



Peters Township Library Report – March 2023

Outreach

The month of March had plenty of outreach opportunities for library staff. The Youth Services team were present at five Kindergarten Registration events at both Bower Hill and Pleasant Valley elementary schools. They also visited the K Plus programs and did several storytimes at a local preschool. Children and parents from St. John's Preschool took a field trip to the library, where they participated in a storytime and took tours of the library. Adult Services staff made a visit to Encore on the Lake and gave a presentation to 25 residents about what resources and services the library offers, and provided information about upcoming programs.

AARP Tax Aide

AARP Tax Aide was able to assist 226 members of the community with their tax returns this spring, as well as several more who came for questions only. The Tax Aide program turned 55 this year, with approximately 4,000 locations across the country. We are extremely grateful for the partnership that the library has with AARP that allows us to offer this service to Peters residents each year.

Adult Programming

PTPL has hired a new Adult Services Library Technician, Suzanne Grove. Suzanne will be the main point of contact for all book clubs and other library clubs, and will assist in providing adult programming for our community. Welcome to the team Suzanne! We are also currently onboarding a new Makerspace & Technology Librarian, and more information will be provided about this new team member shortly.

PTPL Archives

At the end of February, library staff members Margaret Deitzer and Carrie Weaver hosted another episode of Stories from the Archives. This month's presentation focused on the development of Route 19 through the Township, as well as the history of businesses along this main corridor. More than 130 people participated live on Zoom from all over the country, more than 300 people have watched the YouTube video in the weeks since. We encourage everyone to check out our Stories from the Archives playlist on YouTube, to make sure you haven't missed one of these fascinating programs on Peters Township history!

Margaret and Carrie also have a behind-the-scenes program scheduled at the end of April, which has already reached the capacity of 25 people. Participants in this program will be able to take a small group tour of the Archives, receive instructions on how to access the PTPL collection in PA Photos & Documents, and gather in the Reading Room to discuss growing up in Peters Township and share their memories.