



Peters Township Library Report – March 2024

Gardening & Planting

Spring has sprung at the library, and we're getting ready with a slate of gardening and plant-related programming. Programs about growing orchids, backyard birds, container gardening, soil prep, and vegetable gardening have been huge hits with patrons, as well as a community seed exchange. Nearly 200 people attended or watched these programs in February and March. Upcoming programs include landscaping with native plants, a plant swap, deer resistant gardening, and the Giant Oaks Garden Club plant sale. The seed library, in its new location upstairs, is slowly opening up for the season. The seed library currently has a selection of vegetable seeds, but by the time planting season starts, there will be a variety of veggies, herbs, and flowers to choose from.

Youth Services

Spring is the time for preschool visits and outreach in the Youth Services Department. We were excited to host St John's Preschool for their annual field trip to the public library. This event brought in 76 people including the preschool students, caregivers, and teachers. The students enjoyed a book themed storytime and rotated through early literacy and math centers utilizing our Play K resources. Youth Services staff also visited 200 preschool students and teachers as part of spring outreach visits, and talked to families about library resources and programs at Bower Hill's Kindergarten registration.

Featured eResource – Genealogy Resources

The library has four database options for patrons who would like to research their family's history through available online records. For patrons who would like to search from home, we offer access to Heritage Quest, a database that includes access to many different record types including census records, military records, and immigration records. Patrons can also access the database MyHeritage Library Edition from their own home, a new resource that is provided by PA Power Library to all PA residents. This database includes billions of historical documents from 48 countries. For patrons who want to dive even deeper into their genealogical research, we also offer access to two databases that are available in the library only, Ancestry Library Edition and Family Search. Family Search provides access to millions of historical documents as well as a robust network describing relationships between individuals. Ancestry Library Edition is the gold standard of genealogical research, providing users access to billions of historical records to help them track their ancestors through their activity and across the world. The Peters Township Public Library is excited to be able to offer its patrons such a wealth of resources to assist in genealogical research. Just visit plibrary.org and check out the Resources tab.