



Peters Township Library Report – October 2023

Novel November

The Library Foundation's sixth annual Novel November featuring New York Times bestselling author Victoria "V.E." Schwab was a huge success! More than 400 people were in attendance. A big thank you to all of the volunteers, committee members, and library employees whose time and dedication made this program possible. Thanks also to our sponsors, and those who helped make the event a success:

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The Foundation has already secured our author for next year's Novel November: Patrick Radden Keefe, NY Times best-selling author of *Rogues*, *Say Nothing*, and *Empire of Pain*, which was recently adapted into a Netflix limited series starting Matthew Broderick. Patrick's work has been recognized with a Guggenheim Fellowship, the National Magazine Award for Feature Writing, and the Orwell Prize for Political Writing.

Halloween updates

Our Youth Services staff represented the library at the community Trunk or Treat event, giving away free books to about 300 children. Library patrons of all ages picked up new-to-them costumes at our returning Costume Swap, created Halloween pour paintings, needle felted 3D pumpkins, and attended a Halloween-themed puppet show by the Pittsburgh Puppet Works. Our inaugural Boos, Brews, and Books event was a great success, with about 85 participants enjoying refreshments from Monday's Brewing and R-EEE-PAS, a library scavenger hunt, tarot readings, and crafts and activities.

Stories from the Archives

Our popular Stories from the Archives program series will be returning on Thursday, November 16. 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. We have also created a coordinating display, located on the library's second floor, containing information, photos, and original historical materials about the history of schools and education in Peters Township, from the late 1880s through the 1960s. Register to receive the Zoom link at ptlib.org/schools.