



Peters Township Library Report – November 2020

Curbside Pickup

The library building closed to the public on Monday, November 30 and has been providing curbside pickup service and virtual programs since then. For the first time since March, the library experienced 1,000 daily circulations – the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday after we announced we were closing to the public. Although circulation statistics dipped after closing, we have still been incredibly busy providing curbside service, book bundles, make & take kits, and online and telephone reference services, as well as our usual virtual programming.

Programming

Our last outdoor storytime for the year was held at Peterswood Park on November 7. These storytimes have been a huge hit, and we hope to continue offering them in the spring. The Youth Services department also partnered with author Lindsay Barret George to offer a Family Writing and Drawing workshop on Zoom. This program was originally scheduled for March and Lindsay was very accommodating to transition it to a virtual program. Every child that participated in this program received a free copy of her book “Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse.”

The library partnered with Vitalant on November 6 to host a blood drive in the multipurpose room. This drive yielded 45 donations, which means a potential impact to 135 lives! We were incredibly pleased to host such a successful event, and would like to thank the community members who made appointments to donate blood.

Staffing

Lacey Love will be attending the virtual Research Institute for Public Libraries conference from December 14 – 16. She was a recipient of the Small & Rural Libraries scholarship to cover all conference expenses. The RIPL conference is an annual event for public library staff interested in data and evaluation. Conference participants learn practical, strategic methods of gathering, analyzing, and using data for planning, management, and communicating impact.

Lacey and Sue Miller have started working with the Township to conduct interviews for the open position of IT/Reference Librarian. We hope to have someone in this position by the beginning of the year, so we can start offering more technology-based adult programs!

Funding

Against all expectations, the Office of Commonwealth Libraries was flat-funded for 2021, which means that public libraries across Pennsylvania will not see a decrease in state funding next year. We would like to thank House Appropriations Chairman Stan Saylor, as he is a strong supporter of public libraries. He has advocated hard for libraries to receive adequate funding over the last two years.