

Discover Flipster: a great resource for magazine lovers at San Juan Island Library

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We've all been there. Sitting in the dental waiting room, bored and nervous, searching for a welcome distraction. "Aha! Salvation", you think, as you spy some magazines. But wait... what initially looked to be an interesting retro-type mag turns out to be the original 1981 copy of *Knitting Life*. Complete with crocheted man-shorts patterns. Sigh.

Well, the waiting room where magazines go to die is rapidly becoming an endangered species. San Juan Island Library offers access to popular, up-to-date magazines via Flipster, an online magazine service that allows people to browse the latest issues of high-quality digital versions of magazines on their laptops, tablets and smartphones.

To complement the existing physical magazine collection, San Juan Island Library began offering Flipster in November, 2014. The collection started with 21 titles, covering fitness, cooking, décor, Genealogy, hobbies and more. This month we have added another 18 titles including *Shambala Sun*, *Saveur*, *Three Penny Review*, *Aperture*, *Family Tree*, *Nickelodeon*, and *Lonely Planet Traveler Magazine*.

Flipster offers an easy, browsable reading experience. Magazines can be read online while connected to the internet or downloaded via apps (available through the iTunes or Google Play stores) for offline reading anytime, anywhere.

So, those waiting rooms need no longer be full of dread and drear, with magazines missing recipes and crosswords half completed (in pen, no less). Flipster is a wonderful addition to the library's online resources, keeping you informed and entertained, wherever you are. So drop in to the library and ask staff or visit the library website at www.sjlib.org for more information.

But if you are looking for crocheted man-shorts, I'm afraid you are out of luck. So here you go.



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