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# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## *From the Friends of the Library:*

The Spring Book Sale will be held April 5-12, 2025, in the library lobby. All items in the lobby will be 0.25 cents or 5 items for \$1.00. On Saturday, April 12, all items are 0.10 cents or 10 items for \$1.00.

The Friends Board Meeting met on Tuesday, January 7, at 4:00 p.m. The total for the 2024 Book Sales were \$14,413.64! The board voted to research online selling of books.

The Friends Board also approved a \$5000 gift to the library to purchase a Reading Nook for the Youth Services Department, as well as \$200 for a Large Capacity Gumball Machine.

Friends of the Library membership forms were mailed in January; please renew your membership to continue supporting the library! If you need a form, stop into the library!

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).

# What's New in the Stacks?

## ***Kills Well With Others by Deanna Raybourn***

Four women assassins, senior in status—and in age—sharpen their knives for another bloody good adventure. They have enjoyed their time off, but the lack of excitement is starting to chafe: a professional killer can only take so many watercolor classes and yoga sessions without itching to strangle someone...literally. When they receive a summons from the head of the elite assassin organization known as the Museum, they are ready to tackle the greatest challenge of their careers.

## ***The Paris Express by Emma Donoghue***

Based on an 1895 disaster that went down in history when it was captured in a series of surreal, extraordinary photographs, this is a propulsive novel set on a train packed with a fascinating cast of characters who hail from Brittany, Russia, Ireland, Algeria, Pennsylvania, and Cambodia. Members of parliament hurry back to Paris to vote; a medical student suspects a girl may be dying; a secretary tries to convince her boss of the potential of moving pictures; two of the train's crew build a life away from their wives; a young anarchist makes a terrifying plan, and much more.

## ***Secrets of Adulthood by Gretchen Rubin***

The right idea, invoked at the right time, can change our lives. Drawing from her long studies of happiness, writer Gretchen Rubin has discovered the secrets that can help us manage the complexities of life. For anyone undergoing a major life transition, such as graduation, career switch, marriage, or moving, these disarming aphorisms will inspire you by articulating truths that you may never have noticed but instantly recognize.

## ***Tough Luck by Sandra Dallas***

After their mother dies, Haidie Richards and her younger brother, Boots, are put to work in an orphanage. Their father left four years earlier to find a gold mine, and since then he's sent only three letters. Still, Haidie is certain that he is alive, so she and her brother make a break for it. Along the way, Haidie learns fast not only how to handle mules, oxen, and greedy men, but also that you are better off in a community. Once she arrives in Colorado and finds out the truth about her father, Haidie will need all her new friends for a get-even plot.

PEKIN PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

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CHAT



THURSDAY, MARCH 6: 6:00 P.M.



# FREE HEARING SCREENINGS

Friday, March 7 - World Hearing Day  
10 am-1 pm  
Pekin Public Library Community Room

Beltone will provide  
free hearing  
screenings in the  
library's Community Room.

No registration needed -  
just walk in!



MORE INFORMATION

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## BOOK THEMED MINI GOLF

Thursday, March 20: 5-7 pm  
& Friday, March 21: 11 am-4 pm

We're celebrating the first day of Spring  
by playing mini-golf!

Stop in anytime to play our nine hole  
book themed mini golf course;  
each hole was designed by  
one of our staff members!  
(all ages)



# Shrinky Dinks



## THROWBACK 90'S ART NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

6:00 P.M.

\*REGISTER AT  
[PEKINPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG](http://PEKINPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG)



## TAKE ACTION

Decrease Stress,  
Boost Energy, and  
Take Control of Your Life!

Saturday, April 26  
10:00 a.m.  
Library Community Room

Learn three effective ways that will  
take you out of feeling overwhelmed  
and stressed to having more energy,  
balanced moods, and being more  
focused, calmer, and more present.



# Pirate Week!



# April 14-21

## Pirate Adventure Game

April 14-21 during regular library hours  
Ye are invited to come and play me Pirate Adventure Game.  
See if ye have what it takes to win some of me treasure!

## Listen and Wiggle 'Pirate' Storytime

Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. in the Storytime Room  
Join us for this fun pirate-themed storytime!  
Best for children ages 18 months-5 years, but all ages are welcome.

## Pirate Escape Room for Teens in 7th-12th Grades

Thursday, April 17, 6:00 p.m. in the Teen Domain  
Can you find Blackbeard's treasure before it is lost forever to the sea?  
Solve the clues and see if you can beat the clock to find his treasure!

## Prairie Pirates

Saturday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room  
Historian Jared Olar will tell of some of the worst criminal exploits of the Banditti, an extensive network of bandits in Tazewell County, and of the stalwart response of the law-abiding settlers that finally brought law and order to the Illinois prairie.

## Pirate Treasure Slime

Saturday, April 19, 2:00 p.m. in the Storytime Room  
Ahoy! Ye are invited to make some slime out of some of me Pirate's treasure!  
This program is first come, first served, while supplies last.



# Wishlist amazon

Do you want to support and encourage reading this summer in our community?

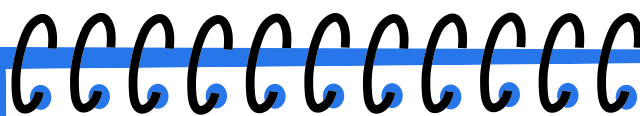
Consider purchasing an item from our Amazon wish list of prizes for our readers, and program supplies for our activities!

Find our wish list at: <https://a.co/17X50UP>  
(Items selected reflect this year's 'gaming' theme!)



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\*Please ensure the delivery address is to Catrina Klassen at the Pekin Public Library!



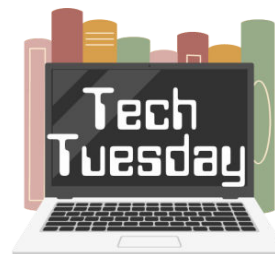
## Library Hours

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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Every Tuesday!

Call 347-7111 for an appointment  
for your tech questions!