



## **Peters Township Library Report – April 2024**

### **Solar Eclipse Party**

The Library, Parks and Rec, and Public Works helped create a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the PT Community on Monday, April 8. The Library provided eclipse glasses and Parks & Rec had activities and games. Auntie Anne’s food truck had snacks available for purchase and the crew from Public Works helped guide our estimated 1,500 participants to park safely around Rolling Hills. Crowds cheered as the moon mostly covered the sun in our area. It was truly a special and moving event that brought the community together. Another eclipse won’t be in Pennsylvania again until 2099 we are happy so many folks go to come out and enjoy this one!

### **Youth Services**

The Youth Services Department launched a new program in April called “First Steps, First Stories.” This program is a storytime for children ages 1½ to 2½ years old with their caregivers. First Steps, First Stories will occur monthly on Saturday mornings to accommodate working parents. The first session was well received and we look forward to growing the program in the coming months. As part of our outreach, the Department was asked to speak at the Bower Hill Elementary School PTA meeting. At this meeting, Shannon Pauley highlighted our upcoming summer reading program, “Adventure Begins at Your Library,” as well as library resources that are best for students at the elementary level.

### **BBB Shred Event**

On Saturday, April 20, the PT Community utilized Shred America’s onsite shredding to destroy 6,600 pounds of paper materials. The event, held in the parking lot of McMurray Elementary, was organized by the BBB of Western Pennsylvania and the Peters Township Public Library. Volunteers with the BBB provided consumer information to the 174 cars that visited.

### **Staffing**

We are excited to welcome two more additions to the library team. Sarah Lawrence, our new Youth Services Technician, started on April 30. A former high school lacrosse coach, Sarah will be focusing on teen and tween programming. She brings more than a decade of experience working with teens to her new position and is excited to get to know your families! Ava Cilli will also be joining the Youth Services Department in May as a Summer Reading Intern. Ava is currently attending John Carroll University and majoring in Middle Childhood Education. Ava will be staffing the Youth Reference Desk and helping out with programs all summer. Please stop by the library and say hello to our new staff!