

July 2020
Library Stakeholder Report
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CURBSIDE SERVICES AVAILABLE



Curbside holds pickup and library returns are now available Monday-Saturday, 1pm-5pm at all eight SCCLD libraries. Launching on June 15, after a successful first couple of weeks in June, we served 6,459 appointments, received over 61,000 items in library returns and checked out over 30,000 items to patrons!

	6/15-20	6/22-27*
Check out	11,351	17,497
Check in	20,518	40,308

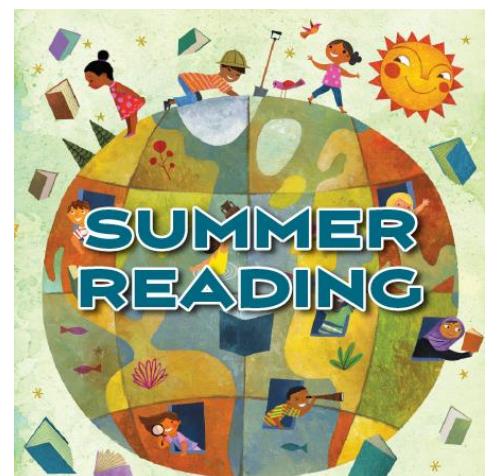
*Doesn't include Jun 29-30 or the items in quarantine from June 25-30.

Due to the popularity of this service and the high number of holds that patrons have requested, we've changed our model so the Walkup Holds Pickup no longer requires an appointment. Once patrons receive confirmation their holds are available, they have the choice of scheduling an appointment to use our contactless curbside pickup service or the walkup service. [Watch this short video](#) to learn how to pick up your holds using curbside service.

Summer Reading Program June 1- July 31

SCCLD's [Summer Reading Program](#) *Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover!*, is in full swing! The program encourages readers of all ages to dig below the surface and discover everything from the science of everyday things, to the envisioning of the future, discovering other cultures, peering into nature and the environment, delving into the unknown and exploring a treasury of knowledge.

Earn badges throughout the summer in Beanstack by logging your reading and activities. You can even **earn a prize*** for **reading 5 books and completing some fun discovery and investigation activities this summer!** scclid.org/summer2020



*Completion prizes will be available in August.

How to Join

It's easy to get started. Sign up (or log in) online on Beanstack, or [print a reading log](#). You can also download the Beanstack app for your mobile device.

Highlights-Summer Reading Events for All Ages:

Children:

- [Sterling the Bubblemaker](#): July 8, Jul 11
- [Your Library Art Club](#): Every Tue from 3pm-4pm
- [Book Clubs](#) (check schedule for the different age groups): Every Mon 3pm-4pm

Teens:

- [Online Teen Book Club](#): Jul 21
- [Point Lobos State National Reserve](#) : Jul 29

Adults:

- [Film Discussions](#): Every Thur and Sat
- [Edible Terrariums](#): Jul 15
- [The Geology of Henry Coe State Park](#): Jul 25

Lunch at the Library

SCCLD continues to offer Lunch at the Library at the Gilroy and Morgan Hill Libraries. Prepackaged grab and go meals (2 per person) are available for children and their caregivers at the following locations:

Gilroy Library: Mon, Wed, Fri from 12-1pm
Morgan Hill Library: Mon, Wed, Fri from 11am-1pm



Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting Update

The JPA Board meeting took place on June 25. We are happy to report SCCLD received a clean audit from the independent auditor for the year ending June 30, 2019. In addition, the board adopted the FY2020-2021 SCCLD fiscal budget. Finally, the board ratified the appointment of the nominating committee including Chair, Mike Wasserman, Vice Chair, Lynette Lee Eng, with Darcy Paul and Courtenay Corrigan volunteering to join the nominating committee.

For more information, please visit scclid.org/jpa

Library Trends

In June 2020, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) published the first stage of their findings as part of the REALM Project to mitigate exposure to the virus. Based on this and other official information from the CDC and World Health Organization, we will monitor and utilize within our planning for Library services.



Research Shows Virus Undetectable on Five Highly Circulated Library Materials After Three Days

Findings are Part of REALM Project to Produce Science-Based Information to Help Mitigate Exposure to Virus

Washington, DC— In the first phase of a project to disseminate and develop science-based information about how materials can be handled to mitigate exposure to staff and visitors, scientists have found that the virus SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 is not detectable on five common library materials after three days.



The findings are part of the [Reopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums](#)

[\(REALM\) Project](#) designed to generate scientific information to support the handling of core museum, library, and archival materials as these institutions begin to resume operations and reopen to the public. The first phase of the research is focusing on commonly found and frequently handled materials, especially in U.S. public libraries.

Over the past few weeks, scientists at Battelle tested the virus on a variety of surfaces, in environments with standard temperature and relative humidity conditions typically found in air-conditioned office space. Materials tested in phase one included the cover of hardcover books (buckram cloth), the cover of softback books, plain paper pages inside a closed book, mylar protective book cover jackets, and plastic DVD cases. Battelle tests found the virus undetectable after one day on the covers of hardback and softback books as well as the DVD case. The virus was undetectable on the paper inside of a book and mylar book jackets after three days. “It’s below the limit of detection on our viability assay,” said Battelle Principal Research Scientist Will Richter.

Lab testing of physical items followed literature reviews conducted by Battelle to help define the scope of the project's research and the information needs of libraries, archives, and museums. Last week, the REALM Project released "[Systematic Literature Review](#) of SARS-CoV-2: Spread, Environmental Attenuation, Prevention, and Decontamination," prepared by Battelle. This is an in-depth review of published literature on virus transmission, attenuation, and decontamination methods that can inform discussion and decisions about operations in archives, libraries, and museums.

"Scientific research is essential to answer questions about the spread of the coronavirus on materials that are ever-present in our nation's libraries, archives, and museums," said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. "We recognized the need to test specific items and surfaces as these organizations are now reopening, asking: How can we mitigate risk to staff? How should patrons and visitors handle books, touchable exhibits, or DVD cases? Our aim was to equip America's libraries, archives, and museums with information to help them do what they do best: continue serving their communities. I am so pleased and hopeful that this critical work will be reaching the people who need it."

"Results from this ongoing research project will help libraries, archives and museums plan with greater confidence at a difficult time," said Skip Prichard, OCLC President and CEO. "Although there are various sources of general information about handling materials in the time of COVID-19, this project is designed specifically to test materials and provide useful science-based information to these institutions. Equipped with this critical information, they will be better able to determine measures they can take to mitigate exposure to staff and the communities they serve."

"Any library worker would agree that people make good decisions when their decisions are based on facts and evidence," said Nate Hill, Executive Director, Metropolitan New York Library Council and member of the REALM Project Steering Committee. "The output of the REALM Project, both the systematic literature review and the lab test results, give library workers the information they need to make practical, informed decisions as they reopen their spaces and resume their services."

Battelle will be initiating lab testing on an additional five materials this month, with results expected by the end of July. Examples of public library reopening plans are being collected, curated, and shared to the website this week. The research reports will inform development of toolkit resources, content, and programming that will help translate the findings for real-world applications in museums, libraries, and archives.

"As museums across the country draft their reopening plans, we know that our exhibitions and galleries contain a vast variety of materials that are not addressed in state and federal public health guidelines," said Carole Charnow, President and Chief Executive Officer, Boston Children's Museum and member of the REALM Operations Working Group. "Therefore, we need up to date, science-based information specific to museums. For those of us that are hands-on, interactive institutions, this is especially critical. The REALM Project is providing the invaluable

evidence-based information museum professionals need in order to ensure the highest possible standards of safety for our staff and visitors.”

The REALM Project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding for museums and libraries; and OCLC, a nonprofit library technology and research organization; in partnership with Battelle, a not-for-profit global scientific research and development organization.

Project updates are posted at oclc.org/realm-project as they become available.

Those interested can also sign up through the project website to receive timely email updates when new information is released.

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