

# A Message from the Library Director Misty Jones



As San Diego Public Libraries closed following California and San Diego County Public Health guidance, I wanted to share some new program offerings and a few operational updates.

I continue to support the city's Operation Shelter to Home effort at the Convention Center. I look forward to regular updates about the work of the Library's amazing staff. They are continually and creatively delivering needed programs and services, just a few of which are detailed below. I am also grateful to all the Library supporters who are helping us navigate as the Library evolves and adapts to these changing times.

And now, a few details about how we are adapting. Library material due dates have been extended to June 12. Library accounts that expired between February 17 and June 29 have been extended to June 30. Drop off boxes are closed. So, please hold onto your materials and return them once it is safe for our Libraries to reopen. I know many of you are looking forward to curbside pickup for materials. Library staff are looking at options for safely providing this service. I will update you when more information is available. Please visit [this FAQ](#) section for more operational details. If you have any questions, please [email Library staff](#). Please stay safe and be well.

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## Apply Now for Library NExT: Admit One College Prep Academy



Let the Library assist you in preparing for the transition from high school to college through the Library NExT: Admit One College Prep Academy. Now offered in an online format, Admit One provides an advantage on SAT & ACT test preparation and navigating the college process. Participants will receive expert guidance on how to select a college that is right for them and how to develop their long- and short-term goals. Sessions begin in July, so [apply now!](#)

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## “Start Your Business” Educational Series Goes Virtual



San Diegans continue to express their entrepreneurial spirit during this time, and the Library is here to support them. In partnership with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Inc., the Library is offering three online programs about patents and trademarks. Learn about intellectual property basics on [May 20](#), trademark basics on [May 27](#), and trademark applications on [June 17](#). Registration is required.

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## Annual How-To Festival Debuts Online



Looking to learn a new skill? Save the date of May 30 for the Library's Virtual How-To Festival. A curated collection of how-to videos created by library staff will be presented online on Saturday, May 30. Round up your family and learn something new together, like How-To Cook Omurice, How-To Draw Wonder Woman Funko POP! Style or How-To Make an Easy Paper Flower Craft. There is something for everyone and all ages! [Visit here](#) for a sneak peek video and list of program titles.

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## What's Your Favorite Librarian Reading?



Catch up with what librarians are reading and reviewing with Book Buzz Book Reviews. San Diego Public Library staff write short book reviews of their favorite titles for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, which are published every other Sunday. View the latest recommendations [here](#) and then head on over to the [eLibrary](#) to check out your next read.

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## The Power of Mindfulness: An Instagram Live Event



In honor of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, join the Library on Instagram Live for a mindfulness workshop led by Gabby Masuda Ambata, an outreach coordinator for Jewish Family Service's Breaking Down Barriers program. The practice of raising awareness of the present moment can help reduce stress and benefit ourselves, people we care about, and our community.

Tune in live on [Thursday, May 28](#) at 2 pm.

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## Partner's Corner: Thinking Shakespeare Live!



On Tuesday, May 19, long-time Library partner The Old Globe is offering all San Diegans an opportunity to join them for *Thinking Shakespeare Live!* on [The Old Globe's Facebook page](#). During this unwanted intermission, the Globe's Erna Finci Viterbi Artistic Director Barry Edelstein—assisted by Globe veteran classical actors Grantham Coleman, Megan Ketch, and Richard Thomas—will pivot to offer a free live online version. For more information on all online programming, visit [The Old Globe's website](#).