



Peters Township Library Report – November 2025

Archives Outreach

This fall, the PTPL Archives received a request from a 6th grade social studies teacher to speak to her students about historical achievements in Peters Township. Archivist Nancy Martin presented to five classes of 6th graders, a total of about 100 students. She focused on the evolution of the Peters Township Public Library and the Peters Township Ambulance Service as historical achievements.

Later in the month, a local Girl Scout troop leader reached out to see if the Archives could present about “Peters Township Then & Now” as a part of the girls’ Community Badge activities. Nine 2nd graders received a tour of the Archives, completed an I Spy sheet, competed in a library-wide scavenger hunt of archival materials, and played a Price is Right game. These outreach visits were great opportunities to introduce the PTPL Archives to a new demographic of younger Township residents.

Programming

We had a very successful month of programming in November, although there is typically a decrease in attendance as we wrap up the fall program session and begin preparing for special holiday events. Our monthly recurring programs for youth such as Family Lego Night, Paws for Reading, Night with WQED, Family Bingo, American Girl Book Club, and Wild Kratts Wednesday are still incredibly popular and fill up very quickly.

Library patrons were able to delve into the rich history of the Civil War with a series of engaging and informative events this winter. Programs explored this time period on topics of genealogy, artifacts and mementos from Soldiers and Sailors, historical fiction books by local authors, the Pennsylvania Bucktails, Christmas traditions, and General Ulysses Grant. More than 100 people joined us for these programs, with two more events on the docket for December.

The library once again partnered with Vitalant to host the Maddalena Tray replenishment blood drive. Vitalant received units of blood from 51 community members during this drive. Thank you to everyone who made an appointment to donate!

Tonie Boxes

The Youth Services Department continued adding materials to our new Tonies collection this fall, generously sponsored by The Peters Township Library Foundation. The Toniebox is an innovative audio player for kids designed to bring audio stories, music, and learning to life for kids of all ages. Easy to use and perfect for little hands, Tonies feature everything from Disney favorites and bedtime stories to mindfulness activities and interactive learning experiences. The Toniebox makes storytelling fun, engaging, and hands-on. Unlike screens, the Toniebox is designed to help kids safely learn technology while building independence, focus, speech and reading skills. Visit the library catalog for a complete listing of our Tonieboxes and Tonie characters.