



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

### **Gardening & Planting**

Spring has sprung at the library, and we're getting ready with a slate of gardening and plant-related programming. Programs about growing orchids, beekeeping, perennial backyard fruits, and growing tomatoes have been huge hits with patrons in February and March, as well as a community seed exchange. Upcoming programs include growing vegetables in small spaces, attracting beneficial insects to your garden, water conservation, growing garlic, a plant swap, and the annual Giant Oaks Garden Club plant sale. The seed library is currently open for the 2025 season, and has a selection of vegetable, fruit, herb, and flower seeds, all distributed for free to library patrons! Almost 650 seed packets were borrowed this month.

### **Outreach**

Spring is the time for preschool visits and outreach in the Youth Services Department. We were excited to host St John's Preschool for their annual field trip to the public library. This event brought in 70 people including the preschool students, caregivers, and teachers. The students enjoyed a book themed storytime and rotated through early literacy and math centers utilizing our Play K resources. Youth Services staff also visited more than 550 students and teachers as part of spring outreach visits, and talked to families about library resources and programs at all of PTSD's Kindergarten Registration events.

### **Mini Golf**

Mini golf returned to the library this month, and 186 people teed off in the multi-purpose room and putted their way through 12 holes designed by Library, Parks & Rec, and Public Works employees. Golf hole themes included Legos, the Emerald City, a fairy garden, and Jurassic Park. Golfers voted on their top three holes. Congratulations to John Masilunas, the creator of The Wild Robot hole, for winning the 2025 trophy!

### **Tween Author Visit**

On March 5th, local authors Cristina Rouvalis and Lydia Wayman visited PTPL for an author visit and book signing for their newly released middle-grade novel, "Sneakers and Snoopers." Set in Pittsburgh, "Sneakers & Snoopers" follows two unlikely allies—bubbly and excitable Ashley, who used to sit at the popular girls' table, and Jane, who's a whiz at facts and numbers, but also a target for bullies because of her autism and all-consuming love of cats. They team up to figure out the mystery of who framed their beloved sixth-grade teacher for a theft she didn't commit. Cristina is a freelance magazine features writer and Lydia is a writer and autism advocate. Lydia and Cristina will also be returning to Youth Services for another Q&A and book signing on March 27th after our Tween Book Club, who read "Sneakers & Snoopers" as their March selection.