

# West Bend Community Memorial Library

## Stay Connected with the Library!



### A Note to Our Patrons

The West Bend Community Memorial Library will remain closed until further notice to comply with Governor Evers' Safer at Home Order.

It is, without doubt, a difficult time for everyone. The spread of COVID-19 continues to disrupt daily life for our community. While this is an unprecedented situation we all find ourselves in, Library staff have been striving to make the best utilization of the closure.

As the state, county, and City of West Bend take measures to limit the spread of the coronavirus, library staff have also taken steps to help our community. We have been sanitizing the library building and equipment, to the best of our ability, to ensure the health and safety of our patrons when the library reopens.

If you need more information, Washington County is continually updating news about COVID-19. [Check it out!](#)

We have also take this opportunity to work on some libraryenhancement projects. We are always striving to fulfill our mission ("To provide resources to discover, connect, and succeed") and these updates will allow us to better serve you. We are excited to share with you a few of the improvements:

- Librarians have continued to order new material so our shelves will be filled when we reopen.
- We have updated many of the signs on the shelves to help patrons locate items.
- A new DVD Series section was created in all three DVD areas (adult, teen, and children). Patrons will now be able to browse specific TV/Streaming Series DVD section with ease. Feature length movies will remain in their original space.

**Even though the library is closed until further notice, we are still available in a multitude of ways! Find out how to stay connected below.**

**Call Us!**

Library staff is still available on Mondays through Fridays from 9-5. Call with any questions at 262-335-5151. We can still answer any questions you have.

## Email Us!

We are checking email. Email us at [libref@westbendlibrary.org](mailto:libref@westbendlibrary.org) anytime. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

## Follow Us and Subscribe!

We will be updating [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and our [Youtube channel](#) with library news and updates, along with some awesome virtual programs from librarians.

Subscribe to YouTube [here](#).

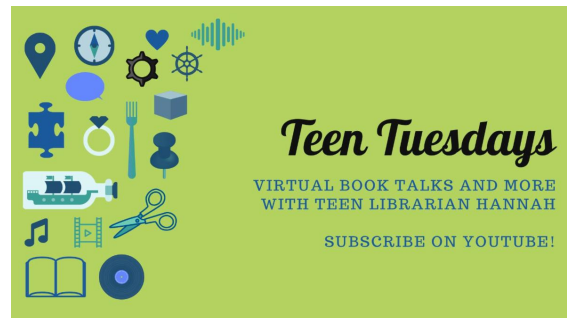
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## Storytimes with Miss Terika

Youth librarian Terika will regularly post virtual storytimes. Watch for them on Wednesdays and Saturdays on our Youtube channel! You can still see your favorite local children's librarian, just online! [Follow this link to our Youtube channel](#).

## Teen Tuesdays with Teen Librarian Hannah

Each Tuesday while the library is closed to the public, teen librarian Hannah will pick a young adult book from the Lucky Day collection (ebooks and e-audiobooks available through the WPLC on Overdrive) and talk about why it's great! Hannah will also have suggestions for online activities, streaming music and video, and more. [Join the Facebook event!](#)



## Quarantine Bingo - Participate While You're At Home!

While the library is closed and you are practicing social distancing, we have Quarantine Bingo! It involves activities such as downloading ebooks, taking a walk, and connecting with friends and family online. Return your Bingo sheet after the library is reopened. Participants will get a bookmark and be entered into a raffle for a West Bend Chamber of Commerce gift certificate. [Download your sheet here!](#) Quarantine Bingo is geared toward older kids on up to adults.

## Battling COVID-19 Scams and Threats Friday, April 10 at 2 PM

Fraudsters find ways to take advantage of people in every situation. The COVID-19 pandemic is no exception. Join information security expert Robert Ratayczak to learn about the current threats specific to the pandemic and the

things you can do to protect yourself and your family. This will include a discussion of scams, fake self-testing kits, and dangerous medications. This discussion will occur online on Friday, April 10 at 2:00 PM (CDT) through a Zoom conference call. Because of this, space is limited. Please contact Sara at [sdavister@westbendlibrary.org](mailto:sdavister@westbendlibrary.org) to register and get connection information for the event for more information soon!

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## Tax Forms Update

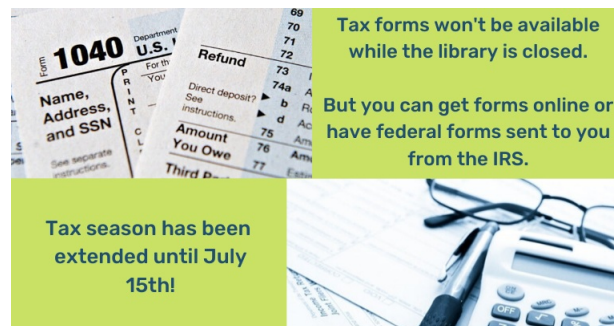
Did you hear that tax season has been extended until July 15th?

While the library is closed, tax forms will not be available from us. But, you can visit the IRS website here: <https://www.irs.gov/forms-instructions/>.

Also, you can call the IRS at 800-829-3676 to request tax forms to be sent to you!

Tax forms for the state of Wisconsin are available from the Department of Revenue at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx>.

You can contact the Department of Revenue at 608-266-1961 to request forms as well.



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STUFF!**

## Free Things To Do WITHOUT Your Library Card!

You may know that lots of businesses, museums, and other organizations have offered free access to their services and materials online!

- **FOR NATURE FOLKS AND FAMILIES** - While many city playgrounds are closed, **Wisconsin State Parks** and trails have waived entrance fees for you to get in as long as you maintain proper social distance. [Visit their website for more information.](#)
- **FOR PARENTS!** - Tumblebooks has opened up their resources for families and children temporarily. [Visit their website for a temporary](#)

[pass to free children's materials!](#)

- **FOR RESEARCHERS** - Look up newspaper articles with [Access Newspaper Archive!](#) This resource is available until May 15, 2020 through [Badgerlink](#).
- If you need something to brighten your day and love animals, check out the cameras at the [Milwaukee Zoo!](#)
- **DISNEY LOVERS** - This is great for people who love all things Disney, plus for families who want to keep kiddos active! [Check out their free Zumba videos](#).

**Hannah, our Teen Librarian also created a wonderful list of resources on the library's blog. [Take a peek!](#)**

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### **Don't forget about our Online Resources!**

You can visit us online even while we are closed! Having fun isn't hard with your library card. Take a look at our [Online Resources](#) page to have access to:

- [Libby](#) - Get free ebooks and audiobooks that you can download to your tablet or smartphone.
- [RB Digital Magazines and Audiobooks](#) - RBDigital is a great place to have access to free magazines and audiobooks.
- [Heritage Quest for Genealogy Research](#) - Do you have some extra free time to work on your family history? Check out Heritage Quest, which helps you information on ancestors and relatives in the complete set of US Federal Cenus Records 1790-1930, plus much more.
- [Gale Courses](#) - Take free courses on everything from Microsoft Office programs to grant writing to healthy cooking! All you need is your library card.
- [Pronunciator](#) - If you've always wanted to learn a language, there has never been a better time. Pronunciator offers 80 languages to choose from!

### **Here is What Librarians Are Up To While We're Closed:**

#### **Hey adults!**

Sara has been organizing the Fiction section by

- Moving the Graphic novels to their own location so the collection can grow
- Moving the Playaways to the audiobook area

Mara has been

- Organizing to debut a NEW collection of baking pans
- Preparing for the annual Cookbook Sale (May 15th & 16th)

Susan is working on

- Continues to research the best online resources for our patrons
- Monitors the reference desk email account for questions.

#### **For Kids and Teens!**

Youth Librarian Terika has started recording Storytimes for our community to watch

at home. [Check out our YouTube page!](#)

Teen Librarian Hannah is busy with:

- planning "art-tastic" crafts for summer
- developing a Battle of the Books for elementary-level kids
- checking to make sure YA series are complete
- producing content for the website, the blog, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and more!
- being on the radio to talk all things Library-related

### **For Seniors and Folks With Outreach Needs!**

Nancy, the Outreach Librarian, is

- completing the mobile reading devices show and tell lab
- drafting new and exciting senior activity resources
- planning online training



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