Hello Dallas friends,

We miss seeing your faces at Dallas Public Library during the last two weeks. For people whose mission is to serve the public, it has been frustrating and surreal to be unable to do so. Unfortunately, as the COVID-19 crisis has escalated in the last week, our plans to provide curbside service were curtailed. Library staff were sent home Wednesday to take care of themselves and their families during this time.

While our buildings are closed, you still have access to thousands of library resources at dallaslibrary.org. We are adding hundreds of new downloadable ebooks and audiobooks to Overdrive. Plus, we’ve recently expanded the offerings in Hoopla to include audiobooks and comics in addition to the streaming movies, tv and music. Magazines are available through Flipster and Press Reader has newspapers from around the country and the world.

This is also a great time to explore our online databases. Start researching your family tree with Ancestry. Learn more about your favorite music using Rock’s Back Pages. Pick up a new favorite pastime with instructions from the Hobbies & Crafts Resource Center. The library has an online resource to help with whatever project you’ve decided to tackle.

Hundreds of resources for parents of school-age kids have been flooding social media in the last couple of weeks. We have compiled a list for your convenience on our website! We also launched a self-directed learning program called SMART Kids at Home. Students ages 5 to 18 can complete at-home and online activities around science, math, art, reading and technology. When they complete a series, they earn a digital badge to track their progress. Sign up for SMART Kids at Home at dallaslibrary.beanstack.org.

Please follow Dallas Public Library on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube to stay updated on library services and to access more content created by library staff to entertain and educate during this time, including virtual book discussions, storytimes, how-to videos and more.

If you’re reading a good book or find something interesting in one of our databases, let us know by tagging us on any social platform. We have to be physically distant right now, but we can still stay socially connected.

If you don’t have a library card to access these services, email librarycustomerservices@dallaslibrary.org or call 214-670-7809 between 10 and 4 Monday through Friday. And remember that due dates have been extended, so you don’t have to worry about returning any library materials.

Take care of yourselves and know that your library family is thinking of you.

With Kindness,

Jo Giudice
Director of Libraries