Dear Library Patrons,

The Bastrop Public Library takes the health and wellness of our community very seriously. Which is why, in working with City and County Emergency Management officials, we have decided to close the library through Sunday, April 5. Local officials continue to monitor the situation with COVID-19 as it evolves. More information about the City’s response to this pandemic is available at cityofbastrop.org/covid19.

Though the Library is closed, staff will still be available by phone at (512) 332-8880 during regular business hours to help you with your account; answer your reference questions; and provide support in accessing our digital resources. Other things to know about the closure:

- We will continue to accept book returns through the exterior book drop, but are asking anyone who is experiencing symptoms of illness to stay home. We will be suspending late fines during this time and we encourage you to prioritize your health and safety and that of our staff.
- Library cards that expire in the next three weeks will be automatically renewed for an additional six weeks so that you may continue to access eBooks and eAudiobooks during this time.
- We will accept payment for outstanding fines and fees over the phone if you need to clear your account to access our online resources.

Looking for something to read or listen to from the comfort of your own home? Check out OverDrive at ctdl.overdrive.com (more info on next page).

Doing homework or research or just have a burning question you need answered? Try the TexShare databases at cityofbastrop.org/page/lib.resources.texshare. Just give us a call at (512) 332-8880 and we’ll help you with the login credentials. Staff are also working on putting together a list of resources, both fun and educational, for all ages. This will be available at bptteens.weebly.com > Resources > Social Distancing.

Be safe and be well.
Best,
~Becca Sexton
**Titles Arriving Soon**

- Sunrise on Half Moon Bay by Robyn Carr
- Magnolia Table, volume 2 by Joanna Gaines
- Camino Winds by John Grisham
- Simon the Fiddler by Paulette Jiles
- Joy at Work: Organizing Your Professional Life by Marie Kondo
- Devoted by Dean Koontz
- The Honey-Don’t List by Christina Lauren
- The Moment of Tenderness by Madeleine L’Engle
- Me and Patsy Kickin’ Up Dust by Loretta Lynn and Patsy Lynn
- The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel
- The Mirror and the Light by Hilary Mantel
- Dead Land by Sara Paretsky
- Revenge by James Patterson
- One Fatal Flaw by Anne Perry
- Chosen Ones by Veronica Roth
- Masked Prey by John Sandford
- The Wedding Dress by Danielle Steel
- Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate

**Reading Materials While Social Distancing**

With more time at home, now is the perfect opportunity to try out ebooks, eaudio, and magazines on the free Libby app!

How to access:
1. Go to your app store (i.e. Google Play, Apps) and type in “Libby.” The app’s icon looks like the picture above. Tap install or get.
2. Once the app has installed, tap on it to open. Based on your location, it will guess your library. If it says “Central Texas Digital Consortium” and/or “Bastrop Public Library,” tap ‘yes.’
3. Tap “Find my library.”
4. Tap “add your card.”
5. Select “Bastrop Public Library” and type in your library card number and password (which is your phone number).

How to find a book:
1. If you are looking for a specific title or author, tap on the magnifying glass and a search bar will appear.
2. If you are looking for a specific format, you can filter either ebooks or eaudio by adjusting your filters.
3. If you want to browse what is new in the digital collection, scroll down past the virtual display to “What’s new” and click on your preferred format.
4. If you want to browse what is available to check-out right now, scroll down past the virtual display to “What’s available” and click on your preferred format.

How to find a magazine:
1. You can type in the name of a specific magazine (i.e. Forbes) in the search bar and find the newest issue.
2. You can browse through the different magazine options by typing “magazine” in the search bar.

The magazines available on Libby include the following:

- Car and Driver
- Clean Eating
- Cosmopolitan
- Country Living
- Elle Decor
- ESPN the Magazine
- Essence
- Food Network Magazine
- Forbes
- Good Housekeeping
- HGTV Magazine
- House Beautiful
- Kiplinger’s Personal Finance
- National Enquirer
- Newsweek
- O, The Oprah Magazine
- OK!
- Popular Mechanics
- Reader’s Digest
- Simple & Delicious
- Soap Opera Digest
- Star
- Taste of Home
- TV Guide Magazine
- Woman’s Day

If you need help with any part of Libby while the library is closed, call us at (512) 332-8880 during our regular business hours, and we will gladly help you troubleshoot.

**Place your hold today!**

**Library Closings**

- April 10-11, 2020 for Easter weekend

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We’re expanding who is writing newsletter reviews so that we can get a variety of genre suggestions for all types of readers! If you’ve read a book and want to write a positive review for the newsletter, please email Bethany at bdietrich@bastroplibrary.org.

Dianne Tripp, Friend of the Library:
The Body by Bill Bryson
Comprehensive and remarkable reading of facts and humor on the incredible “structure” we all live in for a very short time. Strongly recommended for everyone as it is written in layman’s language and is as easy to understand as it is addictive reading.
Find it: 612 Bry (New) + CD Book 612 Bry + Libby ebooks

Sally Keinarth, Library Board member:
City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert
Vivian Morris is “nineteen years old and an idiot” when we meet her in 1940. She narrates the story of her life through coming-of-age in New York City, war, loss, and, finally, love. The reader will root for her as she finds her place in the world. And she reminds us that life is random and we all just do the best we can; her story is an inspiration for defining your life with grace, resilience, and forgiveness.
Find it: ROM Gil + CD Book F Gil + Libby ebooks

Brenda Smith, volunteer:
The Family Upstairs by Lisa Jewell
“The baby is back!” An orphan at 6 month’s old, Libby Jones learns she has inherited a dilapidated London townhouse in a posh London neighborhood. Told by multiple perspectives of Libby, Clemency and Lucy, we learn the mysteries surrounding what went on in that house many years ago. How are the three related? How did their experiences as children shape their adult lives in the present? Although a little depressing at times, it does make one aware of the challenges of overcoming childhood trauma. I love a “feel good” ending.
Find it: MYS Jew + CD Book F Jew + Libby ebook

Bethany Dietrich, staff:
The Bromance Book Club by Lyssa Kay Adams
Gavin and Thea, after three years of marriage and twin girls, are on the outs thanks to distrust. Gavin’s friends, though, think they can help Gavin rekindle his relationship: read this Regency romance, learn from it, and learn how to communicate with your wife. I read this book all in one day because I couldn’t put it down! It’s legitimately funny, the feminist stuff is awesome, and it lives up to the buzz!
Find it: ROM Ada + Libby ebooks