



Dear Pella Public Library Patron:

You are receiving this notice because your Pella Public Library card indicates you reside in Rural Marion County.

Unfortunately, this year the Pella Public Library Board of Trustees was forced to consider reducing services to residents of Rural Marion County. This is due to decisions by the County's Board of Supervisors (BOS) which have resulted in reduced and inconsistent funding to the Pella Public Library. There have also been changes at the State level impacting municipal funding.

Up to this point the Pella Public Library has allowed our rural resident cardholders access to popular electronic resources, which are costly for the Pella Public Library to provide. Sadly, the reduced funding from Marion County can no longer accommodate use of popular resources, including Hoopla, Bridges, Kanopy, or the Adventure Pass program, by our cardholders who are rural County residents.

It is with regret that the Pella Public Library Board of Trustees voted on 4/9/24 to end access to Hoopla, Bridges, Kanopy, and the Adventure Pass program for residents of Rural Marion County beginning on or about July 1, 2024. This was a decision that the Board truly struggled with over several months and does not take lightly.

In order for the Library's spending to be in line with our current funding, we are unable to continue to provide these resources at the current level. If these are valuable services to your household, you're encouraged to contact the Marion County Board of Supervisors regarding equitable funding for the County's public libraries. We hope to be able to reinstate these resources for residents of Rural Marion County in the future if consistent and sufficient levels of funding are provided.

Rest assured, your Pella Public Library card will otherwise continue to function without interruption; we welcome you as a patron of our library to borrow hard-copy materials, attend programs, and utilize public access technologies, including computers, tablets, or wireless. Again, we regret the decision to limit access to the popular resources listed above, but it is now necessary. If you have any questions or concerns, or you feel you have received this message in error, you may contact Library Director Mara Strickler at: [mstrickler@cityofpella.com](mailto:mstrickler@cityofpella.com) or (641) 628-4268.

Sincerely,

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