

# WILKINSBURG LIBRARY REPORT

APRIL 2021

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## By the Numbers...



640

PATRON INTERACTIONS IN MARCH  
(ABOUT 23 PER DAY)



74

NEW FOLLOWERS ON OUR TIKTOK PAGE



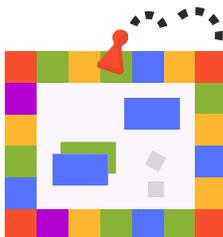
1,097

ITEMS CHECKED OUT TO PATRONS IN MARCH  
(ABOUT 40 PER DAY)



2,030

THE NUMBER OF E-MATERIALS CHECKED OUT  
BY WILKINSBURG PATRONS IN FEBRUARY



38%

OF OUR BOARD GAMES ARE CURRENTLY  
CHECKED OUT

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## Programs



**POETRY WORKSHOP**



Thursday April 29 6:00-7:00  
On Zoom  
Registration required  
Wilkinsburglibrary.org/calendar

Join the Wilkinsburg Public Library and poet Kelli Stevens Kane, author of *Half-Bright Science*, for a virtual poetry workshop: "Writing About the Black Experience." Use this workshop to inspire you to create your own works for our forthcoming chapbook which will be available for checkout in our library.

Emerson Collective  
MELLON  
Library of America  
Humanities  
Savannah College of Art and Design



**BEGINNER'S BIRD WATCHING**

With the Audubon Society of Western PA

When: Thursday June 10  
Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Chris Huback of the ASWP will be joining us virtually to help you get started on your bird watching hobby. We'll also be learning about some of the birds you can find in Western PA.

Register: [wilkinsburglibrary.org/calendar](http://wilkinsburglibrary.org/calendar)

All registrants who attend will be entered to win a Free Birdwatching Kit!

WILKINSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Audubon Society



**THE GREAT WILKINSBURG EASTER EGG ROLL!**

SATURDAY APRIL 3  
12-2 PM  
PENN. LINCOLN LOT  
ENTER AT PENN. AVE. AND CENTER ST.

CRAPLS, PRIZES, AND A SURPRISE VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY! MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT!

WILKINSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Morgan

# The Library of Things is Coming...

WILKINSBURG LIBRARY: LIBRARY OF THINGS



Click on a "thing" for more information and details on how to check it out from the library!

MORE THINGS! →



Board games



Portable DVD Player



Birdwatching Kit



WiFi Hotspot



Ukulele Kit

Items must be picked up from the Wilkinsburg Library.

Read our library of things waiver.



Kalimba



Tongue Drum



Drum Pad

[www.wilkinsburglibrary.org](http://www.wilkinsburglibrary.org)



# LIBRARY OF THINGS

## What is a Library of Things?

*Library of Things* is any collection of objects loaned, and any organization that practices such loaning. Objects often include kitchen appliances, tools, gardening equipment and seeds, electronics, toys and games, art, science kits, craft supplies, musical instruments, and recreational equipment.

The Library of Things movement is a growing trend in public, academic and special libraries in many countries.

## What benefits to the community does having a Library of Things offer?

A Library of Things promotes sustainability by encouraging sharing, the ability to try before you buy, and access to rarely used household items.

A Library of Things supports a library's goals of providing new and popular materials to stimulate imagination, provide new leisure activities and experiences, and promote lifelong learning. **These collections will offer new resources for patrons to explore topics of personal interest where money, space, or other issues may hinder a person's ability to do so.**

## How will the library pay for these items?

Initial start-up funds will come from donations made during Love Your Library month. We will add to and sustain this collection with future donations and our "Publications" budget line item.

Publications funds must be spent in their entirety by the end of the fiscal year and can be used for any materials which can be checked out by library patrons

# CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

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## Programs

Our Wilkinsburg Easter Egg Roll was a huge success and also so much fun. We interacted with 60 children plus families and we were able to make many positive community connections. It is an important reminder of how vital the library is to Wilkinsburg and how strongly our community values education. Our Dial-a-Story program is still up and running with new content every Monday. We are taking a break from our pre-recorded storytimes until May and rerunning previous storytimes. The Let's Learn About Money was very successful and all 9 families who signed up completed the course. I would like to put together those materials into a kit for families to check out to do financial literacy courses at home.

## Upcoming

I will be partnering with the Wilkinsburg Family Center to offer a resource fair to the community, sign folks up for library cards, and promote both library and AIU services. The library is also participating in ReMake Learning Days and we will be offering a week-long art class for interested students and families. We are looking forward to the summer and the Wilkinsburg Summer Learning Program. Our summer kickoff plan is coming along smoothly and we will be working on the August Community Days in partnership with Mayor Garrett soon. Similarly, we are working on reorganizing the collection to be user friendly. This is all in hopes that the library will be able to hire another full time and part time staff person to reopen the children's library this summer.