

St. Joseph Public Library

MAY 2020 UPDATES

LIBRARY INFORMATION

St. Joseph Public Library Offers Contactless Materials Pickup

Beginning Thursday, May 7 all St. Joseph Public Library branches will provide contactless checkout of library materials to patrons by appointment.

The East Hills and Downtown libraries will provide the service Monday – Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Carnegie and Washington Park libraries will provide the service on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Library patrons can call each branch, email notices@sjpl.lib.mo.us, or place holds through the online catalog to request materials. East Hills: 236-2136, Downtown: 232-7729, Carnegie: 238-0526, Washington Park: 232-2052.

Patrons can request specific items or ask library staff to select items based on personal interests. A total of ten items can be checked out per library card, subject to normal limits for different types of items.

When the materials are ready to pick up, library patrons will be notified by phone and a designated time window will be scheduled for the pickup.

Library materials previously checked out now have a due date of June 1, and patrons can keep borrowed materials until the branches reopen to the public or return them in library bookdrops. Returns will not be taken as part of contactless checkout, but patrons are welcome to continue to return items in the bookdrops at each library.

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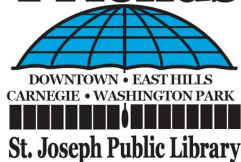
SJPL is offering virtual programming on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) and you can connect to both on our [website](#).

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 mreveals@sjpl.lib.mo.us with their name, address, and birthdate and a library card number will be emailed to them.

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.



Friends



2020 SUMMER READING PROGRAM JUNE 1 - AUGUST 1

This year, our summer reading program will be ONLINE and hosted through an easy-to-use online platform called Beanstack. You will be able to create accounts for yourself and your family members, and use Beanstack to track your summer reading progress! If you don't have access to the internet, you can just ask a librarian to enter the information for you. Online registration begins May 17.

Each day, you can log what you've read to collect cool badges, earn rewards and rack up tickets for weekly prize drawings! If you complete the challenge, keep on going!

The library will also be hosting several virtual Summer Reading performers. More information on performers will be available in the June newsletter.

The more you read, the more you win--in more ways than one! Join us this summer for a virtual adventure!

The Summer Reading Program is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

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](#).

May 2: Virtual History Speaks: 1918 Influenza Pandemic - Local History Librarian, Jennifer Sanders-Tutt, discussed the Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and its impact in St. Joseph. Presentation is posted on Facebook and YouTube.

May 4 @ 6 p.m.: Virtual Ukulele Strum & Sing-Along - Uke loving folks play music together via Zoom. Email Jess at jgould@sjpl.lib.mo.us for the next Zoom link.

May 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 10 a.m.: Virtual SJPL Reads! LIVE - Explore different stories and activities perfect for the preschooler in your life. To sign up and receive the Zoom link, email Jess at jgould@sjpl.lib.mo.us. Jess will be posting additional stories and resources on YouTube every Tuesday.

May 5 @ 6:30 p.m.: Virtual LEGO Club - Please have your creations ready to share when the meeting begins. Our theme was Builder's Choice! To receive a link for the next Zoom LEGO Club meeting, email Misty at msnider@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

May 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 2 p.m.: Virtual Minecraft Meetup (Children & Teens) - A weekly 1.5 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.

Wed. May 6 at 2 p.m.: Survival Co-op play. We can have 7 players for this session.

Wed. May 13 at 2 p.m.: Guess the Build. A cross between Pictionary and Minecraft!

Wed. May 20 at 2 p.m.: Adventuring Mode. We'll just see where the game takes us on our adventure.

Wed. May 27 at 2 p.m.: Survival PVP. You will have 1 hour to get as many resources as you can, then we'll fight it out!

May 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 10:30 a.m.: Virtual Storytime with Ms. Misty - Ms. Misty will be offering a Live Zoom Storytime every Thursday. To sign up and receive the Zoom link, email Misty at msnider@sjpl.lib.mo.us. Misty will be posting additional stories on YouTube every Thursday.

May 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 7 p.m.: Virtual Sip and Script for Teens - Make a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa, and cozy up for a time of writing! This group will supply you with new prompts, writing tools, and feedback from other writers. All kinds of writing are welcome--games, comics, short stories, poems, etc. Email Katey at kgirard@sjpl.lib.mo.us for the link to the Zoom meeting.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

May 9 @ 4 p.m.: **Virtual Forever Young Adult Book Club** - Email Jenny at jellis@sjpl.lib.mo.us to receive the Zoom link. Forever Young Adult is a 21+ book group for adults who read teen fiction. Until the library reopens we will just discuss what we've been reading.


May 11: **Virtual DIY, Why Don't You: Felting What You Feel** - This month, Olivia Wildhagen-Piercy will demonstrate basic needle felting techniques to make cute ornaments and tchotchkes. Video will be posted on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.

May 14: **Virtual True Crime Time: H.H. Holmes, American Serial Killer** - H. H. Holmes was truly the stuff of nightmares. His hotel was nicknamed the Murder Castle and he claimed to have killed at least 27 people. Join us online as Jennifer Sanders-Tutt discusses his murderous career and the legend he left behind. Video will be available on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.

May 15 @ 7 p.m.: **Virtual QuarantEEN Trivia Night** - Teens of St. Joseph, Missouri... COME ON DOWN! Put on your smarty-pants and join Kelsey, Katey and other teens for a fun night of trivia on Zoom! For ages 12-17. If you'd like to join us, email Kelsey at kweber@sjpl.lib.mo.us to receive the link.

May 18 @ 6:45 p.m.: **Virtual Friends Downtown Book Club** - This month we will discuss *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. This will be a virtual get together. To request an invitation to the Zoom chat, email Chelsea at cphipps@sjpl.lib.mo.us.

May 25 - 29: **A Quest! A Virtual Adventure on the GooseChase App** - Huzzah! Begin the Summer Reading Program by downloading the GooseChase app and joining us for a weeklong quest! This quest is full of individual missions that you can complete by submitting pictures, videos, or text to the app. Each mission will earn you points and the winner will be announced on Friday night in a Zoom meeting where we'll celebrate the best submissions. Be as creative and ridiculous as you can possibly be! Be sure to clear it with your parents before you download a new app. Email Katey at kgirard@sjpl.lib.mo.us for the codes to join the game and attend the Zoom meeting.

 Baby/Pre-K

 Children

 Teens

 Adults

 All Ages



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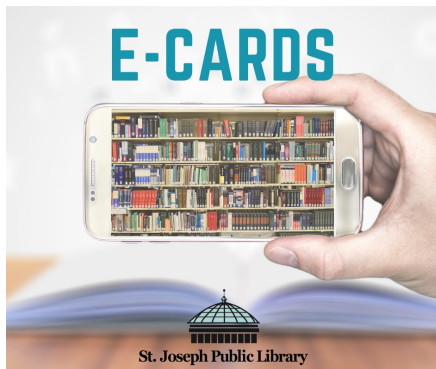
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LIBRARY SERVICES



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.

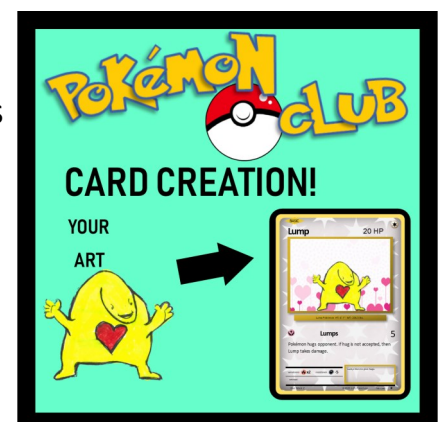


Oral History Project: We want to hear from you. The St. Joseph Public Library is gathering personal accounts and experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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>



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.

PROGRAMS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

These programs can be found on the library's [YouTube](#) page.

[History Speaks: The Influenza Pandemic of 1918](#)

[History Speaks - Mary Alicia Owen, Eugene Field, and the Columbian Exposition of 1893.](#)

[Open Book Paranormal Group: The Haunting of the Downtown Library](#)

[DIY, Why Don't You - Fusing Plastic Bags](#)

[True Crime Time](#)

[SJPL Reads Virtual Storytimes](#)

[Mark Twain Readers Club](#)

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.