



## **Peters Township Library Report – January 2025**

### **Tax Aide**

The library is once again hosting the AARP Tax Aide program. Call the library to make an appointment if you would like to receive tax assistance free of charge, especially if you are a taxpayer over the age of 50 or have low to moderate income. Tax Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. Appointment slots are available every Monday and Wednesday through the beginning of April.

We also have limited quantities of print federal and state tax forms available for library patrons. We currently have the 1040 forms and instructions, PA 40 forms and instructions, and a binder of reproducible federal and state schedules that patrons can make copies of. We received our state tax forms this year courtesy of State Senator Camera Bartolotta's office.

### **Preschool Palooza**

A favorite annual Youth Services event, Preschool Palooza, returned in January. Twelve area preschools and daycares were invited to promote their schools and what they have to offer. Patrons had a chance to visit each table to learn what is available for their child. More than 125 participants stopped by to meet with preschool representatives. Thank you to all of our preschool participants this year!

### **Reading Challenges**

The library is currently offering three reading challenges through our Beanstack platform. The annual A to Z Reading Challenge is returning for its third consecutive year, where participants will try to read their way through the alphabet. This year-long reading challenge asks our readers to find books with titles that start with every letter of the alphabet, and the challenge is complete when a book is logged for every letter.

Our new Bibliophile Challenge is designed for patrons who desire a higher level of difficulty. Each month has different tasks, and participants must complete two to earn the month's challenge badge. February's challenge celebrated the genres of Fantasy and Science Fiction, with participants choosing from a dystopian or post-apocalyptic book, a fantasy work, or a book from one of our Fantasy and Sci-Fi local author panelists.

The Winter Reading Challenge runs through the end of February, where birds of a feather can read together! This challenge focuses on logging minutes and learning about local birds. Readers of all ages can log their reading and complete different activities to help support the library's involvement in The Great Backyard Bird Count.