



Peters Township Library Report – May 2021

Phased Reopening

With Covid mitigation orders lifting on May 31, we continued with our phased reopening process. More furniture, booths, tables, and chairs are available upstairs, in Youth Services, and in the Teen Room. All WAGGIN libraries are remaining fine-free, and the first 10 prints from our computers are free. Teen gaming booths, video games, toys, AWE computers, and children's computers are still not available. In the lobby and Youth Services room, we have a variety of used books for sale. All proceeds benefit The Peters Township Library Foundation. The library is still not accepting book donations at this time.

Programming

For the May 18 primary election, staff member Sydney Krawiec created a series of "What's on the Ballot?" videos to educate the community on exactly what they would see at the polls. The videos provided information on a variety of topics including how to register to vote, important dates and deadlines, how primary elections work in Pennsylvania, who was on the ballot for each race in Peters Township, and a breakdown of the statewide proposed constitutional amendments. These videos had more than 900 views, and we are looking forward to creating more content for the general election in November.

Just a reminder – don't forget to register for our first Stories from the Archives program to learn about the history of the Peters Township Farm Fair! This virtual program on June 15 will be hosted by Margaret Deitzer and Consulting Archivist Carolyn Friedrich. 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 today's Community Day.

More than 150 people completed our Spring Into Reading Challenge on the library's Beanstack page, and our participants tracked 95,000 minutes read! Registration for our "Tails and Tales" Summer Reading Challenge is now open at <https://ptlibrary.beanstack.org>. Readers of all ages can earn points by logging books and completing activities such as taking a hike at Peters Lake Park, listening to an audiobook, or utilizing a digital resource that the library offers. Earn half of the point total and receive a halfway prize from the library. The more points you've earned by the end of the summer, the greater your chances of winning one of our prize baskets featuring items from our Summer Reading sponsors as well as other local goodies.

Automatic Renewal

In an effort to save our patrons time and help them avoid fines and fees, the WAGGIN libraries began automatic renewal of all eligible items on May 3. Two days before your items are due, any eligible items will be renewed automatically – 2 renewals for books and 1 renewal for DVDs if no one has placed the item on hold. Specialty items like kits, museum passes, or digital items are not eligible for renewal. How will you know your item was renewed? You will receive a text or email notification, and you can always check your account online at <https://waggin.polarislibrary.com>.