



Peters Township Library Report – August 2022

Read Local Eat Local

After being unable to host the event in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID, this August the library was finally able to bring back Read Local/Eat Local, our annual fair featuring local authors and food trucks. Due to the size of the event in the past, we decided this year to move the event outside under tents generously funded by The Peters Township Library Foundation, to create an area with author booths, space for eating, and three food trucks all collocated in the library's parking lot. The day started stormy and thanks to all the help from our staff and volunteers, we were able to move our keynote author talk from bestselling author J.D. Barker into the lobby. After the keynote, the weather cleared up and more than 300 people turned out to meet 20 local authors and grab lunch at three food trucks as well as for a chance to win our local business raffle basket with items donated from 15 local businesses. We were so pleased to be able to bring back this great community event and got wonderful feedback from the community.

We also received very positive feedback from our participating authors, including this from Chris Rodell: *"Thanks so much to you, your colleagues, your volunteers, and all your patrons for RLEL. Such a pleasure to participate in something so well run and fun! Usually get one or the other. You guys are the best!"* Cori Wamsley told us, *"Thank you for hosting another wonderful RLEL event. My daughter and fellow author, London, and I appreciated the opportunity to introduce new local readers to our books. Looking forward to the next one!"*

Novel November tickets now on sale!

Andy Weir will be the featured author for The Peters Township Library Foundation's upcoming Novel November. The literary event will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Peters Township High School. This program will be the fifth in the Novel November series. Previous featured speakers included Yaa Gyasi in 2017, Tim O'Brien in 2018, Anna Quindlen in 2019, and Taylor Jenkins Reid in 2021.

Ticket sales began online this week at ptlib.org/AndyWeir, and more than 150 have already been sold! Adult general admission tickets are \$25, and student tickets are \$5. All general admission tickets include a post-event book signing with Weir. Riverstone Books, The Foundation's independent local bookselling partner, will sell Weir's books before and after the program.

A limited number of VIP tickets will be available for \$60. The VIP ticket includes a reception with passed appetizers from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the Peters Township High School cafeteria. VIP ticket holders will receive a copy of *Project Hail Mary*, Weir's newest book, and attend a pre-event book signing by Weir. You can also purchase tickets at the Peters Township Public Library circulation desk.

Andy Weir built a two-decade career as a software engineer until the success of his first published novel, *The Martian*, allowed him to live out his dream of writing full-time. He is a lifelong space nerd and a devoted hobbyist of such subjects as relativistic physics, orbital mechanics, and the history of manned spaceflight. Weir also mixes a mean cocktail. He lives in California. His newest book, *Project Hail Mary*, has been optioned for a film starring Ryan Gosling.