



St. Joseph Public Library

MARCH 2020 UPDATES

LIBRARY CLOSING INFORMATION

The St. Joseph Public Library, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to adhere to social distancing standards, will be closed through Saturday, April 4, 2020.

The library plans to reopen at the Downtown and East Hills locations on Sunday, April 5 and at Carnegie and Washington Park locations on Monday, April 6.

If the library does not open on those dates, it will be posted on our website, social media and local news media.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Do I need to bring my books and other items back to the library by their due dates?

A: No. All due dates have been extended. The library does not charge overdue fines, so there is no penalty for keeping your books until the library reopens. All library locations have bookdrops for returns, but you are not obligated to bring your books back if you want to stay home.

Q: What will happen to books I have on hold for pickup?

A: All pickup dates have been extended. When the library reopens, your holds will be here waiting for you.

Q: Do you offer curbside pickup?

A: No. Due to the request from the CDC and local government for citizens to practice social distancing and to stay home, if possible, we are not offering curbside pickup.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Q: How do I contact the library when you are closed?

A: The best way to contact the library is through our website or our Facebook page. On our website go to sjpl.lib.mo.us and click on "Contact Us." You can email a specific branch or use the general "Have a Comment for Us" box on the right side of the screen (on a desktop) or at the bottom of the screen (mobile device). You can also send a message to us via our Facebook page at facebook.com/stjoepubliclibrary.

Q: Can I call the library?

A: If you need to call the library please call 232-4038. The best time to call is Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Phones may not be answered and you would need to contact the library using the other methods listed above.

Q: Do you have library resources that we can use from home?

A: Yes! See the next section of the newsletter for a list of digital resources that the library provides.

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.

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

Need help?

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.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

eBooks, eAudiobooks, Streaming TV

[Missouri Libraries to Go](#): Here you will find a large selection of eBooks, downloadable audiobooks and magazines. Streaming movies, too!

[Axis 360](#): Looking for eBooks or downloadable audiobooks from best-selling authors? This collection has lots of best-selling fiction books.

[RBdigital](#): Offers access to audiobooks, magazines, entertainment and learning. One RBdigital account offers access to it all.

[TumbleBook Library](#): A collection of animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, puzzles, games and more for children.

[Acorn TV](#): World-class mysteries, dramas, and comedies from Britain and beyond through a streaming video service to any web-connected device.

[Stringray Qello](#): Full-length concerts and music documentaries. Over 1,500 of the most amazing live moments in music streamed on-demand to your digital device.

[IndieFlix](#): IndieFlix is a streaming movie service that offers access to pop culture favorites, box office hits, award-winning feature films, documentaries, and shorts.

Learning Databases

[ArtistWorks](#): Offers world-class instruction on the most popular string and band instruments through self-paced video lessons from professionals.

[Explora](#): Magazine and journal articles on a wide range of topics, including current events, biographies, health, history, science and more.

[Great Courses](#): Hundreds of videos on subjects ranging from photography to physics, astronomy to art, history to health, and more.

[Transparent Language](#): Want to learn a new language, or brush up on one you learned years ago? Try Transparent Language.

[Universal Class](#): Universal Class offers over 500 self-paced or instructor led classes on topics from education and business to hobbies and self-help.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Reference Databases

[A to Z Databases](#): Premier reference, research, marketing, mailing lists/sales leads, and job search database. Ideal for market research, job and background searches and more.

[Chilton Library](#): Chilton has the detailed information you need to tackle vehicle maintenance and repairs.

[EBSCOhost](#): EBSCOhost offers magazines and journal articles on a wide range of topics. Consumer Health Complete, Explora and EBSCO eBooks are also available.

[Gale Legal Forms](#): A do-it-yourself resource for legal assistance. Contains the latest legal forms, including those valid for the state of Missouri.

[HeritageQuest](#): HeritageQuest contains over 25,000 books, the entire US census, and other expanding collections.

[NewsBank](#): Provides access to articles from the St. Joseph News-Press from 1999 to current as well as access to many news magazines through “America’s News Magazines” link.

[Newspaper Archive](#): Access more than 400 years of newspapers, obituaries, and family history records from 32 countries and all 50 states—over a 1/4 billion pages.

WEBSITES WITH FREE AND FUN CONTENT

[Google Arts & Culture](#): Virtual tours of over 2,500 museums and galleries from all over the world.

[Have Fun Teaching](#): FREE Coronavirus Relief Packs are now available for Preschool through 5th Grade. Each download includes worksheets, activities, songs, and videos for all subjects.

[San Diego Zoo Live Cams](#): Live cam and recorded footage of animals at the San Diego Zoo.

[Scholastic’s Learn at Home](#): Twenty days of free articles, stories, videos and learning challenges for PreK through 9th grade.

[Social Distancing with Kids](#): Great ideas for activities and boredom busters for kids at home. Social distancing doesn’t have to be boring!

[Storyline Online](#): Children’s literacy website that streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children’s books alongside creatively produced illustrations.

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.