

Plumas County Library Email Newsletter--February 2023

Hello Plumas County Library patrons,

If you're receiving this email, it is because you had requested to be put on the list for our Plumas County Library newsletter. We have streamlined the process to better keep you informed and will be sending out a bi-monthly email update instead. If you would prefer not to receive these emails, please reply and ask to be removed from the list.

NEW IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS

- **[FILMOCRACY](#)**: Attend hundreds of film festivals around the world... from your couch. Watch exclusive films, filmmaker Q&A's, and industry panels before anyone else with our new service. Just sign in with your library card and create an account, and you will be able to watch unlimited films from the site, including titles from 200+ festivals from over 34 countries.
- **[ZIP BOOKS](#)**: Not only has the Zip Book program been reinstated since October, but you can now order six books per month instead of four! Remember, if you are looking for a book we don't currently have in our collection, order it as zip, get it sent directly to your mailing address, and when you bring it back (within two months), we often add it to our collection so others can read it too.
- **[BRAINFUSE HELP NOW](#)**: The Brainfuse HelpNow tutoring service has been expanded with new hours and new languages. Also, you no longer need your library card! Remember, this provides direct, one-to-one professional tutoring for all ages and subjects.
- **[NEW DIGITAL RESOURCES](#)**: We have many new digital learning resources available – including GetSetUp (a catalog of over 500 classes exclusively for older adults), coursera (more than 5,000 courses, professional certificates, and degrees), and LinkedIn Learning (bite-size tutorials and comprehensive courses on hundreds of topics for users of any skill level.) Some resources require a library card, and some do not, but all are free to you.
- **[STATE PARK PASSES](#)**: California State Park passes are available at all Plumas County Library branches. Offered through the California State Library system, these passes allow free vehicle day use to many of our state parks.
- **ARPA FUNDING**: We received \$24,794 in ARPA funds to address the impacts of lost instructional time, household assistance with internet access programs, and educational disparities. We will continue to use this funding to expand our e-book collection and add hotspots for people to check out. (Funds were also used to previously pay for Brainfuse HelpNow.)

- **NEW LIBBY FEATURES:** Users of Libby, the app that allows you to check out e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines using your library card, will be happy to know that there are two new library systems that have partnered with Plumas County Library to allow us access to their catalogs. [Click to get instructions](#) on how to add these libraries to your account, or visit your local branch for assistance.
- **OVERDRIVE APP BEING RETIRED:** For those patrons who may still be using the OverDrive app, it will stop working at the end of April 2023 and you will need to switch to the Libby app. (To clarify, both apps provide access to the same content.) Library staff will be happy to assist you with setting up Libby, or [click for step-by-step instructions](#).
- **TAX FORMS:** Both state and federal tax forms for the 2022 tax year will soon be available at all branches. As they arrive, [our website's Tax Forms page](#) will be updated as they become available. Can't wait? Come to the Library and we will print the 540 and 1040 form for you for free. (All other forms and instruction booklets cost the usual printing fees.)
- **GREENVILLE TEMPORARY SITE:** Our [Greenville Pop-Up Branch](#), located in room 402 on the Greenville High School campus, offers many of the same services that our other branches do, as well as an impressive collection of books, audiobooks, and DVDs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The latest information about the library and offered programs can be found on our website's [News & Events page](#), but some upcoming highlights include:

- A Juggling Show with Tom Sparough: Join Tom Sparough, the Space Painter, for a juggling and storytelling show for children and caregivers on Friday March 31, 2023 from 11am-11:45am at the Portola Library Meeting Room.
- Friends of Quincy Library will hold their Large Triannual Sale from Thursday March 2, 2023 - Saturday March 4, 2023 in the Quincy Library Meeting Room. Thurs March 2nd is for members only (you can sign up at the door) from 2pm-6pm, Fri March 3rd is from 10am-5pm, and Sat March 4th is from 10am-2pm. The sale will be held as usual in the Community Room of the Plumas County Library in Quincy. The sale offers great prices, as well as free children's books (20 books per family.) Please bring your reusable bag(s) to fill with great books.
- [Information about Story Time](#) (click the tab name)
- All Branches & Stations will be closed for the holidays on Mon Feb 13 & Feb 20, 2023, for Lincoln's Birthday & Presidents' Day.

RESOURCES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- [BRANCHES AND HOURS OF OPERATION](#): This website page provides information on all of our branches and stations, including location, phone numbers and email to reach the front desk, and hours the branch is open.
- [LITERACY PROGRAM](#): Plumas County Library's literacy program is a tremendous resource for the entire community.
- **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GROUPS**: Did you know that the Chester, Quincy, and Portola branches are supported by Friends of the Library groups? These groups are made up of people who are passionate about keeping our libraries open and relevant. Ask the library staff at your home branch about how you can be part of your local group.
- [PLUMAS COUNTY LIBRARY WEBSITE](#): Provides links and information about everything the library has to offer.
- [PLUMAS COUNTY LIBRARY CATALOG PAGE](#): Our catalog page lets you log in to your account, browse the catalog, renew and put holds on books, and find links to our main page.
- [FACEBOOK PAGE](#): Did you know we have a Facebook page? It's called Plumas County Public Library, and is where you can get the most up-to-date information about programs, events, closures, and all things library.

FEATURED FAQ

Q: What is the difference between the library website page and the catalog page?

A: The main library page houses all the general information about Plumas County Library, as well as providing access to our many online resources. However, patrons CANNOT log into their library accounts on this website. This often is the reason that patrons will tell us that they are having problems logging in, because they are trying to do so using the "Website Sign-In" button at the top of that page. Patron account access happens on the catalog webpage, which is an entirely different address (see above). Because the catalog page address is much easier to remember than the main web page, many patrons use the link on the catalog page to take them to the main page.