



## **Peters Township Library Report – September 2021**

### **Programming**

In September, we were able to bring back our annual Animal Fair for the first time since 2019. This event was held entirely outdoors in our new programming space, with more than 150 people attending. Participants could adopt a new pet friend and learn about animal care and all things pet-related, with guests from local shelters, vets, trainers, stores, and more. Organizations including Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, Animal Friends, and the Washington Area Humane Society attended.

Another featured program in September was a virtual Zoom discussion with Tom McMillan, author of *Flight 93: The Story, the Aftermath, and the Legacy of American Courage on 9/11*. From the plane's delayed takeoff in Newark to the moment it plunged into an open field in nearby Somerset County, McMillan guided participants through the events, aftermath, and legacy of Flight 93. 60 patrons attended via Zoom, and more than 130 watched the recorded video afterwards. For the first two weeks of September, the library also participated in *September 11, 2011: The Day That Changed the World*, an educational exhibit that presented the history of 9/11, its origins, and its ongoing implications through the personal stories of those who witnessed and survived the attacks. This display was from the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Volunteers**

We were so happy to welcome back library volunteers in September. We had almost 100 adult volunteer hours in our first month back! Thank you to all volunteers who help with homebound delivery, the local archives, technical services, and the used book sale, among other responsibilities. We also began our new VolunTEEN board last month. This is a group of teen volunteers that help plan and run events at the library, as well as helping out with a variety of tasks in the Youth Services department. We had ten teens participate in September and they seem very eager to begin volunteering at the library.

### **WCCF – A Day of Giving**

Thank you to everyone who supported The Library Foundation during WCCF's Day of Giving. With bonus pool funds, The Foundation raised \$9,600, their highest amount yet! These funds will go towards the consulting partnership with an archivist in the James D. and William C. McMurray History Room, Beanstack and Zoom subscriptions to enhance our wide variety of digital program offerings, and this year's Novel November event featuring best-selling author Taylor Jenkins Reid. Thanks to all who donated – we are grateful for your support!

### **Continuing Education**

During the last week of September, ten staff members attended the Pennsylvania Library Association's Annual Conference. Participants attended virtual sessions on a variety of topics, including strategic planning, creating graphics using data, weeding and merchandising, story walks, children's and teen programming, and removing barriers to library service. We are eager to share what we learned with other library departments, and starting putting some new ideas into action!