



Peters Township Library Report – February 2021

Curbside Pickup

Curbside service has still been extremely busy, with more than 6,500 circulations in February. We saw 935 unique borrowers and handed out 48 book bundles and 118 program kits. Although the library is starting its phased reopening on March 1, curbside pickup will still be available for any patrons who feel more comfortable not entering the building. At first, patrons will only be able to access the stacks to browse for materials. Computers, study rooms, and study tables will not be available at this point.

Programming

In February, we concluded our Winter Reading Challenge, which was for readers of all ages. In total, 157 readers logged 290,494 minutes read. This well exceeded our goal of 250,000 minutes! Two random readers were selected to win a Kindle Paperwhite, and the top readers in each age group also won a prize. Thank you to everyone who participated in this challenge! In April, the library will be switching from the ReaderZone platform to Beanstack. Keep an eye out for the registration link to Beanstack and continue tracking your reading with us in 2021!

Our most popular Youth Services video this month was for World Read Aloud Day, where patrons could virtually join Ms. Shannon as she read Scholastic's World Read Aloud Day 2021 selection "My Very Favorite Book in the Whole Wide World." This video received more than 260 views on YouTube.

We are gearing up for several large adult programs in March. On Thursday, March 11, join us as the US Army War College presents on National Security & Challenges from China. This is the 15th consecutive year that the War College has partnered with the Peters Township Public Library, and we are so glad to welcome them back in a virtual capacity in 2021. We are also planning on offering a virtual murder mystery event on Tuesday, March 23. Meet the suspects, review the evidence, and help us find out who committed the crime! Check out ptlibrary.org to register for these programs.

Collection & Resources

The library is promoting its new collection of Wonderbooks. Every Wonderbook is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Kids can press play to read along with their favorite books and then switch to learning mode for literacy learning and fun. You can take a look at the Wonderbooks display in the Youth Services department, or search "Wonderbook" through our online catalog.

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