



Peters Township Library Report – July 2026

Unearth a Story

The Peters Township Public Library had an extremely successful summer reading program in 2026. From June 6 through August 8, we had 756 active readers (284 adults, 388 children, and 84 teens) who logged their activities through Beanstack this summer. Depending on their age group, they could track books, minutes, or pages. Our Beanstack participants read more than 18,500 books, logged 480,000 minutes of reading, and tracked 170,000 pages. Readers also submitted more than 650 book reviews to our Beanstack platform.

Highlights from July programming included a new STEAM Storytime for elementary school children, a partnership program with PBS Kids called Work It Out @ Your Library, Makerspace programs about garment mending and fabric smocking, and a teen financial literacy class. This was one of our busiest summers yet, with more than 5,300 patrons attending 240 programs for all ages. Throughout the summer, 61,000 items were circulated, 350 people signed up for a new library card, and more than 26,000 patrons visited the library.

Mingo Park

At the end of July, PTPL partnered with the Washington County Library System to host the sixth 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, and a magic show from Haberman Magic. More than 350 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.

Staffing

We are excited to welcome two new additions to the library team. Taylor Woodcock, our new Archivist, started on June 8. A former museum gallery manager, Taylor will be managing local history programs, processing new donations for the Archives, and making our local history collections accessible through displays and outreach. Madeline Colker joined us on July 20 as our new Program and Outreach Coordinator. She was a Program and Events Technician with the Cambridge Public Library, and recently completed her Master of Library and Information Science degree from Pitt. Madeline will be coordinating the majority of our adult programs and serving as the committee leader for Read Local Eat Local.

Please stop by the library and say hello to our new staff!