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“Library To Go” Services Begin: Holds Are Available to Place and Pick Up; Bookdrops Have Reopened at 18 Locations

LOS ANGELES, July 2, 2020 – Los Angeles Public Library patrons now can place and pick up “holds,” and bookdrops have reopened for returns at 18 libraries. All 73 locations of the Los Angeles Public Library remain closed to the public, but staff is available to answer questions by phone or [email](#). Library To Go locations are:

[Arroyo Seco Regional Branch](#)

[Central Library](#)

[Echo Park Branch](#)

[Exposition Park Regional Branch](#) (beginning July 7)

[Fairfax Branch](#) (beginning July 7)

[Junipero Serra Branch](#)

[Los Feliz Branch](#)

[Mar Vista Branch](#)

[Northridge Branch](#)

[Panorama City Branch](#) (beginning July 7)

[Pio Pico-Koreatown Branch](#)

[San Pedro Regional Branch](#)

[Sherman Oaks Branch](#) (beginning July 7)

[Silver Lake Branch](#) (beginning July 7)

[Studio City Branch](#)

[Sylmar Branch](#)

[Westwood Branch](#)

[Woodland Hills Branch](#)

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Patrons are able to pick up materials they requested but were unable to collect when libraries closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can also place new holds using the [online catalog](#) and pick up those materials. Patrons will receive an email or telephone call with the location of their material and instructions for scheduling an appointment for pickup.

“Our libraries are anchors of academic achievement and lifelong learning—and by bringing curbside pickup to these beating hearts of our communities, we will reopen doors of creativity, discovery, and imagination for all of us,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Learning to live with COVID-19 means finding creative ways to reconnect us with critical public resources, and Library To Go will provide Angelenos with access to this civic and cultural treasure.”

When collecting their hold materials, patrons are required to wait in a designated area, wear a face mask and maintain physical distancing. Patrons collect their materials from tables located outside the libraries.

"We are thrilled to be launching the Library To Go pickup service! We know that Angelenos love their libraries and have missed them," said City Librarian John F. Szabo. "And while we have remained very much connected online—through extensive virtual programming and our wonderfully diverse e-media collections, there is just something magical about being able to bring home new library books. We look forward to seeing our patrons again!"

Bookdrops at the 18 locations also are open for patrons to return materials. All materials are isolated before being returned to shelves or being reissued, as recommended by health and safety officials. The due date for materials checked out before the library closure has been extended to September 30. The due date on new items checked out will follow the standard borrowing schedules: 3 weeks for books and audiobooks, 1 week for DVDs and music CDs. The library is now fine free and has eliminated fines for overdue materials.

For more information about Library To Go services, visit lapl.org/Library-To-Go.

Although the Los Angeles Public Library's buildings are closed due to COVID-19, the library is still open online. With your library card, you can read, watch and learn for free at home by visiting lapl.org.

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