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Summer Reading is coming soon, and you can pre-register here! It will look a bit different than what you're used to, but staff is working hard to give you a great Summer Reading experience.

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WE ASKED YOU ANSWERED

The John P. Holt Brentwood Library Staff sent our patrons a questionnaire, and these were some of the responses!

What is a pleasant surprise you’ve had while spending more time at home?

Exercising as a family.

I got to focus more on my mental health and have seen a huge improvement.

Getting more reading done of course!

More time with my dogs.

That my family has gotten along so well!

My children and their families have had some wonderful family time they didn’t know they needed.

I’ve realized I do want to retire.

We’ve been able to complete projects around the house, enjoy more family time, and spend less time commuting.

We need less. We can do less. IT’S ALL OK.
What resources have you enjoyed using for yourself or your children?

Books I bought at the Library sales!

Acorn TV

The public parks and the paths around the Library.

Libby to read *Magic Tree House* with my son.

Online aquarium webcams.

eBooks and Audio Books via Libby and RB Digital... many, many reads.

Libby is a great resource, and easy to use! I’ve checked out many e-books to keep myself occupied during the shut down.

I tried Universal Class for myself.

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What is the best eBook you’ve read?

*Unorthodox: The Scandalous Rejection of my Hasidic Roots* by Deborah Feldman

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

*The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton

*A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson

*The Blue Sword* by Robin McKinley

*Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien

*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

*The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd

*The Authenticity Project* by Clare Pooley

*Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson

*The Art of Gathering* by Priya Parker
How has your relationship with your neighbors been impacted?

We’ve been getting together every Saturday night. We space our chairs 6 feet apart and socialize.

We miss them. We haven’t seen them nearly as much.

They have all been so kind to offer assistance to us--how did WE get to be the old ones in the neighborhood!

Fantastic - they make sure I am doing well.

I have gotten to know them.

Business as usual!

Living in a rural area we’ve never been close to our neighbors, but my family has worked on checking in with our elderly neighbors at least every couple of weeks. We might not be best friends, but I think having support physically around you is so important!

Met a few neighbors while walking.

In a way it has brought us closer as we talk about activities we did, food we cooked, or what things to buy on our next grocery run.
Have you tried any new recipes while cooking at home?

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Yes! My mom and I made cheesecake for the first time.

Yes! Some were well received, some not so much!

Disaster. Added cumin when the recipe called for cinnamon.

Breakfast casserole, chicken fajitas, and ham & cheese pinwheels.

I have tried baking banana bread with oat flour and it turned out amazing! I have also tried making spinach sushi!

No, but revisited many old recipes.

I have finally learned to meal plan and cook the meals I planned.

Yes - unfortunately desserts!

Yes lots. I’m taking a Universal Class - Tex Mex 101 so I am cooking new recipes from there too.”
How has this time impacted the way you communicate with friends and family?

Reaching out to distant friends.

Even though it is virtual, it is more intentional.

It feels more meaningful to talk with them.

Much more texting.

We all figured out Zoom and spent Easter together!

For the better - my immediate family is in Los Angeles and we now make the time and effort for weekly video calls, something we’ve never done.

More of an effort is made because you have more time on your hands.

I miss my weekly walks with a friend, but we walk and talk on the phone.

Video phone calls.

Has anything in particular made you smile?

Our dog who is completely oblivious to the situation and is as joyful and silly as ever.

More time to read and play games with family.

Talking with my friends and family.

Watching our son’s personality. I never realized how funny, silly, and intelligent he is.

The Library’s online classes.

FaceTiming with granddaughters.

The sunshine and blooming flowers.

Toilet paper being left on my porch by a friend.
Have you learned any new skills recently?

How to groom a poodle.

More woodturning, and practiced my hand engraving.

Learning how to play the piano online.

Trying to learn a new language.

Through my Universal Class, bird watching.

I’ve started drawing using a large box of watercolor pencils that I purchased years ago and rediscovered on a shelf in my closet.

I’ve picked up gardening.

How to repair a fence.

I got out my sewing machine after decades, figured out how to get it working and am enjoying making some fabric masks!
YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

We also requested questions from you! Here are your questions about what you want to learn and our answers of where to learn it!

I love to learn at home, especially something new. What do you have for me?

- Home composting tips and tricks.
- EGYPTIAN MYTHOLOGY 101
- CREATIVE WRITING 101
- FOOD PRESERVATION
- JEWELRY MAKING

I would love to start growing herbs.

- How do I make my yard more friendly for birds and butterflies?
- Home composting tips and tricks.
- VEGETABLE GARDENING 101

I need home DIY project guidance.

- I want to learn how to speak Spanish and Italian.
- www.mango.com

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- Excel 2019
- Word 2019
- Computer Basics 101

How do I start a vegetable garden?

- GARDENING AND HORTICULTURE
- HOME IMPROVEMENT

Learning how to use a digital camera.

- Digital Photography 101
- Homeshoolers Series

What are resources for those doing at-home education?

- Universal Class
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