

Peters Township Public Library



Peters Township Public Library
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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday	9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
NEW Sunday hours	Noon – 4 p.m.

National Library Week Celebration! April 11 – 17, 2010

In today's economy, where is the one place you can go to get help with a resume, learn new job skills, connect to the Internet or just curl up with your favorite book – all for free? You can do all of that and more at your library!

Celebrate National Library Week, April 11-17, 2010 at the Peters Township Public Library with special events for all ages. On April 11 from 1 – 4 p.m. join us for “Step Back in Time – A Celebration of Life in Peters Township” that will feature exhibits, memorabilia, photographs, and a performance of musical renditions from the '60s and '70s by Peters Township High School musicians. Refreshments and a special slide presentation about the Hollywood Restaurant, a popular gathering place and local landmark in Peters Township from the 1950s through the early 1970s will also be offered.

Our “Ton of Books” competition returns in the Children's and Teen Departments with a chance to win prizes — just for reading books! During the week enjoy our special programs, including a “Princess Party” for little princesses (and princes) of all ages and “Gravity Rules!” for future scientists in grades one and up. In the Teen Room, come for “International Afternoons” on Wednesday for a trip around the world and return on Saturday for our “Gaming Extravaganza!” To finish out a great celebratory week, come to our Children's Carnival on Saturday and participate in our library-wide “Stop, Drop, and Read.” There is so much to celebrate at the Peters Township Public Library!



“Speedy Delivery” Mr. McFeely Visits the Library! Saturday, April 24, 2010 1 – 3 p.m.

Join us at the library for a visit from one of our favorite neighbors. Mr. McFeely (aka David Newell) will be stopping by to share stories about some of the “Neighborhood of Make Believe” puppets he will have with him, and will also lead a sing-along of favorite “Neighborhood” songs. All are welcome!

Taste of the Township Friday, April 30, 2010 7 – 11:30 p.m. Valley Brook Country Club Cost: \$50 per ticket

Mark your calendar to reserve this date for an evening of fabulous food and an opportunity to reconnect with friends and neighbors! Tickets will be available at the library in March. Proceeds benefit the Peters Township Public Library and the Community Endowment for Peters Township.



The library is continually adding new programs, resources and services. For a complete, up-to-date list of library programs, please check at the library or visit the library's Web site (www.ptlibrary.org).



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Spring Session: 9 weeks,
March 19-May 20**
(Children may sign up for ongoing programs at any time during the session)

Please register in the Children's Department unless otherwise noted.

FOR BABIES THROUGH KINDERGARTEN...

Book Babies

Ages: Birth – 12 months with an adult

Day/Time: Tuesday 10-10:20 a.m.

You can't start too early at the library! In this 20-minute program, babies will gain contact with language through stories, songs, rhymes, and finger plays, helping them take their first steps toward a lifetime love of books and reading.

Mother Goose Story-time

Ages: 12 – 24 months with an adult

Day/Time: Tuesday 11-11:20 a.m.

They're just learning to talk—give them something to talk about! 20 minutes of books, fun rhymes, songs and finger plays encourage language growth and love of reading.

Toddler Tales

Ages: 2 – 3½ with an adult

Day/Time: Wednesday 11:15-11:45 a.m. OR 1-1:30 p.m. They can walk, they can talk—and they can learn! This 30-minute program adds crafts and fun to stories for further

encouragement on the way to becoming lifelong readers.

Preschool Story-time

Ages: 3½ - 5

Day/Time: Tuesday 1-1:45 p.m. OR Wednesday 10-10:45 a.m.

They're almost ready to read on their own—help them get there with this parent-optional preschool story-time. Stories, games, activities, movies, crafts and more make this 45-minute program a big hit.

Bodies in Motion

Ages: 2-5 with an adult

Day/Time: Thursday 11-11:30 a.m. OR 1-1:30 p.m.

Have fun and keep fit at the library! A 30-minute program filled with wiggling, giggling, jiggling fun!

Bodies in Yoga

Ages: 3-6 with an adult

Day/Time: Monday 1:15-1:45 p.m. Library fun—with a twist! This new yoga class adapted for preschool children develops body awareness, language, and good listening skills while



inspiring the imagination through guided "play." Yoga postures and breathing techniques will be taught in a fun and playful way. Children will stretch, sing, move, and imitate in this 30-minute yoga class for youngsters. Have child dressed comfortably and prepared to "play" in bare feet!

Tiny Tunes Toddler

Ages: 2 – 3½ with an adult

Day/Time: Monday 11-11:30 a.m. OR Thursday 10-10:30 a.m.

A fun, casual program of playing with and learning about music. Every week explore a different theme and way to make music with your toddler.

Tiny Tunes Preschool

Ages: 3½ – 5

Day/Time: Wednesday 2-2:30 p.m.

A fun, casual program of playing with and learning about music. Every week preschoolers explore a different theme and way to make music.

Kindergarten Story-time

Ages: Kindergartners and 5-year-olds

Day/Time: Friday 10-11 a.m. OR 1:15-2:15 p.m.

NOTE: Spring Kindergarten Story-Time begins March 19 and ends May 14. No class Friday, April 2.

This full-hour program goes the next step in learning and loving reading through stories,

activities, crafts, and movies, all centered on tales about "Wouldn't You Like to Be Silly Too?!" (Winter) and "Tater Tales!" (Spring)

Kitchen Science

Ages: 2 – 5, with an adult

Day/Time: Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25

2 – 2:30 p.m. OR Saturdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24

9:30 – 10 a.m.

Limit: 15 children

Ever wonder what amazing and awesome science you can do—all with what you may find in your own kitchen? Come to Kitchen Science and find out! An easy and fun science program for toddlers and parents. Both



sessions cover the same materials, so please sign up for one or the other.

Bitty Berets French for Fun!

Ages: 4 – 6

Days: Mondays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010

Time: 10-10:30 a.m.

Bienvenue! (Welcome!) to Bitty Berets—an easy and fun French class for preschoolers! We will learn the French alphabet, numbers 1-10, colors, days of the week, and other beginning French words, phrases, and songs. We will also enjoy videos and stories about French culture and make crafts to take home. À bientôt! (See you soon!)

FOR GRADES 1 AND UP...

Afterschool Reading, Acting, and More!

Ages: Grades 3 and up

Day/Time: Every Thursday in March 4 – 5 p.m.

Need somewhere to go after school? Come to the library! Try your hand at acting in our Reader's Theatre, share your favorite books, watch movies, hang out with friends and make new friends! We'll also have a chance to perform our best Readers' Theatre for family and friends, so don't miss the fun!

Gravity Rules!

Ages: Grades 1 and up

Day/Time: Wednesdays, March 10, April 14 6:30-7:15 p.m.

...and other Science Laws. Hands-on science fun for grades 1 and up!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

*FOR GRADES 1
AND UP...*

Homeschool Happenings

Ages: Grades 1-5
Day/Time: Wednesday, March 10 and Tuesday, May 25 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
For homeschooled children in 1st – 5th grades, this special program adds fun to the school day with sessions of creative and educational classes, including science (bizarre experiments!), math (Sudoku challenge!), reading (mad libs!), and much more! The day also includes a Jeopardy Quiz Bowl, Wii Sports for 'Recess,' art & music, and a break for lunch. As a companion to the program, a children's staff member will give a tour of the library to parents while their kids are in "school," and a guest speaker with Pennsylvania Cyber/Charter School will speak on their homeschooling program as well as discuss general options for homeschooling parents.

FOR ALL AGES

Sleeping Bag Story-Time

Ages: For Kids and Parents of all ages!
Day/Time: Friday, March 12 6 – 8 p.m.
WHEN THE LIBRARY LIGHTS GO OUT ... THEN THE FUN BEGINS!! Come to the library for a special after-hours celebration! All ages are

welcome to our Sleeping-Bag Story-Time, complete with games, crafts, stories, snacks, and movies! Wear your favorite pajamas and bring a blanket, stuffed toy, or sleeping bag for a fun evening at the library. Register in the Children's Department. Note: Ages 10 – 18 are invited to stay for our all-night Library Lock-In; see the Young Adult Department for details!

Family Pajama Story-Time and Craft

Ages: For Kids and Parents of all ages!
Day/Time: Tuesdays, March 16, April 13 6-6:45 p.m.
On March 16, come for a night of green snacks, lucky movies, and shamrock stories, and then make a craft to take home and decorate just in time for St. Patrick's Day! On April 13 we'll have a Princess Party story-time, with princess snacks, crafts, activities songs and stories – wear your favorite princess gown or pajamas. Young princes are welcome also!

Springtime Luau Party

Ages: For Kids and Parents of all ages!
Day/Time: Saturday, March 20 2-3:30 p.m.
Just in time for the first day of Spring — it's a luau of a party! Break out your grass skirts and leis for a day of Hawaiian fruit, flowers, and fun! Limbo your way to the library for games, refreshments, music, and a special hula lesson for all ages and parents.

Easter Story-time and Egg Hunt

Ages: For Kids and Parents of all ages!
Day/Time: Tuesday, March 30 OR Thursday, April 1 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Celebrate Easter with a special story-time followed by our very own Easter Egg Hunt!

Earth Day Celebration

Ages: For Kids and Parents of all ages!
Day/Time: Thursday, April 22 6-6:45 p.m.
Celebrate Earth Day with a special story-time with activities and crafts. Sign a leaf for our promise tree and learn about ways you can help keep our world growing green.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Programs for Tweens and Teens in 6th-12th grade unless otherwise noted.

Looking for the next great book? Then stop by the Teen Desk to pick up our newest booklist brochures. Also offered at the teen desk are flyers for upcoming programs, volunteer forms, and our newest books, CDs and video games!

GAMING TOURNAMENTS

Registration is required for each tournament session and is limited to 32 players. Register at the Teen Desk.

Mario Kart Wii Tournament Season

Ages: Grades 6-12
Day/Time: Saturdays, March 6, April 3 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Start your engines and join us in the Teen Reading Room to show off your racing skills to all your friends. Each participant will have the chance to race once, and the top two winners will move on to the final three qualification rounds. Prizes will be awarded to each month's first and second place winners and they will be eligible to compete in the Mario Kart Grand Prix!

Guitar Hero Tournament, Part II

Ages: Grades 6-12
Day/Time: Saturdays, March 27, April 24 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
Are you the best guitarist in Peters Township? Show off your guitar skills in our second Guitar Hero Wii Tournament this winter! We'll have two winners each month that will be eligible to compete in our final competition this April. Get ready to ROCK!

Pokémon Competition

Ages: Grades 6-12
Day/Time: Saturday, March 20 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
Check in is at 11:30 a.m.
Do you love to play Pokémon on your DS? Looking for a place to enjoy the game with your



friends? Then join us in the Teen Room for our FIRST-EVER Pokémon competition. You don't need to own a DS to participate and prizes will be awarded to our winners. Consult your Pokedex and get ready to play!

FUN, ONE-TIME PROGRAMS

Library Lock-In

Ages: 10 - 18

Day/Time: Friday, March 12 - Saturday, March 13
9 p.m.— 8 a.m.

Cost: \$5

Come to the library for our second Library Lock-In! Patrons between the ages of 10 - 18 are invited to attend and enjoy crafts, games, movies and food. Bring your favorite pajamas, pillows, and sleeping bags for an exciting all-night event at the library! Registration, fee and permission slip must be completed at the Teen Desk in order to attend. Note: All ages are invited to attend Sleeping Bag Story-Time; see the Children's Department for details!

St. Patrick's Day Party

Day/Time: Wednesday, March 17
6:30-8 p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style with us in the Teen Room. We'll cook up some genuine Irish cuisine, listen to Irish music and even try out some Irish step dancing. Enjoy an evening celebrating all things Ireland!

Ice Cream Science

Day/Time: Wednesday, March 24
3:30-5 p.m.

Do you love ice cream? If your answer is YES then join us to celebrate our favorite things about ice cream. We will make our own ice cream and taste-

test some of our favorite flavors. A great way to take a delicious break from homework!

Board Game Night

Day/Time: Tuesday, April 8
6:30-8 p.m.

Need a break from video gaming for an evening? Join us to play your favorite board games such as Twister, Clue, and Monopoly. Snacks will be served. Get ready to roll the dice!

Red Cross Babysitting Class

Ages: 11 and up

Day/Time: Saturday, March 27,
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and
Sunday, March 28, 12:30 – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$50 (includes \$15 for handbook)

Limit: Minimum 8, maximum 12 students

Instructor: Caron Boyer

The Red Cross Babysitting Course teaches students about child development and how to care for children of all ages. This course prepares future babysitters for all kinds of situations from changing diapers to how to handle an emergency. CPR is not included. An official Red Cross Certificate is awarded to everyone who passes this training. Fee must be paid at time of registration. Please bring a brown bag lunch for Saturday sessions. Participants are required to bring a copy of their birth certificate to the first class and must be 11 years of age by March 27, 2010. Students must attend both days and pass the training to receive their official Red Cross Certificate. Register at the library's circulation desk.

ON GOING

Dinner and Discussion

Day/Time: Mondays, March 8,
April 19 6:30-8 p.m.

This winter, we will meet

monthly in the Teen Room to discuss our favorite books, writers, and have dinner. Call or stop by the Teen Desk to find out what we are reading each month and to drop off your suggestions for books or dinner.

Teen Writers Studio

Tuesdays, March 16,
April 6 6:30-8 p.m.

Are you a writer or aspiring writer? Are you unsure of which direction to take your short story, novel or poem? Then join us evenings this winter to share and offer advice to your peers and fellow writers.

International Afternoons

Day/Time: Wednesdays,
March 31, April 14
3:30-5 p.m.

Join us monthly in the Teen Room to discover a new country and experience their culture through movies, art, fashion and food. Don't forget your passport!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Please register at the library's circulation desk, unless otherwise noted.

Wii Sports for Seniors

Duration: March – April
Sundays, 1 – 2 p.m. (no session on April 4) or Mondays,
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Seniors, do you love to golf, but don't want to deal with the weather? Maybe you were a bowler, but your arthritis keeps you from lifting the ball. We'll use the large plasma TV and Nintendo Wii in the Teen Reading Room to stay fit. Join us and learn to play Wii Sports!



Peters Township teens will walk you through the use of the Wii-mote, a lightweight, motion-detecting controller that you swing like a golf club, baseball bat, bowling ball or tennis racquet. Bring a friend or two and give it a try! No registration required — just drop in!

World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh: "Disunity of Effort: America's Interagency Struggle to Build an Afghan Nation"

Day/Time: Thursday, March 18
7 – 8:30 p.m.

Presented by: Colonel Lew Irwin



Colonel Lew Irwin, a Peters Township resident who commands the 301st Regional Support Group, headquartered in Butler, Pa., will describe the specific challenges of "nation building" in Afghanistan, as well as the problems that have characterized the efforts of the various United States agencies working there. An honorarium for this speaker was generously provided by a grant from the McMurray Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 764.

Doug Oster's Tomatoes, Basil and Garlic

Day/Time: Saturday, March 20
10 – 11:30 a.m.

Presented by: Doug Oster,
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
gardening columnist and KDKA
radio personality

How do you get started now to have your best garden ever? Doug Oster will discuss tips and tricks on getting seeds growing and talk about his favorite varieties of tomatoes, basil and garlic. His new book, *Tomatoes, Basil and Garlic* was released in February, so Doug will be bringing copies for a book sale and signing after the program.



Western PA Mushroom Club (Washington / Greene County Division)

Day/Time: Tuesday, March 23
Tuesday, April 27 6 – 8 p.m.
In the introductory March 23 meeting, potential members will learn about the work and activities of the Mushroom Club. A slide show presenting the relationship between tree varieties and specific mushroom species will be presented, including a special focus on Morels (a spring mushroom) and specific spring mushrooms to avoid. A discussion of what to wear on "mushrooming" walks will also be presented. Participants are invited to attend one meeting at no cost, after which, if they are interested in joining, they must submit a

yearly individual membership fee of \$15.00 or a family membership fee of \$20.00. Members must also annually sign a release of liability form. To learn more about the Western PA Mushroom Club, go to www.wpamushroomclub.org.

Spring Beadathon

Day/Time: Wednesday, March 24
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5 (to be applied to materials fee)

Minimum: 6 participants

Minimum age: 12

Instructor: Kathy Shomo
Join us for a spring beadathon! Plan on making beautiful necklaces, bracelets, earrings and other items using top quality materials including semi-precious beads, Czech glass beads, and India glass beads. Instruction is free. Materials fee depends on the project(s) you complete (anywhere from \$5 for a zipper pull to \$30 for a beaded watch). Pay by cash or check.

Rain Barrel Workshop

Day/Time: Thursday,
March 25
7 – 8 p.m.

Presented by: Laura Delach,
Penn State Master Gardener
Did you know that you could be saving money every time it rains? By creating a rain barrel and strategically placing it to collect rain water, you can provide your garden with clean, fresh water free of charge! Learn how to make your own rain barrel out of inexpensive materials.

Alternative Energy Workshop

Day/Time: Wednesday, March 31
7 – 8:30 p.m.

Presented by: Philip Long and
Shane McLinden

Alternative Energy is the future. The future is NOW! The truth is the world is running out of fossil fuels and our future depends on finding alternative ways of producing energy. Learn about alternative energy options and how you can use them to reduce or eliminate your carbon footprint and/or electricity bill. Also learn about available rebates and tax credits related to energy usage reduction.

Take a Trip on the Great Allegheny Passage

Day/Time: Thursday, April 8
7 – 8 p.m.

Presented by: Mary Shaw and
Roy Weil
Husband and wife team Mary
Shaw and Roy Weil will give



practical advice on planning a traffic-free bike trip between Pittsburgh and Washington on the Great Allegheny Passage and the C&O Towpath. Participants will learn how to select an itinerary, whether to go with an organized trip or travel independently, options for transportation to the trailheads, choosing between camping and indoor lodging, equipment selection and preparation, and costs of trip. They will also discuss physical demands of the trip, how to prepare, and what resources are available along

the way. They will be introduced by Mark Imgrund, President of the Montour Trail Council.

Mary Shaw and Roy Weil have won awards from *Venture Outdoors* and *REI* (Recreational Equipment Inc.) for their work promoting outdoor recreation. Their book *Linking Up: Planning Your Traffic-Free Bike Trip Between Pittsburgh, PA and Washington D.C. Via the Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Canal Towpath* will be available for sale after the program. Proceeds benefit the Great Allegheny Passage.

Seven Speaking Habits You Should Shed Now!

Day/Time: Monday, April 19
7 – 8:30 p.m.

Presented by: Maureen Murray,
author, professional keynote
speaker, trainer and coach
Do you want to be a better public speaker? If so, then plan on joining us at the library as Maureen Murray helps you to shed the speaking habits that hold you back from achieving your professional goals. At the end of the program you'll be better able to:

- Identify the seven speaking habits which undermine effectiveness: chronic apologizing, prefacing, detailing, downplaying, qualifying, disguising your agenda, and tolerating interruptions;
- Understand the impact of each habit;
- Practice concrete and practical strategies to replace each of the seven habits with more effective behaviors.

This program is for people who want to set themselves apart, achieve stronger results, and be heard above the crowd.