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Dear Library Champion,

I hope you're doing well.

Thank you for making these times brighter! Your generous support, stories, and pictures make a difference.

Creativity. Connections. Community. That's your Library, even in a time of physical distancing.

Your Library is bridging social distances, re-imagining and responding to meet your needs, smoothing jagged times.

Making your community better and stronger.

Read on...about innovation, inspiration, hope, kindness, resiliency.



Photo: LA County Library

Librarians are makers. They're creative. And they're dedicated to meeting community needs.

They didn't miss a beat when consumer electronics company **Monoprice** donated **13 3D printers** for the MäkMö program. Program on hold? Not a problem.

Your Library team is partnering with Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and students from ArtCenter College of Design.

They've set up a "print farm" at Carson Library where they're turning out [face shields](#) to keep hospital workers safe.

And when libraries reopen, the 3D printers will be available at multiple locations for your STEAM learning and projects.

May is [Asian Pacific American Heritage Month](#), and we're heading to the Library's [Asian Pacific Resource Center](#) (APRC).

The physical doors to APRC may be closed, but its virtual doors are wide open. Get set for Friday Film Fest!

Want to meet a force behind the Library's digital doors? Binh Le, Assistant Director/CIO, tells his Library story.

Coming to the U.S. from Vietnam, a kid who doesn't speak English, who finds solace and support in the Library...[watch the video here](#).

Need live help? Your Library has you covered. Check out online [Homework Help](#) (for learners of all ages) or get one-on-one guidance with [your resume or job interview](#) (daily, from noon to 10pm).

Stumped by a question? Need help finding resources? [Your answer](#) is just a chat, text, email, or phone call away.

Scroll on to discover DIY activities and online events, like [Spring and Summer Discovery Program](#) (for babies and toddlers, kids, teens, and adults).

No question. This is a tough time for everyone. May is also Mental Health Awareness Month, and the Library has [Mindfulness Tips](#) for kids, teens, and adults. Take care of yourself, even as you care for others.

Be sure to check out the [Foundation's website](#) to **read your Library stories**...too many for this newsletter.

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

Thank you for keeping LA County Library strong.

Sending good thoughts your way,

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Executive Director

P.S. Share this with a friend or coworker (they can [sign up here](#)). No library card? No problem. [Get one online](#).

You've Got Places to Go: **Asian Pacific Resource Center**



Photo: Suneko

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. And [Asian Pacific Resource Center \(APRC\) Librarian Katrina Lacerna](#) invites you to explore.

She's put together reading lists, activities, and even a **Virtual Film Festival** - check it all out [here!](#)

The Farewell, starring **Awkwafina**, kicks off the Friday film series. Katrina sets you up with a movie guide, [plus recipes for tasty snacks](#) - Chinese Five-Spice Snack Mix with Orange Jasmine Tea, anyone?

It's a great way to physically distance without socially isolating. Watch the film,

then host a virtual Rotten Tomatoes-esque session with family or friends.

Japan celebrates Children's Day on May 5. [Make a paper koinobori](#), a traditional carp streamer. Or learn about Disney illustrator Tyrus Wong and try out [digital artmaking](#).

Explore music, food, art, literature, and history from the diverse cultures that make up Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

Like the Library's three other cultural Resource Centers, the APRC was established (in 1979) to provide resources for these communities and to educate others about them.

Recent events showcase the crucial need for the resource center, and spotlight your Library's vital role of educator and champion of equity.

This is a great opportunity for you to get to know your community a bit better - LA County has the largest Asian population of any county in the United States.

While its doors are closed, take a [virtual walk-through with Katrina](#), and plan to visit in person when the APRC reopens.

Where do you want to go next?

Let us know!

**Library Events Online: Entertaining,
Educational, Exciting.**



Photo: Claremont Courier

- Live opera at the Library is on hold, but our partners at LA Opera invite you to tune in online to [Shakespeare Sings](#) every Thursday.
- **Virtual Storytime** always has a song or two, too. It's live on the Library's Instagram (@LACountyLibrary) and [Facebook](#) M-Th, at 11am and 3:30pm. Plus, it's recorded on Facebook. Check out Virtual Storytime in **Spanish, Chinese, and Armenian**, as well as English.
 - Special treat! It's [Firefighter Storytime](#) with Assistant Fire Chief Eleni Pappas (**11am, May 5th**).
- Stressed out? The **Community Resiliency Model** might help. [In this video](#), Library staffer Christian Brown walks you through strategies designed to help you navigate times like these.
- Reading fun for all ages got going early this year - [Spring and Summer Discovery Program](#) - **so sign up today** for fun and prizes!
- **Stuck for what to do** with your kids or grandkids...or yourself? The Library has

you covered - with [Activity Ideas and DIY Library programs](#) (in English and Spanish) for all ages.

For Fun: **Fabulous Facts**



Photo: Los Angeles County

- **Your Library is helping the frontline.** Librarians and staff are classified as disaster service workers. They're working where they're needed - in and out of the Library:
 - answering helplines
 - providing childcare for emergency workers
 - distributing food

- [sewing face masks](#), and much more.
- Today is **Cinco de Mayo**. And while it's a popular day in the U.S. to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage, it's not Mexican Independence Day (that's September 16). The 5th of May celebrates Mexico's victory over France in the Battle of Puebla.
- ***April showers bring May flowers*** comes from a poem written in 1610. April had its share of showers. And flowers are blooming. But warmer temperatures are really what make those blossoms happen.

Fact finding for school or fun? Check out [Instant Librarian](#).

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