



Peters Township Library Report – April 2024

Writing Contest

The Youth Services Department held its second annual Tween and Teen Writing Contest this spring, capped with a reception honoring all participants on May 7 at the library. This year's theme challenged writers to explore the word "hidden." From hidden identities to secret agents, from hidden worlds to secret crushes, the 12 teens and nine tweens entering the contest addressed the theme in a variety of creative ways. Judges—including library staff, published authors, and Peters Township Library Foundation members—scored entries based on creativity, technique, and theme.

Over 50 participants, family members and friends gathered at the May 7th reception for prizes, refreshments, and the announcement of winners. The top two winners in each category read an excerpt of their entries at the reception and received gift baskets. Plans are in the works for a third annual writing contest in 2025. All contest entries can be read at ptlibrary.org.

Adventure Begins at Your Library

The Summer Reading Program officially opened on June 1st with more than 450 people in attendance at the kick-off event, and registration is now open at ptlibrary.beanstack.org! In the first week of registration, 470 people signed up to participate. Summer reading is available for all ages – the more books you read, summer activities you complete, and library programs you attend, the more chances you have of winning a prize at the end of the summer! Join us to find out how "Adventure Begins at Your Library" this summer.

Our summer program session begins Monday, June 24th. The Youth Services Department will offer seven weekly storytimes through the beginning of August, so make sure to register on our events calendar at events.ptlibrary.org. Other summer highlights include visits from the Carnegie Science Center Mobile Fab Lab, Carnegie Science Center Skybox Planetarium, Pittsburgh Puppet Works, Pittsburgh Zoo, and National Aviary. We'll have Building Blocks of Engineering and World Traveler's Camp for our younger elementary schoolers, regular DIY programs and video game tournaments for teens and tweens, and another drop-in tie dye event. Plus we'll still be holding all of our monthly favorites like Family Lego Night, Bingo, Maker Monday, Teen and Tween Writing Clubs, Wild Kratts Wednesday, and Chess with a Champion!

Learn more about our 2024 summer reading program at ptlibrary.org/summer-reading-2024.