



Peters Township Library Report – January 2021

Curbside Pickup

Curbside service has still been extremely busy, with more than 7,000 circulations in January. We saw more than 1,012 unique borrowers and handed out 69 book bundles and 221 program kits. One library patron emailed in to say, “I am so impressed by how the library conducted business the last several months. The staff did an incredible job – the service they provided by accessing our requests, answering questions, bringing the books to our cars, etc. was totally unbelievably professional!”

Programming

In January, we kicked off our Winter Reading Challenge, which is for readers of all ages. So far 152 readers have logged more than 187,000 minutes read, which means we are almost 75% of the way to our goal of 250,000 minutes! Readers can continue to log until the end of February. We held a very successful adult program in January about the Civil War and how it related to Pittsburgh – more than 280 people tuned in to our live Zoom program, and more than 100 watched the video on our YouTube channel. Many of the library’s programs are recorded and posted to YouTube, in case patrons can’t make it to the live program.

Staffing

Interviews were conducted this month with four candidates from the reposted advertisement for IT/Reference Librarian, so hopefully the position will be filled shortly. Also, we are excited to welcome part-time library employee Sydney Krawiec into her new full-time position as Program Coordinator. Sydney’s new position will have her focusing on library programming and outreach for adults, including both pre-recorded and live Zoom programs.

Sue Miller has resigned as Assistant Director of the library, and her last day will be Friday, February 19. She has been an employee of the library for 13 years and will be greatly missed. We wish you all the best, Sue!

Building

The library is tentatively planning on reopening the building to the public on Monday, March 1. This will be a phased reopening. 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. Curbside service will remain available for the foreseeable future, for patrons who feel more comfortable not entering the building. The Public Works crew is almost done painting the library, with just three more offices remaining.