



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

### **Programming**

We had a very successful month of programming in November, although there is typically a decrease in attendance as we wrap up the fall program session and begin preparing for special holiday events. Mini golf returned to the library this November, and 132 people teed off in the multi-purpose room and putted their way through 12 holes designed by our very own library staff. Our DIY and Makespace programs continue to be a success, with more than 80 participants this month.

The library once again partnered with Vitalant to host the Maddalena Tray replenishment blood drive. Vitalant received 64 units of blood from community members during this drive. Thank you to everyone who made an appointment to donate!

After seeing the success of our Chess with a Champion youth program, we invited former chess champion and grandmaster Pete Vuljanic to host a chess program for adults as well. “The End Game” chess class now meets on the second Wednesday of every month for players who understand the basics of their game and are looking to improve their skills. We are also offering a drop-in chess session on the last Wednesday of the month for anyone who wants to meet up with other players for a casual game.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

Since the library’s new strategic plan was approved earlier this year, staff and board members have been hard to work to accomplish some of the short-term goals, while many more are currently in progress. Here are some things that have been completed so far:

- *Audit and strengthen the board’s governance documents:* This fall, the Library Board has been working diligently to review their bylaws, intended to be amended at the December 13 meeting.
- *Research event calendar and registration platforms:* Library staff attended sales demos for three event calendar products this year. In the first quarter of 2023, we will be migrating to a software from Library Market. This new platform will be more user-friendly for patrons, customizable on the back end for staff, and it will also make it easier for outside organizations to book a meeting room.
- *Create a Youth Services program guide that communicates partnership opportunities and best practices:* Shannon Pauley, Head of Youth Services, has created a comprehensive informational guide to provide to local preschools, daycares, and classrooms. This guide lays out exactly what the library can offer through outreach services, including classroom visits, library card sign-up drives, library field trips, and storytimes.