



Peters Township Library Report – June and July 2023

All Together Now

Our “All Together Now” Summer Reading Program is winding down this month, with the last day to track reading and earn points being Saturday, August 12. The summer has been a whirlwind of programs and events, with more than 2,800 people attending throughout June and July. To start us off, our VolunTEEN group helped transform the library by creating decorations to go along with our “All Together Now” theme – BEE kind, BEE thoughtful, BEE a helper.

We’ve hosted a variety of creative programs for all age groups, including Bad Art Night, Mini Masterpieces, Tie Dye, TeenMade and TweenMade, Writing Clubs, Paper Quilling, Learn to Crochet, Karaoke, and Upcycled Tote Bags. We welcomed a multitude of community partners to the library, like the Carnegie Science Center, YMCA, Goldfish Swim School, Pittsburgh Puppet Works, and the Pittsburgh Zoo, as well as other local presenters. Program attendees took a virtual tour of the ruins of Pompeii with an archeologist, had a drink at Monday’s Brewing during our new Books and Brews Book Club, blasted off during Space Exploration camp, and honed their curiosity during the Curious George Club with our intern Morgan.

We had 483 active readers who logged their activities through Beanstack this summer. Depending on their age group, they could track books, minutes, or pages. Our Beanstack participants read 11,887 books, logged 336,000 minutes of reading, and 124,600 pages! Readers also submitted 425 books reviews to our Beanstack platform. 140 youth and teens picked out a free book as their halfway prize.

World Book Encyclopedia

Have a curious question? Find the answer in World Book Online. The same expert information from a print encyclopedia is accessible anywhere with an internet connection! All you need is your Peters Township Public Library card to access World Book Online from home.

From pre-K to high school and beyond, World Book Online has databases for every learner at every level. World Book Online hosts thousands of articles, as well as hundreds of maps, videos, and other media for an immersive learning experience. Teacher resources, curriculum correlations, learning standards, and other valuable tools for educators are included across all databases.

Mingo Park

At the end of July, PTPL partnered with the Washington County Library System to host the third annual Summer Reading Extravaganza event at Mingo Creek County Park, sponsored by Budd Baer Subaru. Although the weather took quite a turn that morning, several libraries had tables with prizes, giveaways, craft kits, free books, and games. Washington County families also enjoyed lunch from the Salvation Army and a magic show with the Amazing Magi. More than 150 people stopped by the PTPL table throughout the afternoon – we are so thankful to be able to partner with other county libraries to offer such a great event to our local families.