



Peters Township Library Report – June 2025

Summer Reading Kickoff

The 2025 summer reading program officially opened on June 7th with a kickoff event. Approximately 650 community members attended the kickoff from 11:30 to 1:30. Participants received their summer reading goodie bags, listened to the musical talents of local duo Josh and Gab, learned about printmaking with the Andy Warhol Museum, made friendship bracelets, and enjoyed Wu's Shaved Ice.

Some kickoff comparisons from 2024 to 2025:

- Nearly 980 library visitors on the day of the kickoff - a 63% increase
- More than 1,500 items checked out - a 68% increase in circulated materials
- On the Monday following kickoff, more than 750 patrons of all ages registered online to track their reading this summer - a 65% increase

Color Our World

The first half of the summer has been a whirlwind of events and programs, with 2,500 people attending in June. To start us off, our teen volunteers and staff transformed the library by creating decorations to go along with our "Color Our World" theme – including giant paintbrushes and crayon boxes in the Youth Services Department!

In the first month of summer reading, we had a record 1,031 people register on Beanstack to log their activities – a 17% increase from 2024! Depending on their age group, they could track books, minutes, or pages. Our Beanstack participants have read 8,400 books, logged 209,000 minutes of reading, and 85,000 pages! Readers also submitted 404 books reviews to our Beanstack platform. Many participants have recently hit their halfway point (children and teens) or earned five in a row on their bingo card (adults), which means they can pick out a prize at the library.

Read Local Eat Local Save the Date

Read Local Eat Local is an author showcase event hosted by the Peters Township Public Library and generously funded by The Peters Township Library Foundation. Since its inception in 2018, Read Local Eat Local has featured local writers, illustrators, and food trucks in a unique festival celebrating authors. Save the date for the 6th annual Read Local Eat Local event on Saturday, September 6! Swing by the library between 11am and 2pm to visit 22 local authors of a variety of genres, purchase books, and be entered into a raffle. Eat a delicious lunch under the tents from three food trucks – Wood Stoked Barbecue, Vaya Mexican Street Food, and Millie's Ice Cream. Visit ptlib.org/rlel for more information and a full list of author participants.