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## Heartfelt Thanks to Our Patrons

We want to express our deepest gratitude to our patrons for their patience, resilience, and hope during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last year, the Library has had to close its doors to in-person patronage during steep positive case spikes, has moved programming and literacy services to almost exclusively to-go and

virtual options, and has had to change quaran-



tine and other safety procedures to fit new data about how best to protect our community from the virus. This has

been an incredibly difficult time for all of us across the globe, and we would personally like to thank you for staying safe, reaching out, and continuing to use the Library as we carry on transforming and expanding our resources and services based on feedback, safety guidelines, and the steadfast desire to help.

## Book Giveaways to Continue Through the Year!

We have had a great response to our book giveaways in October, December, February, and during Dr. Seuss week. Now, in April, we are having our Spring Book Giveaway. It is the same format as before: Kids choose from one of

our craft options/activity pages that are available to print at home or pick up at their local branch, complete the craft/activity, then bring it to their local branch for a free book! They can receive one every day we're open, if they are

so motivated!

There will be similar events in the future, so be watching for more information on our Facebook page, website, and Plumas News.

Check p. 3 for more information about our other April Event!

## Join Children's Storytime on Zoom



Every Thursday at 1:00pm, our Chester branch hosts a live Zoom Children's Storytime. Each week's program has a theme that usually incorporates books, music, movement, and an art/craft project requiring only basic materials that everyone should

have at home. Some of our past themes include "Autumn", "Owls", "Great Mice in Literature", and "Think Snow", just to name a few. On occasion, we also feature a well-known children's author, such as Eric Carle, Jan Brett, and Chris Van Allsburg.

We look forward to the time when we can hold our programs in person once again. Meanwhile, we are having a lot of fun on Zoom! Call Lori at 258-2742 or email [pclibc@psln.com](mailto:pclibc@psln.com) if you would like to be put on the email list to receive the Zoom link.

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your  
community  
resource!**

## Looking for a Job? We Can Help!

[Brainfuse JobNow/](#)  
[VetNow](#) provides help to job seekers, veterans, and their families with everything from live job coaching, real-time interview practice, full-service resume lab, 24/7 access

to local job resources, resume assistance, skill building, academic assistance, and more, as well as veteran-specific personalized assistance from a VA navigator to learn more about your eligibility for VA bene-

fits and access local and nationwide resources in education, employment, housing, and healthcare.

Visit our website to access this service!

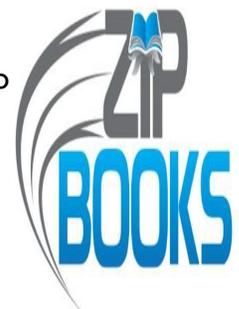
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## Do You Know about Zip Books? It's Been Expanded!

Can't find a book (print or audio) in our catalog? If your library account is in good standing, fill out the Zip Book request form for the item you wish to read and bring it to one of our branches. The item will be shipped directly to you, and then you can return it to the branch you ordered it from after you've finished reading it so we can add it to our catalog for other patrons to borrow.

And from now until May 31st 2021, the program has been expanded to allow *all* bestsellers to be requested.

Ask your local branch staff for more information.



## Blackout Poetry—Celebrate Poetry Month, Get a Free Book

From April 1—April 30 2021, stop by your local library branch to create a blackout poem for our window and receive a free YA or children’s book in exchange. We will provide the pens, pages, and materials, and you will

provide the creativity! (Feel free to also take sheets home, and you can find written instructions and a video on how to make blackout poetry on our website at <https://plumascounty.us/2672/COVID-19>) All ages are welcome!

This is limited one per day per person, but keep in mind the Spring Book Giveaway is considered a separate event and therefore you actually have a chance to get two books per day, one for each April event.

### Our Library Connection: A Lifeline

While staying at home whenever possible was a vital part of protecting our community from the spread of COVID-19, our branches and stations provided a unique source of comfort and support during that time.

Patrons could still request their favorite books, audiobooks, and movies—so important when house-

bound—with just a click of the mouse or a phone call. Even being able to chat with the local librarian on the phone or when receiving curbside delivery was a moment of cheer in an otherwise monotonous day. And during the time we were completely closed, we offered free to-go book/activity bags for kids and adults!

Finally, the wealth of online resources that we offer were invaluable, and continue to be so. Discover them for yourself at: <https://plumascounty.us/2672/COVID-19>

Don’t hesitate to call if you need help navigating any of the above. Remember:

We are here for you!!

*“Public libraries are dynamic, socially responsive institutions, a nexus of diversity, and a lifeline for the most vulnerable among us.”*  
- From a University of Pennsylvania study

## Quarantine Change—Move From 96 to 24 Hours

When COVID-19 first hit, the science community assumed that, like other viruses, there would be a high risk of transmission from touch, and if there is one thing Libraries are known for, it is our high volume of materials constantly changing

hands. Based on advice from REALM, Public Health Agencies, and the national library community, we have been quarantining items returned to us for 96 hours before putting them back on the shelves. However, as more information has come to light about

COVID-19 and the low risk of transmission that comes from touching surfaces, as well as updated policies from Public Health Agencies - including our own in Plumas County - and the Library community, we are decreasing our quarantine time to 24 hours starting April 12th.