



Library IN THE LOOP



We're BACK! All PPL Locations Reopen Feb. 1

As of Feb. 1, Peoria Public Library has reopened to the public for brief browsing and computer appointments.

Contact-free Curbside Pickup will continue to be offered as well, except between the hours of noon to 2 p.m. or after 6 p.m. With curbside pickup, patrons can place holds online anytime or call in their order to the branch they prefer to pick up at. They'll be notified once their materials are ready.

Take-home craft kits can also be requested through curbside pickup. Visit our website or social media for details.

Additionally, Peoria Public Library has an extensive digital library with more than a million titles – everything from ebooks, audio books, newspapers, movies and music – which can be accessed from home anytime with a computer or mobile device and library card.



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We have chosen a variety of magazines to appeal to all ages and interests. For our news junkies, we have *The Atlantic*, *National Review*, *The New Yorker*, *Newsweek* and *TIME* to name a few. For our foodies, we have *Bon Appetit*, *Eating Well*, *Food & Wine* and others. For our Do-It-Yourselfers and hobbyists, you can explore *American Craft*, *Do-It-Yourself*, *Family Handyman*, *Fine Gardening* and *This Old House*.

Flipster also allows us to bring you dozens of popular mainstream magazines such as *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Esquire*, *Health*, *People*, *Vanity Fair*, *Vogue*, *Woman's Day* and more. And, unlike the real thing, you never have to wait in line to read it. Enjoy!

From Our Director: Building Information Literacy

In the early days of COVID-19, the World Health Organization's Director-General summed up the crux of the crisis in one simple sentence: "We're not just fighting an epidemic; we're fighting an infodemic."

This pandemic is the first in history in which technology and social media are being used on a massive scale to spread misinformation and disinformation. Be it misguided or malicious, the lightning spread of "fake news" happens because of how easy technology has made it to share that so-called news.

What's missing? A little thought and scrutiny before clicking the share button. As a librarian and information professional, I've been observing the decline of information literacy in our country with growing alarm.

Peoria Public Library stands ready to help.

At the library, we curate and share some of the best information available at any given moment. We subscribe to peer-reviewed journals and trustworthy databases covering a range of topics. We also subscribe to NewsBank and ProQuest Newsstand, two digital services allowing you access to thousands of newspapers around the world. You can read the actual article, not a Facebook fake.

It's also our hope that we can help you grow as an information detective. Rely on us to help you learn how to discern good information from bad.



Read more about Director Randall Yelverton's thoughts on information literacy in this month's Peoria Magazine. Find his full editorial [here](#).

Fewer black men applied to medical school in 2014 than in 1978. Healthcare for everyone has suffered because of this decline. A new film examines the issue.

Watch the Documentary

Black Men in White Coats

Feb 16 - 18

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Join the Conversation



Dr. John Fonge



Dr. Kelvin Wynn

February 18th
6:30 pm

Coming Soon -- Documentary: Black Men in White Coats And a Community Conversation

Coming soon: Watch the documentary, "Black Men in White Coats" and then hear from local doctors about why a lack of diversity in healthcare impacts us all. Find all the details on our Facebook Event page, and many thanks to our lead partner Illinois Prairie District Public Library.

Stream the documentary online -- for free -- Feb. 16-18 and then join us online 6:30 p.m. Feb. 18 for a conversation with local doctors, Dr. John Fonge and Dr. Kelvin Wynn, to discuss the ramifications of a lack of diversity in healthcare.

All the details on how to participate are on our Facebook Events page or call any branch for more details.



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Cozy up with some new reads during the winter months to complete the Winter Reading Challenge! Visit peoriapubliclibrary.beanstack.org to register virtually or pick up a paper log at one of the Peoria Public Library Locations to get started! Complete your log by February 28th for your chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift card or an Amazon Kindle Fire! All ages welcome.

