

# Peoria Public Library is making every effort to stay engaged with patrons during this forced statewide closure.

We are diligently promoting our digital library, which has nearly a million titles – including ebooks, audio books, graphic novels, movies, documentaries, online classes and even television.

This is above and beyond our databases, which are trustworthy resources for students doing online learning at home.



As an example, with our Brainfuse database you can chat live with a tutor in real time for help on a variety of subjects.

Others feature newspapers from around the world, scholarly journals and even genealogy information.



We are also teaching our patrons how to use those resources with tutorials on our YouTube channel.

We're also adding Storytimes to YouTube so our patrons, especially our youngsters, can see a familiar face.

Other YouTube offerings include booktalks and sneak peeks of our Local History collection.



Meanwhile, we are using secured Zoom meetings to host book and film discussions.

We're hosting weekly Facebook live sessions - same day and time - so our patrons know they can reach us in real time. That said, we are answering patron phone calls and emails every day.

When we realized that more and more people were interested in getting a library card, we added a temporary card they can apply for on our website.

Our digital library is nearly as comprehensive as our physical collection, and we are doing all we can to connect our patrons to it.