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PETERS TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY
OPENING BOOKS, DOORS AND MINDS

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday Closed

The library closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and is closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 23.

A DIGITAL WINDOW INTO PETERS TOWNSHIP'S PAST

In 2022, the Peters Township Public Library was awarded a Historical Archives and Records Care (HARC) Grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to digitize and provide access to at-risk materials in the Peters Township Public Library (PTPL) Archives. The Peters Township Library Foundation provided matching funds to support this project.

It all started with a diary, specifically an 1886 diary written by Peters Township resident Chatham Glenn Matthews. Part of the Matthews family papers in the PTPL Archives and written in faded pencil, the diary promised a glimpse into 19th-century everyday life in the Township. But there was a problem. The paper of this 137-year-old diary was so brittle and acidic that library staff would have caused damage by handling it. Restricted from use due to its fragile condition, the Archives could not provide public access to this historic local resource.



record book from 1803 to 1866, were too large for the library's flatbed scanner. Thanks to support from the HARC Grant, the library purchased equipment for an overhead camera setup that solved both issues.

Our archivist and library staff selected six bound items for the grant project. Over several months, library staff carefully photographed the items, edited captured images, and uploaded them online. These bound materials and much more from the PTPL Archives are now available in the library's collection on PA Power Library's PA Photos and Documents site at ptlib.org/ptplphotos.

Now accessible:

- *A 108-page journal written by Chatham G. Matthews.*
Matthews, a descendant of early settlers in Peters Township, was born in 1857. In addition to raising grain on a 100-acre local farm, he operated a store, C.G. Matthews Cash Grocer, in the Pittsburgh suburb of Beltzhoover. His journal, focused on daily farming and maintenance from 1886-1890, provides insight into the rural life familiar to many in Western Pennsylvania.
- *A Peters Township municipal record book.*
Covering 1806-1866, the book details township elections, auditing roads, stray animals, and a local social safety net program. This municipal record is of interest as records from this time, particularly government records, are scarce.
- *Two bound volumes recording business transactions from Dr. David M. Anderson's medical practice in Peters Township.*
As a young man, Anderson joined the California Gold Rush, studied medicine in South America, and was a surgeon in the Civil War. He later practiced medicine in Peters Township, operated a local coal mine, and served three terms in the PA Legislature. The PTPL Archives holds a daybook (1874-1881)



The answer to this delicate problem appeared through digitization and online access. However, the usual method of digitization using a flatbed scanner would be difficult and possibly damage the diary and several other fragile items of interest in the PTPL Archives. These materials could not lay flat and scanning this way would cause irreparable damage. Other bound volumes in the Archives, such as a Township



and ledger (1875-1891) created by Dr. Anderson as part of his day-to-day work as a local doctor. These volumes document the patient costs and methods of payment, such as in eggs or farm labor, used by his patients.

- *Two diaries written by Rachel Ann Bell which are part of the Roach family papers.*

Bell was born in the Township in 1844 and soon moved to Illinois. At age 43, Bell returned to Peters Township to care for her uncle as his caretaker and housekeeper. The first diary documents Bell's daily activities from 1889 to 1890. Typical entries include baking, cleaning, and caregiving, while notable events include a prohibition election and visiting Pittsburgh's Exposition Hall. The second diary by Bell covers the years 1892 to 1894. Her record paints a picture of the daily work necessary on a house and farm in Western Pennsylvania. It provides insight into her role as a middle-aged, unmarried woman in rural society. Bell and Matthew's accounts provide a fascinating parallel. Written roughly at the same time, researchers can compare how gender, marital status, and daily employment impacted two similarly situated people living in Peters Township.

Even though the Peters Township Public Library Archives has now concluded this grant project, the work with the new overhead scanning equipment will continue. Ongoing efforts will make more fragile and oversized archival materials accessible to Peters Township residents and anyone with an Internet connection. This project was supported by a grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Historical Archives and Records Care Grant, a program funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

FOR ALL AGES

FAMILY & FRIENDS PHOTO DAY

For all ages

Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Coordinate those outfits and get your pictures taken at the library! We will use various backdrops and props, and a library staff member will use a quality camera to capture the magic. We will email photographs to participants the following week. Space is limited, and reservations are required to guarantee your 15-minute time slot. Registration opens Oct. 2 and is required! Register at ptlib.org/photo. This program is free, but if you want to give back, please bring a non-perishable donation for the Food Bank. We cannot permit pets at this photo session.

MINI GOLF AT THE LIBRARY

For all ages

Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration opens Wednesday, Nov. 1

Register your family or group by calling the Youth Services Desk at 724.941.9430 #3 to reserve your tee time. We recommend you register because walk-ins cannot be guaranteed a spot. An adult must accompany you if you are in Grade 4 and under.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMMING



Please visit the library calendar at events.

ptlibrary.org to register for our free programs or call 724.941.9430 #3.

Fall programs are in session and run through Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023.

Featured Fall Programs

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

For ages 4 to 18

Pumpkin drop-off Oct. 9 to 20

Decorate a pumpkin to look like your favorite book character! Bring your pumpkin to the library to be voted on by other library users! You must drop your pumpkin off by Friday, Oct. 20. Pumpkin voting will run from Oct. 23 to 25. We will announce a winner on Oct. 26. You must pick up your pumpkin by Oct. 31. We will dispose of any pumpkins left after Oct. 31.

PUMPKIN PAINTING

For all ages

Thursday, Oct. 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Save the mess at home and decorate



a pumpkin at the library! All materials, INCLUDING the pumpkin, will be provided for you. You are limited to 1 pumpkin per person. Bring additional pumpkins to decorate, but we will give you only one. **Please register anyone in your group who wishes to decorate their own pumpkin.** Although not required, we highly encourage you to decorate a pumpkin to look like your favorite book character for our Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

JUST SAY THANK YOU!

For all ages

Saturday, Nov. 11, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Just say "thank you" and fill your heart with gratitude. This sweet before-Thanksgiving program will leave you feeling good and grateful. Each child will receive a gratitude kit to take home.

LET'S TALK TURKEY STORYTIME

For all ages

Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Get ready to gobble up some fun with Miss Linda! In the spirit of giving, we ask you to bring a non-perishable item for our local food bank.

Recurring Children's Programs

Registration is open for the Fall Session of our weekly programs for babies through age 5, which includes Toddler Tales, Bodies in Motion, Book Babies, Mother Goose Storytime, Tiny Tunes, and Preschool Storytime. Registration is required for each child participating in each session. Registration opens 2 weeks before each program date. Visit events.ptlibrary.org to view the calendar and register your child!

WILD KRATT WEDNESDAY

For Pre-K and up
Second Wednesday of the Month, 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.
(Oct. 11 & Nov. 8)

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Bring a bag lunch and picnic as you watch nature unfold with the Kratt brothers on the big screen. Registration is required for each child participating. Walk-ins are not guaranteed a space.

NIGHT WITH WQED

For the whole family
Second Thursday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Join us for a beloved PBS show, activities, and story! We thank Clearview Federal Credit Union for sponsoring these programs.
Oct. 12: Daniel Tiger, **Nov. 9:** Pinkalicious

PAWS FOR READING

For Pre-K and up
Second Saturday of the Month, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
(Oct. 14 & Nov. 11)
Youth Services Department, 1st floor

We are excited to host certified therapy dogs at the library. Register online for your 20-minute time slot to read to these furry friends. Registration is required for each child participating.

CHESS WITH A CHAMPION

For Grades 1 to 6
Third Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
(Oct. 17 & Nov. 21)
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Mr. Pete, our local chess champion, is ready to share basic play techniques. A library staff member will be assisting Mr. Pete during each session. Registration is required for each child participating.

FAMILY LEGO NIGHT

For the whole family
Fourth Monday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
(Oct. 23 & Nov. 27)
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Build Legos together as a family. Create and name your design to be displayed in the Youth Services Department. It will stay on display until just before the next Lego night. Registration is required for each child participating.

INKY'S LIBRARY MYSTERY

For Ages 3 to 7
Friday, Nov. 3, 1 to 2 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Pittsburgh Puppet Works returns with Inky the Cat and Albert the Dog on their thrilling adventure as they attempt to solve the

Mystery of the Purrrsburg Library! Registration is required for each child participating.

MARIO KART TOURNAMENTS

Wednesday, Nov. 22
Teen Room, 1st floor

Come meet up with friends for a Mario Kart tournament!

Grades 1 to 3: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.,

Grades 4 to 6: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.,

Grades 7 to 12: 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tween Programming

TWEEN MAKER MONDAY

For Grades 4 to 6
Monday, Oct. 16, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Enjoy working with your friends on different STEAM-based DIY activities. We will have a light snack for you. Registration is required.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRITER'S CLUB

For Grades 6 to 8
Tuesdays, Oct. 17 & Nov. 21, 4 to 5 p.m.
Teen Room, 1st floor

Join Ms. Beth to discuss all things writing-related! Bring paper/pencil or a laptop to write on, plus any stories you'd like to share.

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

For Grades 4 to 6
Select Thursday of the Month, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Join Ms. Linda for a book talk and activity. The first five registrants for the discussion will get a free copy of the book. Registration is required.

Oct. 26: *City of Ghosts* by V.E. Schwab

Nov. 16: *Guts* by Raina Telgemeier



TWEEN WRITER'S CLUB

For Grades 4 and 5
Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 4 to 5 p.m.
Teen Room, 1st floor

Join Ms. Beth to discuss all things writing-related. Bring paper/pencil or a laptop to write on, plus any stories you'd like to share. No registration is necessary.

TWEENMADE: COTTAGECORE WREATH

For Grades 4 to 6
Tuesday, Nov. 14, 4 to 5 p.m.
Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

CottageCore is a romantic, nature-driven design trend emphasizing cozy spaces decorated with rustic touches. Join us to make a rustic wreath that features all things fall and cottage-y! You'll work with lots of faux mosses, ferns, acorns, berries, leaves, and mushrooms. Registration is required.

Teen Programming

VolunTEEN BOARD

For Grades 7 to 12

First Thursday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Oct. 5 & Nov. 2)
OR First Saturday of the Month, 11 a.m. to noon
(Oct. 7 & Nov. 4)

Teen Room, 1st floor

The library is accepting teen volunteers. Meet with Ms. Shannon monthly in the Teen Room to help plan events and prepare for library activities. Weekly and special volunteers are also needed. Attendance at one monthly VolunTEEN Board meeting (either the first Thursday or the first Saturday) is required to serve as a library volunteer.

TEEN CHOICE BOOK CLUB

For Grades 7 to 12

First Saturday of the Month,
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Teen Room, 1st floor

Let's munch a light pizza lunch while we discuss the books. Registration is required. The first five registrants get a free copy of the book. Author Kit Frick will be joining us at the November book club meeting.

Nov. 4: *The Reunion* by Kit Frick



TEENMADE: HALLOWEEN ACRYLIC POUR PAINTING

For Grades 7 to 12

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Acrylic pouring is an abstract art technique where artists pour fluid acrylic paints on a surface to create art. In this class, we will be making a cool Halloween-themed canvas. Registration is required.

HIGH SCHOOL WRITER'S CLUB

For Grades 9 to 12

Tuesdays, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, and Nov. 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Teen Room, 1st floor

Join Ms. Beth to discuss all things writing-related. Bring paper/pencil or a laptop to write on, plus any stories you'd like to share. No registration is necessary.

TEEN TASTE CHALLENGE

For Grades 7 to 12

Thursday, Oct. 26, 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Teen Room, 1st floor

How well do you know your favorite Halloween candy? Join us for a blind tasting of some favorite Halloween treats. Registration is required for this program.

STUDIO GHIBLI MOVIE MARATHON

For Grades 7 to 12

Friday, Nov. 3, 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Teen Room, 1st floor

Looking for something to do on your day off school? How about a Studio Ghibli marathon? We'll also serve Ghibli-themed snacks, and you can make some cute Ghibli crafts!

TEENMADE: COTTAGECORE WREATH

For Grades 7 to 12

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

CottageCore is a romantic, nature-driven design trend emphasizing cozy spaces decorated with rustic touches. Join us to make a rustic wreath that features all things fall and cottage-y! You'll work with lots of faux mosses, ferns, acorns, berries, leaves, and mushrooms. Registration is required.

DINE & DECORATE: HOLIDAY EDITION

For Grades 7 to 12

Saturday, Nov. 25, 1 to 3 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Join Ms. Beth to create and hang up holiday decorations to make the library look festive! We will have snacks for you, and you can earn service hours. Stay for one or both hours.

REMEMBERING SUMMER FUN





SAVE THE DATE
A NOVEL NOVEMBER WITH
VICTORIA "V.E." SCHWAB



11.1.2023

TICKETS ON SALE
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The Peters Township Library Foundation, in partnership with the Peters Township Public Library, will welcome international bestselling author Victoria "V.E." Schwab to Peters Township for our 6th Annual Novel November on **Wednesday, November 1** at Peters Township High School. Ms. Schwab is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of more than twenty books, including the acclaimed *Shades of Magic* series, the *Villains* series, the *City of Ghosts* series, and the international bestseller *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*.

Novel November began in 2017 with award-winning debut novelist Yaa Gyasi and has grown to feature authors Tim O'Brien, Anna Quindlen, Taylor Jenkins Reid, and Andy Weir. We expect over 400 guests to attend from the township as well as neighboring communities and states.

What began as a humble vision to promote the literary arts in the Peters Township area has become an annual community event. The evening will begin with a performance by Peters Township High School's premier a cappella group, Room 100, followed by a conversation with the author, then conclude with a book signing. We will also host an exclusive VIP reception prior to the program that includes light refreshments, music, a paperback copy of Ms. Schwab's *The Invisible Life of Addie La Rue*, preferred seating for our program, and a pre-event book signing. The Foundation is proud to sponsor Novel November with all of our community partners. Tickets are on sale now at ptlib.org/veschwab and at the library.

Other books by V.E. Schwab



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CREATE IN THE MAKERSPACE

Meet with Technology and Makerspace Librarian Sarah Quinn for these programs in the Makerspace Area on the 2nd floor. The library provides all materials. Registration is required for all programs.

3D PRINTING PENS

For adults only

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Create spooky designs with 3D Printing Pens. You can choose from various Halloween templates or make your own design.

CRICUT CREATIONS

For adults only

Tuesday, Oct 17, 2:30 to 4 p.m. OR

For adults and teens 13+

Thursday, Oct. 26, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Create a fantasy landscape shadow box with the Cricut! We will use the Cricut Design Space app to customize a fantastical cut paper template. Please register for only one class.

NEEDLE FELTING

For adults only

Friday, Oct. 20, 2 to 3:30 p.m. OR Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Needle felting is transforming wool into 3D objects using a barbed needle. Learn how to form a 3D felted pumpkin. Due to the equipment used, this program is limited to adult patrons only. Please register for only one class.

SEWING CORNER

For adults only

Monday, Oct. 23, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Join us at the Sewing Corner to work on sewing, embroidery, quilting, or felting projects. Feel free to bring your own project or create something new! The Makerspace has an embroidery machine, sewing machines, thread, fabric, and felting supplies available. This program is for all skill levels. No registration is required.

3D PRINTING

For adults only

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of 3D printing — how 3D printers work, see 3D printed objects, and discover how you can access and use the 3D printers in our Makerspace area on the 2nd floor!

CRICUT CREATIONS

For adults only

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2:30 to 4 p.m. OR

For adults and teens 13+

Thursday, Nov. 16, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Create a winter-themed mug! We will complete the project using the Cricut Design Space app, the Cricut machine, and the mug press. All participants will receive one mug. Please register for only one class.

OPEN MAKERSPACE LAB

For adults only

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Visit the Makerspace to explore our creative technology and traditional crafting equipment! We will not be offering classes or instruction on this day. No registration is required.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

So our library staff can prepare accordingly, please visit the library calendar at [events.ptlibrary.org](https://ptlibrary.org) to register for our free programs or call 724.941.9430 #1. Registration for most programs opens 4 weeks before the program date.

CHESS DYNAMICS & WINNING STRATEGIES

For adults 18 and up

Wednesdays, Oct. 11 & Nov. 8, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Reading Room, 2nd floor

Former chess champion and grandmaster Pete Vuljanic offers chess instruction for players aged 18 and up. To join this free class, you must understand how to play the game and move each piece. This class is not suitable for tournament-level players. Registration is required.

BOOS & BREWS

Adults only 18+

Saturday, Oct. 14, 7 to 9 p.m.

Come to the library after hours for a Halloween treat for adults! This event is free to attend, with food and beverages available for purchase. Plan your night out and come to the library after dark! Registration is required at ptlib.org/boos

Activities will include:

7 to 9 p.m.: Scavenger Hunt, Tarot readings by Well Oiled, crafts and activities, food for sale by R-EEE-PAS & More, beverages for purchase from Mondays Brewing

8 p.m.: Pumpkin Carving Demonstration

8:30 p.m.: Costume Contest and Awards

MONDAY MATINEE

Third Monday of the Month, 1 to 4 p.m.

Reading Room, 2nd floor

Join us once a month for a Matinee Movie showing. Enjoy a feature film and popcorn. Registration is required to reserve your seat and ensure we have enough popcorn.

Oct. 16: *Death on the Nile* (PG-13, 127 minutes)

Nov. 20: *Dog* (PG-13, 101 minutes)

DISCOVERING WITCHES

The Real Records and Manuscripts Seen in Movies, Books, and TV Shows

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Witches are iconic figures in popular culture. They appear in some of your favorite silver screen and streaming media shows alongside archaic books and strange texts. We'll uncover the real records and printed resources seen in your favorite shows, what the writers used as inspiration, and how to access historical resources for free from home. This is a hybrid program — join us in the library or watch from home. Registration is required. Join us at 6 p.m. at the library to make a witchy goblet. The presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

BOOK TASTING

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Sample a variety of books and genres while enjoying light refreshments at the library. This Book Tasting is for adults looking for their next great read and will feature items available for checkout with your WAGGIN card.

SIT & FIT

Thursdays, Oct. 26 & Nov. 30, 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

With easy-to-follow instructions, you will tone and stretch your body in this low-impact, mindful movement class. The class will be set to soothing music and is perfect for mature adults and seniors of all abilities. Your instructor will be Meghan Greenwood, an ACE-certified group fitness instructor with over 15 years of teaching experience.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Reading Room, 2nd floor

Join us for an informative session with Ignite! The Ignite Business Incubator and Co-working Space is owned and operated by W&J College. Learn about programs and services to foster new business formation and grow small businesses and nonprofits. Representatives of Ignite will review the co-working options at Ignite and all the amenities included. Learn how small business owners benefit from a connection to the Ignite community.

AUTUMN DECOR BOX

Monday, Nov. 6, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Join us in creating a fall-themed display box perfect for your Thanksgiving table. You will receive a wooden crate to customize with your fall theme. We provide all materials. Bring your creativity!

AFTERNOON BINGO FOR SENIORS & CAREGIVERS

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1 to 2 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Have some fun playing everyone's favorite game — BINGO! Seniors and their caregivers can join us for Bingo and other games. Prizes for winners and fun for all! Registration is required.

VETERANS BENEFITS

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Join us to discuss the available monetary, health care, and other valuable VA benefits that you or a loved one may be eligible to receive. Attorney Justin Ellis of Zacharia Brown Elder Law and Estate Planning Attorneys presents this program.

SCAM ALERT

Monday, Nov. 13, 1 to 1:45 p.m. OR 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Reading Room, 2nd floor

Scammers use sophisticated tactics to trick you out of your money. Be proactive and learn common signs to help you recognize a potential scam and what steps to follow if you believe you were scammed. This program is presented by library staff using information available from the Federal Trade Commission. The presentation is at the library, but you can also register to watch online from home via Zoom.

SCHOOLS IN PETERS TOWNSHIP

Thursday, Nov. 16, 7 to 8 p.m.

Virtual presentation

Join Local History Librarian Margaret Deitzer and Public Relations Coordinator Carrie Weaver via Zoom as they "educate" you about the history of schools in Peters Township. From the early days of one-room schoolhouses through the drama surrounding the completion of the "new" Peters Township High School in September 1968, you will want to join us for this history lesson using resources from the PTPL Archives. Registration is required at ptlib.org/schools to receive the Zoom link to join the presentation.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

Monday, Nov. 20, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Join Dr. W. Thomas Mainwaring as he shares his research and the history of the Underground Railroad in this area. His book, *Abandoned Tracks: The Underground Railroad in Washington County, Pennsylvania*, traces the origins of the so-called "liberty line" from the late eighteenth century, when slavery still existed in the county, through the rise of abolitionism to the Civil War.

PUZZLE SWAP

Puzzle Drop Off: Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2 to 8 p.m.

Puzzle Drop Off: Thursday, Nov. 30, 2 to 8 p.m.

Puzzle Drop Off: Friday, Dec. 1, 1 to 4 p.m.

Puzzle Pick Up: Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 to 10:30 a.m.

It is time for another Puzzle Swap before winter chases us all indoors! Here's what to do: Drop off your adult puzzles (limit 10) in the library lobby from Wednesday to Friday in their original box, in good condition, AND with all their pieces. You will receive a Puzzle Swap Ticket for your puzzles that you can redeem for new-to-you puzzles on Saturday, Dec. 2. Please wrap a rubber band around each puzzle box to secure the contents.

Library-Sponsored Clubs

Please consider joining one of our many library clubs. Most do not require registration – all are welcome to drop in. Book Clubs that meet in person in the library have a Zoom option if members wish to participate from home. Registration is required to attend in person and to receive the Zoom Link.

EVENING BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS



Second Wednesday of the Month, 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Reading Room, 2nd floor

Club Leader: Danielle Mizia

Oct. 11: *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab

Nov. 8: Planning Meeting

BOOKS AND BREWS



Second Thursday of the Month, 7 to 8 p.m.

Join library staff at Monday's Brewing at 1055 Waterdam Plaza Drive in McMurray for our book club. No registration is needed.

Oct. 12: *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn.

Nov. 9: *The Divorce Colony* by April White.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

Third Wednesday of the Month, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
 Reading Room, 2nd floor
 Club Leader: Lori Obel

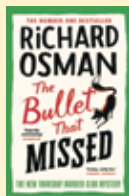
Oct. 18: *Turn of Mind* by Alice LaPlante.
Nov. 15: *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams.



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

Last Tuesday of the Month, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
 Reading Room, 2nd floor
 Club Leader: Peter Stamoolis

Oct. 31: *The Bullet That Missed* by Richard Osman.
Nov. 28: *State of Terror* by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny.



CRAFTERNOON CLUB

First Thursday of the Month, 1 to 3 p.m.
 Reading Room, 2nd floor

Visit the library monthly and follow easy instructions to create a different craft or art project. We will provide crafting supplies, or you can bring your own project. This program is for adults.

Oct. 5: Create spooky home décor as we cut out bats and cats and create a Halloween garland.
Nov. 2: Use beads, charms, and stretchy string that we provide to design an autumn bracelet.

“ROOTS” GENEALOGY CLUB

Second Tuesday of the Month, 1 to 3 p.m.
 (Oct. 10 & Nov. 14)
 Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

Share resources, information, and methods for exploring your family’s history.

LENSSHOOTERS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Second Wednesday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
 (Oct. 11 & Nov. 8)
 Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

All levels of experience are welcome to this monthly photography club. Share your photos with friends, participate in monthly photography challenges, and learn different techniques from various speakers. This monthly meeting is organized and presented by the Western Pennsylvania Lensshooters Association. **Registration is requested.**

CROCHET & KNITTING CLUB

Second Thursday of the Month, 6 to 7 p.m.
 (Oct. 12 & Nov. 9)
 Reading Room, 2nd floor

Crocheters and knitters are welcome to our monthly club. Bring your own projects and share stitches with friends. This class does not have a teaching component. Please check our event calendar for craft classes with instructors. Registration is required.

COOKBOOK CLUB

Select Mondays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
 Multi-Purpose Room, 1st floor

The Cookbook Club meets bimonthly on the third Monday, featuring dinners and recipe challenges. **Registration is required in person at the Circulation Desk** and opens one month before the meeting date. Library staff will choose cookbooks for your recipe selection. Visit the area behind the

Circulation Desk to view the cookbooks from our collection and sign up for your recipe so we can enjoy a variety of dishes together!

Oct. 16: *Appetizers for a Crowd*
Dec. 18: *Cookie Challenge*

STAMP CLUB

Third Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
 (Oct. 17 & Nov. 21)
 Conference Room, 2nd floor

New members are always welcome to share stamps and peruse the collections of other philatelists at our monthly meetings. The Stamp Club does not offer appraisals or purchase collections.

PUZZLE & GAME CLUB

Third Thursday of the Month, 1 to 3 p.m.
 (Oct. 19 & Nov. 16)
 Reading Room, 2nd floor

Join us for some puzzles and games. Connect a few puzzle pieces, Connect 4, and connect with people in this new monthly club. This program is for adults.

WORLD WAR II DISCUSSION GROUP

Last Wednesday of the Month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 (Oct. 25 & Nov. 29)

A monthly discussion series featuring topics about World War II: new members are always welcome! No registration is necessary.

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