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LA County Library Reopening Additional Libraries for Select In-Person Service

21 Libraries and 3 Bookmobiles Reopen for In-Person Service Beginning June 7

LA County Library is pleased to announce it will reopen an additional 21 libraries and 3 bookmobiles for select in-person services beginning the week of June 7, as Los Angeles County continues to operate in the yellow tier of the State's <u>Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u>. The scheduled reopening will raise the total number of reopened brick and mortar libraries to 81 across LA County.

LA County Library will safely reopen its libraries at 75% capacity, while also maintaining 6-feet of physical distance for customers. In preparation for reopening additional doors to the public, LA County Library is continuing to work diligently to ensure safety protocols are met and appropriate preventative measures are in place.

The additional libraries that are scheduled to reopen are part of a phased reopening plan that prioritizes library openings based on geographic location, building availability, and the ability to accommodate physical distance guidelines and Public Health protocols. The Library has placed an emphasis on equity with special consideration for reopening libraries in underserved areas where residents prioritize in-person services.

The libraries that are scheduled to reopen beginning June 7 include:

Alondra Library Hollydale Library South El Monte Library
Bell Gardens Library Lake Los Angeles Library Temple City Library
Bell Library Littlerock Library Westlake Village Library

Charter Oak Library Lomita Library
Chet Holifield Library Los Nietos Library

Cudahy Library Masao W. Satow Library

Florence Library Maywood Cesar Chavez Library

George Nye, Jr. Library Norwood Library Hawaiian Gardens Library Rivera Library

LA County Library's <u>Antelope Valley Bookmobile</u>, <u>Santa Clarita Valley Bookmobile</u>, and <u>Urban Outreach Bookmobile</u> will reopen for limited services at select stops beginning June 7.

Additional libraries across the county will be added to the Library's reopening plan. To view the current list of reopened libraries, please visit the <u>Library Reopening</u> web page. <u>Outdoor programming</u> for a limited number of participants launched at select libraries earlier this month and will be held throughout summer. County residents are encouraged to visit <u>LACountyLibrary.org</u> for details regarding library hours, services, additional openings, bookmobile service routes, safety protocols and upcoming events and programs.

Sidewalk Service and Bookdrops will remain available at participating libraries. LA County Library continues to offer enhanced digital offerings at <u>LACountyLibrary.org</u>, including a temporary digital library card to access eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, online classes, and more. Library program videos are also available on LA County Library's <u>YouTube channel</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 85 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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