

SOUTH KINGSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

THE STAY AT HOME EDITION

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THE LIBRARY BUILDINGS MAY BE CLOSED, BUT THERE ARE STILL LOTS OF RESOURCES
YOU CAN USE RIGHT FROM HOME!



FREE EBOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, AND STREAMING MEDIA

OverDrive

Your library card gives you FREE access to eBooks, audiobooks, and streaming video via computer, tablet, eReader, or other mobile device! Android, iOS/Apple, or Kindle Fire users can download the OverDrive app from their app store to get started. Other users can sign onto RI eZone site at riezone.overdrive.com to get started. Need help? OverDrive has an extensive help section online. Visit help.overdrive.com and click Getting Started at the top of the page. From there you'll find a basic quick start guide, as well as links to specific device help.



Hoopla Digital

If you have a library card issued by South Kingstown Public Library, you also have access to Hoopla Digital! Along with eBooks and audiobooks, Hoopla also carries movies, tv, and music. Download the HooplaDigital app to your device, or visit their website at www.hoopladigital.com to get started.



Tech Help By Phone and Email

If you have a tech and/or reference question, or would like to learn a new skill, email our reference librarian Britta at bobertello@skpl.org to set up a phone call. Please put "Tech Help" in the subject line of the email and let us know what project or skill you need help with.



PROGRAMS FROM HOME

All Ages Online Poetry Contest

April is National Poetry Month and we want to celebrate with you! We're holding a haiku poetry contest for all ages. Haiku is a Japanese form of 3 line poetry—the first line is 5 syllables, the second is 7, and the third is 5. Submit your poems by April 30 by visiting our website at www.skpl.org and clicking on the poetry image in our slideshow. We'll draw one random winner from each age group in May, prize TBD.



Youth Services Digital Pen Pal Program

Our Youth Services librarians are missing our young patrons! Kids are invited to write a letter or draw a picture for their librarian. Parents, take a picture of their child's work, and email it to Miss Sharon (sbabbitt@skpl.org), Miss Tina (tladika@skpl.org) or Miss Brandi (bfong@skpl.org) and we'll email back!



Youth & Teen Services Digital Art Show

Calling all young artists! The library welcomes you to submit pictures of your artwork to be featured in our upcoming Spring Into Art Virtual Show on Facebook. Children and teens of all ages can send photos of their masterpieces (all mediums) to tladika@skpl.org. Please send photos by April 25th, the art show will be shared on Facebook beginning the last week of April.



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VIRTUAL READER'S ADVISORY

Want to read something but find yourself endlessly clicking or tapping through OverDrive and Hoopla without finding something that excites you? Let us help you find the content you will love!

We can provide this service for patrons of any age, let us know if you would like adult, young adult, or children's materials and we will tailor the recommendations to that age group.

Send us an email at skiref@skpl.org and tell us:

What service you are using (OverDrive Hoopla, or both!)

What kind of media do you want (eBook, Audiobook, or graphic novel)

What type of media you enjoy, including things like:

Genre (historical fiction, contemporary fiction, horror, romance, mystery, etc.)

Subgenres (historical 1920s, clean cozy mysteries, psychological horror, sweet light romance, etc.)

Length in either pages or in the case of audiobooks, time

Titles or authors you love and would like to find similar content

Ages/grades if suggestions are for children or teens

Anything else that comes to mind!



A librarian will use this information to scour our digital holdings for you and send you an email back with a personalized for you list of 5 titles we think you might enjoy. Send us a note today, we love helping you find the books you love in the library, and we can do it from a safe social distance too! And if you just can't get enough books, don't forget the library's [Book Sizzle](#), filled with book news and suggestions, find the link right on the bottom right side of our main website.

LOCAL HISTORY AND ANCESTRY.COM LIBRARY EDITION

Interested in what life used to be like in Peace Dale and the surrounding area? One of the Library's ongoing projects has been the digitization of our photograph collection and of the handwritten diary/ledger of Joseph Peace Hazard (1807-1892). Look for the SKPL Digital Collections link in the Your Library dropdown menu on our website (<http://www.skpl.org/993/SKPL-Digital-Collections>). Additional collections include Dexter Hoxie photographs documenting life in Peace Dale c1900-1915, the Peace Dale Manufacturing Collection, Peace Dale Library Artifacts, and the Peace Dale Library's Postcard Collection. Also check out local history blog and information on our three buildings in the local history section of our website.



We also have created remote to the Ancestry.com Library Edition. Visit our website

(<http://www.skpl.org/1005/Ancestry-Library-Edition>) for full details, users will need a library card issued by the South Kingstown Public Library.



STATE-WIDE RESOURCES

There are several online resources that contain content for all ages that you can access while at home! The State of Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services has created an online guide with content for all ages. From language learning and coding to health information and career building information, there is something for everyone. Visit <https://olis-ri.libguides.com/online> for full information.



SKPL CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

Are your kids looking for additional ways to learn and be entertained without leaving the house? We've curated a great list of activity and learning resources on our website at

www.skpl.org/651/Activities-and-Learning-Resources.

Books & Reading, Wellness, Art, Nature—even podcasts for when you just want to sit back and listen.



TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering while staying at home can be tricky. While we are temporarily not offering in-library teen volunteer hours, teens can still get volunteer time by reading and writing book reviews! Earn an hour for each review submitted; up to 4 hours per month. For more info and review requirements, contact Brandi at bfong@skpl.org.





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To our cherished regulars and welcomed new patrons:

We miss you all tremendously, and are thinking of you, hoping that you are following procedures to stay safe and healthy during this uncertain time.

Though our buildings are closed, the library administration and staff have not been idle. We are working diligently to continue your service with quality and sustainability. Our Librarians are available by telephone (401-789-1555) and email during daytime hours to assist you with any questions that you might have.

We see these new challenges as opportunities to help you (and us) learn as we go forward. You can count on us to provide help with navigating our online resources and adaptive programming. Please visit skpl.org or, our Facebook page to stay connected. We are all in this together!

Be assured that when we reopen our doors, it will be with renewed vigor and commitment to provide you with needed resources and services for whatever lies ahead. Until then let's stay safe, stay curious and stay sane.

Finally, know that we are following appropriate guidelines and have been working hard (both in our libraries and at home) to clean and update our collection, explore new services, and prepare our beautiful historic buildings for your return. Our mission to support our community's needs has not changed, and we look forward (with great enthusiasm) to providing our current and future services.

Thank you for your patronage, patience, and perseverance. We will see you soon!

Your South Kingstown Public Library Staff

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