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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 is closed on Monday, Dec. 25, and Monday, January 1, 2024.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

BIRDHOUSE KITS

Registration opens Friday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m.

Attract local birds to your yard with a birdhouse! Pick up your kit and work with your family and friends to create a beautiful home for area avians. **Please register for only one kit per household/family.** The kit contains pieces to make a single, unfinished wood birdhouse. No tools are required, but glue is recommended. We will email pick-up instructions after registration closes on Friday, Jan 5, 2024.



NOON YEAR'S EVE

For all ages

Friday, Dec. 29, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Help us count down to the New Year with a Noon Year's Eve Party! Adults, kids, and party-goers of all ages are welcome to create a craft, explore our activities, enjoy snacks, and help us count down to 12 p.m. We will have activities in our Multipurpose Room and Lobby. **Please register EVERY individual who will be coming to this event.**



PITTSBURGH CLASSICAL GUITAR ENSEMBLE

For all ages

Saturday, Jan. 6, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

We invite music lovers of all ages to come and enjoy an afternoon of folk music from around the world, including Late Renaissance dance music presented by the Pittsburgh Classical Guitar Society Ensemble. Please register each person attending this event. Pittsburgh Classical Guitar Society - PCGS is a 501c non-profit committed to bringing live classical guitar music to the Greater Pittsburgh area. Please register to reserve your seat.

WRITING YOUR LIFE STORY

Thursday, Jan. 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to start writing your life story or capture someone else's story! Authors James R. Hagerty and Lisa Grazan combine lecture, audience participation, and Q&A as they share their experiences and tips when you work to record meaningful life events. This program will give you the foundation to move forward and write your life story or someone else's! Please register to reserve your seat.



THE PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
FOUNDATION

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

On Wednesday, November 1, The Peters Township Library Foundation welcomed international bestselling author Victoria "V.E." Schwab to Peters Township for our 6th annual Novel November. Hundreds of local readers gathered at Peters Township High School to enjoy an evening of conversation about the wonders of storytelling with Ms. Schwab. We want to thank the many enthusiastic guests who attended and our community partners who advertised and helped us spread the word about Novel November. We are grateful to our independent bookselling partner, Riverstone Books, who set up two mobile book stores at this year's program. Lastly, we would like to extend a huge thank you to our 2023 Novel November sponsors: Joanne Bates of Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate, Washington Financial Bank, Bonnie Loya of Coldwell Banker Real Estate, Botkin Family Wealth Management, NSS Life, South Hills Lincoln, Williams Gas, Zacharia Brown Elder Law and UPMC Health Plan. We could not have done it without all of you.

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FOR SPEAKER INFO, PLEASE VISIT [MACMILLANSPEAKERS.COM/SPEAKER/V-E-SCHWAB/](https://macmillanspeakers.com/speaker/v-e-schwab/)



THE PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
FOUNDATION

A NOVEL NOVEMBER WITH
PATRICK RADDEN KEEFE

NOVEMBER 7, 2024



Book Sales By



7:00 PM
VIP RECEPTION 5:45 PM
PETERS TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL

TICKETS ON SALE
9.4.24
ptlib.org/patrickraddenkeefe

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For speaker info, please visit penguinrandomhouse.com/authors/60135/patrick-radden-keefe/

Presenting Sponsor

UPMC HEALTH PLAN



Holiday Sale
Begins Nov. 29

Peters Township
Library rotunda





WINTER FUN
at Peters Township Public Library

Register for all programs at events.ptlibrary.org.

Family Ornament Night: Monday, Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Jubilee Ringers: Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m.

Elf on the Shelf Kick-off Party: Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Family Karaoke: Saturday, Dec. 9, 1 p.m.

Edible Holiday Treats: Monday, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Tweenmade/Teenmade: Christmas Truffles
Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4 p.m. Tweens and 6:30 p.m. Teens

Tween Book Club: Thursday, Dec. 21, 4 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve Party: Friday, Dec. 29, 11 a.m.

Tweenmade/Teenmade: Watercolor Book Trackers
Tuesday, Jan. 9, 4 p.m. Tweens and 6:30 p.m. Teens

**Township Holiday Kick-off
at Community Rec Center**
Friday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m.

YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMMING



Please visit the library calendar at events.ptlibrary.org to register for our free programs or call 724.941.9430 #3. Winter session programs begin Monday, Jan. 8, and run through Saturday, March 2.

Recurring Children's Programs



PAWS FOR READING

For Pre-K and up

Second Saturday of the Month, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
(Dec. 9 & Jan. 13)

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.

WILD KRATT WEDNESDAY

For Pre-K and up

Second Wednesday of the Month,
12 noon to 12:30 p.m.
(Dec. 13 & Jan. 10)

Multipurpose 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.

Multipurpose Room, 1st floor

Join us for a beloved PBS show, activities, and story! We thank Clearview Federal Credit Union for sponsoring these programs.

Dec. 14: Christmas with Curious George, **Jan. 11:** Donkey Hodie.



Peters Township Public Library presents

Preschool ~A~ Palooza

Saturday, Jan. 20
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Is choosing a preschool for your child **STRESSING YOU OUT??!!**

Meet with representatives from local preschools at our Preschool-A-Palooza and get your questions answered to make the best choice for your child.

No registration - Stop in when you can!

Winter Weekly Programs for Babies through Kindergarten begin Jan. 8 through Feb. 28!

Toddler Tales for ages 2 to 3 1/2
Mondays at 10 a.m.

Bodies in Motion for ages 3 to 5
Mondays at 11 a.m.

Book Babies for ages birth to 15 months
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Mother Goose for ages 1 to 2 1/2 years
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Tiny Tunes for ages 3 to 5
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Preschool Storytime for ages 3 1/2 to 5
Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

Registration opens 2 weeks before each program date at events.ptlibrary.org. Registration is required for each child participating in each session.

Tween Programming

TWEEN WRITER'S CLUB

For Grades 4 and 5

Tuesdays, Dec. 5 & Jan. 2, 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: HOLIDAY TRUFFLES

For Grades 4 to 6

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4 to 5 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, 1st floor

What's a truffle? It's a sweet and versatile candy with a rich chocolate center, rolled in various coatings. Make several versions of these yummy holiday treats to gift or keep! Registration is required.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRITER'S CLUB

For Grades 6 to 8

Tuesdays, Dec. 19 & Jan. 16, 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.

TWEENMADE: BOOK TRACKER

For Grades 4 to 6

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, 1st floor

Start the new year off right! Use watercolor painting techniques to make strips of colored paper that you'll cut and arrange into a creative and unique book tracker you can use to record the books you read for the entire year.

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

For Grades 4 to 6

Select Thursday of the Month, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Multipurpose 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.

Dec. 21: *The Sea in Winter* by Christine Day

Jan. 25: *The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson



Teen Programming

HIGH SCHOOL WRITER'S CLUB

For Grades 9 to 12

Tuesdays, Dec. 5, Dec. 19, Jan. 2, and Jan. 16, 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 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.

Dec. 2: *Ophelia After All* by Racquel Marie

Jan. 6: TBD

TEENMADE: HOLIDAY TRUFFLES

For Grades 7 to 12

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, 1st floor

What's a truffle? It's a sweet and versatile candy with a rich chocolate center, rolled in various coatings. Make several versions of these yummy holiday treats to gift or keep! Registration is required.

TEEN CHRISTMAS MOVIE MARATHON

For Grades 7 to 12

Thursday, Dec. 21, 4 to 8 p.m.

Teen Room, 1st floor

Binge-watch your favorite Christmas specials and movies. Pizza and snacks will be included! Registration is required.

TEENMADE: BOOK TRACKER

For Grades 7 to 12

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, 1st floor

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TEEN SPA NIGHT

For Grades 7 to 12

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Teen Room, 1st floor

Beat the winter blues with this relaxing night of pampering and fun! Think face masks, foot soaks, manicures, and more as we take over the teen room and turn it into a spa!

TEEN BARBIE NIGHT

For Grades 7 to 12

Thursday, Jan. 25, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Teen Room, 1st floor

Wear pink and join us for a night all about BARBIE! We will watch classic Barbie DVD specials, make I Am Kenough shirts, and design a Barbie doll.

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.

INTRO TO 3D PRINTING

For adults only

Thursday, Dec. 7, 3 to 4 p.m. OR Friday, Jan. 5, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Learn how 3D printers work, see 3D printed objects, and discover how you can access and use the 3D printers in our makerspace. Please register for one class only.

CRICUT CREATIONS

For adults only, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

For ages 13 and up, Thursday, Dec. 14, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Create a cut-paper holiday card. We will complete the project using the Cricut machine and the Design Space app. We will provide all materials. Please register for one class only.

3D PENS

For adults only

Friday, Dec. 15, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. OR Friday, Jan. 26, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Create 3D designs using our 3D Pens! We will have a variety of winter-themed templates to choose from, or you can design your own. We will provide all materials.

SEWING CORNER

For adults only

Mondays, Dec. 18 & Jan. 22, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Join us at the Sewing Corner to work on sewing, embroidery, quilting, or felting projects. This is a drop-in program, where participants will work on their personal projects with minimal staff assistance. The Makerspace has two embroidery machines, two sewing machines, fabric, and felting supplies available. All skill levels are welcome. No registration is required.

NEEDLE FELTING

For adults only

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2:30 to 4 p.m. OR Thursday, Dec. 21, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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

CRICUT CREATIONS

For adults, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

For ages 13 and up, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Make a menagerie of winter-themed projects! Sarah will guide you through designing a mug using the Design Space app, Cricut machine, and mug press. Dani will help you create a personalized coaster and hot cocoa mix. We will provide all materials. Please register for only one class.

3D PRINTING SOFTWARE INTRO

For adults only

Thursday, Jan. 11, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Learn the basics of Tinkercad, a 3D modeling software. You will complete tutorials to learn the basics of Tinkercad and then use what you learned to design a model. Due to the time it takes to 3D print, you will return to the library later to pick up your 3D-printed models.

PAPER QUILLING

For adults, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2:30 to 4 p.m.

For ages 13 and up, Thursday, Jan. 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Paper quilling is the art of rolling narrow paper strips into coils or scrolls and arranging them into elegant shapes. Technology and Makerspace Librarian Sarah Quinn will teach you quilling basics and help you create a wintry design. We will provide all materials. Please register for only one class.

ERESOURCE EXPLORATION

For all ages

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Hybrid program – Join us in the Makerspace, 2nd floor, OR watch via Zoom from home

Explore Creativebug, one of the free eResources provided by the library! Creativebug offers arts and crafts workshops and techniques, featuring over 1000 online art and crafts classes and videos. Learn how to access Creativebug and navigate through the resource. If you are attending virtually, we will email you a Zoom link.



**GET
MAKING
WITH
creativebug**

With your PT Library card, stream thousands of fine art and hand-crafting classes! Visit www.creativebug.com/lib/ptlibrary. Learn more about Creativebug at our eResource Exploration class on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. Attend in person or join us from home online through Zoom.

MAKERSPACE OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Explore the Makerspace's variety of creative technology equipment and traditional crafting tools.

Self-Service Equipment

- AccuCut GrandeMARK Die-Cut Machine
- Baby Lock Aventura II Embroidery and Sewing Machine
- Baby Lock Jubilant Sewing Machine
- Brother ScanNCut CM100 Electronic Cutting Machine
- iMac
- iPad Air
- Janome Memory Craft 350e Embroidery Machine
- Janome Sewist 500 Sewing Machine

Technology & Makerspace Librarian Assisted Equipment

- 3Doodler Start+ 3D Pens
- Badge-A-Matic Button Makers
- Bambu Lab P1S 3D Printer
- Cricut Maker 3
- Makerbot Replicator Desktop 3D Printer
- Mynt3d 3D Pens
- Sculpto Pro 2 3D Printer

Technology and Makerspace Librarian Sarah Quinn will be available to answer all of your questions and explain our guidelines for using the Makerspace's equipment.

No registration required - just drop in!

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.

SIT & FIT

*Thursdays, Dec. 14 & Jan. 25, 9:30 to 10 a.m.
Multipurpose 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. Registration is required.



DIY PAINTED SNOWMAN

*For ages 13 and up
Saturday, Dec. 16, 12:30 to 2 p.m.*

Let's have the perfect afternoon for teens and adults who want to get creative and make a unique hanging snowman. We will paint old CDs and turn them into cute and festive snowmen you can hang up in your home. We will provide all materials. Registration is required.

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.

Dec. 18: *Remember Pearl Harbor: Personal Accounts of Pearl Harbor* (NR, 82 minutes)

Jan. 15: *Freedom Summer* (NR, 113 minutes)

HOLISTIC REFLEXOLOGY FOR GOOD HEALTH AND HEALING

*Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, 1st floor*

Dorit Brauer teaches you simple techniques to improve your health and prevent disease. We will begin with a relaxing Sound Bath Meditation. The soothing sound of Quartz Crystal Singing Bowls, which induce alpha wave level activity of the brain, balance the brain's hemispheres, and resonate within every cell of your body, creating health, balance, and harmony. Registration is required.



Library-Sponsored Book Clubs

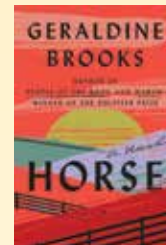
Please consider joining one of our many library clubs. Most do not require registration – all are welcome to drop in. Book Clubs that meet in person in the library have a Zoom option if members wish to participate from home. Registration is required to attend in person and to receive the Zoom Link.

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*

Dec. 13: *Facing the Mountain* by Daniel James Brown

Jan. 10: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks



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.*

Dec. 14: Bring your reading suggestion for the new year!

Jan. 11: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

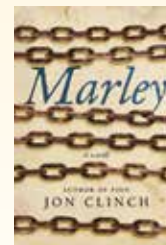


AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

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

Dec. 20: *Marley* by Jon Clinch

Jan. 17: *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story* by Ben Carson



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

*Last Tuesday of the Month, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Reading Room, 2nd floor*

Club Leader: Peter Stamoolis

No meeting in December

Jan. 30: TBD

For more information on our many library clubs, visit ptlibrary.org/events for meeting dates and a description of each club. Most require no registration - please drop in!