

Dear Friends,

Normally this newsletter is where you learn about the exciting events we've planned for you. However, as I write this in early April, we do not know how long we will need to keep our building closed and our bookmobile off the road to support the community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We can't say at press time what types of events we'll be able to offer in May and June. I know how difficult this is for many of you who love and visit the library regularly.

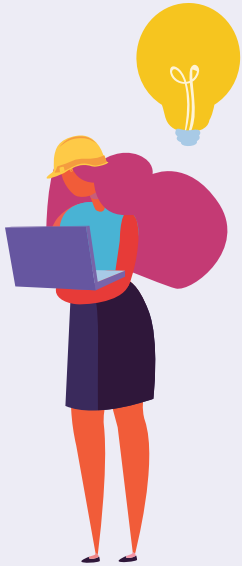
Closing the library's doors to the public was the most difficult decision I've had to make since becoming the library director in 2016. I work with a group of incredibly dedicated and hard-working people who care deeply about serving our community. Although we are very proud of our building, the heart of the library is not in the bricks and mortar.

Look inside for a wide variety of ways that you can use the library from home. When our building is closed, we have much to offer each of you. Visit calendar.skokielineibrary.info for current information about online and in-person events. You can also connect with us using the chat box on our website, via email, and on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

I assure you that my colleagues and I are working closely with all of our community partners to respond to these difficult times, and all of our staff members are doing an admirable job of adapting to these complicated circumstances. Despite being physically distant, we are still very much a community.

Richard Kong
Director





LIBRARY RESOURCES AT HOME

skokielibrary.info/streaming

READ

- ★ Download eBooks and audiobooks.
- ★ Read digital comics and online newspapers and magazines.
- ★ Search the catalog for a particular title, and you will see all of the formats available for that title. Click through to the format you'd like to use.



LISTEN

You can download or stream thousands of albums using Hoopla. If your passion is classical music, don't miss streaming from Naxos. Catalog search results will show you what formats are available for particular songs, pieces, or albums.



Don't forget to fill out the census! 2020census.gov

Whatever the situation in the physical world is at any given moment, you can always use the library's resources anywhere, anytime you are online. All you need is your library card.

There are two basic ways to approach finding something. If you are browsing, you can go directly to the source and then look for something that strikes your fancy. Start here to find links easily: skokielibrary.info/streaming

If you already know what you want to read, watch, or listen to, the easiest place to start is with the library catalog: the big search box on the library's website.



WATCH

You can stream or download movies, TV shows, and documentaries. Catalog search results will show the available formats for a specific title.



LEARN

Whether you want to brush up on technology skills or do some professional development, learn a new language, or get in touch with your crafty side, we have online resources available.

- ★ Lynda.com has thousands of step-by-step video tutorials for a wide range of topics, such as software, marketing, business, and technology.
- ★ Mango Languages has lessons in more than 60 languages, including English. It also has a mobile app option, for both Android and iOS.
- ★ Creativebug is a new resource, where you can find award-winning videos on all types of crafts, from watercolor to quilting and more.

You can find these and all of our digital resources at skokielibrary.info/research



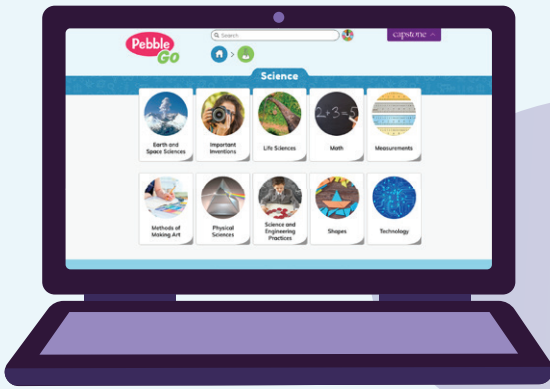
LIBRARY RESOURCES AT HOME

Parents, the tactics for finding what you want on the previous two pages apply equally to finding things to read, watch, or listen to for your little ones. We also have resources specifically aimed at the younger set. Find links to the resources that follow, and many more, at skokielibrary.info/homework-help

EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

Until we can have in-person events, we'll be offering online events. The best way to know what's happening is to check calendar.skokielibrary.info. And connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.





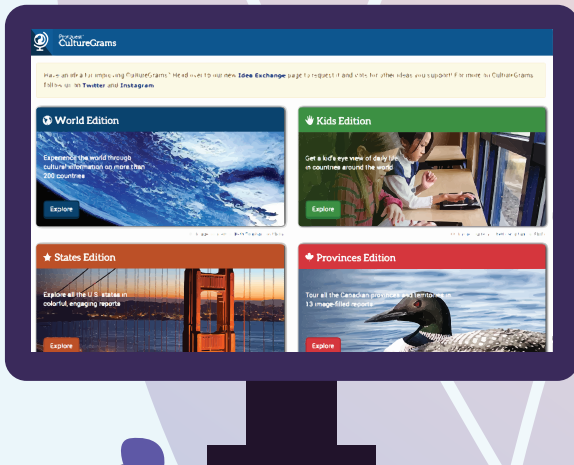
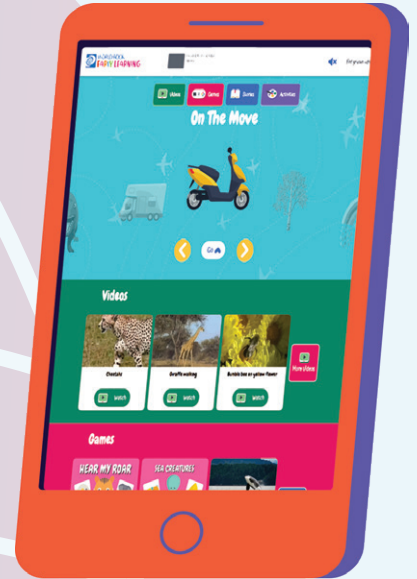
PEBBLEGO

PebbleGo is designed for students in kindergarten through grade 3. It includes articles and activities that support literacy. Content areas include animals, science, biographies, social studies, and dinosaurs.



CULTUREGRAMS

CultureGrams helps kids learn what it is like in other states or countries. Parts of this resource can also be translated into Spanish, Russian, Polish, Arabic, Hebrew, and many other languages.



WORLD BOOK

World Book is much more than an encyclopedia. It includes an Early Learning module with stories, games, activities, and videos; Kids, Student, and Advanced modules with age-appropriate topics and materials; an exciting Timelines section; and more.



OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS

Opposing Viewpoints provides information about current events, telling both sides of a story.





RENOVATION 2020

PHASE ONE: **The Second Floor**

Before we temporarily closed the building in March, staff got to witness a few highlights:

- All of the second-floor windows were replaced using a machine with giant suction cups to hold them up while the crew got them into just the right place.
- Walls went up to enclose the new study rooms and other spaces.
- A new workroom for accepting, sorting, and handling returned items is being built on the first floor, along with space for the bookmobile staff and other offices.





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