



Peters Township Library Report – July 2025

Tie Dye

Over two sessions at the beginning of August, 455 people joined us at the library picnic tables for tie dye! Community members could bring up to two items per person to dye. They moved through the different stations to rubber band their clothing into designs, soak the items in the soda ash solution, and then go crazy with ten different dye colors. Everyone's creations turned out beautifully, and we love to see patrons wearing their tie-dyed clothes when they stop by the library!

Mingo Park

At the end of July, PTPL partnered with the Washington County Library System to host the fifth annual Summer Reading Extravaganza event at Mingo Creek County Park, sponsored by Budd Baer Subaru. Many of the Washington County libraries were present, and had tables with prizes, giveaways, craft kits, free books, and games. Washington County families also enjoyed lunch from the Salvation Army, ice cream, face painting, WQED challenges, and a magic show from Haberman Magic. More than 400 people stopped by the PTPL table throughout the afternoon – we are so thankful to be able to partner with other county libraries to offer such a great event to our local families.

Color Our World

The Peters Township Public Library had an extremely successful summer reading program in 2025. From June 7 through August 9, we had 797 active readers (217 adults, 509 children, and 71 teens) who logged their activities through Beanstack this summer – an 18% increase from last year! Depending on their age group, they could track books, minutes, or pages. Our Beanstack participants have read more than 22,500 books, logged 535,000 minutes of reading, and 222,000 pages. Readers also submitted more than 875 book reviews to our Beanstack platform.

Highlights from July programming included month-long drawing challenges for youth, outreach at the Whiskey Rebellion Festival and Farmer's Market, a visit from Donkey Hodie herself during Night with WQED, and an adult program about the history of PA Dutch Barn Art. This was one of our busiest months yet, with more than 1,800 people attending 113 programs! The Youth Services Department was especially busy, holding 72 programs in July and handing out 248 halfway prizes and 150 prize baskets. The library saw, on average, between 500 and 700 people per day walk through our doors.