

# Belleville Public Library eNews

## – April #1

Dear Library Patrons:

**Governor Evers' Safer-At-Home order has closed libraries in the state until at least April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

As we work with local, county, and state officials to reduce the impact of COVID-19 in our community, Belleville Public Library will be closed or limiting in-person services and programming until the risk has substantially lessened.

**Due Dates and Fines** – Please continue to keep anything you have checked out until we re-open. Our dropbox is locked. Due dates have been extended to May 1. No fines will be charged while we are closed. Items waiting for you on our hold shelf will still be there when we re-open.

**For Updates** – I will be posting updates at [www.bellevillelibrary-wi.org](http://www.bellevillelibrary-wi.org). If you know someone who would like to be added to this Enews list, they should sign up [here](#). Enews emails will be sent when we have significant coronavirus-related news rather than just monthly. You can also follow us on Facebook (even without an account) by clicking on the Facebook “F” icon on the left side of our website homepage. Click “not now” when it prompts you to login.

**Have a Question** – Although we cannot be with you in-person, we are finding ways to provide additional services online. A staff member working at home is monitoring the [blvcirc@blvpl.org](mailto:blvcirc@blvpl.org) email for your questions. We intend to respond within one business day, but please be patient with us if circumstances require a longer time to get back to you.

**Library Cards** – Know someone who needs a library card to access [ebooks](#) or our other [online resources](#)? They can [apply here](#) for a web-only card. Have a card and can't find it or have forgot your PIN? [Request help here](#).

**Virtual Storytime** – Michelle will be recording Storytime and Craft videos weekly. They can be found under the Childrens tab on our website or click [here](#).

**E-books and E-audiobooks** – Great News! Our statewide [Overdrive and Libby app](#) service has received a \$250,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This federal funding will significantly help meet increased demand for electronic books and audiobooks. Funds will be split between purchasing over 2000 new titles and increasing the number of titles that can be used simultaneously by multiple users (which fills over 18,000 holds immediately). In addition, the Madison Public Library Foundation and South Central Library System (SCLS) have contributed over \$150,000 to purchase additional copies of high-demand electronic materials for Overdrive that will be available only to SCLS library patrons.

**Children's E-books** – Need chapter books, nonfiction books, graphic novels, or picture books (including read-to-me versions) for your young reader? Try [Tumblebooks](#). Just login with your

library card barcode. Tumblebooks runs from your internet browser with no special software or device needed. For kids K-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Ancestry** – Due to these special circumstances, you can now access [Ancestry](#) from home to do genealogical research. You will need to enter your library card barcode to get access.

**Other Online Resources** – Take some time to explore our [online resources](#). There is much here to inform and entertain you. As additional services are made temporarily available to us while we are all social distancing, they will be added to the list.

Please stay home and stay safe. We are here to help as we can during these challenging times. Send your questions to [blvcirc@bvlpl.org](mailto:blvcirc@bvlpl.org).

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