

Staff Updates:

- We would like to thank the Personnel Committee for giving their approval to post the Senior Circulation Clerk and Outreach Librarian positions. These positions have yet to be filled.
- The Assistant Director position which was previously occupied by myself has been vacant since February. We are hoping to fill this position soon.
- We would like to welcome Eliza Fixler, our new social work intern from Pitt. She will be here through the spring of 2021. This program is a partnership between the University of Pittsburgh and libraries around the county. Ms. Fixler will be a great addition to our staff and our community.

Library Programs:

View our full calendar of programs at:

wilksburglibrary.org/calendar/

We hope you will all take a moment to visit our Facebook page, website, and YouTube channel to see all of the amazing programming we have been putting on!

- Get **free legal advice on October 29**. A big thank you to Attorney Giuseppe Rosselli for volunteering his time!
- Get your **antiques appraised....virtually!** We'll be hosting a virtual antique appraisal on October 13.
- Take a **historic walking tour** of Wilksburg. In partnership with the Wilksburg Historical Society, we have created a historical walking tour of Wilksburg using the **PocketSights app**. Download the app on your phone and search for Wilksburg!
- Although our baby chicks have left us we are very excited to welcome baby ducks! They will be dropped off on October 14th and we'll watch them hatch and grow.
- Visit us every Tuesday from 11-3 (weather permitting) at the Harold Young Parklet on Penn Ave for **Library in the Park!** Storytime in the park begins at 12:30

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- Wilkinsburg Library's own Frankie Turner is chatting with us every Friday at 11:30 on our Facebook page & YouTube channel.
- If you or a loved one are a senior citizen and want to connect with your peers why not sign up for our **Connecting Seniors Program**? Get more info and register at wilkinsburglibrary.org/seniors
- Tune in to our Facebook page every Monday at 10:00 for **Preschool Storytime** with our Children's Manager Rachel Moore!
- **Takeaway kits are back!** They were such a big hit in the summer that we've brought them back for the Fall and Winter.
- **We are co-hosting a Halloween Festival** on October 31st from 2-4. We'll be giving away bags of candy, having a socially distanced storytime, and WAMO will be back to play music. This is a fun and safe way for the children of Wilkinsburg to celebrate Halloween. **We are seeking candy donations for this event!**
- **Not a Facebook user or missed any of our programs? Catch up on our new YouTube channel! Go to YouTube and search Wilkinsburg Public Library!**

By the Numbers

Program Attendees (Virtual and In-Person): September 2020

331

Unique Website Visits: September 2020

973

Average Daily Facebook Reach: September 2020

383 persons

Number of Public PC Uses: September 2020

190

Other News

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Renovations of our Children's Library are starting to pick up speed. We are currently working on putting up new furniture and rearranging our public pc area. We hope to have a soft re-opening by November 1.

We received approximately \$4,800 in donations from the community for Love Your Library month. These funds will be matched on a pro-rated basis by the Jack Buncher Foundation. We are hoping to use these funds for murals in the Children's Library.

The Wilkinsburg Library was awarded a \$1,000 applied digital skills grant from Google. These funds will be used to buy a camera and/or projector. This equipment will improve the quality of our virtual programming.

Children's Library

The children's library boasts new carpet and a fresh coat of paint! I am working on getting everything back in order and reorganized in hopes of reopening for limited service in Mid-November. We are still awaiting some furniture as well as the rewiring of the children's PC area. Our on-going partnership with the Thursday Market was highly successful and I was able to give away around 150 make and take activities to their families. We are looking forward to a successful Halloween Festival and holiday season through our partnership with the Wilkinsburg Chamber of Commerce. I am in the process of writing a grant for matching funds in the commission of our mural as well as some safety improvements in the library. Our hope is that we will be able to continue our renovation of the children's library space throughout 2021-2022 and provide our students and families with a safe, modern place to play and learn.

I also recently completed the Mental Health First Aid training and will also be part of a PBS Kids diversity training regarding the immigrant experience. Similarly, I finished 20 hours of coursework on early childhood development as part of my early learning certificate. I hope that this new knowledge will increase my abilities as a professional and will help to serve the youth and families of Wilkinsburg!