



## **Peters Township Library Report – May 2022**

### **Programming**

May marked the return of the Kindergarten Tea program. This event brings together local kindergarten teachers, preschool staff, and our own Youth Services department to share resources and discuss how preschool students can be prepared for kindergarten in the fall. We were thrilled to meet with these educators and tell them all about the wonderful resources we have at the library, both physical and digital. The Kindergarten Tea is a great collaborative effort between many PT organizations.

The Summer Reading Program officially kicked off on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration is open at [ptlibrary.beanstack.org](http://ptlibrary.beanstack.org). In the first week of registration, almost 450 people signed up to participate, and we saw 250 active readers. Summer reading is available for all ages – the more books you read, summer activities you complete, and library programs you attend, the more chances you have at winning a prize at the end of the summer! Join us as we explore the “Oceans of Possibility” all summer long.

Our adult programs examined many facets of gardening and the outdoors in May, with topics like planting your garden, backyard pollinators, tomato-growing tips, birds of western PA, a plant swap, and the Giant Oaks Garden Club annual plant sale. More than 250 people watched these programs live or via YouTube, and 225 people attended the plant sale.

### **PTPL Archives**

We welcome you to stop by the library during the month of June to check out the new local history display on the second floor. We have two display cases and a table set aside to show off photos and items from the Archives relating to the history of Trax Farms and farming in Peters Township. The display includes Trax business ledgers from 1875, 1920, and 1961, historic photos and farming maps, ribbons awarded to Trax at the Washington County Fair, arrowheads collected on Trax Farms land, and a timeline covering the history of the farm, as well as several other mementos and items.

After our last Stories from the Archives program, we polled 206 people about what local history topics they would like to see featured in future programs. The overwhelming selection was the Dairy Bar! Local History Librarian Margaret Deitzer and PR Coordinator Carrie Weaver are busy gathering materials and researching documents for the upcoming presentation, which we will offer via Zoom in the fall. Do you have an original Dairy Bar photo or memento that you would consider donating to the PTPL Archives to be part of the program? Get in touch with Margaret at [MDeitzer@pt-library.org](mailto:MDeitzer@pt-library.org) for more details.

Join us on Thursday, July 28 for a presentation about the history of the Montour Railroad. Bryan Seip, President of the Montour Railroad Historical Society, will teach us about the fascinating history of this section of the railroad, built from 1912 to 1914 to transport coal and later lumber, produce, and dairy items. Your walks on the Arrowhead Trail will never be the same once you discover how the trail came to be and the treasured landmarks you can still spot today.

To see more photos and items from the PTPL Archives, follow the link on the library’s website to PA Photos and Documents. More archival material is being digitized and added every day!