



EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH  
**LIBRARY**

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## 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 will close all locations to public access beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, March 23, and remain temporarily closed until Monday, April 6. Please keep in mind the situation is constantly evolving and these dates will be reevaluated.

**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](http://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, contact the Circulation Department at (225) 231-3740 between 10 am and 2 pm through Friday, March 27 or send your request to [eref@ebrpl.com](mailto: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 Tuesday, April 14.** 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 through Friday, March 27. Call Library Information Service at (225) 231-3750. The Library's **Niche Academy** can also help. Visit <https://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>.

**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](http://www.ebrpl.com).

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*The East Baton Rouge Parish Library is a community service organization that connects our citizens with information, resources, materials, technology and experiences in order to make a positive difference in their lives. The Main Library at Goodwood is joined by 13 branches open seven days a week (hours vary), and Library services are available 24 / 7 at [www.ebrpl.com](http://www.ebrpl.com). Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Pinterest.*