NEWS RELEASE

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ALL LOCATIONS OF THE EBRP LIBRARY CLOSED, ONLINE DIGITAL LIBRARY IS AVAILABLE

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library prioritizes the health and safety of our patrons and staff. In response to updated information regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), and new directives from City-Parish Government, the Library has closed all locations to public access as of 8 a.m. Monday, March 23.

All locations 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.

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 am and 2 pm, Monday through Friday, or send your request to eref@ebrpl.com.

For your convenience, we have extended the expiration dates on all current Library cards, so access to the Digital Library will not be interrupted.

Due dates for all Library materials have been extended until Friday, May 1. Library items should not be returned to any location until Library buildings reopen. At this time, Drive Through / Pick up services are not available at any location.

Have questions about access to the Digital Library? No problem! Telephone reference and assistance with access will be offered between 10 am and 2 pm, Monday through Friday. Call Library Information Service at (225) 231-3750. The Library’s Niche Academy can also help. Visit www.ebrpl.com and click the Tutorials Arrow in the blue box on the far right to access How-To info and tutorial videos related to resources in the Digital Library. Infoguides for various ebook platforms and other resources also provide helpful information and links to help desks.

Library Director Spencer Watts stated, “I would like to remind everyone we offer a rich array of wonderful electronic resources. This includes everything from our storytimes on Facebook, to our streaming and downloadable services.” Please visit the Digital Library https://www.ebrpl.com/digital.html.

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 more.

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

Quick Reference Guide:

E-BOOKS: OverDrive (via the Libby App), EBSCO e-book Collection, Britannica eBooks, and BiblioBoard

E-AUDIOBOOKS: OverDrive, RBdigital Audiobooks, TumbleBookCloud, TeenBookCloud, and EBSCO e-audiobook

DIGITAL MAGAZINES: RBdigital Online Magazines, Flipster, plus thousands of scholarly magazines and journals in EBSCO, Gale, and Sage


STREAMING MEDIA: OverDrive Screening Room, IndieFlix, Kanopy, Great Courses, and Pongalo (Spanish)

DIGITAL MUSIC: Freegal downloads and streaming music, Qello streaming concerts on-demand

ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORMS: Gale Courses, Lynda.com, Udemy, Learning Express, Safari Tech, Treehouse, Cell-Ed, DigitalLearn, and Accel5

Special resources designed for young children include: Miss Humblebee’s Academy, Pebble Go, Sesame Street E-books, Early World of Learning, and Scholastic Watch and Learn.

Children’s Services staff maintains a curated list of suggested sites on their home page: Visit https://www.ebrpl.com/Kids/index.html to access Fun Stuff for Kids, Preschool Resources, Museums with “digital” tours, Parenting information, and of course, homework help!

Library staff have also created and posted more than 50 Bedtime Storytime, Toddler Times, AND Story Starters videos on their Facebook Page, accessible from the Library Kids Page or via https://www.facebook.com/EBRPLKids.

Fun resources geared to elementary students include: Tumble Books, Tumble Book Cloud Jr, Tumble Math, Pebble Go Next, Abdo Zoom, Scholastic Flix Collection: ScienceFlix, TrueFlix, BookFlix & FreedomFlix, plus Muzzy Language Learning and OverDrive eReading Room.

Resources geared especially to teens include: TeenBookCloud; OverDrive; Kanopy

Homework Help for all ages:
• Homework Louisiana offers FREE online tutoring with Master Teachers for students in Kindergarten through college from 2 p.m. until midnight daily.
• Learning Express offers coursework assistance and practice tests on-demand.
• Gale Interactive Science offers interactive experiences designed for students.
• Statista
• Gale
• EBSCO
• Credo Reference
• Access Science
• World Book Online


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.