

PTPL February Library Director's Report for January 2019

Library Director's Video Link <https://animoto.com/play/wUJshvdAU7Z8vBSQhcfHA>



*They escaped just in time!*

We kicked off 2019 with our after-hours Harry Potter Escape Room for 84 adults in our upstairs Reading Room. Ms. Sydney worked her magic again and wove a set of secrets, locks and clues for 10 different groups and tested their quick knowledge of Potter trivia. Our Youth Services Department also planned with Maria Piatt and our presenters for this year's Pre-School-Kindergarten Tea in March which will focus on phonemic awareness.

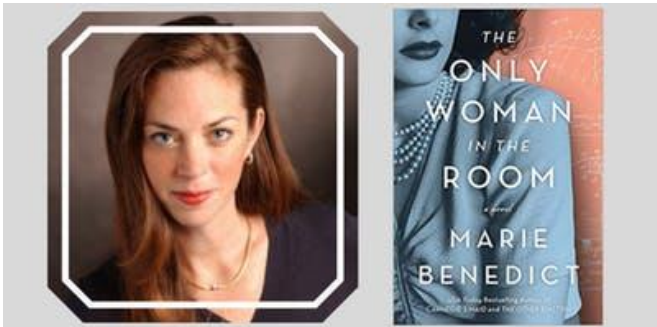


The library was the site of the PT4Kindness evening meeting where 21 residents

attended and ideas were exchanged to keep the Rachel's Challenge chain reaction moving forward throughout the community.



*Jennifer Handke facilitated the PT4Kindness Meeting*



We were thrilled to find out that Sue Miller and Carrie Weaver secured local author, Marie Benedict, as our main speaker for Read Local/Eat Local 2019. They traveled to Sewickley to hear Marie speak about her latest book, *The Only Woman in the Room*, which just hit the New York Times Bestseller List! Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Much of January was spent gathering statistics and formatting our year in review for our 2018 Annual Report. The Annual Report will be posted on our website which is currently receiving a partial make-over with help from WayOutDesign.

The 2019 Read Harder Challenge is off and running with 24 new categories to stretch our adult reading habits. Speaking of reading, we are partnering with Mrs. Owens, Library Media Specialist at McMurray School to help with this year's Battle of the Books. Our Youth Services Department is already reading titles and preparing questions to assist Mrs. Owens and we have purchased multiple copies of the books to keep our fifth-grade teams reading.



Ms. Sydney shared plans for our teens this winter at our last Library Board Meeting where we also welcomed Monica Merrell. Richard Easton facilitated our meeting from Florida via Skype. Due to a few school cancellations this month our middle school fans of Dungeons and Dragons gathered together in the Teen Room to run new campaigns of this popular fantasy tabletop role-playing game.

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January Board Meeting with Sydney Krawiec

The library staff and other Township Departments were treated to a Stress Management presentation compliments of Walgreens who also offer the general public free blood pressure screenings at the library on the last Wednesday of the month. #HealthLiteracy

Despite the nasty winter weather, our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pre-School-A-Palooza, hosted by Ms. Linda, was well attended and offered a venue for parents of preschoolers to ask lots of questions and to learn more about 13 wonderful preschools in our area. Youth Services was awarded a special publishing center from EQT complete with color printer and binder to encourage young writers



Pre-School-A-Palooza 2019

to enter the WQED

**WQED Writing Program**  
 Sunday, January 20  
 from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

**WRITERS CONTEST** EQT

Kiddos in Grades K-5 can participate in the PES Kids Writers Contest!

Writers Contest. Kids in grade K-5 are invited to bring their writing to be proofread by our staff before the deadline of March 31. Our Backyard Wilderness exhibit is due to arrive in February and programs are being planned to learn more about nature in our own backyards and community.