



Peters Township Library Report – February 2025

Teen & Tween Writing Contest

The library is holding its third annual Tween & Teen Writing Contest this spring with the theme, “Wonder.” Whether writers want to explore “wonder” as a noun (a feeling of surprise, mingled with admiration caused by something beautiful, expected, or inexplicable) or a verb (1. to be curious to know something or 2. to feel doubt) — entrants can get creative in how they craft an original work that relates to the theme. New for 2025, the library is introducing a poetry category, in addition to fiction. Winners will be announced at a reception on April 8th at 6 p.m. at the library. Families and friends are encouraged to attend this event, which will include light refreshments and recognition of all contest participants.

Youth Services

Our winter session of storytimes concluded in the first week of March. The Youth Services Department hosted seven storytimes per week for eight weeks, including Toddler Tales, Bodies in Motion, Tiny Tunes, Preschool Storytime, Mother Goose, Kindergarten Readiness, and Book Babies. We also host two monthly storytime programs – First Steps, First Stories and Sensory Storytime. Almost 1,500 littles and caregivers attended storytime programs during the winter session. Spring session launches on March 24.

Ceiling Tile Project

We'd like to issue a big thank you to our Public Works Department! Throughout the first two weeks of February, they worked to replace the dirty, damaged, and water-stained ceiling tile and vents above the front doors of the library. This was an especially challenging project due to the height, location, and angle of the drop ceiling.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Author Panel

On Saturday, March 1, the library hosted five local fantasy and science fiction authors for a free panel discussion. Fifty folks came out to hear these authors speak about why they write speculative fiction and where they find inspiration. They also shared their vastly different experiences navigating the editing and publishing process. It is a great opportunity to facilitate interactions between our community and a few of the many talented local authors that call Southwest PA home. Last year, we hosted romance authors so stay tuned to see what genre we will delve into next.