



Los Angeles Public Library Closed March 14 - 31

Los Angeles, March 13, 2020—The Los Angeles Public Library's Central Library and 72 branch libraries are closed March 14 through 31. The action is being taken in accordance with city guidelines to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and to protect staff and patrons including the most vulnerable Angelenos.

During this time, due dates for borrowed materials will be automatically extended, no late fines will be assessed, and patrons can return materials when libraries reopen.

Librarians will continue providing assistance through telephone reference (213) 228-7272; the web-based service, Ask A Librarian available at www.lapl.org/ask-a-librarian; and Book A Librarian at book-librarian.

The library's many digital services are available at lapl.org 24/7, and include e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, classes, and digital subscriptions to newspapers and magazines.

"We understand the impact closing libraries has on all Angelenos and are taking this action at the direction of city and health authorities and out of an abundance of caution for the health of our patrons and staff," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "During this time we encourage people to access our librarians by telephone or online, and use our extensive digital resources through lapl.org."

The library continues to update a resource page at lapl.org/coronavirus with information about the COVID-19 virus.

Patrons can stay updated on the library by visiting its website at lapl.org and following its social media accounts (@lapubliclibrary).

A recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. Its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than 6 million books and state-of-the-art technology accessible at www.lapl.org.

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