



Peters Township Library Report – June 2026

Summer Reading Kickoff

The 2026 summer reading program officially opened on June 6th with a kickoff event. Approximately 800 community members attended the kickoff from 11:30 to 1:30 – a 23% increase from 2025. Participants received their summer reading goodie bags, listened to the musical talents of local duo Josh and Gab, learned about fossils with the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and enjoyed Wu's Shaved Ice.

Some kickoff statistics:

- More than 1,100 library visitors on the day of the kickoff
- More than 1,600 items checked out
- By the Monday following kickoff, more than 600 patrons of all ages registered online to track their reading this summer

Unearth a Story

The first half of the summer has been a whirlwind of events and programs, with 2,750 people attending in June. To start us off, our teen volunteers and staff transformed the library by creating decorations to go along with our “Unearth a Story” theme.

In the first month of summer reading, we had a record 965 people register on Beanstack to log their activities! Depending on their age group, they could track books, minutes, or pages. Our Beanstack participants have read 9,200 books, logged 235,000 minutes of reading, and 85,000 pages! Readers also submitted 308 books reviews to our Beanstack platform. Many participants have recently hit their halfway point (children and teens) or earned five in a row on their bingo card (adults), which means they can pick out a prize at the library.

Read Local Eat Local Save the Date

Read Local Eat Local is an author showcase event hosted by the Peters Township Public Library and generously funded by The Peters Township Library Foundation. Since its inception in 2018, Read Local Eat Local has featured local writers, illustrators, and food trucks in a unique festival celebrating authors. Save the date for the 7th annual Read Local Eat Local event on Saturday, August 29! Swing by the library between 11am and 2pm to visit 22 local authors of a variety of genres, purchase books, and be entered into a raffle. Eat a delicious lunch under the tents from three food trucks – Franken-Fried, Mediterranean Tastes, and Frios Gourmet Pops. Visit ptlib.org/rlel for more information and a full list of author participants.