



## **Peters Township Library Report – December 2023**

### **Programming**

Although we don't offer our weekly storytime programs in December, the Youth Services Department was still very busy. Popular holiday programs like Elf on the Shelf, Edible Holiday Treats, and Family Ornament Night have become holiday traditions and many of our library families look forward to them each year. We were happy to visit the CRC to be part of the third annual Holiday Kick-Off, where we offered holiday crafts and a free book for every child. More than 460 people stopped by our tables!

We hosted several other festive events throughout the month – more than 110 patrons attended a performance by the Jubilee Bell Ringers of Trinity United Methodist Church, children, teens, and tweens created spectacular gingerbread houses to be judged in a decorating contest, and adults made a variety of holiday DIY projects including book vases, Cricut holiday cards, needle felted ornaments, and painted snowmen.

85 people attended a Puzzle Swap in December, where they could bring in old jigsaw puzzles and receive tickets to pick out new-to-them puzzles. Thank you to our volunteers Shelli and Mary, who helped organize this event! Participants brought in more than 800 puzzles for the swap. As this is consistently a very popular event, we will be building from this momentum and hosting a Game Swap. Community members can drop off used board games and card games on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, swap tickets can be redeemed for new-to-you games!

Our last program of 2023 was a fun Noon Year's Eve Party for families. More than 85 people counted down the New Year with us by creating crafts, enjoying snacks, hearing stories, and learning about New Year's traditions all across the country. We marked 12pm with noisemakers, confetti, and a countdown!

### **Volunteers**

Our dedicated volunteers donate their time and talents every year to help with day-to-day library operations. This year, our volunteers served more than 2,300 hours at the library! This is an increase of 400 hours from last year. Our VolunTeens attend at least one monthly meeting in order to serve as volunteers. They help set up and break down youth programs, shelve DVDs and media, and decorate the department for special events and holidays, among other tasks. Our adult volunteers have a variety of duties as well – delivering items to assisted living, processing items for the seed library, completing technical services tasks, running library-sponsored clubs, stocking the used book sale, serving on the Library Board, and digitizing materials in the Archives. We greatly appreciate all that our volunteers have done for the library this year!