



## Peters Township Library Report – August 2024

### Novel November tickets now on sale!

The Peters Township Library Foundation is excited to announce that Patrick Radden Keefe will be the featured author for their upcoming Novel November event. The literary event will take place on **Thursday, November 7, 2024**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Peters Township High School Auditorium. This program will be the seventh in the Novel November series, with previous featured speakers including Yaa Gyasi, Tim O'Brien, Anna Quindlen, Taylor Jenkins Reid, Andy Weir, and V.E. Schwab.

Tickets for the event went on sale **Wednesday, September 4** and can be purchased online at [ptlib.org/patrickraddenkeefe](https://ptlib.org/patrickraddenkeefe). Adult general admission tickets are priced at \$30, while student tickets are available for \$5. All general admission tickets include a post-event book signing with Keefe. Riverstone Books, The Foundation's independent local bookselling partner, will sell Keefe's books before and after the program. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to hear from a *New York Times* bestselling author.

A limited number of VIP tickets will be available for \$75. The VIP ticket includes a reception with music and light refreshments from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the Peters Township High School cafeteria. VIP ticket holders will receive a copy of one of Keefe's books and attend a pre-event book signing by Keefe. You can also purchase tickets at the Peters Township Public Library circulation desk.

Patrick Radden Keefe is an award-winning staff writer at *The New Yorker* magazine and author of the New York Times bestsellers *Rogues*, *Empire of Pain*, and *Say Nothing*, as well as two earlier nonfiction books: *The Snakehead* and *Chatter*.

### Kindergarten Readiness

The PTPL Youth Services Department will be introducing a new program this fall - our first-ever Kindergarten Readiness Program. This program will meet weekly and will consist of stories, rhymes, and songs to help promote early literacy and reinforce basic reading. Participants will focus on a new letter each week and learn how to write the letter, the sound it makes, and participate in fun activities highlighting that letter and its sound. We will also include calendar time, counting, and parent-child center activities. Caregiver participation will be required in this event as we will be introducing skills and activities that can be practiced at home to further the kindergarten readiness. Head of Youth Services Shannon Pauley will be leading this program. As a former elementary and preschool teacher, Shannon is excited to continue to use her education background to prepare lessons and activities. Several years ago, our library received Play K kits from the state and each kit includes resources that introduce kindergarten readiness skills. Shannon will utilize these resources as she creates her lesson plans for the program.