



Peters Township Library Report – January 2026

Tax Aide

The library is once again hosting the AARP Tax Aide program. Call AARP directly at 412-212-8014 to make an appointment if you would like to receive tax assistance free of charge, especially if you are a taxpayer over the age of 50 or have low to moderate income. Tax Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. Appointment slots are available every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday through the beginning of April.

We also will have limited quantities of print federal and state tax forms available for library patrons in mid-February. We will have 1040 forms and instructions, PA 40 forms and instructions, and a binder of reproducible federal and state schedules that patrons can make copies of. We received our state tax forms this year courtesy of State Senator Camera Bartolotta's office.

Preschool Palooza

A favorite annual Youth Services event, Preschool Palooza, returned in January. Eight area preschools and daycares were invited to promote their schools and what they have to offer. Patrons had a chance to visit each table to learn what is available for their child. More than 80 participants stopped by to meet with preschool representatives. Thank you to all of our preschool participants this year!

Reading Challenges

The library is currently offering two reading challenges through our Beanstack platform. The annual A to Z Reading Challenge is returning for its fourth consecutive year, where participants will try to read their way through the alphabet. This year-long reading challenge asks our readers to find books with titles that start with every letter of the alphabet, and the challenge is complete when a book is logged for every letter.

Our second annual Bibliophile Challenge is designed for patrons who desire a higher level of difficulty. Each month has different tasks, and participants must complete two to earn the month's challenge badge. January's challenge celebrated the new year, with participants choosing from a New Year, New Book display, a book about well-being to help with your yearly resolutions, or a book with a bird on the cover to help with the Great Backyard Bird Count.