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, 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 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, 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.

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.

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. Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Pinterest.

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