

News from Prince Edward Island

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Library Closure

All public libraries were closed on March 17 as part of the province's plan to control the spread of COVID-19. Staff are being asked to do what work they can from home and we're doing our best to meet the needs of our patrons from our kitchens, living rooms, and home offices.

Online Library Cards

With the closure of the libraries, the PLS is making it easier for folks to get library cards to use our online resources. During our closure, applications can be made online and card numbers are emailed out. Physical cards will be sent out via mail when possible.

Ancestry.ca Library Edition

Ancestry.ca is allowing PEI PLS patrons to access its database from the comfort and safety of their homes. Previously it was only available in library but can now be used through our online catalogue.

YouTube Channel

The PEI PLS has launched its own YouTube channel as part of our initiatives to reach out to our patrons at home. Videos feature our COVID Cooking and COVID Crafts series as well as English and French Storytimes. Tune in for exciting shows and budding YouTube sensations.

Socially Distant Book Club

While many people on the Island are staying home we are giving them a chance to connect with others and talk about books with our Socially Distant Book Club. Every Friday morning at 10 :00 a.m., you can see the smiling face and hear the smooth, vocal stylings of Adult Services Librarian, Ray MacLeod. This is a Facebook live event so feel free to join in (look for the PEI Public Library Service on Facebook).

PEI Book Awards

In spite of library closures, the PEI Book Awards are marching on and the short list for this bi-annual award was released in Mid-May. An online event was held on May 30th to announce the winners. This event was held in conjunction with the PEI Writers' Guild, who announced the winners of their Island Literary Awards.