your own candle using the supplies provided. Tune in to a tutorial video on the library's YouTube Channel to learn more.

2021 REQUIRED SUMMER READING BOOK CLUB

For Grades 9 to 12

June 17, July 1, 15, 29, and August 12

The Peters Township Public Library is partnering with the Huntington Learning Center to offer a book club focusing on the required reading selections from the Peters Township High School's English classes. The goal of this program is to help students understand their assigned readings and complete their assignments in a timely manner through guided discussion with a certified teacher. Students will meet 5 times over the summer to accomplish this goal. This program will help prevent procrastination and last-minute cramming, promote deeper understanding of the readings, and provide a strong start to the next school year! All meetings will be held via Zoom. Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting invitation. Register online at ptlibrary.org/events.

2 to 3 p.m. – 9th grade students

3 to 4 p.m. – 10th grade students

4 to 5 p.m. – Honors 11 students

5 to 6 p.m. – AP Literature students

6 to 7 p.m. – AP Language & Composition students

30 DAY DRAWING CHALLENGE

For Grades 9 to 12

Every July we host a Teen 30 Day Drawing Challenge. Register online for a FREE sketchbook to get started or use a sketchbook or paper you have on hand. Check our PTPL Youth Services page or the Youth Services Department for the daily drawing challenges. Bring your drawings into the library beginning July 31 through August 13 and be entered to win a prize!



If you are unable to connect to our live virtual programs for adults because you do not have internet access, please call Program and Outreach Coordinator Sydney Krawiec at 724-941-9430 Ext. 3260.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Visit the library events calendar at ptlibrary.org/events to register for a program or to reserve a program kit. You may notice that some of our virtual programs are accepting your registration information through Zoom. These programs are indeed being hosted by the library, and your information will only be used for registration purposes.

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BEYOND BOOKS: CREATIVE CONTENT FROM PT LIBRARY

First and Third Sundays at 1 p.m. beginning June 6

Our staff knows more than just where books are on a shelf! On the first and third Sunday, we will deliver some creative content and inspiration to you through the library's YouTube channel and social media pages. Learn something new as we share crafts, cooking, home hacks, DIY tips, and more. June and July topics include *Canning 101*, *Cleaning Tips*, *Cooking with Cast Iron*, and *Road Trip Hacks*.

STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES: PETERS TOWNSHIP FARM FAIR

Tuesday, June 15, 7 to 8 p.m.

Explore the history of this exciting annual event from the 1940s and '50s with photographs, video, and memorabilia from the PTPL Historical Archives. Remember the days when Peters Township residents joined to enjoy horse shows, wheelbarrow races, and other festivities – including home-baked pies and cakes! Join the PTPL Archives staff Margaret Deitzer and Consulting Archivist Carolyn Friedrich for a virtual celebration

of the community's Farm Fair. Using the resources and rich collections in the PTPL Archives, learn about the original Peters Township community event that started in the 1940s and how the two-day event evolved into Community Day for the Township. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events to receive the Zoom meeting invitation. If you or someone you know is unable to join us on Zoom from home, please email Sydney Krawiec at skrawiec@pt-library.org or call 724.941.9430 ext. 3260.

STAYING SECURE ONLINE SERIES

Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

June 23: *Avoiding Viruses on the Internet*

June 30: *Scam Emails*

July 7: *Protecting Your Passwords*

How can you steer clear of computer viruses? What do you do if you get a scam email? How can you make sure your passwords are secure? This three-part series on internet safety will help guide you through the basics of staying secure online. The program will be led by teen volunteers from Teens Teach Technology. Founded in May 2020, Teens Teach Technology is a community of high school students who strive to improve the mental health of senior citizens by teaching the basics of technology. Registration is required for each individual session at ptlibrary.org/events.

MONUMENTS OF SOUTH PARK: A VIRTUAL WALKING TOUR



Thursday June 24, 7 to 8 p.m.

Brownsville Road and Corrigan Drive are lined with over thirty monuments and memorials that park patrons often walk by without ever really seeing. All the individuals commemorated on the plaques have played important roles in the history of Allegheny County. Join local history buff, Anne Oyler via Zoom as she tells their stories and puts faces to their names.

Some of the locations and people to be discussed include:

- The Museum Building (or Clock Building) at the Fairgrounds
- Italian sculptor and one of our cities most prolific artists, Frank Vittor
- The Nurse's Memorial, dedicated on the opening day of the 2nd Annual County Fair in 1934

- E. V. Babcock, the philanthropist responsible for the creation of South and North Park
- Joyce Kilmer, teacher, poet, soldier
- Arch Rowand, an undercover Scout in the Union Army
- Mad Anthony Wayne, Revolutionary war hero

Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events to receive the Zoom meeting invitation.

LITERARY MOCKTAILS CLASS VIA ZOOM

Sunday, July 11, 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Register to reserve your mocktail essentials kit and join us online for this interactive class. We will get creative and build some delicious literary mocktails using the items from the kit plus a few ingredients from your home. Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting invitation and materials for this class. Limited to 24 participants.

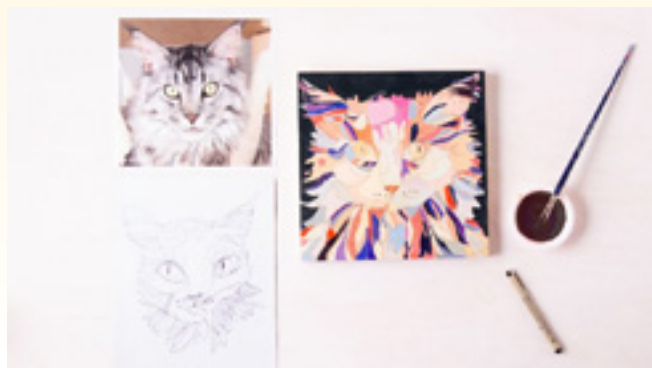
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DIY Crafting for Adults

PAINT YOUR PET



Tuesday, June 29, 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Bring a picture of your pet or use one provided and create a one-of-a-kind painting. We will be using a blind contouring technique and acrylic paints to create our masterpieces. Register online at ptlibrary.org/events then join us at Pavilion #2 in Peterswood Park to create your one-of-a-kind piece of art. CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed. Kits are reserved for PT Library cardholders. Supplies are limited and registration is required to reserve your materials and seat for this program. Limited to 25 participants.

BLEACH SHIRT

Tuesday, July 27, 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Bring your own black or dark-colored cotton shirt to decorate for this month's DIY. We'll have different templates and bleach spray available for you to use and make your own one-of-a-kind shirt. Register online at ptlibrary.org/events then join us at Pavilion #2 in Peterswood Park to create your shirt. CDC and state guidelines

for COVID-19 will be followed. Kits are reserved for PT Library cardholders. Supplies are limited and registration is required to reserve your materials and seat for this program. Limited to 25 participants.

Library-Sponsored Clubs

NEW B.Y.O. BOOK & CHAIR CLUB

At this new book club, we will explore a different topic or genre of book and share out what we read and learned. Pick your book from our display or choose one you have at home. Bring your own book and chair to the library backyard for a book talk and exchange. CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19 will be followed. This book club is open to all teens and adults, but registration is required to reserve your spot. For more information, email Sydney Krawiec at skrawiec@pt-library.org.

Thursday, June 17, 7 to 8 p.m.

All Kinds of Love – June is the home of Loving Day and LGBTQ Pride Month. For this month, find a book that celebrates love and diversity. Find suggestions on our display upstairs by the Reading Room.

Thursday, July 15, 7 to 8 p.m.

Wild Tale – Read a book with an animal on the cover for this “wild” book club. This book can be fiction, nonfiction, juvenile, teen, or adult – the choice is yours! Visit our display upstairs by the Reading Room for suggestions.

EVENING BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

You will need to register at ptlibrary.org/events to receive the Zoom meeting invitation to participate in these online discussions. Please call the Reference Desk at 724.941.9430 #2 for more information.

June 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Sweat Sisters by Sansing McPherson
The author will attend this meeting.

July 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Transit of Venus by Shirley Hazzard

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

You will need to register at ptlibrary.org/events to receive the Zoom meeting invitation to participate in these online discussions. Please call the Reference Desk at 724.941.9430 #2 for more information.

June 16, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

July 21, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

You will need to register at ptlibrary.org/events to receive the Zoom meeting invitation to participate in these online discussions. Please email Peter Stamoolis at pstam5225@yahoo.com for more information.

June 29, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The Two Minute Rule by Robert Crais

July 27, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Mistress of Justice by Jeffrey Deaver

Computer Classes for Adults

All classes are free and offered virtually via Zoom. Registration is required. You will be emailed the Zoom meeting invitation one business day before the class. Limited to 15 participants per class.



In March 2021, we welcomed Brandon Priddy to the Peters Township Public Library as our IT/Reference Librarian. Brandon is originally from Upstate NY. He received his BA from Ithaca College in 2008 and his Master of Science in Library and Information Science from Syracuse University in 2011. Shortly after graduation, he relocated to Pittsburgh to work as the Public Services Librarian for Mt. Lebanon Public Library for 9 ½ years.

He loves to read literary and science fiction, maintain his vintage computer collection, and chill out with his cats: Willow, Fry, Cooper, and Trip.

USING OVERDRIVE AND LIBBY TO ACCESS FREE LIBRARY EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

Monday, June 7, 11 a.m.

Did you know the library's OverDrive service offers thousands of free eBooks and audiobooks? IT/Reference Librarian Brandon Priddy will go over the basics of accessing digital eBooks and audiobooks and reading them on either a personal computer or mobile device using the Libby App. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events.

START MAKING WITH CREATIVEBUG

Wednesday, June 9, 7 p.m.

Creativebug offers over 1000 free online arts and crafts workshops. Brandon Priddy will teach you how to use Creativebug to learn how to paint, knit, crochet, sew, screen print, and more. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events.



INTRO TO ONLINE GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Monday, June 14, 11 a.m. and Wednesday, June 16, 7 p.m.

Curious about where to start researching your family history? The library has several online genealogy resources that can help you with your search. Brandon Priddy will discuss how to use Ancestry Library, Heritage Quest, and Family Search. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events.

INTRO TO 3D PRINTING & SCANNING

Monday, June 21, 11 a.m. & Tuesday, June 22, 7 p.m.

Welcome to the world of 3D printing! Brandon Priddy will explain the basics of how 3D printing & scanning works and share examples of 3D printed objects. Learn how you can find or create your own 3D designs. For teens & adults. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events.

USING KANOPY TO STREAM VIDEOS FROM THE LIBRARY

Monday, June 28, 11 a.m.

Library service Kanopy allows you to stream new and popular films, classics, and documentaries on your computer or device. Brandon Priddy will teach you how to access the service and spotlight some of the collection's highlights. Kanopy is free but does require a Peters Township library card number. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events.

INTRO TO MICROSOFT WORD

Tuesday, July 6, 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of operating Microsoft Word to compose written documents. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events.

INTRO TO MICROSOFT POWERPOINT

Monday, July 12, 11 a.m. and Tuesday, July 13, 7 p.m.

Learn the basics of operating Microsoft PowerPoint to create presentations. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events.

INTRO TO MICROSOFT EXCEL

Monday, July 19, 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of operating Microsoft Excel to create spreadsheets. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events.

LEARNING FREEGAL: FREE DIGITAL MUSIC FROM THE LIBRARY

Monday, July 26, 11 a.m.

Library service Freegal offers free access to 15 million+ songs and music videos--with new music added daily. Find out how to download or stream music using this service. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events.

HOW TO USE FLIPSTER FOR FREE DIGITAL MAGAZINES

Wednesday, July 28, 7 p.m.

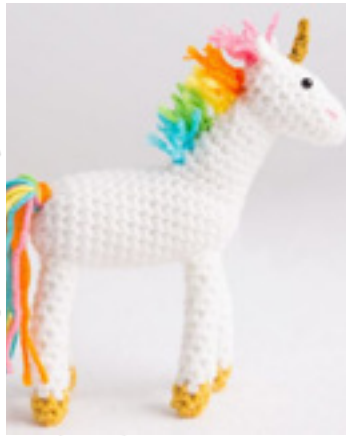
Library service Flipster allows access to dozens of popular magazines, such as *TIME*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Rolling Stone*, *People*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and more for free! Learn how to access Flipster and spotlight some of the collection's highlights. Registration is required at ptlibrary.org/events.



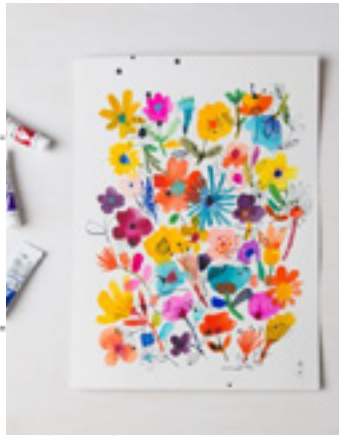
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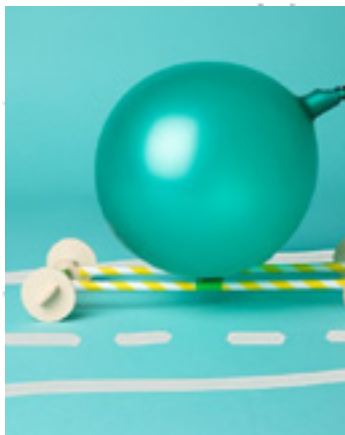
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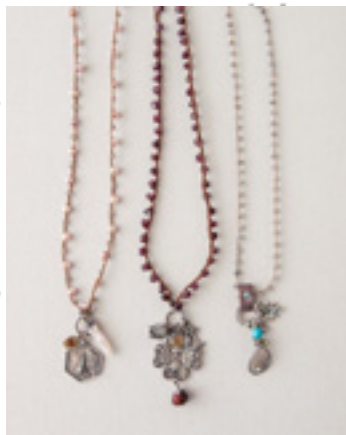
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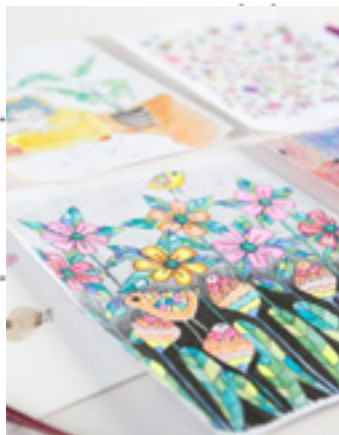
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