



Peters Township Library Report – April 2023

NEA Big Read

For the past month, the PTPL staff has been hard at work putting on an amazing slate of programs through the 2022-2023 NEA Big Read. Our community celebrated the novel *Circe* by Madeline Miller and our junior partner read *Aru Shah and the End of Time* with a full calendar of events for all ages.

- More than 1000 people attended 39 library programs in person and virtually
- 114 people tuned into Madeline Miller's virtual author talk – plus the recording will be available for two weeks for anyone who missed this amazing event!
- 423 copies of *Circe* were handed out to the community as free giveaways, and the WAGGIN system circulated physical and digital copies of *Circe* 174 times
- 37 active readers participated in the Beanstack Bingo Challenge
- 12 people participated in the township-wide Odyssey scavenger hunt
- 13 teens and tweens submitted entries to the Mythic Fiction Writing Competition – congratulations to our winners Dora Liu, Claire Heller, Hannah Cataneo, and Hannah Crnkovich!

Partnerships included The Peters Township Library Foundation, Washington & Jefferson College, Peters Township Parks & Recreation, the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh, the Peters Township Chamber of Commerce, and Mondays Brewing Company, as well as several WAGGIN libraries.

Thank you to all of the library staff who created these amazing programs, our community partners, and of course our patrons who attended events, checked out books, and supported our NEA Big Read efforts.

BBB Shred Event

On Saturday, April 29, the PT Community utilized Shred America's onsite shredding to destroy 10,400 pounds of paper materials, enough to cover over 8 square miles. The event, held in the parking lot of McMurray Elementary, was organized by the BBB of Western Pennsylvania and the Peters Township Public Library and funded by Blue Peak Insurance. Volunteers with the BBB provided consumer information to the 225 cars that visited. The shredded amount completely filled the truck!

Staffing

We are excited to welcome two more additions to the library team. Sarah Quinn, our new Technology & Makerspace Librarian, will be starting on May 15. Sarah will be putting together technology programs, overseeing the Makerspace, and offering technology help to our patrons. Sarah has just graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Master's degree in Library and Information Science and has previously worked at the University of Pittsburgh Library System and the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Victoriya McKay will be joining the Circulation Department as a Library Assistant, so she will be one of the friendly faces you see when walking through the front door. Please stop by the library and say hello to our new staff!