



Peters Township Library Report – August 2021

Programming

At the end of August, we hosted our annual PTPL Day of Sunshine, in memory of Scarlett Pauley, the inspiration and namesake of the PTPL Scarlett's Sunshine Section. Any child that visited the library that day received a free book to keep. We were able to utilize leftover prizes from summer reading, as well as donations, to give away 91 books to local families.

We were happy to welcome back our library-sponsored organizations in August, including German Club, Coloring and Classics, Roots Genealogy, Stamp Club, WWII Discussion Group, and multiple book clubs. More than 60 people attended group meetings this month. Outside organizations can start booking library meeting room spaces beginning in September.

Summer Reading Wrap-Up

PTPL's all ages summer reading program ended on August 14. A total of 345 readers from birth to adult logged over 6,000 books and read for over 250,000 minutes. In addition to logging books and minutes, readers were encouraged to explore local parks, utilize library resources, and participate in library programs throughout the summer. All readers who participated to a certain level were able to win a prize from the library. Thanks to everyone who attended our programs and tracked their reading on Beanstack! Here is some feedback from our summer reading survey:

"This is a wonderful program! My daughter was extremely motivated to read. She has definitely become a more fluent reader over the summer."

"I think the library did a great job! We especially enjoyed the summer tween programs outside. I feel like PTPL is one of the very few libraries providing this level of engagement during the pandemic. Keep up the good work!"

"We had so much fun participating in the Summer Reading Program this year! The librarians did an excellent job coming up with weekly themes and then choosing fun read-alouds and designing creative crafts and activities for the kids. With Covid concerns still keeping us from gathering indoors, we enjoyed using the outdoor space next to the library so that storytimes could still be held safely."

Building

The library had a new circulation desk and new Youth Services desk installed this month. We are very grateful to Rhoda Lynn Robinson and Inka Golonka, who donated the funds for the circulation desk in memory of their parents Dirk and Ursula Visser, who were avid library patrons. Designed to be more efficient for staff and library users, it features a book return slot, as well as a computer to apply for a library card or register for a program. We placed the new desk a few feet forward to incorporate the columns on either side and included more storage space for the staff. The Youth Services desk was included in the 2021 budget and replaces a desk that was original to the building. This desk was also designed to be more efficient for staff and provide more storage space.