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## Newsletter of the Terrebonne Parish Library System

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### ***Letter from the Director /// Mary Cosper-LeBoeuf***

The Terrebonne Parish Library is an essential part of the parish's community. At this time of social distancing, it has been very difficult for the staff not to serve you. The library is adhering to the governor's decrees and mandates, along with Parish President Gordon Dove. Since the facilities are closed, the library can provide you with digital services. This newsletter will list and describe these and other services that are available to library card holders. If you do not have a card, access the library's website, [mytpl.org](http://mytpl.org), and apply for a temporary card.



Beginning on May 4, 2020, the library will reinstate curbside pickup at all branches. Call your library branch to order items. The items that will be circulating are books, DVDs, books-on-tape, and magazines. The library staff will pull the items that are available and call you when your items are ready for pick up. Once you arrive at the library, call the branch's phone number and your items will be delivered to you. Curbside hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Main Library, East Houma, and North Branches. The bayou branches have limited hours so please call ahead.

We are continuing to order new books, ebooks, books-on-tape, and DVDs so the bestsellers of your favorite authors are heading here.

The reference department will man phone, email, and online chats beginning Monday, May 4, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This service is provided from Monday to Thursday.

When items are returned, please use the book drops or large boxes placed at the entrance of library facilities. The items are being sanitized before being replaced in the library's collection.

The staff is working on holding the annual Summer Reading Program beginning in June. It will be a different experience for all of us. We do have the reading logs, incentives, and yard signs, so some things will remain the same.

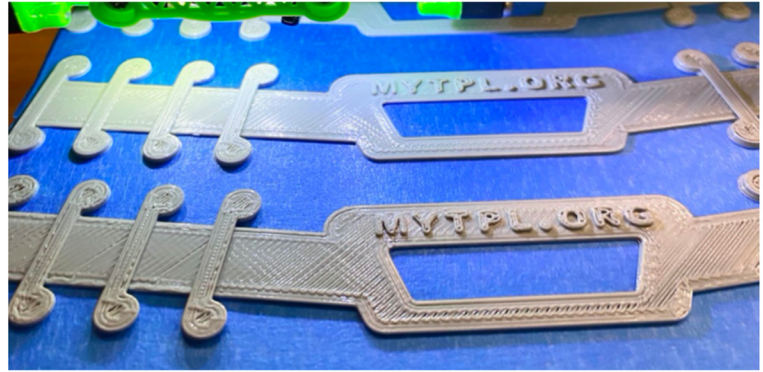
The library facilities are being cleaned and public computers are being arranged for social distancing so we will be ready to open when we are allowed.

# //////////////////////////////////// TPL NEWS //////////////////////////////////////

Thanks to the many generous people sharing creative ideas throughout the world, we have started 3D-printing medical mask extenders for local facilities. The template for the design can be found here at <https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:4249113/files>.

Deliveries of mask extenders are on a first come, first served basis. The speed of delivery will depend on the demand. Facilities that are interested can contact reference librarian Rachel at [rlecompte@mytpl.org](mailto:rlecompte@mytpl.org) during this time.

Mask extenders take pressure off of staff ears and also help to adjust the size of the masks themselves. The library has 3D-printed mask extenders for Houma Surgi-Center Urology Clinic, Heritage Manor, and Ochsner Central Supply and is currently reaching out to other local medical personnel.



## ONLINE REGISTRATION

**No library card? No problem!** You can now sign-up for a library card online by visiting [mytpl.org](http://mytpl.org). For your convenience, we have also extended all return dates on materials that were checked out before the mandated shutdown. All fines for overdue materials are to be waived during this time.



The library will still host its Summer Reading Program with the appropriate changes made to accommodate this time of social distancing, substituting live performances and in-house story times with digital story times and take-home crafts.

All participants are encouraged to read from their library books for at least 20 minutes each day. After meeting the challenge for five days, the reader earns a certificate, an "I Love My Library" lawn sign, an entry into the big raffle, and, new this year, a brag tag! These themed tags are a great way to show off your reading skills to your family and friends. For every five days read after the first level, participants will receive another entry for the raffle and an additional brag tag to add to their collection.

For K-6th grade, the big raffle is for a bicycle and helmet courtesy of the Kiwanis Club and the Friends of the Library. For 7th grade to adults the raffle is for Kindle Fire tablets.

Sign up at [mytpl.org/srp](http://mytpl.org/srp) beginning June 1st. The program will conclude on July 31st.

# ////////// Our Digital Library is Open — 24/7! //////////

Enjoy all that our libraries have to offer with our many eServices, all of which can be accessed from home with your library card.

Digital services like Hoopla, Overdrive and Libby, Kanopy, Flipster, and more make it easy to browse for items such as ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and even streaming media like featured films and documentaries.

No matter what your needs may be during this time of social distancing, our digital library is available 24/7 to provide you recreational and educational materials. Visit <http://mytpl.org/eservices/> to get started!

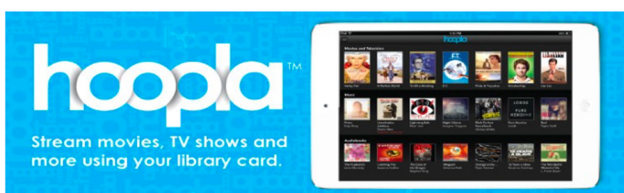
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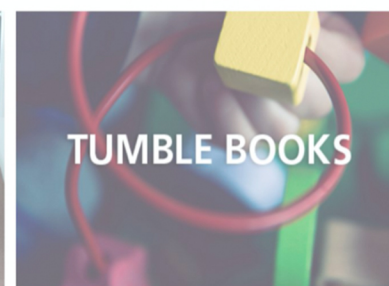
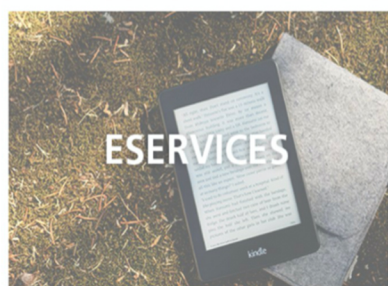
Schooling from home and need some additional educational resources?

Check out **TumbleBooks!**

TumbleBook Library is a curated database of children's ebooks, with over 1100 titles for grades K-6, including animated "talking" picture books, chapter books, National Geographic videos, and non-fiction books, as well as books in Spanish and French.



**Kanopy** is a movie streaming service that delivers recreational and educational content, which includes documentaries, indie and featured films, instructional films, foreign language movies, and more.



## LIBRARY DIRECTORY

### MAIN LIBRARY

151 Library Drive  
876-5861

### BOURG BRANCH

4405 St. Andrew St.  
594-4717

### CHAUVIN BRANCH

5500 Hwy. 56  
594-9771

### DULAC BRANCH

200 Badou Dr.  
563-2014

### DULARGE BRANCH

837 Bayou Dularge Rd.  
851-1752

### EAST HOUMA BRANCH

778 Grand Caillou Rd.  
876-70702

### GIBSON BRANCH

6400 Bayou Black Rd.  
575-2639

### MONTEGUT BRANCH

1135 Hwy. 55  
594-4390

### NORTH BRANCH

4130 West Park Ave.  
868-3050

# MESSAGE US!

We're still here if you have questions, need assistance with any of our e-services, need a PIN reset, have trouble signing up for a card digitally, etc. Let us know!

If you can't reach us by phone, you are always free to drop us a line on our Facebook page @mytpl. You may also reach out to us through our live chat on our website at mytpl.org.

## ***Curbside Hours /// Starting May 4***

Main, East, North: 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

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