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# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## *From the Friends of the Library:*

The Friends Winter Book Sale is just around the corner! The sale will be held January 6-13, 2024 in the library's lobby. All items in the lobby are 0.25 cents each or five items for \$1.00. Saturday, Jan. 13, all items will be 0.10 each or ten items for \$1.00.

The Friends of the Library quarterly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 4:00 p.m. at the library. Pictured at right is new shelving in the book sale room!

If you would like to be a volunteer for the Friends of the Library organization, please email Sharon at [folpekin1973@gmail.com](mailto:folpekin1973@gmail.com).

Visit our Facebook page at:  
[www.facebook.com/FriendsofthePekinPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofthePekinPublicLibrary).



# What's New in the Stacks?

## ***Come and Get It* by Kiley Reid**

It's 2017 at the University of Arkansas. Millie Cousins, a senior resident assistant, wants to graduate, get a job, and buy a house. So when Agatha Paul, a visiting professor and writer, offers Millie an easy yet unusual opportunity, she jumps at the chance. But Millie's starry-eyed hustle becomes jeopardized by odd new friends, vengeful dorm pranks, and illicit intrigue.

## ***Diva* by Daisy Goodwin**

In the glittering and ruthlessly competitive world of opera, Maria Callas was known simply as la divina: the divine one. When she met the fabulously rich Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, for the first time in her life, she believed she'd found someone who saw the woman within the legendary soprano. She fell desperately in love. And then suddenly, it was over. The international press announced that Aristotle Onassis would marry the former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, leaving Maria to pick up the pieces.

## ***The Women* by Kristin Hannah**

In 1965, nursing student Frankie McGrath, after hearing the words "Women can be heroes, too," impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows her brother to Vietnam where she is overwhelmed by the destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America.

## ***Family Family* by Laurie Frankel**

India Allwood's new movie is about adoption, but its spin is the same old tired story of tragedy. India is an adoptive mom in real life who wants everyone to know there's more to her family than pain and regret. So she tells a journalist the truth: it's a bad movie. Soon she's at the center of a media storm, battling accusations from the press and the paparazzi. The one thing she knows for sure is that what makes a family isn't blood. No matter how they're formed, the truth about family is this: it's complicated.



**MOVIE  
TIME**

A Bocelli Family Christmas  
Daddy Daughter Trip  
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny  
The Persian Version  
Star Trek Strange New Worlds: Season 2

# WINTER BOOK

*sale*

0.25 cents each or 5/\$1

in the Pekin Public Library Lobby!



January 6-13  
Pekin Public Library

## 2024 READING CHALLENGE

January 1 - December 30, 2024  
Pekin Public Library

Pick up a reading log and read a book from the category described each month.

Return to the Library's Lobby Desk for a coffee/tea of the month and staff initial in the box.

After 12 months, turn in your log for a special gift in December!  
(Must complete 8 of the 12 monthly reading challenges for the gift.)



## Wildlife Prairie PARK



An adventure awaits™

*Animal Experience!*

Sat. Jan. 20  
2:00 p.m.  
For all ages!



# Try it Out!

COME LEARN SOMETHING NEW IN 2024

\*Please register on our online event calendar at [pekinpubliclibrary.org](http://pekinpubliclibrary.org)



## Felting

A simple craft transforming wool into a 3-D object.

Tuesday, Jan. 9: 5:30 p.m.



## Candle Painting

Decorate your own candlesticks with colored wax.

Tuesday, Feb. 13: 6:00 p.m.



## Virtual Reality

Experience our planet with a VR hike, tour, or ride!

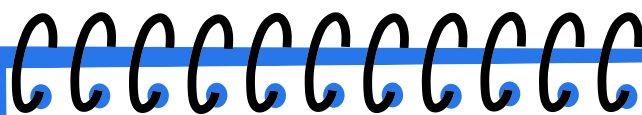
Tuesday, Mar. 12: 6:00 p.m.

## Chocolate from Around the World



**Saturday, Feb. 17**  
**2-3:00 p.m. (drop in)**  
**Pekin Public Library**

**Celebrate National Chocolate Month**  
**and sample a variety of chocolates from**  
**around the world!**



## 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.

### Upcoming Closings:

Monday, Jan. 1: Closed

Monday, Jan. 15: Closed

Monday, Feb. 19: Closed