



Peters Township Library Report – April 2021

Phased Reopening

Starting April 26, the library continued its phased reopening process and began offering limited use of computers, tables/chairs, and study rooms. Social distancing is still enforced, so there are only four public computers available, one chair per table, and one person per study room. The library will be offering a variety of in-person, outdoor programs this summer for patrons of all ages, including a weekly backyard storytime.

Programming

Thanks to The Peters Township Library Foundation and many dedicated library volunteers, we were able to host our first outdoor used book sale at the end of April. The Foundation raised \$2,700 to support library projects, and we saw more than 500 people attend the sale. To clear out some extra book sale inventory, there will be a small sale available in the library lobby and Youth Services Department this summer, but we are still not accepting book donations at this time due to storage limitations.

The library has switched to an online platform called Beanstack for patrons of all ages to track their reading. Running until June 4, our *Spring Into Reading* program encourages patrons to broaden their reading horizons by exploring books in 10 different categories. This challenge is available for readers ages 5 to adult. All participants who complete the challenge will have a chance to win prizes from the library. Check out ptlibrary.beanstack.org to learn more and get registered for a reading challenge.

Book-a-Librarian appointments (in-person one-on-one tech help) resumed in mid-April and IT/Reference Librarian Brandon Priddy has conducted 10 one-hour appointments with patrons so far. Brandon has also taught six virtual Zoom classes for small groups and has covered downloading library eBooks via Overdrive, streaming library movies with Kanopy, and reading digital magazines with Flipster. These programs had a combined attendance of 57 patrons. He will be teaching new topics, such as online genealogy, crafting with CreativeBug, 3D printing, and Microsoft Office, in the coming weeks.

Library Staff

The Youth Services Department is happy to welcome Beth May to the team! Beth will be serving as a Library Technician and will be helping with tween and teen programming. Beth is also a professional writer with a passion for children's literature, so if you are struggling to find your next read, Beth will be happy to give you recommendations.

We are also very excited to welcome a new Assistant Director, Illyanna Logan, to the Peters Township Public Library. For the past several years, Illyanna has been a Senior Librarian and Branch Manager at the Pasadena Public Library in California. As Assistant Director at PTPL, Illyanna will be responsible for all adult services, including the Local History Room, collection development, and subscriptions and databases. She will also be the direct supervisor for all Reference and Adult Programming staff. Make sure to stop by the library this summer to welcome Illyanna and Beth to the PTPL team!