

March 26, 2020

Dear Placentia Library District Patrons:

Thank you for your emails and your kind words about the service we are offering to you and your family. Our staff eagerly awaits the day we're open again to provide full library service to our patrons. Meanwhile, our team will begin telecommuting tomorrow.

We recognize many of you are struggling and worried about how to maintain normalcy for your family during this unpredictable time. One of those worries should not be your library fees and charges. We will waive all outstanding charges beginning March through the statewide shelter in order. Additionally, virtual library card applications will not require proof of ID and address verification. Now is a great time to renew your library card or apply for a new one. Our staff will do what it takes to ensure you have access to our digital collection.

You may be aware that our annual Eggcitement Spring Festival has been cancelled. How about a **virtual egg hunt**? Here's how it will work:

- Visit our website at [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org) to download and print the coloring sheets.
- Color it.
- Place it on a window in your home and share it on our facebook @PlacentiaLibrary and Instagram @Placentialib for all to see. Children and their family can go for a walk and hunt for eggs on windows and/or hunt virtually on our social pages. This is a family activity and by no means intended to be a gathering. Please practice social distancing (6' apart) during your walks.
- Please use the #PLDVirtualEggHunt and #PLDEggColoring for all social posts and comments.
- Keep track of how many eggs (coloring sheet) you find either at people's home or on our social media. Submit your egg count to [information@placentialibrary.org](mailto:information@placentialibrary.org) and we will randomly choose a winner for a \$50.00 gift card.
- All entries will receive a \$5.00 e-gift card. One entry per person. Please email your entry to [information@placentialibrary.org](mailto:information@placentialibrary.org) so we can contact you.

Placentia Library District's virtual egg hunt event officially starts April 1, 2020 and ends on April 12, 2020. Winner of the \$50.00 gift card will be announced April 13<sup>th</sup>. We invite children, teens and adults to participate. Now is a good time for mindfulness coloring.

Speaking of mindfulness, the American Psychological Association (APA) recommends taking the following steps during adversity and to reduce stress.

- Connect with empathetic and understanding people to remind yourself that you're not alone in difficult times.
- Join a group (civic, faith-based, local organizations, the Placentia Buzz) to remain actively social and help you reclaim hope.
- Take care of your body. Promote a healthy lifestyle through regular exercise, plenty of sleep, and staying hydrated.

- Practice mindfulness. No better time than now to start yoga and meditation exercises.
- Help others. You can use your skills and talents to help someone learn a new language, play the piano, make masks, etc.
- Look for opportunities for self-discovery.
- Seek help. Getting help when you need it is crucial in building your resilience.

What are you doing to stay resilient? Feel free to share your stories with me at [jcontreras@placentialibrary.org](mailto:jcontreras@placentialibrary.org). We are here for our Placentia community.

Sincerely,

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