

Plumas County Library Email Newsletter--April 2023

Hello Plumas County Library patrons,

Here is our April edition of Plumas County Library's bi-monthly newsletter. We have also attached the newsletter as a PDF in case it doesn't display properly in your email program. 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 are now available at all branches. If we run out, 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.
- **NEW AT QUINCY BRANCH:** We are just finishing our re-organization process for the Quincy Branch. Take a walk around and discover areas we've expanded, moved, and re-ordered to offer you more items in areas you like and a more streamlined process for grabbing them. You can always check out our New Shelf or our "Give It Another Chance" shelves and discover something new, or browse any of our sections that interest you.

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:

- **[April Book Giveaway: Reading With Your Peeps](#):** From **April 3 - April 29, 2023**, you can complete an activity and receive a free book. (One free book per person per day.) Activity pages are available at your local library branch (during open hours) or you can print them from our website. Coloring pages include a [butterfly](#), [Earth Day](#), [baby chick](#), [spring animals](#), [a flower and bee](#), and [a caterpillar and butterfly](#), as well as a [peeps maze](#), a [word find with spring terms](#), and a [word find with Earth Day terms](#).
- **[Constructing With Your Peeps](#):** On Saturday April 8, 2023, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Quincy Library Meeting Room, we will be exploring how to build with Peeps.
- **[Friends of Quincy Library will hold their Large Triannual Sale](#)** from Thursday, April 13, 2023 – Saturday, April 15, 2023 in the Quincy Library Meeting Room. Thurs April 13 is

for members only (you can sign up at the door) from 2pm-6pm, Fri April 14 is from 10am-5pm, and Sat April 15 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.

- **Freeing Your Life with Words: A Poetry Workshop with Susan Wooldridge** will take place on Saturday April 29, 2023 from 11am-3pm in the Meeting Room at Quincy Library. Register by Sat April 22, 2023 at the Quincy Library Front Desk (530) 283-6310. Join us at a workshop that will make you feel excited about language and self-expression in both poetry and prose, for all ages. Hosted by Quincy Friends of the Library and served with a light lunch and drinks. This event is supported in part by Poets & Writers and the Quincy Friends of the Library.
- [Information about Story Time](#) (click the tab name)

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. We also offer step-by-step written guides on: [how to log into your account](#), [how to look up an item on the catalog](#), [how to put an item on hold](#), and [how to check your history of check outs](#), as well as a [video guide](#) showing you how to log on, look up items in the catalog, put an item on hold, and check your own history of check outs.
- **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: Why do I have to renew my account every year?

A: In order to make sure we have your most current contact information associated with your account, we renew your account every year. It's extremely easy to do this, and it doesn't cost you anything. If you have an email address associated with your account, you will receive an email 3 weeks before the expiration date as a reminder. We review your information with you to make sure everything is up-to-date, and then renew your account for another year. Your card stays the same. The only reason for you to get a new card is if you have lost it, in which case we replace it for \$1. You then will have a different card number.

When a library card is required to use a digital service like Libby, and the card expires, you will not have access to the service until your account is renewed. If your use of a service stops from one day to the next, most likely it's because your account has expired.