



Peters Township Library Report – December 2020

Curbside Pickup

Curbside service has still been extremely busy, with almost 8,000 circulations in December. In addition to the normal books and movies that get checked out, the Youth Services Department also put together Home for the Holidays baskets. These baskets contained at least six library items as well as other holiday treats and activities for the family to do together. The library checked out 54 baskets, and many patrons expressed their gratitude that they had something to look forward to during this year's unusual holiday season. We also used curbside service to expand Take and Make Mondays to every day! Any patron that placed a children's book on hold received a fun craft or activity kit in their curbside bag. It was a great way to utilize some of the resources we have on hand, and it also provided the families we serve with fun activities to do with their children while at home.

Programming

Throughout December, the Youth Services Department focused their virtual programming on special holiday events instead of daily or weekly scheduled programs. These included programs like Elf on the Shelf, Edible Holiday Treats, Family Ornament Night, and several holiday themed storytimes. The library also began offering a DIY Crafts series for adults in December, using the library's subscription to the online Creativebug database. This program series will continue throughout the winter and spring, with crafts like Tissue Paper Flowers, DIY Bath Bombs, Valentine's Day Trees, and Four-Leaf Clover Boutonnieres.

Staffing

The Township is re-advertising the position of IT/Reference Librarian, in hopes of expanding its pool of candidates beyond the low number originally received in November 2020. The two final candidates from the original pool of applicants will still remain qualified candidates throughout this process.

Building

While we have been closed to the public, the Township has taken the opportunity to have Public Works paint the entire interior of the library. The downstairs is complete, and painting started upstairs on January 11. We anticipate that this project will be completed by the end of January. At that point, we will reevaluate the possibility of opening the building by taking cues from the PA Department of Health, Office of Commonwealth Libraries, other WAGGIN libraries, and the Peters Township School District.