



Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Public Library System ▪ Headquarters

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Dear Library Patron,

March 21, 2020

Marion County officials continue to follow Governor DeSantis' recommendations related to the COVID-19 virus. As part of the county commission's efforts to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 within Marion County, the library is closely following the ever changing situation regarding COVID-19 and working to identify what we can do to balance the health and safety of our patrons and staff yet continue to serve our community to the best of our ability. To that end some operational changes are being made and are in effect until further notice.

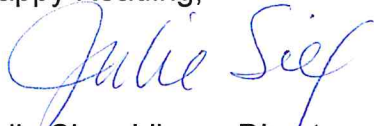
Access to library buildings will be limited to census completion only.

- Hours of Operation:
 - Hours of operation at both our Reddick and Ft. McCoy public libraries remain the same.
 - Hours of operation at Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest, Freedom, Headquarters-Ocala and Marion Oaks locations have been reduced and unified to include:
 - Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
 - Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - Sunday Closed
- Materials Check out:
 - All material check out will be via curbside service.
 - You may call or email your home library or any of our eight library locations to pre-request material from a library staff member.
 - Requests can be made by title, subject, author, genre, librarians' choice, format, quantity, etc.
 - Library staff will pre-check the materials to you using your library card information.
 - Staff will check out, clean and bag your materials to await pick up.
 - You will be notified by phone call when your materials are ready for pickup.
 - When you reach the library simply call the library from your vehicle to let us know you are waiting and your materials will be brought to you at the curb.
 - Library materials can be returned through book drops located at each branch.

- Other library services:
 - Public computers will be available for ***census completion only***.
 - Limited printing/copy services will be handled similar to the curbside materials service.
 - Via telephone and online, staff will continue to be available for reference, reader's advisory and general assistance.
 - All library programs, outreach, events and meeting room usage remain suspended.
 - Friends of the Library book sales and donations are suspended.
 - Our children's staff have begun posting story times on Facebook live and have additional plans to enable electronic resources and services during this time of social distancing and self-isolation.
 - Our multitude of online resources will continue to be available. Please check the library website at library.marioncountyfl.org for more information. Many of the library electronic resources require a library card and PIN.
 - To apply for a free library card and PIN, please call the library location nearest you.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding during this ever changing time. Stay tuned to the library Facebook page and library website at library.marioncountyfl.org for more announcements and resources.

Happy Reading,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Sieg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Sieg, Library Director