



Peters Township Library Report – April 2022

Programming

On April 23, the library hosted a shredding event for the community in partnership with the Better Business Bureau. The event was held in the parking lot of McMurray Elementary School. We had 218 vehicles bring paper material to be shredded, which totaled 10,000 pounds. Our environmental report from the BBB shows that our event translated into 84 trees saved and 24 cubic yards of landfill saved.

The Youth Services Department is beginning to do more in-person outreach this spring. A library representative attended open house at the middle school and registered 22 new library patrons. During this visit, we also had the opportunity to tell teens and their families about everything that is happening at the library. We will also be attending the open houses at Pleasant Valley, Bower Hill, and McMurray Elementary later this month. Youth Services celebrated National Library Week by giving away a free book to any child who entered the library throughout the week. We distributed a total of 76 books to our youngest readers.

April was Financial Literacy Month, which we celebrated with a wealth of programs, pun intended. For adults, we offered programs on Home Buying 101, the PA 529 program, Protecting Your Financial Identity, and the Basics of Bitcoin. We also dedicated one full week of Bedtime Storytime videos to financial and money themes. In total, almost 120 people attended or watched our Financial Literacy programs.

Earth Day

The library offered a variety of Earth Day programs in April. We distributed a total of 90 Earth Day seed card kits. When planted and cared for, these seed cards will sprout a variety of native pollinator plants. This month's TeenMade/TweenMade program was dedicated to recycled crafts, and participants could create candles from old crayons, seed bombs from discarded paper, and reusable beeswax wraps to help reduce the use of single-use plastics.

Puzzle Swap and Book Sale

The puzzle swap and outdoor book sale were held on April 23. We would like to extend a huge thank you to The Library Foundation for hosting this event, to all of the volunteers who helped set up and tear down, and to everyone who donated books or puzzles. The sale was a huge success, as we saw approximately 350 people stop by throughout the day, and The Foundation raised \$1,900 to go towards library programs. Due to the amount of excess inventory that we are still sorting through, we would like to ask the public to hold off on any additional book donations until after Memorial Day.