

Peters Township Library Report – July 2024

Adventure Begins at Your Library

The Peters Township Public Library had an extremely successful summer reading program in 2024. From June 1 through August 10, we had 684 active readers (181 adults, 440 children, and 64 teens) who logged their activities through Beanstack this summer – a 35% increase from last year! Depending on their age group, they could track books, minutes, or pages. Our Beanstack participants have read more than 21,000 books, logged 530,000 minutes of reading, and 244,000 pages! Readers also submitted more than 1,000 books reviews to our Beanstack platform.

Highlights from July programming included a visit from the Pittsburgh Puppet Theater, a Township-wide scavenger hunt, a College Essay Writing workshop, a presentation about the Whiskey Rebellion, and WQED World Traveler's Camp. This was one of our busiest months yet, with more than 2,500 people attending programs! The Youth Services Department was especially busy, holding 70 programs in July and handing out 168 halfway prizes and 150 prize baskets.

Tie Dye

Over two sessions at the beginning of July, 526 people joined us at the library picnic tables for tie dye! Community members could bring up to two items per person to dye. They moved through the different stations to rubber band their clothing into designs, soak the items in the soda ash solution, and then go crazy with ten different dye colors. Everyone's creations turned out beautifully, and we love to see patrons wearing their tie-dyed clothes when they stop by the library!

Mingo Park

At the end of July, PTPL partnered with the Washington County Library System to host the fourth annual Summer Reading Extravaganza event at Mingo Creek County Park, sponsored by Budd Baer Subaru. Many of the Washington County libraries were present, and had tables with prizes, giveaways, craft kits, free books, and games. Washington County families also enjoyed lunch from the Salvation Army, face painting, WQED challenges, and a magic show from Haberman Magic. More than 230 people stopped by the PTPL table throughout the afternoon – we are so thankful to be able to partner with other county libraries to offer such a great event to our local families.

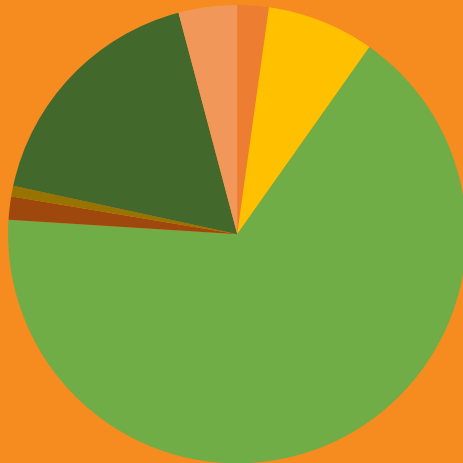


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How We Served

July 2024

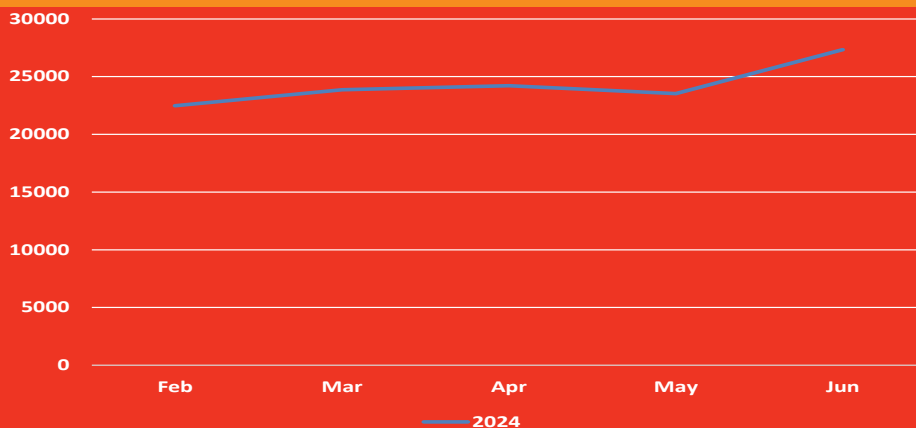
Physical Circulation



Audiobook	625
DVD	2,141
Fiction	18,713
Large Print	462
Music	211
Nonfiction	4,942
Other	1,166

Monthly:
28,260
Year to Date:
152,614

July 2023: 25,685
10% increase



Monthly
Circulation:
31,840

Total Circulation
This Year:
176,353

Computer Logins:
269



Reference
Questions:
1,322

Digital Circulation

Monthly: 3,580
Year to Date: 23,739



Magazines & Papers	848
Movies, TV, Music	557
eBooks	1,134
eAudio	1,041



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Monthly Visitors:

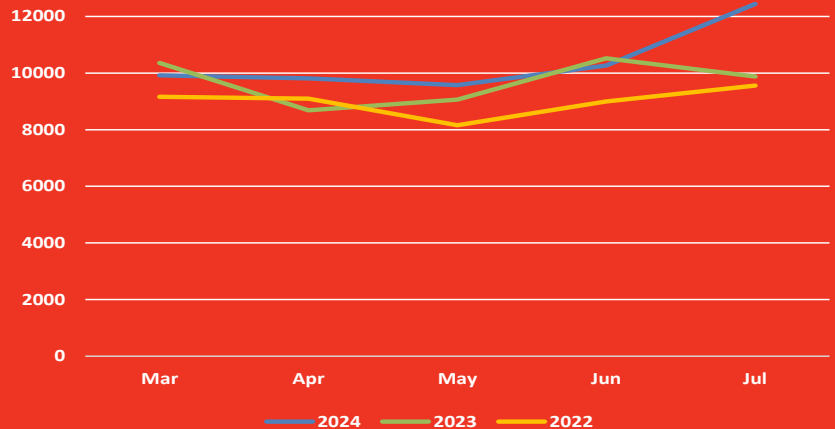
12,445

Year to Date:

71,333

July 2023: 9,882

25% increase



Programs

Attendance



Number of Programs:

107

July 2023: 96

11% increase

Total Attendance:

2,589

July 2023: 2,000

30% increase

Adult

Young Adult

Children

All Ages

New Patrons This Month: 166

July 2023: 147

13% increase



Total PTPL Cardholders: 18,072

Website Sessions:

8,813



Total Sessions

This Year:

61,104

Book Bundles:

38

Seed Library Packets:

40



Study Rooms:

356

Escape Room

Attendance:

1,073

PETERS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY									
2024 STATISTICAL OVERVIEW									
CATEGORY	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	YTD	
Polaris Circulation Total - PTPL	19560	19404	20512	20971	20109	23798	28260	152614	
Polaris Circulation Total - All WAGGIN	58764	60139	63948	63677	61369	72664	83671	464232	
Total Circulation (Physical+Electronic)	23090	22481	23870	24210	23523	27339	31840	176353	
Physical Circulation Total	19560	19404	20512	20971	20109	23798	28260	152614	
- Adult	8528	8291	8966	8767	8915	8823	10444	62734	
- Young Adult	690	637	721	919	744	1016	1329	6056	
- Children	10342	10476	10825	11285	10450	13959	16487	83824	
Electronic Circulation Total	3530	3077	3358	3239	3414	3541	3580	23739	
- Digital Magazines/Papers (F/WSJ)	898	618	807	775	860	790	848	5596	
- Digital Music, Movies & TV (Kanopy, Hoopla)	571	605	525	424	525	595	557	3802	
- eBooks (OverDrive, Hoopla)	1135	1057	1110	1082	1053	1143	1134	7714	
- Audiobooks (OverDrive, Hoopla)	926	797	916	958	976	1013	1041	6627	
Days of Circulation over 500	24	20	21	23	22	25	27	162	
Days of Circulation over 1,000	2	2	1	0	2	7	12	26	
Total Registered Patrons (approx)	18230	18187	18111	18027	17975	18024	18072		
- Active Patrons (Last 3 years, rolling)	9614	9684	9766	9839	9917	10065	10125		
- New Registrations	141	112	116	126	104	171	166	936	
- Patrons Withdrawn	252	160	191	210	165	141	100	1219	
Holds Placed	2358	2017	1853	2144	1912	2309	2316	14909	
Holds Satisfied	2155	1933	1710	1926	1882	2012	2219	13837	
Total Holdings (approx)	105560	104182	102254	101349	101332	101948	102222		
- Items Added to Collection	583	590	545	641	546	779	581	4265	
- Items Withdrawn from Collection	2093	1963	2492	1558	592	214	288	9200	
Website									
- Pageviews	13276	12266	11824	13439	10602	12287	12368	86062	
- Sessions	9610	8755	8031	9684	7612	8599	8813	61104	
- Users	5390	4986	5149	5546	4001	4783	4526	34381	
Total Computer Use	287	257	281	262	224	217	269	1797	
- Adult	279	253	279	255	222	209	259	1756	
- Children	8	4	2	7	2	8	10	41	
Video Game Use	31	10	6	25	6	32	15	125	
WiFi Use	3321	3120	3175	3202	3532	2920		19270	
Database Logins	722	713	503	560	591	542	559	4190	
Database Searches	1639	2010	1772	2325	1292	1539	1500	12077	
Reference Questions Total	1072	1103	1011	972	970	1272	1336	7736	
- Adult	732	806	685	625	627	529	672	4676	
- Children	285	239	256	291	306	525	513	2415	
- Circulation	-	-	-	-	-	156	96	252	
- Chat with a Librarian Questions	18	20	17	14	9	6	14	98	
- Express K Pickup	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	7	
- Children's Book Bundles	35	33	50	42	26	51	38	275	
- PTPL Find-A-Book	1	4	2	0	0	3	3	13	
Interlibrary Loans Total	55	64	63	65	42	39	58	386	
- From Other Libraries	14	6	10	14	6	11	16	77	
- To Other Libraries	41	58	53	51	36	28	42	309	
- PTPL Loans to Waggin	1313	1440	1399	1347	1328	1313	1326	9466	
Study Room Use	330	350	341	300	448	272	356	2397	
Program Kits	137	143	147	55	77	60	77	696	
Seed Library Use	49	71	194	247	127	93	40	821	
Escape Room Attendance	2992	2606	3586	2853	4869	3377	1073	21356	
Book-a-Librarian	11	27	17	26	20	14	10	125	
Printing Charges Total	\$386.10	\$532.05	\$318.50	\$321.75	\$290.40	\$255.75	\$373.45	\$2,478.00	
Email Newsletter Subscribers	9510	9514	9521	9542	9543	9565	9567		
- Change in Active Subscribers	-6	4	7	21	1	22	2	51	
Total Volunteer Hours	194.5	209	238.5	258	239	212.25	225	1576.25	
- Adult	149.5	161	190.5	218	169	166.25	179	1233.25	
- Teen	45	48	48	40	70	46	46	343	

Door Count	9496	9811	9923	9818	9575	10265	12445	71333	
Visiting Borrowers	2092	2191	2293	2273	2216	2439	2680	16184	
Days of Library Visits over 500	1	3	2	2	1	6	14	29	
Days of Library Visits over 1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Adult Programs	34	42	35	48	44	34	36	273	
Adult Attendance	364	821	372	868	485	380	396	3686	
Teen Programs	9	9	7	7	6	12	13	63	
Teen Attendance	68	57	54	36	38	79	81	413	
Children's Programs	35	34	22	38	25	26	56	236	
Children's Attendance	893	1054	804	901	762	741	1586	6741	
All Ages Programs	5	1	1	2	2	1	2	14	
All Ages Attendance	140	29	43	1508	5	450	526	2701	
Outreach & Community Event Attendance	0	13	14	25	215	610	231	1108	
Meetings of Other Organizations									
- Programs	14	16	21	13	10	7	3	84	
- Attendance	125	230	259	151	391	77	18	1251	



Tie Dye





College Essay Writing 101

Storytime with PT Fire Dept



Pittsburgh Puppet Theater

READ LOCAL

Audra Azoury-Sommer
Joshua David Bellin
Mary Frailey Calland
B.A. Colella
Annette Dashofy
Lainey Davis
Lisa Donovan
Cathy Greco/Cameo MacPherson
Meghan Greenwood
Peter W. J. Hayes
Tomi Larson



Chris Posti
Lauren Reichenbach
Janet Roberts
Logan Russell
Jennifer Silbaugh
Nicole Spindler
Cori Wamsley
Scott Watkins
Chris Whitlatch
Allyson Wilson
Sr. Sally Witt

EAT LOCAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

22 LOCAL AUTHORS | 3 FOOD TRUCKS



Visit ptlib.org/rlel to find more information on this annual event!

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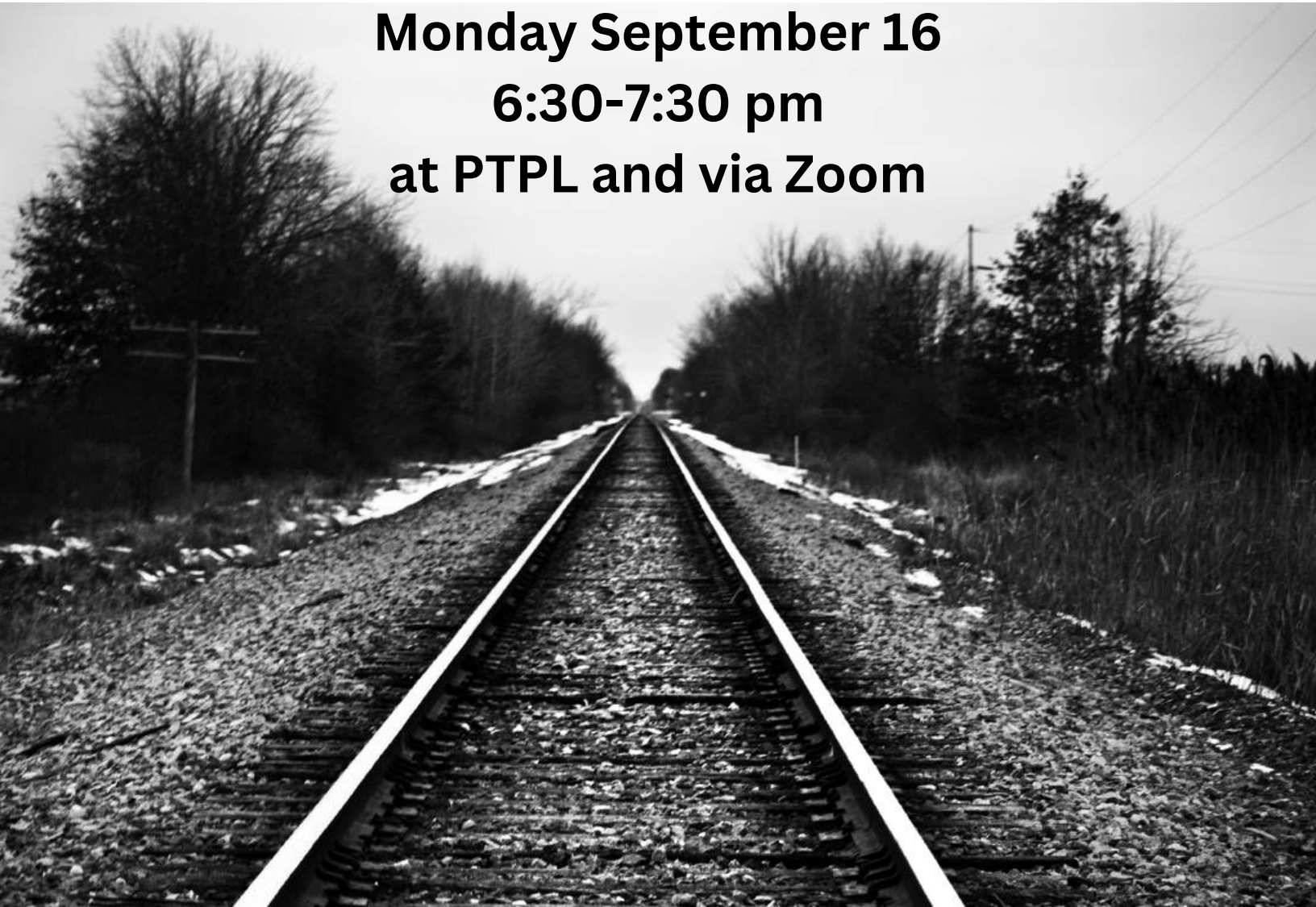
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Nazi Saboteurs at Horseshoe Curve

Learn about a WWII connection in Pennsylvania with Gunnery Sgt. Kenneth J. Serfass as he presents this historical talk as a conductor on the once-great Pennsylvania Rail Road.

When the United States entered World War II in late 1941, Altoona became essential to the war effort as the most important rail connection between the Midwest and the East Coast's shipping ports. To strike at the Pennsylvania Railroad and, specifically, the Horseshoe Curve would have hindered America's ability to move troops, war material, and natural resources necessary to support the fighting in both theaters.

**Monday September 16
6:30-7:30 pm
at PTPL and via Zoom**





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Sept 14 - Nov 7

Ages 4 - 5



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***Saturday, September 21
1 to 2:30 p.m.***

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