



## **6-29-2020 UPDATE from the Library Director**

We are happy to see people coming back to the library building to pick up reserved materials. So far there have not been any long lines to wait in, but it has been getting a bit busier here. We truly appreciate patience from everyone in abiding by the requirements of limiting the number of people in the building and wearing face masks while inside. We are doing all that we can to make things easy—and more importantly **safe**—for everyone.

Library materials are still being returned at a high rate, and we are doing our best to keep up with the flow. Quarantining these items for at least 72 hours after their return does cause some logistical issues, but it is necessary and effective. (Recent studies have shown that the virus SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 is not detectable on common library materials after three days.) Please keep in mind that items will still show on your account for about three days after they are returned, but they will not be counted as overdue during that time.

We have staff working behind the scenes to accept and fill your requests for materials. You may place requests directly through our online catalog, by emailing through the SDL website, or by calling the Library during regular business hours. When requested items are ready for you, you will be notified that you may come in to pick up the items. The MeLCat interlibrary loan service is not yet available, but we hope to be able to offer that again in the next few months.

A wide variety of digital materials and other online resources are always available through the SDL website. It's a safe bet that you will find something of interest through OverDrive, hoopla, kanopy, or one of the other great services that SDL offers. Look for a couple of new and exciting educational services in July.

All of the Library's programming is currently done online. Check the events calendar on the website or the SDL Facebook page to see what's happening. There are a variety of book discussions, storytimes, craft programs, and more still being offered regularly. Don't forget that our Summer Reading program is in full swing. Check the website for details and keep reading for fun and prizes!

We still do not know when we will be able to move into our next stage of services that will include opening up more parts of the building. We continue to follow guidance and the requirements from the State of Michigan, as well as from Washtenaw County and from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Keeping our community and staff safe is of the utmost concern, so we ask for your assistance as we try our best to do this.

We look forward to seeing you!

Mary Ellen Mulcrone, Library Director