

## **EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, September 15, 2020**

Effective Tuesday, September 15, 2020 all Iberia Parish Libraries policies on services and operations have been adjusted in accordance with safety regulations.

All branches remain open during regular business hours. Library staff will remain available for questions via phone, email and the library social media accounts, and the text-a-librarian service. The text-a-librarian service can be accessed by texting AskIPL to 66746, message and data rates do apply.

Please review the following information regarding adjustments to services and operations:

- A mask or face covering will be required, in accordance with the governor's mandate, as of Monday, July 13. For more information regarding the mandate, please visit <https://gov.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/2591>. \*\*We are happy to accommodate our patrons that are not able to wear a mask or face covering by providing curbside service, provided the patron calls the branch ahead of time.\*\*
- All library branches will be opened at 75% capacity. You may be asked to wait before entering the building in order for our staff to regulate the 75% capacity limit.
- There will be a limited amount of public computers available at each branch to better adhere to the social distancing recommendations. \*Please note that as our staff will be adhering to the social distancing recommendations, it is recommended that if you believe you will require help while using the public computers that you bring someone to assist you.\*
- A limited amount of tables and chairs are now available at each branch location for patron use. \*Please note that face masks/ face coverings must still be worn when sitting at tables.\*
- Please note that public restrooms are available, however, water fountains remain unavailable.
- Meeting rooms will be unavailable for booking at this time in order to better regulate the 75% capacity limit and to ensure adherence to the social distancing regulations.
- Programs and events will remain online/virtual until further notice to adhere to safety and social distancing recommendations.
- Until further notice, we will be accepting donations ONLY at our Main branch location.

Fines and late fees incurred starting Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> will no longer be waived. Patrons will be held responsible for these fines and late fees. We ask that you please return any checked-out materials that were held since March 18 at your earliest convenience. All book drop boxes will be open for drop-off.

We continue to urge the public to utilize the free online eResources available through the library's website. Almost all online resources can be accessed from home with your Iberia Parish Library card. For eBook, audiobook and magazine checkouts, please visit Flipster, Overdrive and/or the Libby app. Students have access to educational online databases and websites like Vidcode, where they can learn the basics of coding and computer science. To stay up-to-date on local, regional and national news, the library provides access to Newsbank online as well. For a full list of eResources please visit [iberialibrary.org/eresources](http://iberialibrary.org/eresources).

You may need your library card number and PIN number in order to access some of the eResources. Your PIN number should be the last 4 digits of the phone number on your library account.

We are constantly assessing our services and operations during this time and will communicate any updates and changes as they come up.

Contact: Stephanie E. Lee at [iberialibrary@gmail.com](mailto:iberialibrary@gmail.com) (or one of the other above mentioned methods of contact.)