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Dear Library Champion,

How are you?

I hope you're reaching out to your Library. And finding knowledge, resources, comfort, and joy.

In this time of upset and unrest, there are victories. And with them, hope.

Victories that underscore what your Library stands for - equity and access for all.

June is Pride month, and fittingly, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the 1964 Civil Rights Act protects gay, lesbian, and transgender employees from discrimination based on sex or gender identity.



Painting by

Steve Johnson (pexels.com)

Yet, there's still a ways to go. Knowledge is a place to start, leading to understanding, and to connection and action.

The Library invites you to celebrate and explore Pride with [reading lists, resources, and activity ideas](#) you can do at home.

Check out the LGBT Collection. It's housed at West Hollywood Library, with lots of great digital materials. Read on...we're heading there for a virtual field trip.

This month, the Supreme Court also blocked the dismantling of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, protecting hundreds of thousands of DREAMers from being deported.

Your Library has resources about [immigration and citizenship](#), free for you with your [library card](#) - Citizenship in a Bag; online language and test prep classes; and help with citizenship preparation from an online tutor, in English or Spanish.

People, across the county and indeed, around the world, are protesting racism. Demanding reinvention and lasting change. Taking action.

Take some time to explore the Resource Centers' [Racial Equity and Social Justice](#) booklists.

Life during COVID-19 introduced volunteer Paul Loesch to the Library's digital resources, and hooked him on [Kanopy](#) and its free films.

He points to the First Amendment - the right to peaceful assembly and free speech - as a powerful tool for action. [Check out his list of 20 documentaries](#) - about how people and the press, through testimony and protest, have changed our world.

Look on the [Foundation's website](#), too, for more of your Library stories...**Lesly M. writes about her family's hunger to read**, "We need a window to the outside, especially in a time when being physically outside requires a face mask."



Image: Lesly M.

Please keep sharing - I love to hear from you! Email me at acarroll@lacolibraryfoundation.org.

Thank you for supporting your Library.

Wishing you hope and joy,

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P.S. Do you enjoy this e-news? You can share it ([subscribe here](#)).

Transformation Tuesday

Life hacks, skills building, & resume and writing help

Wellness Wednesday

Positive parenting, resilience, health & well-being

Arts & Culture Thursday

Art empowers - make your own, enjoy others' art

Fun Friday

It's a surprise! (and it's fun)

Stories & More Saturday

Book talks and storytimes for kids, teens, adults, and families

Stay tuned... YouTube videos, interactive online events, special media campaigns, and more are heading your way!

It's Here! Sidewalk Service

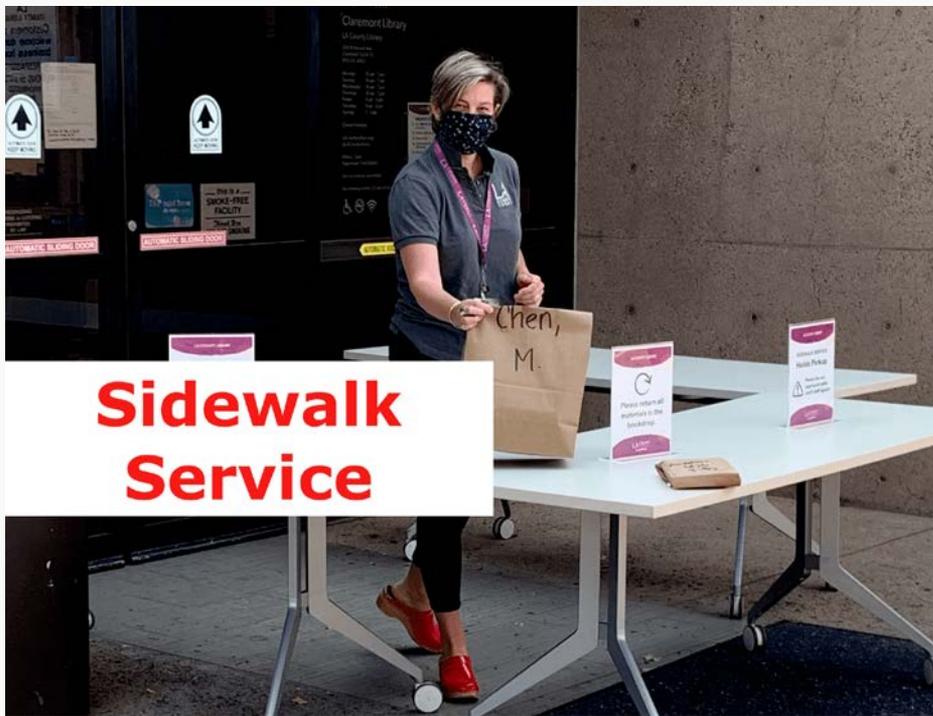


Image: Laura Bollinger

Craving a hard copy book or DVD? You can place a hold and pick up your materials at one of [24 library locations](#).

Your library isn't one of them? **Sidewalk Service** is adding 22 more locations starting July 6 ([see which ones](#)).

It's a popular service - **you and your fellow customers placed 66,079 holds** in the first two weeks of operation.

Go ahead, place a hold, get your materials...and enjoy!

Virtual Field Trip:
West Hollywood Library

The architecturally splendid LEED Gold certified [West Hollywood Library](#) might be physically closed except for Sidewalk Service. But it's still got a lot to offer you.

Pride Month is the perfect time for a virtual tour. **West Hollywood Library houses the LGBT Collection** - materials that reflect the LGBTQ+ community's rich local and global history, culture, and experiences.

The collection is comprehensive, with LGBT fiction and non-fiction literature and history. It has popular and academic works and new Lambda Literary Award winners and nominees.



You can access a lot of the collection digitally. Or place materials on hold and have them delivered to a library near you that's offering Sidewalk Service.

Here are [reading lists](#) curated for **LGBTQ+ Pride Month**, **great reads for any month** - with picks especially for teens and children.

The Library was established in 1913, and nearly 100 years later, in 2011, the current certified green building (by Culver City architects Johnson Favaro) was dedicated as part of a civic complex and park.

West Hollywood Library is architecturally and artistically rich, with rotating exhibits from the city's Arts Council, a Shepard

Fairey mural (*Peace, Freedom, and Creativity*), and a fantastic Children's Theater - a small scale version of Michelangelo's Laurentian Library.

The library, meeting community needs, has books in Russian and Spanish, as well as English.

In addition to a popular meeting room, **job seekers receive assistance** at the JVS Career Center. Your Library has you covered even when physical locations are closed - check out [Tools for Job Seekers](#).

Eager for more? Make a note to visit West Hollywood Library when it reopens. In the meantime, enjoy its many digital treats.

Where do you want to go next?
[Let us know!](#)

My Library Story: Connecting from San Miguel, Mexico

"I know my donations are not newsworthy, but they mean a lot to me for all the endless pleasures I have received by having my library card.

Honestly, in these days of isolation, I don't know what I would do without it.

I am really thrilled with the magazines I am able to access, and, of course all the books and films.



Image: Judy Du Frêne Hall

Mexico is good and we are staying in place, wearing masks.... We go for walks in the morning and **I take photos of the empty streets...so beautiful and bare.**

I am immeasurably in a better place because of the Library. "

- **Judy**

What's your Library Story?

[Email us!](#)

SAFER @ HOME: Stories & Art

Like Judy, you might be finding that making art brings you joy and purpose - whether it's taking pictures, making music, writing poetry, telling stories, or....

The Library invites you to connect socially - share your work online at [Safer @ Home](#).

Fun Fact: You.

Donor, Volunteer, Staff, Advocate...

Getting through this with you.



Credit: Los Angeles County

Library staff Binh and Debbie wear masks sewn by their colleagues to help keep LA County's essential workers safe.

The image in the middle? It's not just a pretty picture. **It's piles upon piles of some of the 3,785 masks** the Library team has sewn to date!

So far, the team has supplied more than 1,800 masks to Office of Emergency and Library staff.

A shout out to Schumacher and CW Stockwell, two celebrated design firms that answered the Foundation's call to support Library staff, more than 400 of whom are redeployed to help the frontline.

Katy Polsby, CEO of CW Stockwell in Los Angeles, a company that makes hand printed fabrics and wall coverings, **sent 300 masks (Debbie is wearing one).**

And New York City based F. Schumacher (with a showroom in West Hollywood), sent **bolts of Kasari Ikat print that the Library sewing team transformed into 151 masks like Binh's.**

Both companies are part of a volunteer national effort to safeguard essential workers.

Donors, volunteers, staff, advocates - you are terrific!

You are rays of hope, champions of a Library rooted in access and equality.

Thank you!



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