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PETERS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY  
**CELEBRATES  
60 YEARS!**



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# PETERS TOWNSHIP'S CROWN JEWEL



Peters Township Public Library—September 2017.

The award-winning Peters Township Public Library celebrates 60 years of opening books, doors and minds.

By Nicole Tafe



Peters Township Public Library—circa 1976.

Many have called the Peters Township Public Library a jewel in the crown of the community—an incredible facility with two brightly lit levels located in the Township complex on East McMurray Road. This year, our PA Forward Gold Star award-winning Peters Township Public Library proudly celebrates its 60th year of opening books, doors and minds.

The library was founded in 1957 by the Women’s Club of Peters Township, and was originally located in a section of the Peters Township High School. In 1961, when the High School Library required all its space, the Board of Education of Peters Township offered a room in the school administration building to house the library. From 1965 to 1976 the Library was then relocated to the second floor of the Peters Township Municipal Building. On Oct. 18, 1966, sponsorship was officially transferred from the Women’s Club to the Township.

The library moved in 1976 from the Municipal Building to a 7,000 sq. ft. renovated Township maintenance building, and in 1985 constructed a new 3,790 sq. ft. addition to increase the total size of the library to 11,000 sq. ft. A fully automated catalog and circulation system were introduced in 1993. Due to tremendous growth in the Township, planning for a new library that would meet a greater demand for library materials and services began in 1997. The Peters Township School Board donated district property for a brand new \$2.6 million library.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 4, 1998 for a 23,000 sq. ft. two-story facility. The new library opened its doors to the public on Feb. 16, 1999. In 2000, the library received national recognition from the Hennen’s American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR), which ranked the library fourth in the nation among public libraries serving populations of 10,000 to 24,999.

In 2008, construction was completed on a 4800 sq. ft. expansion, which added a Teen Room, Family Activity Center, Local History Room, Conference Room and expanded shelving capacity on both levels of the library. The Dedication of the new addition was held on April 13, 2008. The \$1 million project brought the building’s total to 27,800 square feet.

Former Township Manager Michael Silvestri oversaw four of the major construction changes to the library over the years. “The Peters Township library due to its innovative history has been the cultural, educational and social hub of the community,” says Silvestri. “Unparalleled to any town in the region, the Peters Township Library has had strong community support both in usage as well as financial backing.”

Today, the PTPL is open seven days a week from September through May, and six days a week from the end of May to the beginning of September—closed on Sundays during the summer months. The library contains over 127,000 items and also lends DVDs, music CDs, books on CD, eReaders, Playaways, and even video games for Wii, Xbox, PS and DS. Services also include access to computers, AWE early literacy learning stations, a copier, free wi-fi, self-checkout kiosks, homebound delivery and meeting rooms.

There are more than 8,000 subscribers to the library’s weekly e-newsletter and the library’s newly designed mobile friendly website—[ptlibrary.org](http://ptlibrary.org)—offers an indoor Google Tour, local history photos, interactive event calendar and a multitude of resources at your fingertips 24/7. More than 300 people use the PTPL study rooms monthly and over 1000 items from Overdrive and Freegal Music are downloaded each month—all free!

“The Peters Township Public Library and its staff are truly invaluable components of the community,” says current director Myra Oleynik. “Over \$5 million of value in services and resources were provided to the community in 2016. Look closely at the bottom of your receipt the next time you checkout to see how much money you saved by using your library. I like to think of that amount as Smartperks.”

In addition to offering quality materials, the PTPL seeks to provide programs that speak to the entire community. Events related to heroin



The Reading Room—located on the second floor of the library.



Members of the PT Library Staff.

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# It's Time to **CELEBRATE!**

Be sure to visit the Peters Township Public Library on Sunday, Oct. 22, for a 60th Anniversary Celebration! The following fun-filled events for all ages will take place throughout the afternoon:

## **Ongoing from Noon to 2 p.m.**

Music provided by a DJ,  
Balloon Hats, Hula Hoop Games

## **Ongoing from Noon to 3 p.m.**

Birthday Cake, Prize Wheel,  
PTPL Scavenger Hunt,  
PTPL 60th Video Montage

## **12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

**What's Your Library Story?**  
Listen to regional storytellers, Barbara Seels and Mary Jo Sonntag, share a few of their library stories and enjoy the art of storytelling.

Feel free to share your own personal memories of the library in your town when you were younger!

## **1 p.m.**

The Donaldson Family will share a photographic display titled "110 years of Donaldson's Crossroads" in the upstairs Reading Room. You'll be amazed at how much the Township and library has changed!

## **2 to 3 p.m.**

PTHS Alum Bob Moore will share "A Trip Down Peters Township Public Library's Memory Lane."

...and the Steeler Game will be playing in the lobby!

Take a tour, learn to use the 3D printers, try the self-checkout kiosk, laminate, learn to use the embroidery machines, make a craft with your kids, sign up for your FREE Waggin library card and explore your library with your family during this wonderful afternoon of celebration!



Peters Township Library  
in the Municipal Building—  
circa February 1969.



The first 100 children to attend the 60th Anniversary Celebration will receive a hardback copy of "The Cat in the Hat"—also turning 60 years old this year!

and opioid abuse, tax-reassessments, WW1 and WW2 history, financial literacy, Alzheimer's and early literacy are just a few of the many programs the PTPL's talented staff plans and promotes. Every month, the staff also gathers nearly 2,000 items for patrons and "holds" them for quick pick-up at the front desk or for delivery to the other 19 libraries in the WAGGIN system.

"We are also grateful for our loyal volunteers, including the Peters Township Library Board, The Peters Township Library Foundation and the PTPL Friends who offer countless hours of support that keep our collections, services and special events running so smoothly," says Oleynik. "Mrs. Pier Lee is also to be commended for her 40 years of dedicated service and leadership and, as a new Township Department, we are also grateful for the support of Paul Lauer, our Township Manager and Council."

"Successful public libraries are no longer mere depositories for books—they are now places that transform lives through the exchange of ideas," says Lauer. "No library has embraced this new paradigm with more enthusiasm than the Peters Township Library, resulting in a community actively engaged in personal development through the numerous programs and events sponsored by our library."

Peters Township Council Chairman Frank Acuri also takes pride in being part of the growth of the Peters Township Library and community. "Over the past sixty years, The Peters Township Library, as a result of the hard work and self-less dedication of countless individuals, has transformed

what was once a vision into a community—one which will endure and continue to improve well into the future," he says. "The end result of these efforts is reminiscent of a quote by R. David Lankes, the Director of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina—"Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build community."

On Sunday, Oct. 22, the Peters Township Public Library will hold a 60th Anniversary Celebration from noon to 3 p.m. The day's events will include something for all ages from prize wheels to scavenger hunts, birthday cake, a video montage, storytellers and much more. The first 100 children will receive a hardback copy of Dr. Seuss' popular children's book "The Cat in the Hat"—which also turns 60 this year. To make sure even die-hard Steeler fans won't be left out, the Steeler game will be available for viewing in the library's lobby during the event.

Additionally, in celebration of the 60th Anniversary and to thank patrons for 60 years of loyalty and support, the PTPL will welcome back all overdue PTPL items and any patrons who may need to have their accounts adjusted from previous fines, with a "fine-free" week that will run October 16 through 22. Just stop in during that week with your overdue items and the library will happily waive fines and update accounts.

For more information about the Peters Township Public Library and the 60th Anniversary Celebration, please visit [ptlibrary.org](http://ptlibrary.org). ■

## The Library's Leading Ladies

According to the Sept. 26, 1967 Observer-Reporter, Mrs. Thad A. Jackson (Patience) was appointed as the first full-time head librarian at Peters Township Library in 1967. Barbara Bonheyo was appointed Head Librarian in February 1970, and in August 1970 Betty Howarth took over the position. She served until March 1971. Pier Lee replaced Betty Kinsky in 1974 and served until July 2015. She was succeeded by the current Library Director, Myra R. Oleynik.



Current Library Director Myra Oleynik poses at the circulation desk.



# Peters Township Public Library

616 E. McMurray Road / McMurray, PA 15317

724.941.9430 / [www.ptlibrary.org](http://www.ptlibrary.org)

### Library Hours

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday (Sept. 10 through May 20)

Noon to 4 p.m.

**Close at 5 p.m.: Wednesday, Nov. 22**

**Closed: Thursday, Nov. 23 and**

**Friday, Nov. 24**



## PT Library Celebrates 60 Years!

In 1957 the USSR launched Sputnik, "American Bandstand" made its television debut, *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss was published, and the Peters Township community got a library. Sixty years later, we are having an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 22 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. to mark this milestone in our library's history! Activities will include special guests and presentations to remember the library's founding in 1957 by the Women's Club of Peters Township, the relocation of the facility to several different buildings in the township, and the opening of the library's present location in 1999. We will honor our Friends of the Library organization for their dedication through the years and recognize library staff and board members past and present. The afternoon will be filled with free, fun, family-friendly activities including an birthday cake. Spend part of your afternoon with us as we thank you for your many years of continued support - we wouldn't be here without you!



### PT Library Achieves Gold Star Status!

If you have been following the library's progress in the PA Forward Star Library Program, we are happy to report that your library reached the Gold Star level in May 2017. PA Forward works through five key literacies – Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health, and Financial – to help all residents in enhancing their overall quality of life. The Star Library recognition offers support to libraries who participate and incorporate the literacies in their programming activities. We are also thrilled to report that, to date, we are the only public library in the western part of Pennsylvania to be awarded the gold! Be sure to look for the PA Forward and the five literacies logos in our library displays and at events as we continue to help our community members live healthy, productive, and informed lives.



### Flu Shot Clinic

Wednesday, Oct. 25

9 a.m. to 12 noon



Take advantage of the Walgreens Community Off-site Immunization Clinic at the library and protect yourself from the flu this season. Licensed pharmacists will be on-site administering shots. Cost of the immunization is \$25.99, or can be billed directly to all major insurances. Please bring along your medical insurance card. You must be age 9 or older to receive a flu shot and a parent will need to be present with anyone under 18.



## An Evening with Yaa Gyasi

Thursday, Nov. 9  
7 p.m.

The Peters Township Library Foundation will welcome the bestselling author of *Homegoing*, Yaa Gyasi. The unforgettable New York Times bestseller, *Homegoing*, begins with the story of two half-sisters, separated by forces beyond their control: one sold into slavery, the other married to a British slaver. Written with tremendous sweep and power, *Homegoing* traces the generations of family who follow, as their destinies lead them through two continents and three hundred years of history, each life indelibly drawn, as the legacy of slavery is fully revealed in light of the present day.

Tickets are on sale through the library web site at [ptlibrary.org](http://ptlibrary.org) or at the Circulation Desk. Ticket prices are \$10 for Students and \$15 for Adults. A limited number of VIP tickets will be sold for \$60 and include VIP seats, a pre-event meet and greet with Yaa Gyasi, passed hors d'oeuvres, and a copy of *Homegoing*. Group rates for 20 or more are also available. Email [theptlibraryfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:theptlibraryfoundation@gmail.com) for details. The venue for this special event will be The Bible Chapel's South Hills Campus at 300 Gallery Drive in McMurray. A book signing will follow the program.

**ABOUT YAA GYASI:** Yaa Gyasi was born in Mampong, Ghana and raised in Huntsville, Alabama. She holds a BA in English from Stanford University and an MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where she held a Dean's Graduate Research Fellowship. *Homegoing* is her first novel and has won the PEN/Hemingway Award, National Book Critics Circle's John Leonard Award, and a New York Times and Washington Post Notable Book.



### Enjoy 2018 Coupon Books Available at the Library

The Peters Township Library Foundation is sponsoring the sale of the "Enjoy 2018 Coupon Books." Coupon books, available at the Circulation Desk, are \$30 each. Proceeds benefit the library.



### Featured Resources: Freegal®



Freegal® is a free music service from your library, and has these benefits:

- Over 13 million songs, and more than 40,000 music videos.
- Over 200 different genres; everything from Classical Music to Hip Hop, including Pop, Rock, Children's, Country, Classical, and many more.
- Over 600,000 popular artists including Adele, Alicia Keys, Barbara Streisand, Bruce Springsteen, Carrie Underwood, Céline Dion, Dave Matthews Band, Elvis Presley, Harry Styles, Hozier, Kenny Chesney, Jason Aldean, Johnny Cash, John Legend, Leonard Cohen, London Symphony Orchestra, Meghan Trainor, One Direction, P!nk, Pearl Jam, Pitbull, Pink Floyd, Sara Bareilles, Santana, Usher, Willie Nelson, Yo-Yo Ma, Zayn, and many more.
- New music available the same day it shows up on i-Tunes or in the stores. New content added daily.
- Free Mobile apps for Apple and Android devices.

Register at the library with your WAGGIN card and start using Freegal® today!

# Children's Programs

Please register at the Youth Services Desk unless otherwise noted.



## The Giving Tree

Sunday, Oct. 15  
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Come see a live performance of Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree* performed by the local youth theater troupe, The Abbey Players. Fun for all ages!



## Kindness Week

Nov. 12 to 18

"When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind."

– R.J. Palacio, *Wonder*

In celebration of the premier of the movie *Wonder*, based on the book by R.J. Palacio, we present Kindness Week.

Join us in the Youth Services Department as we celebrate kindness with crafts, prizes, and more.

## Holiday Programs for All Ages

### Halloween Haunts

Monday, Oct. 30  
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Come to our spooky storytime ... just in time for Halloween!

### PAWS for Holiday Pictures

Saturday, Nov. 11  
10 to 11:20 a.m.

Stop in and have your holiday pictures taken with your favorite PAWS therapy dogs.

### Give Thanks

Monday, Nov. 20  
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Enjoy a "thankful" storytime. Non-perishable food items for the Peters Township Food Pantry are appreciated.

### Elf on the Shelf Kick-Off

Thursday, Nov. 30  
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Join us for a story, craft, treat, and movie as we kick-off the Elf on the Shelf season. After the program on November 30, visit the Children's Department to hunt for the elf and discover what he is reading and enter a drawing for a gift basket.

### Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Party

Sunday, Dec. 3  
6 p.m.

Join us at the library for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Party, held in partnership with the Peters

Township Parks and Recreation Department. Festivities will include lighting and decorating the Township tree outside at 6 p.m., followed by holiday caroling. Refreshments, visits with Santa, and holiday crafts for children will be offered in the library. It's a wonderful way to get in the holiday spirit and spend time with family and friends!

### Trinity Bell Choir

Tuesday, Dec. 5  
7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Presented by: The Trinity Bell Choir of Trinity United Methodist Church

Join us for a relaxing hour of beautiful holiday bell music.

### Edible Holiday Treats

Thursday, Dec. 7  
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Make beautiful and edible holiday treats with your family.

### Family Ornament Night

Monday, Dec. 11  
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Add some sparkle to the holidays and your gift giving with a special handmade ornament.

### Christmas Tree Raffle

The Lexington Court Garden Club will provide a decorated Christmas Tree for the library to be raffled off this holiday season. This year's theme will be a Santa tree. Raffle tickets will be available at the Circulation Desk beginning late November.





## For Babies Through Kindergarten...

Regular fall session programs are currently in session.

Winter session: 9 weeks, Jan. 8 through March 16, 2018.

Sign-ups begin Oct. 30 for residents, Nov. 6 for non-residents.



## Programs for Grades Kindergarten and Up

### **Magic Tree House Book Club**

Kindergarten and up

First Saturday of the Month

10 to 10:45 a.m.

Nov. 4: *Thanksgiving on Thursday*

Dec. 2: *Christmas in Camelot*

Travel with Jack and Annie in their magic tree house when you read a book from the series by Mary Pope Osborne. Join us for a discussion and activities.

### **Chess with a Champion**

Grades 1 through 6

Third Tuesday of the Month

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join Mr. Pete, a champion chess player, for instruction and tips to chess players of all skill levels.

### **FIRST LEGO League Jr.**

Grades 2 and up

First and Third Wednesday of the Month

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join fellow Lego enthusiasts to create what is only limited by your imagination. Lego pieces will be provided or feel free to bring your own.

### **Jr. Students Active for Environment (SAFE) Club**

Grades 4 through 8

Second and Fourth Mondays of the Month

Immediately after school to 5 p.m.

Learn more about the beautiful planet we call home by joining our Jr. SAFE Club. Assisted by members of the PTHS SAFE Club, every session will explore a different environmental theme or issue. We'll have lots of fun, hands-on activities while learning about our world.

### **Chinese Language for Children**

Grades 2 through 8

Saturdays, Nov. 4, 11, & 18

11 to 11:50 a.m.

Instructor: Barbara Chen, M. Ed., (native Chinese speaker)

This class will combine Mandarin Chinese lessons and an extensive range of culture activities to make sure students get the most out of their experience with the Chinese language. The basic pronunciation, meaningful characters, phrases, sentence structures, writing, and cultures will be introduced. Beginners are welcome. Please email [Barbara@chenchinese.com](mailto:Barbara@chenchinese.com) for more information.

### **Homeschool Group**

Children of all ages with a parent

Second and Fourth Wednesdays of the Month

(No meeting Nov. 22)

2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Share your experiences and get great tips at this twice a month homeschool group. While the parents facilitate their own idea swap, their multi-age children will participate in an enrichment class. Registration at the Youth Services Desk is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

# Children's Programs

## Tween Programs

Tweens are 9 through 13 years old. Check out our programs designed especially with you in mind!

### Tween Book Club\*

Boys and girls in Grades 3 through 6  
Third Monday of the Month  
4 to 4:45 p.m.

Oct. 16: *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
Nov. 20: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

### Tween Crafternoons

First Tuesday of the month  
3 to 5 p.m.

Join us for a special craft in the Teen Room especially for tweens.

## Art Programs

### Oil Pastels & Charcoal Drawing

Ages: 6 ½ to 13  
Tuesdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, & 24  
4 to 5:30 p.m.

Limit: 15 children

Cost: \$20 plus supplies

Students will learn basic techniques with oil pastels and charcoal. Register at the Circulation Desk; see supply list when registering.

### Pen & Ink Drawing and Watercolor Drawing

Ages: 6 ½ to 13  
Tuesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, & 28  
4 to 5:30 p.m.

Limit: 15 children

Cost: \$20 plus supplies

Students will learn basic techniques with pen, ink, and watercolor pencils. Register at the Circulation Desk; see supply list when registering.



## Programs for All Ages

### PAWS for Reading

Second Saturday of the Month  
10 to 11:20 a.m.

Visit with a registered therapy dog to gain self-confidence and fluency by reading to these attentive animals. Sign up for your 20-minute slot. They fill up fast!

### Wild Kratts Wednesdays

Every Wednesday  
Noon to 12:30 p.m.

Bring a bagged lunch and join us every Wednesday to view a new or loved Wild Kratts episode.



### Family Movie Nights

All ages with a parent or caregiver  
Third Thursday of the Month

6:30 p.m. until the movie is over

Oct. 26: *Casper* (1995) (PG)

Nov. 16: *Captain Underpants* (PG)

### Night with WQED

Second Thursday of the Month  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 12: *Arthur and the Haunted Treehouse*  
(NEW episode)

Nov. 9: *Splash and Bubbles*

At this family-friendly evening enjoy a new or loved WQED/PBS program and special activities.

# Young Adult Programs

Most programs are for Grades 6 and up only. Register at the Youth Services Desk unless noted otherwise. Check the Teen Facebook page and Teen Pages on our website @ptlibrary.org for updates.

## Programs

### Cosplay Contest

Thursday, Oct. 26  
7 to 8 p.m.

Who is your favorite fictional character? Come to the teen room in your best cosplay for a chance to win a prize.

### Post Smart, Think Future

Saturday, Nov. 4  
1 p.m.

Join us for a special Escape Room demonstrating how to "escape" the dangers of social media. Offered in partnership with the PA Department of Labor & Industry.

### Recycle Crafternoon

Tuesday, Nov. 14  
3 to 5 p.m.

November 15th is "America Recycles Day." Join us for an afternoon of creating and crafting using all recycled materials.

### Teen Read Week™ "Unleash Your Story"

Oct. 8 through 14

Visit the Teen Room any time this week for a ticket for a special prize basket full of BOOKS! Receive an additional ticket for every book you check out. Join the conversation on Twitter with #TRW17.

## Tournaments

### Super Smash Bros. Wii U Tournament

Second and Fourth Fridays of the Month  
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

As part of Gamers Unite, we host two Smash Bros. Tournaments a month! The fourth Friday is an ALL AGES tournament, so bring your younger siblings!

### Christmas Cookie Making

Saturday, Dec. 2  
2 to 3 p.m.

Bake and decorate some wonderful holiday treats to eat and share with friends.



## On-Going Programs

### Teen Lego Building

Mondays, 3 to 5 p.m.

Stop by and create something AWESOME out of the library's Lego pieces.

### Teen Crafternoons

Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.

We provide craft supplies, you provide the creativity.

### Teen Corn Hole

Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.

Test your tossing skills with a game of Corn Hole.

### Trading Card Club

Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m.

Challenge your friends to a tournament through our video or board games.

### Gamers Unite

Fridays, 3 to 5 p.m.

Join us for casual trading card games with Pokemon and Yu-Gi-Oh.

### Dungeons & Dragons

Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m.

This fantasy role-playing game is led by teens. Registration at the Youth Services Desk is preferred.

### Teen Afternoon Movie

First Friday of the Month  
3 to 5 p.m.

Nov. 3: *Power Rangers* (2017) PG-13

Dec. 1: *The Nightmare Before Christmas* PG

### Youth Advisory Council

First Saturday of the Month  
11 a.m. to noon

Looking for volunteer hours or leadership opportunities? Come to the monthly meetings of the library's Youth Advisory Council.

### InstaBookClub\*

Follow PTLPLTeens on SnapChat, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, or Pinterest. Log in throughout the month on any or all of our Social Media Networks to discuss our book of the month. Check the book out from the library.

Oct.: *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow

Nov.: *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary Schmidt

Dec.: *Renegades* by Marissa Meyer

# Adult Programs

Register online at the library's website at [ptlibrary.org/events](http://ptlibrary.org/events) or by email at [programs@ptlibrary.org](mailto:programs@ptlibrary.org). Please include name of program, name of participant, and phone number. You may also register at the Circulation Desk or by telephone at 724.941.9430, press #1. For those programs with fees, registration is not complete until payment has been received at the Circulation Desk.

## Medicare 101

Thursday, Oct. 26  
7 to 8:30 p.m.

Are you new to Medicare or have questions about your existing Medicare? Let the APPRISE program help make sense. Medicare continues to provide important benefits as the health insurance program for people 65 or older, people under 65 with certain disabilities or conditions. This free workshop will cover the four parts of Medicare (A, B, C, D) and give detailed information regarding your options when you become Medicare eligible. Learn what is covered, your costs, how Medicare works, and available benefit programs.

This program will be presented by Adele Dean, Regional Coordinator of the APPRISE program. Adele Dean is employed by Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging. Adele will be available to screen participants to see if they qualify for assistance programs and a question and answer session will follow the workshop. Various handouts will be available. APPRISE is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), brought to you by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging. Staff and volunteer counselors are specially trained to answer your questions and provide objective, easy to understand information. APPRISE is not affiliated with any insurance agency or broker.

## Love isn't Meant to Hurt: Domestic Violence

Monday, Oct. 16  
7 to 8:30 p.m.

On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence). With October designated as domestic violence awareness month, the library has partnered with the Peters Township Police Department to provide information about domestic violence. The presentation will include a discussion of the police response to domestic violence calls including statistics and procedures, as well as information about the Lethality Assessment Program – a screening tool designed to assist in identifying victims of

domestic violence who are at the highest risk of being seriously injured or killed by their intimate partners, and immediately connect them to the local community-based domestic violence service programs.

## Sunday Afternoon with Sam Hazo

Sunday, Nov. 12  
2 to 3:30 p.m.

Please join us as we welcome Dr. Samuel Hazo as he shares his recollections about Pittsburgh and speaks about his book – *The Pittsburgh That Stays Within You*. This book is more of a personal recollection than a history or a travel guide, "It is a gathering of times and incidents of what Pittsburgh meant to me over a lifetime. Others might find that my recollections match theirs. I will present these as a kind of mosaic - not necessarily in historical order - and interweave poems that I wrote at those times" says Samuel Hazo. The program will conclude with a short film. Dr. Samuel Hazo is the author of books of poetry, fiction, essays, and plays.

## U.S. Entry into WWI

Thursday, Nov. 2  
7 to 8:30 p.m.

For two-and-a-half years, Americans looked on in horror as the European war killed unprecedented millions. Then, the United States joined the fight, and the first American to die in the war would be the 1st Division's Private Thomas Enright of Pittsburgh, PA. By early 1918, American fighting tipped the balance, broke the stalemate, and the Great War—the War to End All Wars—finally shuddered to a close. What followed was a peace so disastrous that it virtually guaranteed a resumption of war. This "Peace to End All Peace" was known as the Versailles Treaty, which Woodrow Wilson negotiated in 1919. The end result was an impoverished, humiliated, but not entirely broken Germany, a Soviet Russia, and a newly isolationist United States. The stage was set for another World War far more catastrophic than the first. Come hear how the 20th century was born from this end of World War I.

Todd DePastino, presenter, is founder and executive director of the Veterans Breakfast Club, a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to sharing veterans' stories with the public. Over 5,000 different people have participated in the Veterans Breakfast Club's programs over the past eight years. Todd is the author of the award winning *Bill Mauldin: A Life Up Front* and six other books. He has a Ph.D. in American History from Yale University and has taught at several places, including Waynesburg University where in 2008 he won the Lucas-Hathaway Award for Teaching Excellence.



Todd DePastino

*World War I and America I* is presented by the Library of America in partnership with the Gilder Institute of American History, and the National World War I Museum and Memorial, with generous support from the National Endowment for the Humanities

This program is offered by the Peters Township Public Library in partnership with VFW Memorial Park Post 764 and Veterans Breakfast Club.



Most computer classes cost \$5, although free classes are occasionally offered. Basic mouse and keyboard skills required. Classes are limited to nine students unless noted otherwise. Registration must be received by 4 p.m. on the Tuesday before class. The following classes are all held on Wednesdays.

# Library Ongoing Programs

For more information, please see the library's website at [ptlibrary.org](http://ptlibrary.org).

## Afternoon Book Club for Adults\*

Third Wednesday of the Month  
1 to 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming titles:

Oct. 18: Planning Session

Nov. 15: Book/Film Discussion:

*Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont* by Elizabeth Taylor

## Evening Book Club for Adults\*

Second Wednesday of the Month

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming titles:

Oct. 11: *The Good Girl* by

Mary Kubica

Nov. 8: *Margot* by Jillian Cantor

## Mystery Book Club for Adults\*

Last Tuesday of the Month  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming titles:

Oct. 31: *Blackout* by David Rosenfelt

Nov. 28: *Open and Shut* by David Rosenfelt

\* Book Club books are available to download for free as eBooks and/or eAudiobooks through the library website. See a staff member or call the library for more information.

## Writer's Workshop

Mondays, 7 to 8:45 p.m. OR

First and Third Wednesdays of the Month, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Cost: \$5 per session for the Wednesday program, no charge for the Monday program

The Writer's Workshop focuses on writing for children and teenagers. If interested in joining, please contact Pat Easton at [peaston@washjeff.edu](mailto:peaston@washjeff.edu).

## Beading Club

Third Wednesday of the Month, 6 to 8 p.m.

Ages: 16 and up

Instructor: Karen Krohner

## Coloring, Coffee, and Classics in Café Lee

Every Wednesday, 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 18 and up

Take a break and spend an hour coloring while you listen to classical music and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee.

## Coupon Club

First and Third Tuesdays of the Month, 6 to 8 p.m.

Facilitator: Brenda Moore

## Crochet Club

Every Monday, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Cathy Layton

## Drop-in Chess

Every Tuesday

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## GO Green Club

Third Monday of the Month, 7 to 8 p.m. (No meeting in October)

For more information please email [ptplgogreenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ptplgogreenclub@gmail.com).

## Lensshooters Photo Club

Second Wednesday of the Month, 7 to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$15 (Annual Dues)

## "Roots" Genealogy Club

Second Tuesday of the Month, 1 to 3 p.m.

Facilitator: Cathy Pigford

## Stamp Club

Third Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Facilitator: Richard Landa

## Wii Sports for Adults

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. to Noon

## World War II Discussion Group

Last Wednesday of the Month 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A monthly discussion series featuring topics pertaining to World War II. New members always welcome!

## Spanish Conversation Circle

Third Saturday of the Month 1 to 2 p.m.

We are not a Spanish class. Our main purpose is to improve our Spanish language skills by meeting local Spanish language and culture lovers for conversation and fun! Make new amigos as you practice speaking Spanish. All levels are welcome. Led by Spanish speaking PTPL volunteers who facilitate a discussion in Spanish, on a variety of subjects. All Conversation Circles are free. No registration necessary.



## German Meetup

Second Monday of the Month 6:30 to 8 p.m.

If you want to practice your German language skills and learn fun things about the culture, then this group is for you! Join us for some German conversation in a casual atmosphere with plenty of opportunities to meet and talk with others. All levels of proficiency are welcome.

## Basic Excel Spreadsheets Part 2

Oct. 11, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.

This class covers compatibility issues and quick review, using formulas, functions, and dressing up a spreadsheet. Basic spreadsheet data entry skills are required.

## 3D Design and Printing

Oct. 18, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.

Learn all about 3D printing technology and all of the fun objects that you can create by downloading, slicing, preparing, and printing.

## Computers 101

Free class

Oct. 25, 7:15 to 8:45 p.m.

Get to know your computer and the Internet, along with our online library catalog.

## Cover Letters & Resumes

Free class

Nov. 1, 7:15 to 8:45

This hands-on course will teach students how to use Microsoft Word on a PC to prepare professional looking resumes. Learn how to register with online job sites, establish an email account, and discover

how to place your resume on the Internet.

## Getting the Most Out of Email

Nov. 8, 7:15 to 8:45

Learn how to compose and read email, sort your messages, create special folders for your messages, and more.

## PowerPoint Presentations

Nov. 15, 7:15 to 8:45

Come with an idea and learn how to create a presentation for work, school, special projects, church events, etc.

## 3D Printer Demonstration

Free class

Nov. 29, 2 to 3 p.m.

This demonstration is about how a 3D Printer works, how and where to get objects to be printed, and how to arrange to get them printed at the library's printers.

## Producing a Newsletter

Dec. 6, 7:15 to 8:45

Learn how to format a newsletter with Microsoft Word.