

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

In September of 2021 we welcomed back our largest crowd since the COVID-19 closure. Our Literary Award Winner Michele Harper couldn't have been a better pick for that occasion. Throughout the following months, we were welcomed by an array of authors covering topics from famous American authors to Asian American spies. The Allegro Concert Series, which we brought back to limited audiences earlier in the year, continued on throughout the 2021-2022 season.

Our first First Friday on August 6, 2021 was curated by then Peterson Intern Carter Horton. As a part of Carter's studies at Drexel University, he became interested in the works of architects Mellor, Meigs & Howe, and chose items from that collection to showcase. We were thrilled to see such a large crowd show so much enthusiasm for architectural drawings!



The Athenaeum's virtual programs, including the Athenaeum Mystery Book Club and Books with Beth, Le Cercle Francophone d'Histoire and Afternoons with the Athenaeum continued through this time seeing large and diverse crowds. These virtual programs, which started during the pandemic, have allowed us to reach wider audiences across the globe. We also restarted the Movie Matinees with Carrie Rickey which was one of our most popular in person afternoon programs.



On September 26, 2021, The Athenaeum in partnership with Independence National Historical Park hosted the first “Sunday in the Square: A Musical Celebration”. We are so thankful to Allegro Music Consultants for curating the musicians for this event. Between the large crowd and beautiful weather, we couldn’t have asked for a better first try at hosting a free, public concert in one of Philadelphia’s most beautiful parks.

Another first time event was the Story Explorers Book Fest on March 12, 2022. This event was aimed at children who love books and libraries. We invited local authors to do book talks and workshops, as well as bookstores to sell books. We look forward to expanding our programs for young readers in the future.

Throughout the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, The Athenaeum hosted **130** events. These included...

- ...**32** virtual events
- ...**101** in person events
- ...**20** book clubs
- ...**7** concerts
- ...**9** courses or workshops

Most virtual attendees: The Poison Book Project (858)

Most in person: The Lukowicz Legacy: A Conversation with Sean O'Rourke and William Williams (117)

Hottest First Friday: The Work of Mellor, Meigs & Howe

Most popular YouTube video: Secrets Revealed From Philadelphia's Underwater Cemetery with Ed Snyder

Best New Program: Concert in the Square September 26, 2021

SOCIAL MEDIA

202 New Twitter Followers

1286 New Instagram Followers

272 New Facebook Followers