



Peters Township Library Report – October 2024

Novel November

The Library Foundation's seventh annual Novel November featuring New York Times bestselling author Patrick Radden Keefe was a huge success! More than 200 people were in attendance. A big thank you to all of the volunteers, committee members, and library employees whose time and dedication made this program possible. Thanks also to our sponsors, and those who helped make the event a success:

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The Foundation has already secured our author for next year's Novel November: S.A. Cosby, NY Times best-selling author of *Razorblade Tears*, *Blacktop Wasteland*, and *All the Sinners Bleed*. *Blacktop Wasteland* won the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, was a *New York Times* Notable Book, and was named a best book of the year by NPR, *The Guardian*, and *Library Journal*, among others. Visit ptlib.org/sacosby to join the ticket waitlist for Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Youth Outreach

The Youth Services Department offered an extensive lineup of library outreach in October. Linda represented the library at the township's annual Trunk-or-Treat event, where she gave away 345 new books to the participants. Shannon and Sarah visited every Library class at McMurray Elementary during the week of October 7th, reaching 650 students. To continue this partnership, all English Language Arts classes from McMurray Elementary took a field trip to Peters Township Public Library throughout October and November. During their field trip, students and teachers got to learn about the library Archives, the Makerspace, how a book gets on the shelves, digital resources, and more. Prior to their visit, parents and caregivers received a form to register their child for a library card. As a result, we distributed 122 library cards to students.

Patty offered a storytime outreach at Tender Shepherd preschool, reaching 141 children and teachers. Linda visited Trinity Preschool and shared fall stories and songs. Sarah offered a two-part outreach program to St. John's Preschool teaching children about animal tracks and exploring a local creek. These programs had about 60 participants at each visit. Shannon had the opportunity to read to a third grade class at Bower Hill. She also spoke to 20 parents about library resources at Pleasant Valley's October PTA meeting. We are so appreciative of the opportunities for us to bring the library to the community!