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Wissahickon Valley Public Library Continues Innovative Programming in the Pandemic and Receives Donation from Ambler Savings Bank

Ambler, Pennsylvania – In person programming and borrowing at libraries has been stifled just like everything else over the past year. The staff at Wissahickon Valley Public Library (WVPL) have gotten creative to carry on old programs and add new innovative services.

“Our grab bag service has really taken off for both adults and children,” says Anne Frank, Library Director, Wissahickon Valley Public Library. For readers who miss browsing the shelves, the grab bag service is the next best thing. Fill out a form and the library staff selects recommended books designed to fit their interests. Pickup is contactless, at a designated pickup table outside the entrance of the library at both the Ambler and Blue Bell branches.

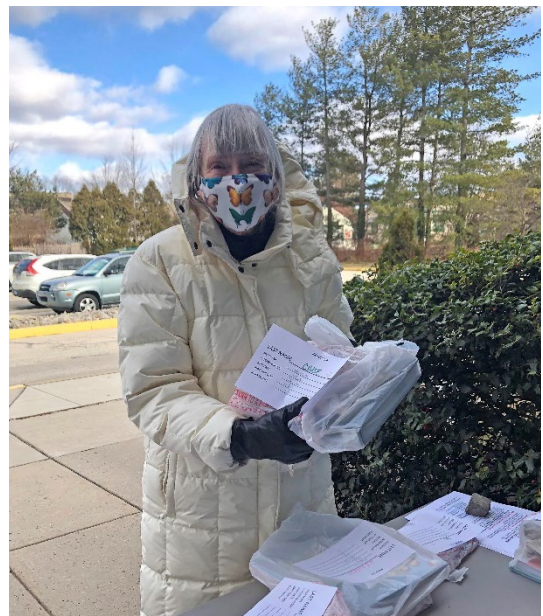
Member, Harry Hellerman shares his enjoyment of the program. “I signed up for the grab bag and am loving the first book. On my own I keep coming up short and am thankful for the new service,” Harry says.

Donations are still important as WVPL continues to offer programs previously in-person, now online, like their Summer Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) Program for elementary school children. “We are so thankful for the \$2,500 donation from Ambler Savings Bank to help us continue our Summer STEAM classes and workshops. Having programs like this to engage kids in reading and learning during this time of isolation is so important,” says Anne.

“The Wissahickon Valley Public Library’s programming is more important than ever during the pandemic,” said Roger Zacharia, President and CEO of Ambler Savings Bank.

The community and comradery once found between bookshelves is still alive and well at WVPL – now online. A wide variety of programs are being offered from creative writing workshops to kids story time, book clubs and more, all online. The library is currently open for pickup only. To get the latest on the library’s schedule and programs, visit their website at www.WVPL.org.

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Above: Penelope Chase, library member picking up her books via contactless pick-up.