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LA County Library Lobbies Will Remain Open During Select Hours

Starting March 17, Customers Can Pick Up Holds at Designated Locations

On March 14, it was announced that all of LA County Library's 86 locations will be closed to the public through March 31, 2020. The decision was made following guidance from State and local health officials to limit the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and encourage social distancing. Due dates for borrowed materials will automatically be extended, no late fines will be assessed, and customers can return materials when the Library reopens.

However, in an effort to continue to provide service to the community during this time, LA County Library will make nearly half its lobbies available for hold pickup during the hours of 11 am – 4 pm, Monday – Friday, effective Tuesday, March 17.

"This is a challenging time for the entire Los Angeles County community, and we are dedicated to keeping our residents and staff as safe as possible, but we realize that many members of our community still depend on access to free materials, especially when schools and workplaces are closed," said Library Director Skye Patrick. "We believe this solution helps promote social distancing while still providing access to our resources at a time when many resources are limited."

The designated locations below will be offering holds pickup beginning March 17. As more locations are identified and added, they will be posted at <u>LACountyLibrary.org/coronavirus</u>.

A C Bilbrew	La Canada Flintridge	Norwood
Acton Agua Dulce	La Crescenta	Paramount
Alondra	La Mirada	Pico Rivera
Angelo M Iacoboni	La Puente	Quartz Hill
Artesia	Lancaster	Rosemead
Castaic	Lawndale	Rowland Heights
City Terrace	Leland R Weaver	San Dimas

Claremont	Lomita	San Gabriel
Clifton M Brakensiek	Los Nietos	South Whittier
Compton	Lynwood	Stevenson Ranch
Culver City Julian Dixon	Malibu	Topanga
East Los Angeles	Manhattan Beach	Walnut
Hacienda Heights	Montebello	West Covina

Customers who have existing holds at an LA County Library location that is not listed above will have to call their <u>local library</u> Monday – Friday, 9 am – 6 pm, to have a hold transferred to a location that has an operational lobby in order to pick up.

Cardholders are also encouraged to utilize the Library's digital resources—available 24/7 with a library card number and PIN—which include access to <u>eBooks</u>, <u>audiobooks</u>, <u>movies and TV shows</u>, <u>digital</u> <u>magazines</u>, <u>music</u>, <u>homework help</u>, and <u>online classes</u>.

About LA County Library

Founded in 1912, LA County Library is one of the largest and most innovative library systems in the US. It offers free public resources including books, music, multimedia materials, computer and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents across 3,000 square miles through its 86 community libraries and mobile fleet of 14 vehicles, including 3 bookmobiles, 6 MākMō (maker mobiles), and 5 Reading Machines. LA County Library is dedicated to reducing barriers and increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit LACountyLibrary.org and follow @LACountyLibrary on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.