



Peters Township Library Report – March 2021

Phased Reopening

Tentatively starting April 26, the library will continue its phased reopening and begin offering limited use of computers, tables/chairs, and study rooms. Social distancing will still be enforced, so there will only be four public computers available, one chair per table, and one person per study room. In our first month with the building reopened to the public, more than 4,000 patrons visited the library, and our circulation doubled from February. Many people still chose to utilize our curbside pickup service as well.

Programming

March was a very successful month for library programs. For the 15th consecutive year, we hosted a presentation by the US Army War College. The live Zoom program had more than 100 attendees, and more than 200 people have watched the recorded presentation on the library's YouTube channel. Thank you to all who attended and provided great questions to the War College students!

This year's Murder Mystery program, starring many library employees as law enforcement and suspects, has had more than 80 people participate and solve the crime. You can still find the link on the library's Facebook – watch the videos, sift through the evidence, and see if you come to the correct conclusion!

Our two-day Drive-Thru Easter Egg Hunt was also a great success. More than 700 people, including children, parents, and grandparents, drove by to say hi to the Easter Bunny. We asked families to donate a non-perishable item for the Food Bank in exchange for their bag of Easter goodies – many families donated a whole bag of items. We want to thank our community for generously giving hundreds of items for the Greater Washington County Food Bank! Our bin was overflowing by Sunday afternoon.

Library Staff

The library's new IT/Reference Librarian, Brandon Priddy, started work on March 22. Brandon has many years of experience at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library as a Reference Librarian, and we're so excited to add him to the PTPL team. Brandon will handle all aspects of staff and patron IT issues, the Makerspace, and adult technology programming.

Library employee Dianne Finnegan was recently promoted to the full-time position of Patron Services Coordinator. Dianne will serve as a consistent presence on the desk, oversee the circulation staff and pages, handle special projects, and help resolve patron issues and complaints.