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LA County Library Starts Sidewalk Service at Select Locations

Holds Pickup Begins June 8. All Bookdrops Will Reopen for Returns.

In accordance with revised Public Health orders, LA County Library is offering sidewalk service holds pickup at select library locations beginning Monday, June 8. All bookdrops will also reopen for item returns that day. This is the first step of a phased reopening, with additional locations and hours to be added at a later date.

Sidewalk service begins at 24 libraries*, listed below, and at <u>LACountyLibrary.org/express-service</u>. Holds may be picked up Monday – Friday, 10 am – 5 pm. Libraries remain closed to the public, but staff are answering phone lines during the hours of 9 am – 6 pm, Monday - Friday. Holds pickup locations include:

A C Bilbrew Diamond Bar Montebello
Agoura Hills East Los Angeles Norwalk Express
Angelo M. Iacoboni Huntington Park Rosemead
Avalon La Crescenta Rowland Heights
Baldwin Park Lancaster Stevenson Ranch

Carson Lawndale View Park Bebe Moore Campbell

Claremont Helen Renwick Leland R. Weaver West Covina
Culver City Julian Dixon Manhattan Beach West Hollywood

New holds can be placed starting June 8 using the online catalog at <u>LACountyLibrary.org</u>, or over the phone. Customers with existing holds that were paused when libraries closed will also be notified of availability. Once holds are fulfilled, customers will be notified. To pick up, customers will be asked to call the library when they arrive, and their holds will be brought out to an outdoor table. Customers will be able to retrieve the item(s) without any direct contact with staff. Those interested in picking up materials from one of the above locations that is *not* their local library should call for assistance.

Additionally, bookdrops at all of LA County Library's 85 locations will reopen for item returns on June 8. All returned materials will be quarantined before being reissued, as recommended by health officials. All due dates on existing checkouts have been extended to July 15. Due dates on new item checkouts will follow standard borrowing schedules. Customers should check their accounts for item due dates and assure items are returned to bookdrops.

The Library's digital offerings —including activity ideas, Virtual Storytime, and our online summer reading program for all ages—continue to be available at <u>LACountyLibrary.org/coronavirus</u>.

*Please note: due to civil unrest, sidewalk service may be delayed at some locations. Please check <u>LACountyLibrary.org/express-service</u> or call your local library for the latest information.

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, Instagram, and YouTube.

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