

Peters Township Library Report - January 2024

Tax Aide

The library is once again hosting the AARP Tax Aide program. Call the library to make an appointment if you would like to receive tax assistance free of charge, especially if you are a taxpayer over the age of 50 or have low to moderate income. Tax Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. Remaining appointment slots are limited, and run every Monday and Wednesday through the beginning of April.

We also have limited quantities of print federal and state tax forms available for library patrons. We currently have the 1040 forms and instructions, PA 40 forms and instructions, and a binder of reproducible federal schedules that patrons can make copies of. We received our state tax forms this year courtesy of Camera Bartolotta and Natalie Mihalek's offices.

Preschool Palooza

A favorite annual Youth Services event, Preschool Palooza, returned in January. Area preschools and daycares were invited to promote their schools and what they have to offer. Participants had a chance to visit each table to learn what is available for their child. This program almost doubled in attendance from last year, with 103 participants stopping by to meet with more than a dozen preschool representatives. This partnership program has also sparked additional outreach opportunities and we have noticed more preschool teachers utilizing our resources. Thank you to all of our preschool participants this year!

Building Projects

Several building projects are in progress at the library this year. The Peters Township Library Foundation generously funded new shelving to expand our cramped fiction section. We are slowly shifting the collection to take advantage of this new space. They also funded the purchase of new DVD shelving. All of our DVDs and TV series have been moved upstairs, to the former location of the Makerspace. Finally, in mid-January Public Works began constructing a new Circulation Office behind the front desk. They are making great progress! This new office will provide a workspace for our Patron Services Coordinator, additional storage, and a home for our shelving carts.