



Peters Township Library Report – February 2023

Library Calendar

At the beginning of February, we were thrilled to launch a new calendar platform for library events. This website, located at events.ptlibrary.org, brings together several items that were previously handled separately, including our full events calendar for staff and patrons, meeting room reservations, and program registrations. It is a more user-friendly and customizable website, with the ability to search programs by type and age group, easily see which programs are full, open, or waitlist, share events to your personal calendar, cancel program registrations via an online link, and view all meeting room availability. We thank the Peters Township Library Foundation for their financial support in bringing this new platform to our community.

NEA Big Read Grant

The Peters Township Public Library is one of 62 organizations across the country participating in the 2022-2023 NEA Big Read. From April 1 to May 11, our community will celebrate *Circe* by Madeline Miller with a full calendar of events for all ages. The National Endowment for the Arts Big Read is designed to broaden our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. PTPL has partnered with The Peters Township Library Foundation, Washington & Jefferson College, Peters Township Parks & Recreation, the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh, the Peters Township Chamber of Commerce, and Mondays Brewing Company to offer a wide variety of programs and activities for the community.

Circe features topics in Greek Mythology and history and themes of independence and resilience that weave their way through the library's offering of events and activities.

Join us at the library on Saturday, April 1, from noon to 2pm as we kick off a month of programs surrounding *Circe* by Madeline Miller. See Washington County Spinners & Weavers Guild demonstrations, visit Hummus Pittsburgh's food truck, grab free copies (while supplies last) of *Circe* or our partner read *Aru Shah and the End of Time*, and participate in our community art project. No registration is necessary, and all ages are invited.

On Thursday, May 4, NYT best-selling author Madeline Miller will discuss her journey in imagining one of the most (in)famous witches in literature, including her inspiration, research, and writing process. This event will be at 6:30 pm and held via Zoom, but viewing parties will also be held at Chartiers-Houston Community Library, Eva K. Bowlby Public Library, Monongahela Area Library, and Peters Township Public Library.

Visit ptlibrary.org/nea-big-read-circe to find more information about the programs we will be hosting all month long!