



Peters Township Library Report – November 2021

Programming

We had a very successful month of programming in November, although there is typically a decrease in attendance as we wrap up the fall program session and begin preparing for special holiday events. Our monthly in-person events for youth such as Family Lego Night, Paws for Reading, Chess with a Champion, and Night with WQED have been filling up very quickly, and we currently have the largest Chess group the library has ever had.

The library once again partnered with Vitalant to host the Maddalena Tray replenishment blood drive. Vitalant received 57 units of blood from community members. Thank you to everyone who made an appointment to donate!

We hosted shipwreck historian Ric Mixer via Zoom for a fascinating discussion about the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, which more than 50 people attended. Mini golf returned to the library this November, and 141 people teed off in the lobby and putted their way through 12 holes designed by our very own library staff. Throughout the fall, we have been slowly introducing Makerspace and in-person computer programs again. Attendees created an assortment of holiday-themed mugs using Makerspace equipment this month.

Building

We are currently finishing up two budgeted minor equipment projects for 2021. First, we recently replaced the library's entire security camera system, and added ten new cameras to spots like the multi-purpose room, youth services area, and outdoor programming space. We are also working on reupholstering the bench seating in the non-fiction area, which is currently very worn out and dirty.

Strategic plan

Throughout the winter and spring, the library will be working with two consultants from Procopio Nonprofit Consulting to develop a new five-year strategic plan. Due to the pandemic and staffing changes, much of the past year has been dedicated to reopening the library in phases, onboarding and training new employees, and dealing with day-to-day issues. At this point, it is necessary for us to set long term goals so that all library stakeholders are on the same page. The strategic planning process will involve focus groups and interviews with internal stakeholders like library board members, key employees, and Council members, as well as external stakeholders like The Library Foundation, partners, and key community leaders. We will also conduct a community needs assessment and create a patron survey. The final deliverable will be a high-level workplan to support our strategic plan goals.

Family Lego Night



Chess with a Champion



TweenMade DIY – Pumpkin Pie Garland



Maker Monday

