



# PETERS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

## MONTHLY REPORT

### OCTOBER 2020

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## PROGRAMMING

On October 10, the library hosted a **Shredding Event** for the community in partnership with the **Better Business Bureau**. Due to traffic issues from past shredding events, we held this year's event at McMurray Elementary School. We had 204 cars bring paper material to be shredded which totaled 9,000 pounds. The BBB posted an environmental report which shows our event translated into 76 trees saved and 22 cubic yards of landfill saved.

In the evening of October 10 the library hosted **Ride the Wave** for Mental Health Awareness Day. Gab Bonesso, a nationally renowned performer, comedian, musician, and motivational speaker who is based here in Pittsburgh. Gab focused on staying positive, healthy, and creative during difficult times, incorporating her famous humor throughout. Thirty people were in attendance of this Zoom event. See the sidebar to read some comments we received about the event.

### Comments from The Grotesque 10

*"Very informative! Loved it."*

*"Very Great presentation. So much goes unseen while we go about our daily business. I will be looking up and around more often. Thanks for the interesting presentation."*

### Comments from *Ride the Wave*

*"My wife and I watched this presentation with [our son] and noticed how reassured he was that others have taken the same journey and ended up OK on the other side."*

*"I want to thank you for a wonderful presentation this evening with Gab Bonesso. It was the most relaxed way to learn how a person deals with their mental illness and how it affected their family life."*

We finished out the month with a Halloween-themed program: **The Grotesque 10: Amazing Architectural Sculpture from Ten American Colleges & Universities** with Mathew Duman. Mathew presented a slide show of his book on grotesques and gargoyles he had captured traveling to 10 universities around the country. Many pictures were featured along with the history and humor that surrounded each find. Twenty people were in attendance for this fun, informative, and slightly spooky Zoom program. See the sidebar to read some comments we received about the event.

## STAFFING

**Lacey Love**, the new library director, started on Monday, October 19. She has been having one-on-one meetings with the staff to get to know everyone and familiarize herself with the operations.

The Pennsylvania Library Association hosted their annual conference on October 19, 20, and 21. Eight of the library staff members attended the remote conference, and 3 presented. **Ed Wolf** presented on *Maintaining Your Star Library Status*, and **Sydney Krawiec** and **Sue Miller** presented on *Escaping Online: How to Create Virtual Escape Rooms*.

Friday, October 30 was the last day at the library for Ed Wolf. Ed resigned to pursue an opportunity with Hosting Solutions & Library Consulting. We wish him all the best! He will be missed - he has contributed so much to the library in the past 2 1/2 years. The IT/Reference Librarian position has been posted on several sites and the township will be collecting applications through Thursday, November 19.

We welcomed a new student page on October 30: **Lily Marchand**. Welcome Lily!

**All library staff is going above and beyond to provide excellent service to our visitors while following safety precautions to help keep the community safe during the pandemic.**

## What Kind of Reader Are You?



Naturally, we all love books, but some of us are able to have our nose in multiple books at a time, while others are one-book-at-a-time readers.

Vote below, then find out what books you should add to your TBR pile based on your reading behavior.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The library continues to find ways to reach out to our community as we continue to do our best to keep our patrons and staff safe. Our virtual programs have been very well received and we are finding unique and interesting programs to present to our community. Usage of our FaceBook page has increased a great deal as **Carrie Weaver**, Public Relations Coordinator for the library, posts engaging and educational topics and links to keep our community informed and engaged.

