

St. Joseph Public Library

APRIL 2020 UPDATES

LIBRARY CLOSING INFORMATION

In a continued effort to protect the health and safety of our patrons, staff, and community during the COVID-19 outbreak, and in response to the extension of the St. Joseph stay-at-home order, the St. Joseph Public Library will remain closed through at least April 30, 2020. This includes all programs and outreach services.

SJPL does not charge overdue fines and all checkout periods for items not yet due will be extended again to May 15. All pending holds are frozen so no one will lose a book they couldn't pick up or lose their place in line.

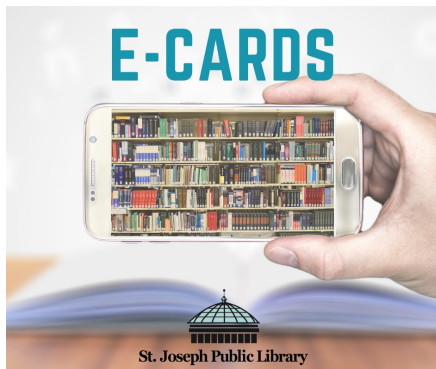
SJPL is offering virtual programming on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) and you can connect to both on our [website](#).

We strongly encourage all patrons who are able to access electronic and downloadable materials via our website at <https://sjpl.lib.mo.us/databases>. SJPL is offering e-content only cards for anyone living in St. Joseph who does not currently have an active library card. Anyone interested should send an email to mrevels@sjpl.lib.mo.us with their name, address, and birthdate and a library card number will be emailed to them.

Anyone needing to contact the library should call 816-232-4038 or send an email to mrevels@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

We will continue to provide updates to keep you informed if and when any of our services, hours, or programs change. Please visit our website or Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

LIBRARY SERVICES



E-cards: Do you live in St. Joseph, MO and need a library card? Get an e-Card, so you can enjoy all the great electronic resources the library offers right from the safe comfort of your home. All you need to do is send your name, address, birth date and email to mreveals@sjpl.lib.mo.us. A card number will be sent to you using the email address you provide. Once you have your card number you can download eBooks and audiobooks, watch

streaming TV, use all the learning databases, and more! This offer is good for online content only and available to anyone living in St. Joseph.

Seed Library: Spring weather is finally here! Enjoy some time outdoors planting a garden! The Downtown Library's Seed Library is now open.

Ten packets of seed per US address. Make a list of seed you want, and email us your list, name and address to mreveals@sjpl.lib.mo.us. To see available seed list go [here](#). Seed available while supplies last.

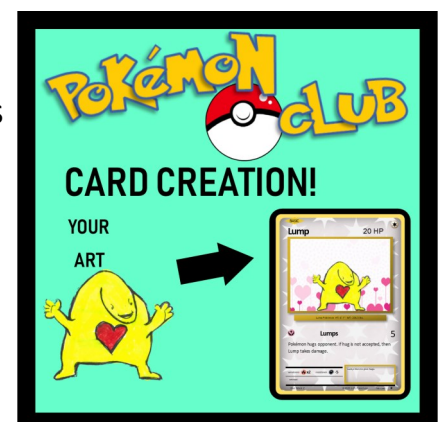


Oral History Project: We want to hear from you. The St. Joseph Public Library is gathering personal accounts and experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you would like to share your experiences during this time with us, have questions, or would like more information, please email us at oralhistory@sjpl.lib.mo.us or visit us at sjpl.lib.mo.us/oral-history-project/pandemicstories

Card Creation: Do you miss Pokémon club? Poké Master Sara is now offering card creation online. Using a gmail account fill out the google form in the link below. For questions and alternate form entry please email Sara at swhitten@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

<https://forms.gle/fJWrmjpnrvW1uE9H8>



VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Updates to our virtual programming can be found on our web calendar. Most programs will be on our Facebook page and archived on our YouTube Channel.

April 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 10 a.m.: SJPL Reads with Ms. Jess - Ms. Jess will share some stories and activities every Tuesday on the library's Facebook and YouTube page.

April 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 10:30 a.m.: Live Zoom Storytime - Join Ms. Misty every Thursday morning in April at 10:30 a.m. for a live Zoom Storytime. You'll need to sign up in order to get the Zoom link. To sign up, email Misty at msnider@sjpl.lib.mo.us. Ms. Misty will also be sharing additional stories as part of the SJPL Reads series found on YouTube.

April 9: Virtual True Crime Time: A Stark Look at Starkweather and Fugate - Charles Starkweather developed his worldview at the young age of 18 - "Dead people are all on the same level." Beginning in Nebraska, he and his 14-year-old girlfriend, Caril Fugate, went on a murder spree that was devastating and terrifying. Join Jen Wildhagen as she explores the famously murderous duo of Charles Starkweather and Caril Fugate. Not appropriate for children. Can be viewed on the library's Facebook page and Youtube Channel on April 9.

April 11: Forever Young Adult Book Club - Join in on this live Zoom book club for adults that like to read young adult books. April's book is "Suggested Reading" by Dave Connis. To join the book club, email Jenny at jellis@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

April 13: DIY, Why Don't You: Fusing Plastic Bags - Learn how to fuse bags together to create super strong material that can then be sewn into reusable bags that are durable, too! Jen from the Downtown Library will have this presentation available on Facebook and YouTube on April 13.

April 15, 22 & 29 @ 2 p.m.: Virtual Minecraft Meetup - We will have a weekly one hour Minecraft playing session using the Bedrock edition (this is the version that Windows 10, Xbox, Nintendo Switch, Android and iOS all use). To register for a session, please email Ms. Elizabeth at emurray@sjpl.lib.mo.us with your Xbox Console Companion name.

—April 15: Hide And Seek. Up to 6 people can sign up to play this game.

—April 22: Survival Co-op play. How long can we survive together as a team? Our goal will be to get enough diamonds to make diamond armor for all team members without any of us dying first! We can have 7 players for this session.

—April 29: Creative Building. If you like to build, this is the session for you! Can you build the most amazing house? 7 players can join this session.

April 27 @ 7 p.m.: Virtual Downtown Library Book Club - Join Chelsea in this virtual book club for adults. April's book is Tallgrass by Sandra Dallas. To join in on this live Zoom book club, email Chelsea at cphipps@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

The library offers eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and streaming video that can be checked out and downloaded from home. You need a St. Joseph Public Library card in good standing to borrow these materials. The databases also provide great information and are available to use from home.

If you do not have your library card number or your card number does not work, please contact the library so we can assist you. Ecards are currently available by emailing mrevels@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

All eResources and databases can be found on our library website at sjpl.lib.mo.us/databases.

Niche Academy: <https://my.nicheacademy.com/sjpl> Niche Academy can help answer your questions about using the services and sites listed on this page. If the tutorials don't answer your questions please contact the library for assistance.

NEW DIGITAL RESOURCES

Click [here](#) for a list of digital resources that were featured in the March issue.



Ancestry Library Edition: Ancestry Library Edition can be accessed at home for a limited time. Please enter your 14-digit library card number with no spaces to use this great resource. It has unparalleled coverage of the United States and United Kingdom, including census, vital, church, court and immigration records, as well as records from Canada and other areas.



AudioBookCloud

AudioBookCloud: A collection of audiobooks for all ages. TumbleBooks is offering libraries in Missouri free access to this service until August

31. Username: motumbles Password: trial



Romance BookCloud: A huge collection of Romance novels for adults. TumbleBooks is offering libraries in Missouri free access to this service until August 31. Username: motumbles Password: trial



Teen BookCloud: eBooks for teens in 7th – 12 grades. TumbleBooks is offering libraries in Missouri free access to this service until August 31. Username: motumbles Password: trial



Tumble Math: A collection of picture math books to help make homeschool fun. TumbleBooks is offering libraries in Missouri free access to this service until August 31. Username: motumbles Password: trial

COVID-19 INFORMATION

For further information regarding COVID-19 visit the following sites:

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

[Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services](#)

LOCAL ASSISTANCE



If you or someone you know is needing assistance, please call the local Help-Me-Hotline at 816.364.1131. This will connect you to United Way Partner Agency [AFL-CIO Community Services Agency ~ Saint Joseph Missouri](#) who can give you accurate referrals based on local resources.



Support your community through the

United Way of Greater St. Joseph

COVID-19 Relief Fund

How to give:

- Visit stjosephunitedway.org and click "GIVE"
 - designate your gift to the fund by writing "COVID19" in the notes section
- Mail your gift to 118 South 5th Street, St. Joseph MO 64501
 - designate your gift to the fund by writing COVID19 on the memo line of a check or addressing the envelope "Attn: COVID-19 Relief Fund"

How it works:

- We commit to put 100% of all donations to use for local COVID-19 related needs.
- The fund will be used to help local individuals, families, agencies and communities.
- Unlike ever before, we will need to triage the requests for the time being- focusing on basic human needs and things that will result in immediate personal disruption.
- We encourage applicants exhaust all other resources first.

This won't be easy! We cannot anticipate or imagine all that may be needed- that has been proven to us in the last few weeks as this pandemic has unfolded. Know that we are listening. We are adapting. We are all in this together.

If you need assistance meeting needs as a result of COVID-19, please call the Help Me Hotline at 816.364.1131 or 800.365.7724 to see if you qualify for assistance from the United Way COVID-19 Relief Fund.

For questions regarding the United Way COVID-19 Relief Fund, please call United Way of Greater St. Joseph at 816.364.2381.