Curbside Service

Bastrop Public Library continues to provide curbside service for patrons to check-out books, DVD’s, and audiobooks. Each card member can check-out up to five items at a time. To receive curbside service, go online to BastropLibrary.org and click “Order curbside” to fill out the form. Or, you can call the library at (512) 332-8894, and we can take your request over the phone.

You’ll be asked when you’d like to pick-up your items, and same-day service is available Monday through Friday with two hours’ notice. Curbside hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:00-5:00; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00-7:00; and Saturdays from 11:00-3:00.

“But how do I know what y’all have?” is a question we’re getting a lot. So here’s the answer! The catalog, which lists all of the items in the library’s collection, is available online at our website—just click on the catalog image. And there are tutorials on how to use our catalog on our YouTube page (search Bastrop Public Library at YouTube.com).

If you don’t know specific titles or don’t have the internet to browse the online catalog, we can provide titles for you! One of the reference librarians will talk with you about your favorite genres, titles, authors, and topics you’ve enjoyed in the past and can pick titles for you to try. You can even put this information in the online form, and we’ll pull titles for you.

Some of our favorite requests have been:
- “I like psychological thrillers--surprise me!”
- “Five audiobooks, no romance and no horror.”
- “I want these five titles, but I’m open to substitutions if these aren’t available!”
- “4 mysteries and 1 LT Western”
- “Any children’s books appropriate for a 1st grade boy and 3.5-year-old girl.”

Give us a call today to order your curbside items!
Summer Reading Prizes

It was a magical summer! Thank you to everyone for participating in this summer’s reading program!

Grand prize drawings will be announced live on Facebook on Monday, July 27 at 1:30 p.m. Tune in to find out if you’re a winner!

We know prizes you’ve earned are a big incentive for reading, and we are working on how to get them to you! Please stay tuned for more information in the near future.

Computer Use by Appointment

Beginning Monday, June 22, the library started offering 30-minute computer appointments. These self-service appointments are available every hour on the hour for individuals during our curbside hours:

M-W-F: 11:00-4:00
T-TH: 2:00-6:00
Sat: 11:00-2:00

To make an appointment, please call (512) 332-8894. Individuals can schedule one appointment per day to allow for maximum computer usage.

Printing is available at $0.10/page on a cash basis. Please bring correct change.

Tech Tutor

Need help navigating social media, Zoom, or your new ereader? Want to create an email account, build a resume, or learn Microsoft Word, or any other software? Let a librarian help you with these and many other technology quandaries!

We can provide 20 minutes of uninterrupted assistance to help you learn what you need to know! Call the library at (512) 332-8894 and request a Tech Tutor or fill out the form online at BastropLibrary.org under the Services tab.

Library Remains in Phase 2

As per the City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 14, the library will pause at Phase 2 until further notice. The City will continually evaluate the Reopening Plan with Mayor Schroeder and City Council.

In phase 2, we will continue to provide book, DVD, and audiobook check-outs through curbside service; 30-minute computer appointments; and virtual programs.

New Titles
- Never Ask Me by Jeff Abbott
- Decoding Your Cat by American College of Veterinary Behaviorists
- The Revelators by Ace Atkins
- Dragonfire by Ted Bell
- Peace Talks by Jim Butcher
- Deadlock by Catherine Coulter
- Holding Out for Christmas by Janet Dailey
- Your Second ACT: Inspiring Stories of Reinvention by Patricia Heaton
- Half Moon Bay by Jonathan Kellerman
- The Nemesis Manifesto by Eric Van Lustbader
- A Walk Along the Beach by Debbie Macomber
- Cajun Justice by James Patterson
- 1st Case by James Patterson
- The Black Swan of Paris by Karen Robards
- The Order by Daniel Silva
- The Geometry of Holding Hands by Alexander McCall Smith
- The Well-Gardened Mind by Sue Stuart-Smith
- Near Dark by Brad Thor
- And more!
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 bdietch@bastroplibrary.org.

Becky Bennett, Library Board member:  
Valentine by Elizabeth Wetmore  
Set in Odessa in the 70s, this nightmarish tale of sexual assault, poverty, depression, and suicide, also shows resilient women who look out for each other. The story begins with the rape and battery of 14-year-old Gloria Ramirez. The story is told through the eyes of the woman who saves her (but in doing so loses her own marriage), witnesses, and other women touched by the crime. This is Wetmore’s first novel. And although the subject is disturbing, the characters are complex and sympathetic in this powerful and beautiful story.  
Find it: NOV Wet (New) + Libby ebooks

Brenda Smith, volunteer:  
Devoted by Dean Koontz  
Woody is an 11-year-old autistic genius convinced his father was murdered. Kipp is a truly gifted golden retriever that can communicate without words with Woody and other dogs like him. Both come together in this beautifully written thriller, which Koontz does so well. Exquisitely drawn characters and prose add to the never-ending story of good versus evil. It is more about the devotion of man’s best friend and the overwhelming power of love. My favorite book of 2020!  
Find it: MYS Koo + LT F Koo

Bethany Dietrich, staff:  
Beach Read by Emily Henry  
Semi-homeless, recently broken up with her long-term boyfriend, and struggling with writer’s block, January moves to her father’s second house. Her new neighbor happens to be Gus, her college rival, who also is a published author and struggling with writer’s block. The two make a deal: Gus will try to write a romance and January will try to write his genre, literary fiction. This romance is a delightfully paced medium-burn. The emotional growth as both January and Gus deal with their baggage is spot-on for so many Millennials struggling in a world that is not what they were promised as kids, and the lesbian aunts are a hoot. Five stars for this steamy romance that is also part literary fiction!  
Find it: ROM Hen (New) + Libby ebooks

Bonnie Pierson, staff:  
Extraordinary Birds by Sandy Stark-McGinnis  
Eleven-year-old foster child December is convinced she will fly, like a bird. It will be her escape and she will be free. Then she is placed with Eleanor, a kind and patient woman with her own need to be free. As their stories unfold, they begin to understand how much they need each other and a place to call home. This is a captivating story that deals with trauma, bullying, loss and loneliness in a gentle way that will leave the reader full of hope as December and Eleanor learn to trust and love.  
Find it: JF Sta (New)