

We at The Pointe Coupee Parish Library hope you are safe, healthy, and observing recommended social distancing in support of our community. The information below is an update on how we are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. We are extending our closure indefinitely, until further notice.

We hope that life can get back to normal soon, but rather than setting a date and then extending it again, at this time it seems best to plan to remain closed until local and state health officials deem it appropriate to reopen public gathering places. We hope that our next announcement contains good news, and we will share updates as they come.

2. Online resources and materials at www.pointe-coupee.lib.la.us are widely available.

Many of our vendors and partners have made e-materials more accessible, and we have moved funds from our print materials budget into our e-materials budget to help meet the needs of our patrons while our doors are closed. Additionally, we are working with schools and through our website to support e-learning initiatives for students, parents, and teachers.

- Follow us on social media where we will share resources as they are posted, as well as numerous items from other community organizations, authors, and more. We are collecting as many relevant resources as we can and will share items regularly on [Facebook](#).

3. All in-person Library events are all postponed or canceled, through the end of this Emergency Stay At Home Order.

We know that our patrons, staff, and volunteers care deeply for our free public activities, and we are very disappointed to cancel them without a clear idea of when we might be able to reschedule. *We are actively working to adjust our summer reading program so that it can continue despite the challenges of all this uncertainty.*

4. Due dates for checked-out physical materials will continue to be extended until we reopen.

Please keep the Library items that you have checked out, and plan to return them after we reopen. Do not worry about accruing any late fees during this time - we will be exceptionally forgiving during this difficult time.

On one hand, these decisions have been difficult to make because we are so committed to providing open access to our community. On the other hand, the decision is made easy because it is clear that this is ultimately in the best interest of public well-being.

Please keep yourself and others safe, continue to monitor your health, check for updates at our website, and consider our online materials mentioned above to help fill the time. We look forward to seeing you again when we reopen.