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Newsletter of the Terrebonne Parish Library System

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//////// Letter from the Library Director //////////

It's the last month of 2020 - December. A month many of us have waited for so this year can end. It's been a challenging time for the world, and libraries are included in the chaos. A public library is a place of information, recreation, education, and gatherings of people. It's been very difficult for libraries to fulfill goals in the traditional way. However, librarians and library staff are very creative people and took on this year's challenges with grit, determination, patience, and innovation. Terrebonne Parish is blessed to have librarians, library board members, and library staff who are determined to keep access to information and reading material available through a pandemic. When the library system closed to the public on March 23, it was assumed we would re-open in a month. Boy, were we wrong!

To provide access to the library, virtual library cards were created, more e-books and online streaming services were added, and virtual story times and programs were designed. Virtual reference services and digital Ask-a-Librarian were implemented as well. On May 4, curbside services re-opened. Staff enjoyed selecting and recommending items for people who called. Without a doubt, quarantine increased reading, movie watching, and crafts. Take away crafts, photocopying, and faxing became very popular. The 3D-printer was also busy as staff made mask extenders for healthcare providers. Staff also donned butterfly wings, dancing to music as they visited nursing home and assisted living patients via windows. As we all learned, isolation isn't good for anyone, especially the elderly.

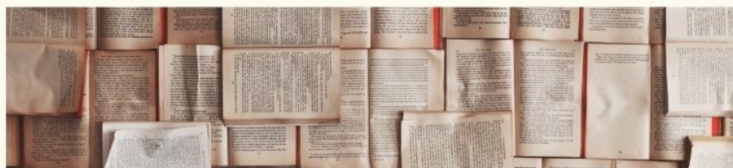
The library system was eerily quiet with only staff in the facilities. I know that sounds ironic! We were so glad to open up to the public on June 9, albeit with a limited number of people allowed inside. No in-person programs are allowed, but we do plan to begin in-person programs in 2021 with registration required. The staff has continued to order current books, DVDs, e-books, databases, and other services. We will continue to strive to be the best library system in the country. A big bad pandemic is not going to stop us.

I thank each of you for your patience and continued support. An especially big thanks to the library staff, who went to great lengths to provide continuous service to the wonderful people of this parish. Your creativity, determination, and pride are noted and appreciated. Thank you to the library board members for their time and guidance.

2021, the library system is ready!

////////// What's Happening @ Your Library //////////

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE



When: Jan 4 - Jan 31
(Anytime During Library Hours)

Where: Main Library
(Arts and Crafts Room)



Brown paper bags will be supplied. The library will take donations, 100% of which will go to the Friends of the Library.

Books will be consistently replenished throughout the sale. Social distance practices will be implemented.



Who are the Friends of the Terrebonne Public Library?

Our Friends support the library by promoting community use and by encouraging gifts and donations to fund projects and activities throughout the year.

Why join the Friends?

Your contributions help provide high-quality programs for children, teens, and adults. Our Friends are vital in making the library a more visible presence in the community. All money raised through the Friends of the Library goes towards supporting library programs and resources.



Interested in becoming a Friend of the Library? Visit mytpl.org/friends to obtain a membership form.



For more information on the Friends, including our upcoming January book sale, call the Main Library at 986-876-5861.

////////// What's Happening @ Your Library //////////



No matter where you are, our digital library is a wonderful way to maintain access to library materials.

Want to know what's been a buzz this year? Here's our top 10 most checked out eBooks and audiobooks for 2020!

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eBooks

1. Where the Crawdads Sing
2. The Silent Patient
3. Hideaway: A Novel
4. The Giver of Stars: A Novel
5. Little Fires Everywhere: A Novel
6. The Guardians: A Novel
7. The Numbers Game: A Novel
8. Educated: A Memoir
9. Window on the Bay: A Novel
10. The Country Guesthouse: Sullivan's Crossing Series, Book 5

Audiobooks

1. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (unabridged)
2. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (unabridged)
3. Little Fires Everywhere
4. The Guardians: A Novel (unabridged)
5. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (unabridged)
6. Summer of '69
7. Gone Girl: A Novel (unabridged)
8. Becoming
9. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (unabridged)
10. A Game of Thrones: A Song of Ice and Fire Series, Book 1 (unabridged)

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eBooks

1. Wrecking Ball
2. The Summer House
3. I Need a New Butt!
4. The Woman in the Window
5. Table for Two
6. Virgin River
7. The Housekeeper
8. The New Jim Crow
9. The Hideaway
10. Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party

Audiobooks

1. Un***k Yourself
2. Girl, Wash Your Face
3. The Good Egg
4. The Nightingale
5. The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek
6. The Green Ember
7. The Nantucket Inn
8. Little Women
9. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
10. The Woman in the Window

LIBRARY DIRECTORY

MAIN LIBRARY 876-5861
151 Library Drive

MON - THURS 9 am - 8 pm
FRI - SAT 9 am - 5 pm

BOURG BRANCH 594-4717
4405 St. Andrew St.

MON - THURS 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

CHAUVIN BRANCH 594-9771
5500 Hwy. 56

MON - THURS 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

DULAC BRANCH 563-2014

200 Badou Dr.
MON - THURS 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

DULAGE BRANCH 851-1752

837 Bayou Dularge Rd.
MON - THURS 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

EAST HOUMA BRANCH 876-7072

778 Grand Caillou Rd.
MON - THURS 9 am - 8 pm
FRI - SAT 9 am - 5 pm

GIBSON BRANCH 575-2639

6400 Bayou Black Drive
MON - THURS 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

MONTEGUT BRANCH 594-4390

1135 Hwy. 55
MON - THURS 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

NORTH BRANCH 868-3050

4130 West Park Ave.
MON - THURS 9 am - 8 pm
FRI - SAT 9 am - 5 pm

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Gwen Talbot Library Board Chairwoman

How long have you served on the library board?

I have been serving on the board for 6 years.

What do you love most about the library?

I love everything about our libraries. The Main facility is state-of-the-art for our community. We are constantly updating our branches as well. Staff is always willing to offer help whenever they can.

Our stacks are brimming with books, eBooks, DVDs, periodicals, and more, and our genealogy room always has patrons exploring their heritage. Our community enjoys their libraries and our libraries enjoy our patrons!

If you could spend the holidays with any fictional character, who would it be and why?

I love Hallmark movies and their books with all the festive scenery and true-to-life stories. I would dearly love to visit Evergreen, Virginia and would certainly befriend Allie Shaw, one of the main characters. She repeats a saying from her grandpa many times throughout: "The heart knows what it wants even when the head doesn't!"

What is your all-time favorite book?

My all-time favorite book is *Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole. I have a special connection to this book because I spent my college days at St. Mary's Dominican College on St. Charles Street in New Orleans with real life visions of Lucky Dogs and all! John Toole was my English professor for my freshman and sophomore years at Dominican. He was such a gentleman and truly wanted us to appreciate all kinds of writing.

Can you tell us about some of your favorite holiday traditions?

Holiday traditions were special in my family. We always had family and extended-family egg nog gatherings. My mother had six sisters and each one had a holiday specialty: pecan chocolate fudge, divinity fudge, pralines, date balls, freshly grated coconut cake, and chocolate almond cake. It would not be Christmas without Christmas Eve gumbo and potato salad, midnight mass, presents, and visiting relatives. I can truly say that we always tried to make "Christmas done right!"

