



Library IN THE LOOP



Studies show that read-alongs improve reading comprehension.



NEW to Peoria Public Library: VOX BOOKS

March is National Reading Month, a month designed to motivate Americans of all ages to read every day.

Peoria Public Library is trying to make that as easy as possible for our youngest readers with the newest addition to our collection: Vox Books.

Vox Books are designed to capture a child's attention by combining audio books with beautiful storybooks thus making reading fun and, hopefully, a lifelong love.

Each Peoria Public Location has its own, unique collection of Vox books, geared to young readers, ages 4 to 8 years old. Simply push a button to listen and read along. No wifi or data required.

Studies show that read-along books improve the connection between the spoken and written word as well as help increase a child's attention span.



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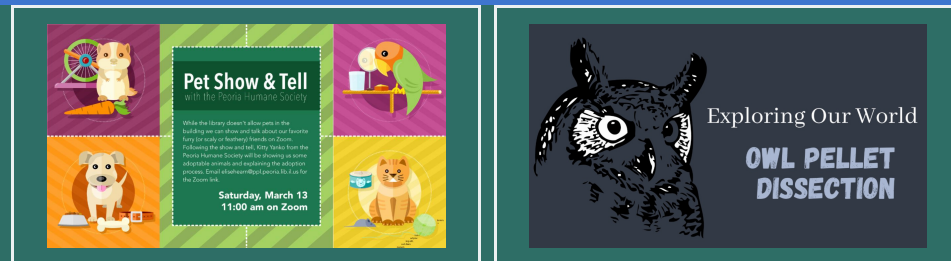
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back issues, search by keyword and, depending on the publisher, even print pages from your favorite publication.

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!



March Is All About Our Furry and Feathered Friends

Sign up for two interesting animal-related programs this month.

On March 13, Peoria Public Library has partnered with the Peoria Humane Society to host an online "Pet Show & Tell."

While the library doesn't allow pets in the building, we can show and talk about our favorite furry (or scaly or feathery) friends on Zoom. Following the show and tell, Kitty Yanko from the Peoria Humane Society will show some adoptable animals and explain the adoption process. If you wish to participate, email elisehearn@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us for the Zoom link.

On March 31, we will learn what barn owls eat and how their digestive track works during this hands-on discovery session.

There are a limited number of pellets, please register at <https://forms.gle/vLppgh4mcfmKhQVu5> to request your owl pellet dissection kit and receive the Zoom invited to the live dissection.

Dissection kits will be available for pick up at Lakeview Branch.

ILA Award Applications Underway for 2021

Peoria Public Library's Deputy Director Roberta Koscielski was named the 2020 Illinois Librarian of the Year.

Perhaps we should try for a repeat.

Nominations are being accepted now for the 2021 Illinois Library Association awards, which seek to recognize excellence in librarianship and library service.

For details on the types of awards and



Friends Book Sale Cancelled Again

For the second year in a row, the annual Friends of Peoria Public Library Book Sale has been cancelled due to the ongoing global pandemic.



The signature fundraiser of this volunteer-led nonprofit has been held for years and raises the majority of the funds that Friends uses to supplement the library's budget -- from crayons and crafts to renting out the entire Peoria Riverfront Museum for our annual Summer Reading celebration.

COVID has also caused the library to restrict book donations to Friends. Monetary donations, however, can still be made online via PayPal at www.peoriapubliclibrary.org or by mail at: Friends of Peoria Public Library 107 NE Monroe St., Peoria, IL 61602-1070.

A small selection of books are for sale at each Peoria Public Library location, including a new-ish corner bookstore on the first floor of Main Library. Meanwhile, Illinois Reads is hosting a virtual book sale later this month. Details below.

SAVE THE DATE!



ILLINOIS READS BOOK FESTIVAL

**Saturday, March 13, 2021
10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Visit illinoisreadsbookfestival.org
for complete details on the Virtual Event!**

