

Press Release

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How to Enjoy the Cook Memorial Library When the Library Is Closed

A Library Card Opens the Portal to a Vast Virtual Library, For Free

(LA GRANDE, OREGON, MARCH 23, 2020) – With every public activity cancelled and many businesses closed to the public, including the Cook Memorial Library, you may be wondering how you can still have fun while passing the time away at home. There’s one easy answer to that question, visit the Cook Memorial Library’s online eLibrary! It’s open 24/7 and it’s never crowded so you don’t have to worry about social distancing or coming into contact with the coronavirus! With your Cook Memorial Library card number and PIN, you can access eBooks and eAudiobooks; streaming movies, TV shows, and music; and dozens of research databases. You’ll also find on the Library’s homepage a link to our curated list of “Things to Do When Bored.”

Highlights from our eLibrary collection include:

- Library2Go (OverDrive/Libby) – Download eBooks and eAudiobooks of bestselling and classic titles anytime and anywhere to your computer, eBook reader, or mobile device. Cook Memorial Library patrons have exclusive access to more than 90,000 titles which are always available with no holds, no wait.
- Hoopla – Thousands of free streaming movies, TV shows, music, eBooks, eAudiobooks, and comics
- Kanopy – Kanopy film streaming service features classic and world cinema, indie films, top documentaries, the Criterion Collection, and The Great Courses
- Freading – A collection of eBooks from small and independent publishers for all ages; you’ll definitely recognize many of the authors. The titles in this collection are always available with no holds, no wait.

- Freegal – Enjoy up to 3 hours of streaming music each day. You can download 3 free songs each week and they're yours to keep.
- MyHeritage – Discover your roots with this genealogy database and start growing your family tree today.

If you already have a Cook Memorial Library card, you're good to go! The 14-digit barcode number on the reverse side of your card is your library card number and in most cases your PIN is the last 4-digits of your phone number. If you've misplaced your library card or have forgotten your PIN, please call the Library M-F between 9am and 5pm for staff assistance or email us at libdirector@cookmemoriallibrary.org and we'll get your account updated.

If you don't have a Cook Memorial Library card, you can apply online to get an eCard. Online registration for a Cook Memorial Library card is open to La Grande residents and residents of Union County who do not receive library services from another city within the county. To get started, go to www.CookMemorialLibrary.org and click on the "Request Library Card" link right on the homepage. Requests for eCards are generally filled within 24 hours, longer if you apply over the weekend. If you already have a regular library card, you do not need an eCard.

Other Library News

The Library remains closed to the public until further notice; however, staff are available to assist you with many of your library-related needs. Do you have a reference question or need a reading recommendation? Do you need technical assistance connecting to one or more of our online services? Do you need technology assistance with a device? Whatever your library need may be, we're here to help. You can reach us by phone at 541.962.1339 Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9am and 5pm. You can email us your question at libdirector@cookmemoriallibrary.org. Or you can submit a comment form on our website or message us on Facebook.

All library materials currently checked out have been renewed until the Library reopens. During this time, no overdue fines will be assessed.

The Library's book returns are closed. We ask that patrons keep all library materials safely in their possession until the Library reopens.

All expiring library accounts will not expire until the Library reopens.

Any library account that was suspended for reaching the fines & fees threshold limit has had that suspension lifted temporarily to allow for eLibrary access.

The Library's WiFi (LGPLWiFi) has been turned on for 24-hour access. The signal reaches to the building's entrances and the parking lot.

For more information about this and other library services, please contact the library at 541.962.1339.

READ, LEARN, DISCOVER @ your Cook Memorial Library, 2006 4th St., La Grande, OR, call 541.962.1339 or visit the library online at www.cookmemoriallibrary.org.