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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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From the Friends of the Library:

- The Friends of the Library held their quarterly board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 4:00 p.m. at the library.
- The Friends approved the purchase of a new public art piece to replace the faded canvas on the side of the building on Broadway. The new canvas is a photo of Senator Dirksen and Martin Luther King, Jr., taken in 1963 during the March on Washington and commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act in 2024.
- Save the date for the Winter Book Sale, to be held on January 4-11, 2024, in the library lobby. All items will be 0.25 cents or 5 items for \$1.00. On Saturday, January 11, all items are 0.10 cents or 10 items for \$1.00.
- If you would like to be a volunteer for the Friends of the Library organization, please email Sharon at folpekin1973@gmail.com.



This photo will be made into a canvas to be hung on the side of the Library building, thanks in part to a gift from the Friends of Pekin Public Library

What's New in the Stacks?

***The Author's Guide to Murder* by Beatriz Williams**

There's been a sensational murder at historic Castle Kinloch. Literary superstar Brett Saffron Presley has been found dead in the castle tower's book-lined study. Detective Chief Inspector Euan McIntosh, a local with no love for literary Americans, finds himself with the unenviable task of extracting statements from three American lady novelists. The women claim to be best friends writing a book together, but their stories don't quite line up. Why did the authors really come to Castle Kinloch?

***The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* by Robin Wall Kimmerer**

As Indigenous scientist and author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy. How can we learn from Indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value most? The tree distributes its wealth—its abundance of sweet, juicy berries—to meet the needs of its natural community. As Kimmerer explains, “Serviceberries show us another model, one based upon reciprocity, where wealth comes from the quality of your relationships, not from the illusion of self-sufficiency.”

***The City and Its Uncertain Walls* by Haruki Murakami**

We begin with a nameless young couple: a boy and a girl, teenagers in love. One day, she disappears . . . and her absence haunts him for the rest of his life. Thus begins a search for this lost love that takes the man into middle age and on a journey between the real world and an other world. The man leaves his life in Tokyo behind and ventures to a small mountain town, where he becomes the head librarian. As the seasons pass and the man grows more uncertain about the porous boundaries between these two worlds, he meets a strange young boy who helps him to see what he's been missing all along.

***The Champagne Letters* by Kate Macintosh**

Reims, France, 1805: Barbe-Nicole Clicquot has just lost her beloved husband but is determined to pursue their dream of creating the premier champagne house in France. With the Russians poised to invade and the Napoleonic court politics complicating matters she must set herself apart quickly if she, and her business, are to survive. In present day Chicago, broken from her divorce, Natalie Taylor runs away to Paris. Natalie finds a collection of the Widow Clicquot's published letters and uses them as inspiration to step out of her comfort zone. But when her Parisian escape takes a shocking and unexpected turn, she's forced to make a choice.

Pekin Public Library presents:

SOURDOUGH STARTER CLASS.



Learn tips, tricks, and more for sourdough! Class taught by Kneading Dough and includes a sourdough starter and recipe to take home!

Saturday, Nov. 2
11 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Limited supplies! Register on our online event calendar!
pekinpubliclibrary.org

FREE HEARING SCREENINGS

Thursday, November 7
10 am-2 pm
Pekin Public Library Community Room

The Pekin Lions Club
will provide free hearing
screenings in the
library's Community Room.
No registration needed -
just walk in!



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PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY'S VERSION OF:

THE NUTCRACKER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.


WE'RE BRINGING THE HOLIDAY CLASSIC,
THE NUTCRACKER, TO LIFE WITH
INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES ALL DAY!




PEKIN BICENTENNIAL
HISTORIC FILM
SERIES

‘WORLD WAR II POW STORIES’
 SATURDAY, NOV. 16: 2:00 P.M.

WE WERE THERE: WORLD WAR II
 SATURDAY, DEC. 14: 2:00 P.M.

PEKIN BICENTENNIAL
 1824-2024


Bicentennial Books
For Sale
\$20 cash or check!



Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, Nov. 5
Library Open for Voting Only

Monday, Nov. 11
Library Closed - Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 28-Friday, Nov. 29
Library Closed for Thanksgiving

READING CHALLENGE

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Sept: Get ready for the coziest season by reading a cozy mystery.

October: Embrace the scary with a ghost story!

Return your reading log for a reading reward when you complete the challenge!



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