

PTPL September Library Director's Report for August 2019

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It was time to get back-to-school with plenty of teaching and learning at the library this month. Our staff welcomed the new Peters Township School District teachers, signed them up for WAGGN library cards and presented a guided tour of the library. We hosted our first "Lunch and Learn" program for 19 Township employees where Sue Miller, Ed Wolf and I demonstrated many of our e-resources and explained the benefits of using their free WAGGIN library cards. Online learning was also prevalent with 222 logins to our Niche Academy tutorials and 16 logins to our online DMV Driving Practice tests.



Peters Twp. School District New Teachers

Ms. Patty Hartenbach and Ms. Linda Esposito were busy learning at the "Books for Babies" workshop at Uniontown Public Library. This workshop was presented by The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and we received new books and new ideas for our youngest visitors and their caregivers. We were also delighted to see Ms. Patty featured in the April photo of the 2020 Municipal Calendar.



149 new patrons in August



Patra

We said good-bye to our three senior student pages who are heading off to college, but we are happy to welcome our two new student pages, Caitlin and Mady. Our five pages will soon be re-shelving the 23,675 items checked out in August.



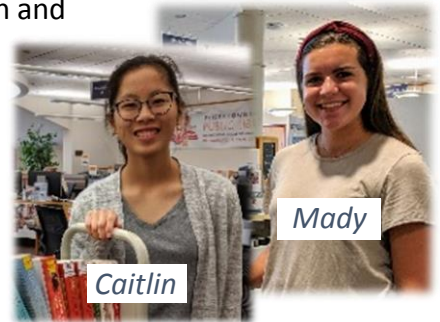
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As a Township member of the McMurray Rotary, I represented the PTPL at the McMurray Rotary/PT Rec Department's 20th Annual Fishing Derby on Saturday, August 18.

PT Library Board Vice Chair, and McMurray Rotarian, Scott Beinhauer, served as the official measurer-in-chief of the day's catch. Mrs. Carol Adler, Library Board member, also welcomed visitors

with me at our Farmer's Market table while Ms. Linda shared crafts with the kiddos.



Caitlin

Mady



Fishing Derby at Peters Lake Park

The Peters Township Library Foundation completed final revisions to its 2019 mail drive letter which will reach mailboxes in September. And, we are currently working closely with President Maura Kelly of The Peters Township Library Foundation to prepare for Anna Quindlen's visit on November 7.



PT Farmer's Market, St. David's



Public Works assisted us this month by installing new LED parking lot lights and hanging our new slat wall along with beautiful artwork donated to the library by Bill and Monica Merrell.

We relaunched our updated website on August 15. Ed Wolf and Carrie Weaver worked very closely with WayOut Designs to streamline the process and reformatted numerous pages, photos, calendars and features for us. Be sure to take a look at the aerial drone video that makes our homepage come to life.

Clifford, The Big Red Dog, joined Ms.

Shannon and 25 guests for her Still Family Storytime and our “Be the Sunshine” days brought awareness to SUDC and our Scarlett’s Sunshine Section. A free book was given to each child along with an attached reminder card to encourage others to pay it forward. And speaking of sunshine, 35 guests attended our Going Solar with a Solar Co-Op program and learned how it’s possible to share ownership of green power. Our kids celebrated the end of our Summer Learning space programs and spent time inside our lobby planetarium for the One World, One Sky exhibit compliments of the Carnegie Science Center and a grant from WQED.



Nearly 400 volunteer hours logged!



Our Welcome-Back-to-School Teen Root Beer Float Social welcomed 51 teens into our Teen Room to learn more about what we have to offer, and 201 book reviews were submitted over the summer in our Teen Reading Challenge.

PTPL teen patron, Keegan Adreon, created quite a stir in Canada after posting his PTPL receipt on Reddit showing a savings of over \$7K by using our library. His post went viral and even made it to Yahoo News and Canadian TV!

Libraries from Canada to Arizona contacted us to learn how they might be able to print similar receipts in

their own libraries. In the article, Keegan mentioned that his parents have taken him to the PTPL all 16 years of his life!

Due: 08/12/2019
Title: The adventures of Robinson Crusoe
Due: 08/12/2019

You just saved \$164.80
by using your library.
You have saved \$1,384.23
this past year and \$7,078.76
since you began using the library!
Thank you!



Preparing for 2019 WCCF Day of Giving on Sept. 12 which will benefit our Local History Room and digitization of materials.

Our Adult Summer Reading Challenge involved 184 participants who read 388 books. 76.5% of the participants reported loving their choices. In August, our adult readers downloaded 854 ebooks and 494 audiobooks. The PTPL consistently has the highest number of downloads reported from within the 20 libraries inside the WAGGIN District each month.