



Peters Township Library Report – December 2025

Programming

December is a month full of traditions that families look forward to at the library every year. Whether it is stopping by to find the library elf, visiting the model railroad display, or checking out a favorite holiday movie, we are always busy with children and families excited for the holiday season. Popular programs like Elf on the Shelf, Edible Holiday Treats, and Family Ornament Night have become holiday regulars and many of our library families look forward to them each year. We were happy to visit the Rec Center to be part of the fifth annual Holiday Kick-Off, where we offered holiday crafts and a free book for every child. More than 450 people stopped by our tables and we handed out 206 free books to our littlest readers! Tweens and teens enjoyed the holiday season by decorating cookies and cupcakes, making mini book ornaments, watching holiday movies with hot cocoa, and learning how to knit.

We hosted several other festive events throughout the month. Adults made a variety of wintery DIY projects including recycled CD snowman decorations, Civil War inspired Christmas ornaments, holiday shadow boxes, quilled holiday cards, and needle felted ornaments. Patrons also dropped in for a Community Carols sing-along event in the lobby.

Volunteers

Our dedicated volunteers donate their time and talents every year to help with day-to-day library operations. This year, our volunteers served almost 2,750 hours at the library! Our VolunTeens attend at least one monthly meeting in order to serve as volunteers. They help set up and break down youth programs, shelve DVDs and media, and decorate the department for special events and holidays, among other tasks. Our adult volunteers have a variety of duties as well – delivering materials to assisted living, processing items for the seed library, completing technical services tasks, running library-sponsored clubs, stocking the used book sale, serving on the Library Board, and digitizing materials in the Archives. We greatly appreciate all that our volunteers have done for the library this year!

Reading Challenge Wrap-Up

Our 2025 adult reading challenges were a huge success. Based on last year's feedback, a new year-round challenge was added. The Bibliophile Challenge had an additional layer of difficulty which required readers to log two books each month that fulfilled certain requirements. One of our Bibliophile Champions shared, "I really liked it. It was hard but it got me reading things I don't normally read." The Bibliophile Challenge had 7 adults who completed this difficult challenge. The returning A to Z challenge, where readers log titles from every letter of the alphabet, had 145 readers who read a total of 2,700 books. The A to Z wrap-up party at Justabout Winery was the perfect ending to a year of great books. Readers gathered to sip wine, collect prizes, and swap stories about the most challenging letters.

2026 reading challenges are now open for registration at ptlibrary.beanstack.org.