How do you LIBRARY?

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

PETERS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

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"How do YOU library?" Our PTPL visitors, over 200,000 strong in 2019, could answer that question in countless ways. In my mind, “to library” means to create, discuss, examine, practice, read, think, analyze, design, evaluate, debate, sing, play, and explore. From trying recipes with our new Cookbook Club, swapping jigsaw puzzles with fellow puzzlers, speaking French with our French Conversation Club, or clarifying the details of DNA test results with a nationally known genealogist, our PA Forward Gold-Star Library offered hundreds of opportunities for our community "to library" every day of the year.

Additional opportunities "to library" ranged from singing along at our Baby Shark Storytime, building Frankentoys, to growing tomatoes with master gardeners. Library users considered going solar with a solar co-op and were spellbound at events listening to a Flight 93 air traffic controller, an Air Force One steward, and a local photographer who shared his photographs of Chernobyl. Readers met with both local and nationally recognized authors.

Many popular programs returned like our successful Protect Your ID Shredding Event, Vitalant Blood Drives, Halloween Costume Swap, College Financial Aid Night, Preschool A-Palooza, U.S. Army War College Panelists, PT Tree Lighting Party, and Animal Fair.

Who "libraried" with us? Everyone from babies, preschoolers, tweens, teens and parents to readers and makers of all ages. Some of our partners included: Township Departments, McMurray Rotary, Achieva, WQED, PT Food Pantry, PT Farmers Market, PT Chamber of Commerce, Carnegie Science Center, The Peters Township Library Foundation, Relay for Life, PT Library Board, World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and the Peters Township School District throughout the year.

After reviewing this report, you'll find that our library is not only a very important place and proper noun but also an action verb!

Myra

Myra R. Oleynik
Library Director
By unwinding after-hours with some friendly competition at the Harry Potter Escape Room for adults.

83 in attendance

By keeping up with assignments without distractions.

28,877 database searches

By delivering books to shut-ins and residents in assisted-living facilities.

3,600+ volunteer hours

By playing Dungeons and Dragons for hours with friends on the weekends!

2,199 Young Adults attended

251 programs
By discovering flowers, plants, and wildlife in our own backyards.

Twelve-weeks of fostering family outdoor fun and future citizen scientists with a Bio-Blitz at Peterswood Park too!

By meeting friends at a safe place to study right after school.

By learning chess tips from a champion to challenge worthy opponents!

20,546 children attended 609 programs
By borrowing books for McMurray School’s Battle of the Books competition.  
124,764 items borrowed for children in 2019

By appreciating the talents of local artists.  
By building together with lots of blocks to learn about cause and effect, gravity, stability, weight, and balance at play!

385 STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) programs for children
By attending The Peters Township Library Foundation’s Novel November and meeting Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anna Quindlen.

By loading up on books without limits!

340,360 items (physical + electronic) borrowed

By meeting 24 local authors, including NYT best-selling author, Marie Benedict and enjoying lunch from 3 food trucks at Read Local/Eat Local 2019.

By sharing a special interest with others like keeping backyard chickens.

25+ NEW programs offered
By supporting a worthy cause like preserving local Peters Township history.

$9,000+ raised on the WCCF Day of Giving

By learning about book repair from library staff for the Cadette's Book Artist Badge.

By using this WAGGIN library card, 20,832 registered users have access to over 1 million items in 3 counties.

1,591 new cardholders in 2019

By working on a service project in the library's garden spaces.

By remembering the good ol' days together growing up in the Village of Hackett.

25+ valued partnerships

204,470 visitors
By meeting with World War II veterans to remember the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

By playing mini-golf in the stacks!

**609 programs offered for children and tweens**

By learning a new hobby!

**665 programs offered for adults**

By shopping and volunteering at our daily Gently Used Book Sale.

**Nearly $6,000 in sales in 2019**
By enjoying the additions to the library like a new roof, updated restrooms, signage, artwork, reference desk, crosswalk, shelving, and furniture in the Youth Services Department.
Value of Library Services to the Peters Township Community
- January through December, 2019 -
$5,264,796.24

The Value of Library Services was created through the use of the American Library Association's Library Value Calculator.
More information, including explanations of the values, are available at: http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/advocacyuniversity/toolkit/makingthecase/library_calculator.
2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

MORE THAN $5.2 million dollars
Value of services and resources provided to the community

204,470 Visitors to the library
with 217 days serving over 500 people

20,832 registered users

340,360 items borrowed

3,608 volunteer hours

2,199 teens attended
251 programs

8,259 adults attended
665 programs

20,546 children attended
609 programs

11,000+ questions answered

28,877 database searches

6,1117 persons used study rooms

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Did you know...

For every $1.00 received in Township Support, the library returns $6.20 to the community in library materials and services.

Looking ahead...

Capital Improvement for 2020
New Sliding Front Entry Doors

Preparing new programs to support the 5 Literacies below to maintain our status in 2020 as a PA Forward Star Program:

**Information Literacy**
- Book-a-Librarian Appointments
- Computer Classes
- Creative Bug/Makerspace assistance
- Weekly Devices & Apps 101 sessions

**Basic Literacy**
- Best Books for Babies Shower
- Preschool A-Palooza
- PT KDG & Preschool Transition Workshop with Lindsay Barrett George
- Family Drawing Workshop
- 3rd Annual Read Local/Eat Local
- 4th Annual Novel November
- Summer Reading and Learning 2020

**Health Literacy**
- QPR Suicide Prevention Program
- Hospice 101
- Understanding Medicare
- Mental Health Resources Update

**Financial Literacy**
- AARP Tax-Aide Site & Federal Tax Display
- College Financial Aid Night
- Money Smart Week

**Civic and Social Literacy**
- PT Local History Program
- Army War College Panel
- 2020 Census Completion Assistance
- Veterans Breakfast Club Program
- Peters Twp. Year of Kindness Partner
- PTPL Staff Development Day (internal)