



Peters Township Library Report – December 2021

Programming

The Youth Services staff was excited to bring back some of our most popular holiday programs for the first time since December 2019. Our littlest patrons had a great time searching the department for our library elf, making ornaments, and creating holiday treats with their families.

Thanks to the Rec Center for hosting the Township's first holiday kick-off event and inviting the library to participate! Visitors who stopped by the library's table enjoyed a craft and a free book. Books used for this giveaway were purchased through our new Scholastic Partnership program. We look forward to utilizing this program for future giveaways and summer reading prizes.

We first offered Home for the Holidays baskets last winter while the library was closed for curbside service. Since we had so many requests last year that we were not able to fulfill, we knew right away that we wanted to scale up for 2021. This year, we created an online form so patrons could let us know their preferences. We assembled 77 bags for 98 adults and 63 children. These bags included holiday snacks, hot chocolate packs, holiday books and movies, popcorn, coloring sheets, and craft activities.

The library offered many adult programs in December as well. More than 100 patrons viewed our Nutrition Myths and Victorian Holiday Traditions programs, both live on Zoom and the recorded video afterwards. It was also great to welcome back the Trinity Bell Choir again for another festive performance in the library lobby.

Winter Reading Challenge

Make your reading count this winter on BeanStack. This year, help us reach our 500,000-minute goal as we read together in January and February. Readers of all ages can log their minutes spent reading all of 2022 on the BeanStack App. You can earn badges by completing activities and logging your reading. One adult and one youth winner will be drawn at the end of February to win a prize from the library. The more you read, the better your chances of winning. Register now on the BeanStack app!

PHMC Grant

Congratulations to Margaret Deitzer and Carolyn Friedrich, who recently were awarded a Historical & Archival Records Care Grant from the PA Historical & Museum Commission in the amount of \$3,450. This grant money will allow the library to digitize fragile and/or oversize bound materials located in the Archives and make these items available online via *PA Photos & Documents*. This project requires a digitization station with a camera and copy stands to scan the volumes. The Peters Township Library Foundation has generously agreed to match the grant amount.