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Welcome Back

Library Director's Update: **Welcome Back to The Library.**

By Nathan Brumley, Interim Library Services Director

It's been quite a year, hasn't it? When we closed the Library to the public on March 17, 2020, I remember still planning to host our annual Summer Reading Kick-off in June. Our planned date for "Summer Fest 2020" came and went, and here we are – a year later – making slow but steady strides to services that look more like what we all would call "normal". Library staff developed new methods of serving the community on the fly, including increasing the amount of content available in our Digital Library, a curbside pickup service, and video-on-demand Storytimes. All these efforts paid off and helped us continue to offer services to our patrons during the lockdown and shelter-in-place orders brought on by the pandemic – the Library never truly closed.

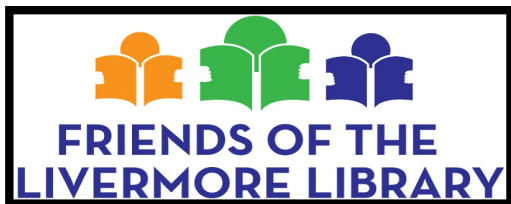
On February 17, 2021, we started welcoming our patrons back in person to the Civic Center Library between the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for 45 minutes at a time. On March 22, 2021, as regional COVID-19 case numbers improved, we expanded these hours from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., increased appointment times to 55 minutes, and brought back public computer use and printing. Seeing all of you back in our building has felt really great. Today, as you read this, there's a good chance we've done away with time limits, finally fully moved away from an appointment-based system, and will soon be expanding Civic Center Library's open hours again.

As we return core services, we are starting to look into how we can bring back more in-person programming. We started in April with the return of some Early Learning Classes. Sing and Learn Babies meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m., while Music and Movement (which requires registration) meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Both classes are outside and require participants to wear masks and socially distance. With the lessons we learn from these two efforts in April and May, we'll be looking to figure out how to do more in-person events safely. That being said, staff have had to plan our summer events well in advance, so most of the events and classes this summer will still be offered digitally.

The boost in digital content, the software adopted to begin offering curbside service, the funding for online events – including the fantastic Livermore Reads Together events – this was all made possible through the support of the Friends of the Livermore Public Library. Thank you for helping to make all of this happen.

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President's Message

-Dave Runyon

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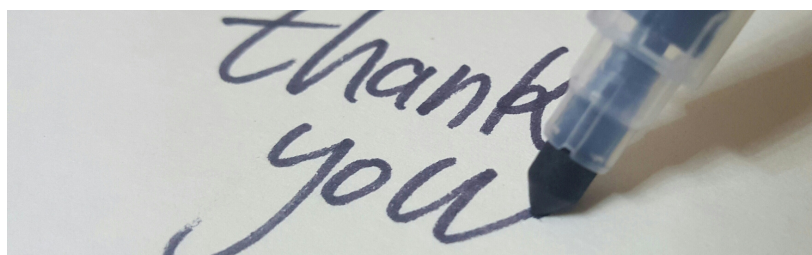
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to the Livermore Library

It has been a long year for us all, but we are finally seeing light at the end of the tunnel. With the progression of COVID cases dropping as vaccinations continue to reach more members of our community, we are looking forward to resuming our activities. It is very exciting to have the Civic Center Library open to the public once again! We hope to begin regular donations and sorting soon and are gratified with the many offers from volunteers to resume work.

Current conversations with the Library Staff project our return to sorting services as early as June 1st with Livermore and Alameda county continuing to trend into lower-restriction tiers. While this is subject to change, we will do our part to be ready and vocal with our community, our volunteers, and the library. We are looking forward to dusting off those shelves and getting these books into homes throughout our community for when the Friends Bookstore can be open to the public.

Thank you for your continued support of our incredible community and I look forward to seeing you soon.



Summer Reading 2021

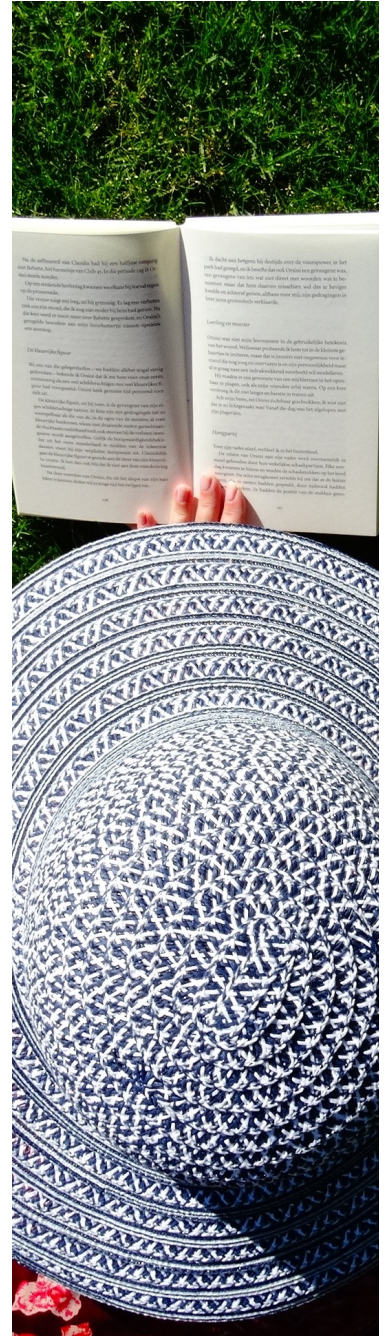
By Tierney Alvarado, Children's Services Librarian

Summer Reading at your library is coming! This year the Livermore Public Library is transitioning to an app-based reading platform (but don't worry – we'll still have a way to participate on paper if that's your preference). There will be a reading game for all ages – Pre-Readers, Independent Readers, Teens, and Adults. Once registered, participants will be able to track the number of minutes they read or listen to books, as well as participate in activities that will earn them digital badges. As participants read books and complete badges, they will earn prizes selected for their age group!

This year's theme is "Reading Colors Your World." Registration begins May 15 and the Summer Reading Program runs from June 1 to August 12. Keep an eye on the library's website, livermorelibrary.net, to get the link for registration. To advertise the Summer Reading Program, the library is distributing 1000 lawn signs that read "We Love the Livermore Public Library" to anyone who wishes to display them. Signs will be distributed in May. Please consider putting one up at your home to spread the word. Also, new this year: the City of Livermore will have a community reading goal. Let's all track the number of minutes we read to see if we can reach a total of 500,000 minutes together. We can do it!

Summer classes and events will be digital or distanced, but they'll still be good fun. Activities for children will include a magic trick instructional workshop, a drumming program, a comic drawing workshop, and a book discussion group. A botany walk, a performance by Encore Players, and virtual jazz concerts will be offered for adults. Watch the calendar on the library's website, livermorelibrary.net, to find details on how to participate.


Cut this out to bookmark your reading!



“There have been great societies that did not use the wheel, but there have been no societies that did not tell stories.”

Usula K. Le Guin—The Language of the Night: Essays on Fantasy and Science Fiction, 1979

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