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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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From the Friends of the Library:

The Friends Summer Book Sale is just around the corner, to be held July 6-13. All items in the library lobby are 0.25 cents each or 5/\$1.00. On Saturday, July 13, all items are 0.10 cents!

The Friends of the Library will hold their quarterly board meeting on Tuesday, July 2, at 4:00 p.m. at the library.

The Summer Adventure is off to a great start! Thanks to the donation of \$3,000 from the Friends, the library has been able to offer more sessions of popular 'Thursday' programs, as well as having a bouncy house and balloon artist at our kick off party. We had 550 patrons attend the kick off party, and kids are still picking up reading logs to get started!

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



The Peoria Zoo brought the Zoo to us, made possible by the donation from the Friends of the Library!

What's New in the Stacks?

***The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn**

In 1950 Washington, DC, at an all-female boardinghouse called Briarwood, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic room, drawing her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship. Grace's weekly attic-room dinner parties become a healing balm on all their lives, but she hides a terrible secret of her own. When a shocking act of violence tears the house apart, the Briar Club women must decide once and for all: who is the true enemy in their midst?

***Billionaire, Nerd, Savior, King: Bill Gates and His Quest to Shape Our World* by Anupreeta Das**

Few billionaires have been in the public eye for as long, and in as many guises, as Bill Gates. At first heralded as a tech visionary, the Microsoft cofounder next morphed into a ruthless capitalist, only to change yet again when he fashioned himself into a global do-gooder. Drawing upon hundreds of interviews with current and former employees, Das provides a new way to think about how billionaires wield their power and direct policy to achieve their preferred outcomes.

***By Any Other Name* Jodi Picoult**

In 1581, young Emilia Bassano is a ward of English aristocrats. Her lessons on languages, history, and writing have endowed her with a sharp wit and a gift for storytelling, but like most women of her day, she is allowed no voice of her own. She begins to form a plan to secretly bring a play of her own to the stage—by paying an actor named William Shakespeare to front her work. This remarkable novel, rooted in primary historical sources, ensures the name Emilia Bassano will no longer be forgotten.

***The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali**

In 1950s Tehran, seven-year-old Ellie lives in grand comfort until the untimely death of her father, forcing Ellie and her mother to move to a tiny home downtown. Luckily, on the first day of school, she meets Homa, a kind, passionate girl with a brave and irrepressible spirit. Together, the two young women come of age and pursue their own goals for meaningful futures. But as the political turmoil in Iran builds to a breaking point, one earth-shattering betrayal will have enormous consequences.



July: Read a book set in a country you want to visit!

August: Enjoy a bit of magic with a fantasy book.

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

NETFLIX

Nailed It!



THURSDAY, JULY 25 :: 6:00 PM :: PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Inspired by the Netflix Show Nailed It, families are invited to compete in creating the best recreation of ocean themed cupcakes. Will you nail it or fail it? Come find out and see if you have what it takes to win the trophy.

COFFEE & PUZZLES

Enjoy a cup of coffee and chat with others while completing jigsaw puzzles.



MONDAY, JULY 8 AT 10 AM

Pekin Public Library
Community Room



Murder mystery



A MYSTERIOUS WHODUNIT PUZZLE

July 19 & 20 | 10 am-4 pm
Drop in anytime and work at your own pace.
For ages 13+

THERE HAS BEEN A MURDER
ABOARD A LUXURY CRUISE SHIP.
WE NEED YOUR HELP SOLVING THE
CASE!



COMPOSTING 101

Turning Waste into Nutritious Fertilizer

SATURDAY, JULY 13

9:30 AM

PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY



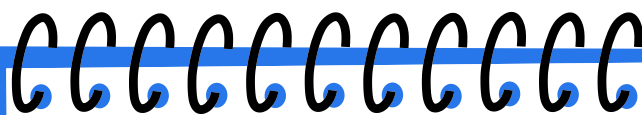
Prepare for Medicare

Wednesday, July 31

6:00 p.m.

Pekin Public Library

This presentation offers an overview of Medicare coverage options as you turn 65 and become eligible for Medicare. We'll help you sort through your Medicare research and answer any questions.



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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The app is back!
Renew items, place holds, and manage your library account with the RSACat app!