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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. through May) Noon to 4 p.m.

13th Annual "The Gallery" Showcases Student Photos

March 8 through 22

The Peters Township High School Photography Classes and Photography Club will exhibit their work during regular hours in the main lobby of the library from March 8 through 22. "The Gallery" is an impressive display of hundreds of photographs, all taken by PTHS students. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, March 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Matted photographs and canvases will be on display. The Photography Club officers include Co-Presidents Emily DeNunzio and Samantha Szewczyk, and Board Members Storie Poness, Jillian Bastyr, Julianna Mankamyer, and Claire Mitchell.

For more information about "The Gallery," contact the club sponsor Erin Boni at BoniE@pt-sd.org.

Attention Parents and Students:

The library is supporting the McMurray School Grades 4 and 5 Battle of the Books teams. If you still need a title, we have copies too!

Competition Dates:

Grade 5: Feb. 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. @ McMurray Elementary School

Grade 4: March 2, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. @ McMurray Elementary School

Important Federal and State Tax Information

The library participates with the IRS and Pennsylvania Department of Revenue to provide a **limited** number of Federal and State Tax forms for the convenience of the community. As soon as tax forms/publications become available, they are placed in our Tax Distribution Area located on the second floor of the library. We also offer free AARP Tax-Aide tax form assistance for low and moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to those 60 and older. Please see the library's website for more details.



BOOK RIOT'S 2018 READ HARDER CHALLENGE

This year is the fourth edition of Book Riot's annual reading challenge and the library's first year in sharing the challenge throughout the community. The Read Harder Challenge lists 24 tasks that will invite new genres, new authors, and new worlds, both real and imaginary, into your reading choices. This year's challenge is presented by Libby – the one-tap reading app from OverDrive that enables access to thousands of eBooks and audiobooks from the library for free anytime and anywhere. Stop by the library to learn more about OverDrive, Libby, and the 2018 Read Harder Challenge. It's not too late to start!

Senior Memories Video Venture

Do you want to preserve some of those great stories that you, your parents, friends, and neighbors have shared over the years? Our Senior Memories video project is the answer! The goal of this project is to capture, on video and in their own words, the special memories of the senior citizens of Washington County.

We're looking for residents of Washington County 60 years of age or older who are:

- Willing to provide 2 to 4 photos of themselves at the time of the story and/or photos of other people, locations, or events related to the story
- Willing to share and clearly tell on camera a very specific, relatable, 2 to 3 minute story of something that happened to them in the past

The Senior Memories videos will be stored on DVDs and distributed to the 20 local libraries in the WAGGIN Library system, as well as on The Observer-Reporter website, Peters Township Public Library web site and YouTube channel. This project is produced with support from The Peters Township Library Foundation.

Interested? Please contact: Diane Lioon at 412.298.8586, danielioon@gmail.com or Jim McNutt at 724.747.1300, jjpg1001@yahoo.com

NEW PROGRAM SERIES



ADULTING 101

When you are a kid, you can't wait to be an adult and have everything figured out. But then you become an adult and realize there is so much

you do not know how to do. The library has put together a bunch of classes designed to help you become a functioning adult without having to call mom every 10 minutes. Our first two workshops are listed below. Upcoming workshops include personal finance and budgeting, basic car maintenance, and cooking and eating healthy. All workshops are free and include refreshments.

SAY WHAT? COMMUNICATING LIKE A GROWN-UP

Saturday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Communication is an essential part of the growing up process. It is the beginning of the crossover to "adulting" with finesse. In this class, learn how to write a cover letter and resume, prepare for an interview, and keep your internet reputation something your mom would be proud to see! Join Lisa Raymond, teacher of Public Speaking, and Persuasion and Professional Communications, as she discusses how to present your very best self to potential employers, clients, landlords, and the rest of the world!

OOPS! MY BUTTON FELL OFF – AND OTHER CLOTHING CARE BASICS

Saturday, March 24, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Don't get caught with your pants down! Get some adulting skills from local seamstress/sewing business owner Jane Caldwell and learn basic sewing by hand for simple emergency mending, hemming, and button replacement. Jane will also review some basic laundry and ironing tips to help you keep your clothes looking their best.

FEATURED eRESOURCE



FREE TUTORIALS AVAILABLE 24/7!

You may be familiar with the many eResources the library offers directly on our website, but do you know how to use them? We just installed a new link on our library website (ptlibrary.org) where you'll find a carousel of FREE easy-to-follow tutorials on our eResources page including Freegal, Flipster, Gale Courses, Overdrive and Libby, Mango Languages and more! You can also click on the Tutorials tab on the

right side of the eResources page to view the entire tutorial menu which includes tutorials on social media outlets such as Facebook, Gmail, Instagram, Snapchat, Pinterest, and Twitter. All tutorials are free and offer several learning topics on each resource!



Children's Programs

Please register at the Youth Services Desk unless otherwise noted.



WQED WRITING WORKSHOP

Sunday, Feb. 25, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

We are excited to partner with PBS Kids (WQED) for a special writing program as part of the PBS KIDS Writers Contest. Children will participate in fun writing and illustrating activities and learn how to submit to the contest! The deadline is March 30. We have a bound story collection featuring all of the 2016 winners. Please come check it out during your next visit.

VALENTINE'S X AND O STORYTIME

Monday, Feb. 12, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Enjoy stories, crafts, and more at a special storytime celebrating the season of love.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

Thursday, March 1, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Join us for an evening of everything Seuss as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.



ST. PATRICK'S OVER THE RAINBOW STORYTIME

Monday, March 12, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a little luck of the Irish with a fun St. Patrick's story and craft.

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Monday, March 19, 11 to 11:45 a.m. OR Monday, March 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny Meet and Greet. Registration is **required** for this event.

For Babies Through Kindergarten

Regular winter session programs are currently in session.

Spring session: 7 weeks, April 9 through May 25

Sign-ups for residents: March 5

Sign-ups for non-residents: March 12

For Grades Kindergarten and Up

MAGIC TREE HOUSE BOOK CLUB

Ages: Kindergarten and up

First Saturday of the month, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Feb. 3: Abe Lincoln at Last!

March 3: Leprechaun in Late Winter

April 7: A Big Day for Baseball

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.



FIRST LEGO LEAGUE JR.

Ages: 6 to 10

First and Third Wednesdays of the Month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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



HOMESCHOOLERS' GROUP

Ages: All ages with a parent

Second and Fourth Wednesdays of the Month, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Share your experiences and get great tips at this twice a month homeschoolers' group. While the parents facilitate their own idea swap, their multi-age children will participate in an enrichment class.



CHESS WITH A CHAMPION

Ages: Grades 1 through 6

Third Tuesday of the Month, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Join Mr. Pete, a champion chess player, who will offer free instruction and tips to children of all skill levels.

BASIC CHINESE

Ages: Grades 2 through 8

Thursdays, March 1 through 22, 5 to 6 p.m.

Cost: \$50

Instructor: Barbara Chen, M.Ed.

The pinyin pronunciation, characters, phrases, basic expressions, and cultures will be introduced in the program. The program will combine Mandarin Chinese lessons and an extensive range of culture activities to make sure our students get the most out of their experience with Chinese language. This class is designed with the idea that children learn best from the content which is relevant to their everyday lives. Beginners are welcome. Any other questions please email Barbara@chenchinese.com. Register at the Circulation Desk.

Tween Programs

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



TWEEN READ IT AND EAT BOOK CLUB

Boys and girls in Grades 3 through 6

Third Monday of the Month, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Stop over after school for a special book club just for TWEEN boys and girls in grades 3 through 6. Join us for discussion and fun activities based on these great tween books. Refreshments will be provided.

Feb. 19: **The Storm in the Barn** by Matt Phelan

March 19: **Fiona's Luck** by Teresa Bateman

MAKER MONDAYS

First Monday of the Month, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Bring your friends to Maker Mondays, a hands-on, self-directed learning workshop. Each session will have a different project or game that will be a collaborative effort within a group.

TWEEN CRAFTERNOONS

The First Tuesday of the Month, 3 to 5 p.m. (stop in any time and bring a friend!)

Join us for a special craft in the Teen Room.

JR. STUDENTS ACTIVE FOR ENVIRONMENT (SAFE) CLUB

Grades 4 through 8

Second and Fourth Mondays of the Month, Immediately after school until 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.

NEW SPARK! SCIENCE FOR TWEENS!

Ages: Grades 4 through 6

Third Thursday of the Month, 4 to 4:45 p.m.

Join our brand new science program led by PTHS Science Club members. Make engaging and educational science crafts through this hands-on program. Projects may include squishy circuits, DIY lava lamps, the science of color or food, and much more. Project details are subject to change. Check the library website for the most updated information.

Programs for All Ages

PAWS FOR READING

Ages: Preschool and up

Saturday Feb. 10 and March 10, 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 bag lunch and join us every Wednesday to view a new or loved *Wild Kratts* episode. On some weeks, special giveaways will be available thanks to our partnership with WQED and our Inquire Within grant funded by EQT Corporation.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

For kids of all ages with a parent or caregiver.

Third Thursday of the Month, 6:45 p.m. until movie is over

Movies are rated G or PG

Feb. 15: **My Little Pony** (2017)

March 15: **The LEGO Ninjago Movie** (2017)

A NIGHT WITH WQED

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

Enjoy a new or loved WQED/PBS program and activity. Every child will also receive a special giveaway from WQED Inquire Within funded by EQT.

Feb. 8: **Pinkalicious & Peterrific** (NEW show!)

March 8: **Nature Cat**

Art Programs

SOFT CHALK PASTELS

Ages: 6 ½ to 13

4 weeks, Feb. 6 through 27

Tuesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Limit: 15 children

Cost: \$20 plus supplies

Students will learn basic techniques with soft chalk pastels. Register at the Circulation Desk. Please see supply list when registering.

ACRYLIC PAINTS

Ages: 6 ½ to 13

4 weeks, March 6 through 27

Tuesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Limit: 15 children

Cost: \$20 plus supplies

Students will learn basic techniques with acrylic paints. Register at the Circulation Desk. Please see supply list when registering.

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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

Tournaments

SUPER SMASH BROS. Wii U TOURNAMENT

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

Programs



VALENTINE'S DAY CUPCAKE CAKE BOSS

Tuesday, Feb. 13 (during Crafternoons), 3 to 5 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Display your best cupcake decorating skills as we decorate cupcakes. Staff will vote on the most creative cupcake and winners will receive a prize.

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

Check out our special display in the Teen Room during February. Just like going on a blind date, take a book home without knowing what the title is. Each book has a brief description and is labeled with the genre. Enjoy the discovery!

In-Service Binge Watch & TV Trivia Days

No school? Stop in for a special marathon of a classic teen show during your In-Service days!

Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.: **Stranger Things** (dress in your best 80's outfit for a fun Cosplay Contest)

March 30 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: **The Office** (we have some fun **The Office** board games we will be playing throughout the day)

Teen Tech Week



JOIN US EVERY DAY FOR A FUN TECHY ACTIVITY!*

THROWBACK GAMING TOURNAMENT

Sunday, March 4, 1 to 2 p.m.

Join us for a Mario Kart N64 Tournament.

LEGO STOP ANIMATION

Monday, March 5, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

3D PRINTER TOUR AND DEMO

Tuesday, March 6, 3 to 5 p.m.

COMPUTER HISTORY TRIVIA

Thursday, March 8, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Do you love computers and gaming? Come learn how it all started with some fun interactive trivia using Kahoot!

GAMING TODAY

Friday, March 9, 3 to 5 p.m.

Join us for a Super Smash Bros. Tournament (our library's most popular video game).

*Attend any of these events for a chance to win a special prize!
See a staff member for details.

Ongoing Programs

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m. OR Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m.

This fantasy role-playing game is led by teens.

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.

Create a fun craft to take home. All supplies will be provided. Check out our social media pages for special craft announcements.

TEEN BOARD GAME CHALLENGE

Wednesdays, 3 to 5 p.m.

Enjoy some no-tech gaming with your friends with Apples to Apples, Monopoly, Scrabble, Cranium, and More!

Adult Programs

Register online at the library's website at ptlibrary.org/events or by email at 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.

TRADING CARD CLUB

Thursdays, 3 to 5 p.m.

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

GAMERS UNITE

Fridays, 3 to 5 p.m.

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

TEEN AFTERNOON MOVIE

Must be in Grade 6 or up to attend.

First Friday of the Month, 2:45 to 5 p.m.

Join us for great popular movies! Check the Teen Room and Teen Facebook page for the latest updates. Some movies may be rated PG-13.
March 2: **Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2** (2017)
April 6: **The Goonies**

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, and help your library serve you better! We encourage ALL Teen Library volunteers to join this group. Make sure to stay after for Teen Book Club! Email Shannon Pauley, Youth Services Librarian, for details at spauley@ptlibrary.org.



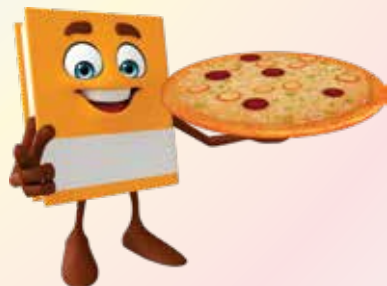
TEEN BOOK AND LUNCH CLUB

First Saturday of the Month

Join us immediately following Youth Advisory Council for a pizza lunch and book discussion!

March 3: **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas

April 7: **Every Day** by David Levithan (now a major motion picture)



GLOBAL CHALLENGES AND U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The library in partnership with World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh hosts the United States Army War College. During this event, senior officers representing several branches of the United States military will address various national security issues and the role that the military plays in responding to these challenges. Following the presentations by the visiting officers, guests will have the opportunity to engage in discussions with the officers on these issues and on global security topics.

McMurray Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 764 is generously providing support for the 2018 International Program Series.



KEN BURN'S THE VIETNAM WAR: A PANEL DISCUSSION

Monday, April 9, 7 p.m.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive and to delve more deeply into our veterans' experiences and perspectives, members of the Veterans Breakfast Club will hold a panel discussion of Ken Burns' landmark series "The Vietnam War." The panel will feature four Vietnam veterans and will be moderated by Todd DePastino.

Todd DePastino 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 7,000 different people have participated in the Veterans Breakfast Club's programs over the past ten 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.

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Library Ongoing Programs

For ongoing programs, no registration is necessary, unless indicated otherwise.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS*

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

Upcoming titles: Feb. 21: **The Razor's Edge** by W. Somerset Maugham

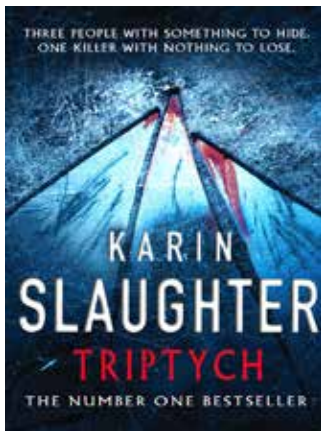
March 21: **The President and the Assassin: McKinley, Terror, and Empire at the Dawn of the American Century** by Scott Miller

EVENING BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS*

Second Wednesday of the Month, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming titles: Feb. 14: **The Bookseller** by Cynthia Swanson

March 14: Planning Meeting



MYSTERY BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS*

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

Upcoming titles: Feb. 27: **Triptych** by Karin Slaughter
March 28: **The Woman in Cabin 10** by Ruth Ware

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

3R'S BOOK CLUB: READ. RECOMMEND. REPEAT.

First Wednesday of the Month, 7 to 8 p.m.

Attention educators and school librarians! Are you looking for exciting titles to share with your students? Then this is the book group for you! Teachers of all grade levels and

homeschool educators are invited to join Dr. Nancy Hobbs and Myra Oleynik to discuss and recommend new or favorite Children's and Young Adult books that you are reading. No time to read? You can use this group as your guide to finding great books for your students.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

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

First and Third Wednesdays of the Month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (No Wednesday Writer's Workshop for Feb. and March)

Cost: \$20 per month 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.



BEADING CLUB

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

Ages: 16 and up

Facilitator: 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.



The library is in transition with the staffing of computer class instructors. Please check the website, email newsletters, or call the library at 724.941.9430 for Computer Class information for February and March.



“THOSE WERE THE DAYS” MEET-UP

Last Thursday of the Month, 10 a.m.

Facilitator: Ellie Pigman

Attention long-time Peters Township residents! Remember the Dairy Bar, the Crest Theater, and riding the trolley to Pittsburgh? Let’s get together and look back at the years that have passed and all the changes in the township. We can catch up on what is new and share a cup of coffee in Café Lee. Stop in and see an old friend or two!

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.

For more information please email 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.