The East Baton Rouge Parish Library prioritizes the health and safety of our patrons and staff. In response to information regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), and directives from City-Parish Government, the Library has closed all locations to public access, and all locations will remain temporarily closed until further notice. Please keep in mind the situation is constantly evolving; updates will be posted on the Library website, www.ebrpl.com.

The online Digital Library has a wealth of digital resources available for every age and interest, all accessible FREE with your Library card. Don’t have a Library card? No problem! Temporary virtual cards allow access to most digital products; see the “Library Services” tab at www.ebrpl.com for more information. To obtain a Computer Use-Only Card, which does allow access to most digital resources including OverDrive and RBdigital, residents of East Baton Rouge should contact the Circulation Department at (225) 231-3740 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, or send your request to eref@ebrpl.com. Watch the website for an expanded schedule for telephone assistance.

Please visit the Digital Library at https://www.ebrpl.com/digital.html, to browse and enjoy thousands of digital items like e-books, e-magazines and e-audiobooks, plus streaming media including music, films, documentaries, and concerts. Stay in the know with online newspapers, magazines; acquire a new skill or broaden your knowledge with a variety of learning tools and platforms. Learn a new language with Mango and Pronunciator, and discover many other options for adults including fun resources such as CreativeBug, AtoZ World Foods, BrainHQ and so much more!

Tools and resources on the coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the InfoGuide at http://ebrpl.libguides.com/coronavirus. To learn more about the Library and any of its free programs, events and resources, visit us online at www.ebrpl.com.

A Plan for Re-Opening

From Library Director Spencer Watts: “Libraries serve a broad range of needs in our community. Although we are striving to provide service through digital avenues, we realize that there are limits associated with this approach.

We are eager to reopen our libraries and provide a broader range of services. We do, however, face some challenges even as we try to move toward a “new normal”.

Our first and most important obligation is to operate with a heightened degree of safety and protection for the public and for the staff. We can’t eliminate all risk when we reopen, but we will take a variety of measures designed to minimize safety concerns.

Libraries are inherently social spaces, with many design features that encourage people to work closely together. We have spaces that support collaboration and foster active discovery. So, one of our first challenges

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relates to temporarily repurposing the layout, furnishings, and equipment of our libraries as well as adjusting procedures to better provide greater social distancing and help people maintain secure, separate spheres of safety. Beyond that we face a number of issues related to cleaning supplies, protective gear, and dealing with a number of different points of contact. It doesn’t help that there are shortages of many supplies, and even more importantly, there is often incomplete or contradictory guidance on best practices and protective protocols.

Due to these shortages, and the need to carefully transform our facilities, there will be a transitional period where we move through different phases to expand operations and services.

As of press time for the newsletter, we do not yet have a firm date for the Stay-at-Home Order to be lifted, nor do we know the extent and nature of our new public health directives. However once that occurs, we will announce Phase 1 of our Re-Open Plan on the library website www.ebrpl.com, via normal media channels, and through messaging and social media.”

**Phase 1: Libraries extend hours for telephone and e-ref assistance as well as resume Drive Through, Curbside, or Lobby Pickup / On-Demand service**

Expanded hours for telephone service at all 14 library locations from 9 am till 8 pm Monday through Thursday; 9 am through 6 pm Friday and Saturday; and 2 pm through 6 pm on Sunday

- Telephone assistance includes reference and information, reader’s advisory, assistance with reservations or new requests, and help with patron accounts
- Library locations and phone numbers may be found at https://www.ebrpl.com/LocationsandHours/LocationsandHours.html
- Wi-Fi available outside from 8 am through 8 pm at all 14 locations

**Patrons may checkout new materials via Drive Through Pick Up Windows at the Main Library on Goodwood or the Fairwood Branch or Lobby Pickup on Demand Service at other locations**

- These books and AV materials will include reserved items that had previously been trapped for patrons or new requests
- Due dates for all currently checked out library materials will be extended until June 1, however we will begin accepting the return of library materials at all locations through each location’s exterior return
- Once returned, materials will be quarantined and/or disinfected according to established guidelines before being placed back in circulation

During Phase 1, library staff will be working inside to process and re-shelve books returned before the Stay-at-Home order, as well as re-arrange public spaces and relocate chairs, tables, and PCs to increase distance between them

**Phase 2: Libraries open doors to the public to provide limited use of PCs, Wi-Fi, and fresh checkouts of material**

Library locations will open to the public from 9 am till 8 pm Monday through Thursday; 9 am through 6 pm Friday and Saturday; and 2 pm through 6 pm on Sunday

- Telephone assistance as usual at all 14 locations during these hours

Because of the need to increase distance between workstations, a reduced number of Public PCs will be available on a “reservations” basis

- Headphones will not be available
- Keyboard and mice for public PCs will be cleaned after each use
- Public PCs will be available until 15 minutes before closing

Wi-Fi will be available inside and outside from 8 am through 8 pm at all 14 locations

- Seating will be limited; physical distance will be maintained between seating, tables, and computers
- Acrylic sneeze guards will be placed at service desks and visual reminders related to social distancing will be in use at each location

- Hand sanitizer should be available at each location

**PPE will be in use by staff at each location**
The Library collection will be considered “Closed Stacks” during this time period

- Patrons may call ahead to locate materials or reserve items as usual.
- Patrons who come in person will be interviewed by Library staff who will then search the shelves for desired books or AV materials and bring them directly to patrons to minimize contact
- Patrons will be able to check out their materials via Self Check Kiosks at all locations or receive assistance at Circulation Services

Drive Through / Pick Up Service will continue as usual at the Main Library and Fairwood Branch; Lobby Pickup on Demand may cease or be reduced at other locations

Library materials may be returned to any location; items that are trapped to fulfill Reservations will be held for 72 hours before becoming available to the patron who is “on Hold”

We encourage all patrons entering the library to wear facemasks or other PPE.

We encourage reserving the first hour of service for seniors and those with compromised immune systems; please consider arriving at or after 10 am if you are not in that category

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult or care-taker

We will monitor occupancy of the library and as necessary, limit the number of patrons who may be inside at any given time; occupancy limits will need to be strictly enforced

We will not accept Money other than through the usual online credit card service

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Phase 3: Libraries resume use of meeting rooms and conference rooms and allow small programs

Continue hours, PC use, Wi-Fi use, and return of materials as in Phase 2

Meeting rooms and conference rooms will be available for small meetings and library programs

- The number of rooms available to be scheduled in advance or used on a drop-in basis will decrease, since even smaller groups will be placed in larger rooms than normal

Based on the size of the space, recommended guidelines and directives for gatherings will determine allowable occupancy for each room

Book Stacks and AV Collections will be open for “Browsing”

During later phases, libraries will return to pre-COVID-19 status for tables, casual seating and PC use, and public programs and meeting rooms will return to previous occupancy limits

We cannot predict how soon any specific phase will begin nor how long it would remain. At all times, we will rely upon the guidance and directives from public officials and health agencies. Similar to other agencies, we anticipate taking things in 2 week stages but the situation is very fluid; the availability of supplies for cleaning and disinfecting will also be a factor in how we progress through each phase. Updates will be posted on the Library website and shared through normal channels. Thank you for working with us during this time.
LASM Now Presenting Educational & Entertaining Online Content

The Louisiana Art & Science Museum has released an online portal for at home art and science experiences at virtual-lasm.org. The portal, which is organized by grade level and includes a section for all ages, includes videos, hands-on activities, and blogs produced by the Museum and Irene W. Pennington Planetarium. This library of art and science content is designed to not only prevent learning regress in children due to state-mandated school closures but also educate and entertain multigenerational audiences who are currently isolated. Included are virtual versions of favorites such as Stargazing in the Irene W. Pennington Planetarium and The Traveling Trunk Show, along with newly-produced content such as Choose Your Own Venture interactive astronomy videos and We Need Our Space: LIVE. For more information, send an email to Frances Lee at flee@lasm.org.

LITERACY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR!

Have you read to a child today?

Get family activity prompts & ideas sent right to your mobile phone every Thursday evening!

Are you interested in developing your child's reading skills?
Your East Baton Rouge Parish Library Special Literacy Projects offers quick & easy ideas for encouraging literacy at home through a new text message service.

Simply text LITERACY to (225) 400-1336.

Unsubscribe at any time by texting OPT OUT.

Standard message & data rates may apply.
Red Stick @ Home

Governor John Bel Edwards issued the Stay at Home Order on March 22 to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus. While there are many news reports and official announcements released on a daily basis the East Baton Rouge Parish Library is also interested in learning about and archiving your personal experiences during this unprecedented time. In order to achieve this, we need your help. Special Collections has detailed a few of the ways you can help that include keeping a journal either digital or with paper and pen, taking photos and videos, creating art, music, or writing that reflects on the pandemic and its effect on daily life, and more. Special Collections will be accepting submissions digitally and in person at the Library once the Stay at Home Order has been lifted. To learn more about the project and to submit using the online submission form, check out The Baton Rouge Room Infoguide or contact Special Collections staff at batonrougedigitallibrary@ebrpl.com.

Find other great community activities such as the Flat Curve Gallery, Chalk Walk, RedStickMusic Live Stream Concerts and BR Symphony Orchestra @ Home under “Entertainment and Activities” on the COVID-19 Infoguide at http://ebrpl.libguides.com/coronavirus

East Baton Rouge Parish Driving Tour

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is excited to share with you a driving tour of the Downtown area highlighting some of the most historic buildings in the city. The tour sheds light on the history of the structures as well as the unique events that have made these buildings memorable. Complete the tour in a car, on a bike, or on foot but be sure to practice social distancing! You can access the tour through the Digital Library and from the Baton Rouge Room Infoguide under the Online Exhibits tab.

Mask Couture: #GearUpAndGeaux

The CDC recommends that we all wear face masks for the time being to protect ourselves and others from COVID-19. Why not have some fun with our new normal? There are a lot of colorful and unique masks out there and we want to see yours! Post your mask couture on social media and tag it with #gearupandgeaux. Follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/ebrlpl

Text for Information & Updates on COVID-19

Louisiana’s statewide 211 network is now answering calls about COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus. This network is best designed and staffed to handle the large volume of calls from Louisiana residents who are concerned and who have questions about the rapidly-spreading virus. Anyone looking for information and instant updates about the COVID-19 outbreak can simply dial 211 or text the keyword LACOVID to 898-211 for the most current information about the outbreak as it becomes available. For more information, visit the InfoGuide at http://ebrpl.libguides.com/coronavirus, and click the Red Stick Ready tab.

Find hints and brief how-to videos related to dozens of digital resources in the Library Academy

Click TUTORIALS For access to Database Hints and How-tos

As physical library locations are closed at this time, ProQuest has temporarily opened up a select range of EBSCO databases to the public.

free activities, games, and resources for parents and caregivers of children prenatal to age 5

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Teen Services Librarian Darcy creates an OverDrive Crash Course for Facebook from home

Answering Circulation phones

Reference Librarian Alex answers reference and Digital Library access questions

Answering Reference calls

Drive through window

Drive through window

Welcome to Storytime. After today, join us and our animal friends every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM for Library Storytime! We will be offering a virtual storytime for the duration that we are closed.
Printing personal protective equipment (PPE)

Tara Dearing, Children’s Services Coordinator, records a Sunday night Virtual Story Starters

Children’s Librarian Sarah Redpath reads to stuff animal audience during taping of Tuesday’s Online Storytime

Teen Services Coordinator Brandi Burton works on mask while fielding calls at the Circulation Desk

Completed PPE projects

Deputy Library Director Kristen Edson testing a 3D printed PPE mask

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Get Your Fashion Fix with the Vogue Digital Archive

The Vogue Archive is a hidden gem of the Digital Library. It contains the entire run of Vogue magazine from 1892 to the latest issue, reproduced in high-resolution color page images. More than 400,000 pages are included, constituting a treasure trove of the work from the greatest designers, photographers, stylists, and illustrators of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Vogue is a unique record of American and international popular culture that extends beyond fashion. Even just looking through the old advertisements in glorious full color is a fascinating journey.

Check Out What’s in Your Digital Library!

Gale Presents: Udemy

A collection of more than 4,000 online video courses from Udemy consumer marketplace taught by world-class instructors. The top-rated courses offer upskilling in the areas of business, tech, and personal development across 75+ different categories. To keep the content fresh, courses are replaced monthly with new material addressing emerging topics. With an app for iOS and Android, users can download courses to watch offline, listen to courses with podcast-style audio, and watch courses using Chromecast or Apple TV. Please note that a Microsoft or Gmail account are required to use Udemy, and it does not function well with the Microsoft Edge browser.

AtoZ Food America

This robust resource contains recipes in all course categories (appetizers, soups, salads, breads, main courses, side dishes, desserts, snacks, and beverages) for all 50 states, and 33 ethnic cuisines. AtoZ Food America also covers food culture for the states, and ethnic cuisines with articles such as Classic Dishes, State Foods, Top Agricultural Products, Special Occasion Foods, Ethnic and Geographic Influences, Special Ingredients, and Food Trivia. Enjoy historical archives of food labels, food prices, menus, food commercials, and digitized cookbooks all with this delicious database!

Home Improvement Reference Center

Now is the perfect time to take care of some of those home improvement projects that you’ve been putting off. The Home Improvement Reference Center contains books, magazines, and how-to videos not found anywhere else online. It covers topics like home maintenance, remodeling, electrical work, decorating, plumbing and wood projects. You can find ideas, diagrams, and guides to unleash your inner handyman. All the content inside the resource is available to download in PDF format or print. Check it out in the Digital Library!

Get FREE basic computer tutorials in English or Spanish with DigitalLearn.

All you need is your Library card!

Your Digital Library is Always Open!

Digital Resources for Everyone

The Digital Library is open 24/7, and its robust collection of resources are all freely available patrons of all ages with a current East Baton Rouge Parish Library card. Just visit https://www.ebrpl.com/digital.html to get started!

Browse and borrow e-books & audiobooks with OverDrive via the Libby app.

Kanopy offers streaming films, perfect to watch some of your favorites!

RBdigital gives you access to e-books & audiobooks, plus popular digital magazine. For more magazines, check out Flipster!

Crank up the tunes and rock out with Freegal, the free and legal downloadable & streaming music resource. Enjoy unlimited streaming, and download up to seven songs per week!
Imagine Your Story: It’s Summer Reading Program Time!

This year’s Summer Reading Program, Imagine Your Story!, will be starting on June 1 this year as we are transitioning to a new online program! Beanstack will be our new program hosting software and you will be able to sign up either through the link on our website, the free mobile app, or by speaking with a staff member. Stay tuned for more exciting updates as we prepare to go digital this summer!

The Children’s Services Department Brings You Virtual Fun!

Log on to the Library’s Kids Facebook page at facebook.com/EBRPLKids on week days, for some awesome online fun! Check out the calendar below to find out what’s coming up:

SUNDAYS

• 6 a.m. Weekly Children’s Challenge: Kids Challenge themselves to complete 10 simple reading and activity challenges each day of the week

• 6 p.m. Story Starters: Each Sunday, staff will read the first chapter (or two) of books available to check out digitally on either Overdrive or Tumblebooks

MONDAYS

• 7 p.m. Goodnight Stories
  Goodnight Stories are video recordings of books read by Children’s Services staff, and are posted to the Kids’ Facebook page. Access them from the Library Kids Page or via facebook.com/EBRPLKids.

TUESDAYS

• 10 a.m. Toddler Time Tuesdays: Join us each week for a special online storytime

WEDNESDAYS

• Wacky Wednesday Virtual Program: Go to the Library’s online Google Classroom at any time for a fun craft tutorial or activity each week! Find the Google Classroom code on our Kid’s Facebook Page.

FRIDAYS

• Family Fun Friday Virtual Program: TGIF! Meet us in the Library’s online Google Classroom at any time for great reading resources and a fun activity designed for the whole family!
Great Resources for Kids in the Digital Library

We’ve rounded up just a few of the helpful educational tools available for kids in the Digital Library. Find these and many more at ebrpl.com/kids.

**Abdo Zoom** is great for online research for beginning readers.

Get cultural information from around the world with **CultureGrams**. Learn about the language, holiday celebrations and recipes from people groups across the globe!

Preschoolers & early elementary students can use **Early World of Learning** for fun learning with videos, stories and games.

**Homework Louisiana** connects students in kindergarten through college with Master Teachers for free online tutoring. Log on from 2 p.m. until midnight Monday through Friday to get help with your assignments!

**Miss Humblebee’s Academy** offers online kindergarten prep with lessons on numbers, letters and more!

Children can learn a new language with **Muzzy Online**! *Parlez-vous français?*

Choose **PebbleGo** and **PebbleGoNext** for beginning readers & learners, and have fun with games, videos and activities on a variety of topics!
World Book Classroom for Dramatic Learning
https://www.worldbookonline.com/dramaticlearning/home

World Book Classroom for Dramatic Learning is a one stop shop for theatrical development from an early age or in the classroom. Find plays by age group, subject, or title. Explore the Actor’s Corner for activities, skits, and more. Grades 1-12. You can also create a login to keep track of your interests. Educator tools included.

World Book Timelines
https://www.worldbookonline.com/wbtimelines/home

World Book has collected a vast database of world timelines to explore by geographical location, literature, notable people, sports, and so much more! You can also create a login to keep track of your research and search interests. Educator tools included.

World eBooks

World eBooks includes full texts of the World Book print collection. Explore everything you ever wanted to know more about. You can also create a login to keep track of your reading. Grades K-5.

World Book Discover
https://www.worldbookonline.com/wbdiscover/home

Discover from World Book is just that – a great way to discover Reference Tools and Life Skills! Use the World Book dictionary, atlas, timelines, research tools, citation builder, or explore the World Book explains videos. Having trouble with getting your feet off the ground? Explore the Life Skills Center and begin with Life Skills 101. You can also create a login to keep track of your favorite discoveries and skill building progress. Geared toward middle school through adult. Educator tools included.
World Book Early Peoples
https://www.worldbookonline.com/digitallibraries/earlypeoples/home

Learn about ancient civilizations from all around the world and explore what it was like to live in their time. There are also lots of activities, videos, and lesson plans. Geared toward elementary through adult. You can create a login to keep track of your research. Educator tools included.

World Book Spanish Encyclopedia
https://www.worldbookonline.com/eeh/home

World Book’s Spanish Encyclopedia for kids speaking Spanish as their native language and beginners. Educator tools included.

World Book Aulaplaneta
https://worldbookaulaplaneta.com/

Designed for native speakers as well as advanced Spanish language learners, World Book’s Banco de contenidos contains over 140,000 articles along with photos, videos, and more to explore.

World Book’s Arabic Encyclopedia
https://arabic.worldbookonline.com/

World Book’s Arabic Encyclopedia for kids speaking Arabic as their native language and beginners.

World Book’s French Encyclopedia
https://www.worldbookonline.com/decouverte/home

World Book’s French Encyclopedia for kids speaking French as their native language and beginners.

World Book Living Green
https://www.worldbookonline.com/digitallibraries/livinggreen/home

Learn everything you need to know about living green with this database featuring articles, videos, lesson plans, and more! You can create a login to keep track of your research. Geared toward elementary through adult. Educator tools included.

World Book’s Science Power
https://www.worldbookonline.com/sciencepower/home

World Book’s Science Power connects students to all things science and includes an assessment center and student center. Learn and explore through articles, experiments, activities, and more! You can create a login to keep track of your research. Grades 2-6. Educator tools included.

World Book’s Social Studies Power
https://www.worldbookonline.com/socialstudiespower/home

World Book’s Social Studies Power includes articles and activities ranging from community and government to war and conflict. Additional literacy tools, geography and civics tools, student center, and assessment center are also featured for your research needs. You can create a login to keep track of your research. Grades 2-6. Educator tools included.
More Educational Resources for Kids in the Digital Library

- **Book Flix** – Features paired fiction and non-fiction books by topic for preschooler & elementary students

- **Science Flix** – Browse through all your favorite science interests from earth science to chemistry, learn a new experiment, or check out careers in science

- **Scholastic Teachables** – Search through hundreds of printables, lessons, activities, and more by grade, subject, or theme for grades Pre-K through 8

- **Scholastic Watch & Learn** – Explore videos and research topics for non-readers to beginning readers then test what you learned through included activities and quizzes

More Fun Resources for Kids

Check the Kids’ Page for these and other fun resources!

- **Fun Brain** – Keep busy with fun educational games, videos and reading for grades Pre-K through 8

- **American Girl** – Have fun playing games, watching videos, or exploring more about your favorite American Girl characters

- **Poptropica** – An adventurous game in a safe online environment navigating through quests, puzzles, and stories

- **LASM Virtual Museum** – Tour the wonderful Louisiana Art and Science Museum through this online virtual tour including many videos of your favorite shows

- **Storyplace** – Explore many stories, videos, and fun activities designed especially for preschoolers

- **DK Findout!** - A safe place online to see, learn, and explore almost everything. Located on our Kids’ Page under Homework Help-More Homework Sites.

Kids who want to explore science, technology, engineering and math-related concepts (STEM) will enjoy **Code.org**, a tool that’s packed with coding activities and online learning.

This resource is fun at its finest! **Disney LOL** offers kids a host of games, videos, coloring pages and more.

**Hooda Math** is a cool resource for math games by grade or subject. You’ll make math your friend in no time!

Sports fanatics will love **Sports Illustrated for Kids**, because it offers all the fun sports information, all in one place!
Online Resources for Tweens & Teens

We haven’t forgotten about our tween and teen patrons! The Digital Library is jammed-packed with a wealth of fun and educational tools designed just for you, and we’ve listed some here. We’ve also posted short booktalks and Tech Talks on the Teen’s Facebook page. There’s so much to explore, so visit https://www.ebrpl.com/Teens/index.html to find something cool today!

This three-piece Gale group covers biographical information about people from history and those currently in the public eye, and offers Opposing Viewpoints on today’s hottest social issues.

Literary Sources searches and provides credible literary reference materials for students.

Mango Languages is for language-learning, and is designed to help users learn more than 70 languages online and through the app.

Pronunciator is another cool resource the Library offers for language learning!

Learning Express offers online tutorials, e-books and practice tests designed to help students learn basic skills, improve their knowledge of common subjects and prepare for entrance exams.

TeenBookCloud provides access to ebooks, graphic novels, enhanced novels, audiobooks, and videos for middle and high school students.

Got Homework? We’ve Got the Answers!

Homework Louisiana is a wonderful FREE resource for any patrons who need tutors. It connects students in kindergarten through college with Master Teachers for free online tutoring. Some key points to remember are:

- They tutor kindergarten through college and adults looking for jobs.
- They have 3,000 tutors in 60 subjects.
- It is a live chat with a tutor from noon until midnight daily.
- Tutors are available for adults from 10 a.m. until midnight daily.

More about the Tutors:

- All of the tutors have degrees in the subject they are tutoring or in education of the subject they are tutoring.
- All of the tutors must pass an exam given by Tutor.com. Only 7% pass the exam, and of that group they are further weeded out by training to make sure they can tutor in the online environment.
- All of the tutors have their backgrounds checked every three months, so parents/guardians can rest assured that an inappropriate relationship will not develop.

Homework Louisiana 24/7 Resources

Tutor.com has teamed up with Princeton Review, so they have numerous resources for AP, ACT, SAT, ASVAB, and other standardized tests, which they can take and get the results to go over alone, or they can review them with a tutor. Patrons can drop off essays or resumes to be corrected/improved, which they will get back in about 12 hours; patrons can also drop off algebra - calculus question to get help; those are returned in about 24 hours. There are also videos for AP prep for Biology, Calculus, United States History, and World History.