

SUMMER 2020 • LIBRARY NEWS, PROGRAMS & MORE

DISCOVER

Your Arlington Public Library



Director's Letter

Patrons, during these unprecedented times, we are happy to welcome you to the Library.

Over the past months, we've been honored to see how important Libraries are to the community. While our locations were closed, we missed you—and we heard how you missed us in your phone calls, emails, and social media messages.

Human connection with our patrons makes our Libraries great. Even if that spark takes place across a parking lot or a computer screen instead of across a circulation desk, we are grateful to play a role in your lives.

As ever, we are dedicated to providing valuable resources to you. We will be offering many of our favorite summer activities this year. Summer Reading Challenge is taking place with both digital and in-person options (see page 5). Arlington's children can receive free meals over the summer (see page 10). Fun and free events are taking place for all ages (see page 7). Construction continues on the new East Library and Recreation Center (see page 2).

We appreciate your patience as our service model continues to change. Whether you visit our open locations, access our hundreds of free digital tools, or make use of our new curbside options, we encourage you to make the best choices for your family.

We'll see you soon,
Norma Zuñiga

Safety Statement

The health of our patrons, staff and broader community remains a priority for the Arlington Public Library. We will be maintaining safe practices in our buildings and events, including social distancing and regular cleaning. We encourage all our staff and patrons to wear masks.

You are welcome in our buildings as we safely reopen. Our digital and curbside options will also remain available.

Our hours, open locations, events and other services may change depending on current guidance from Governor Greg Abbott and the Arlington City Council. Please find the most up-to-date information at arlingtonlibrary.org



Library News & Updates



The new East Library and Recreation Center under construction



2020 Cultural Diversity Award by the National League of Cities

East Library and Recreation Center Construction Continues

New joint facility is scheduled to open in fall 2020

Construction has continued on the new East Library and Recreation Center, which is located at Bob Cooke Park off New York Avenue. The joint facility will replace both the existing Hugh Smith Recreation Center and the East Arlington Branch Library.

The East Library and Recreation Center is scheduled to open this

fall. Construction was classified as an essential business activity by Governor Abbott, so construction has safely continued during Stay Home orders.

A grant of \$750,000 from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission will provide for a Library Innovation Zone, a tech-centered space that will increase

the technological capabilities within the recreation center and library. Graduate students at UTA's College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs have designed innovative elements as part of this project.

Arlington voters approved the \$26 million, 47,249-square-foot facility in the 2014 Bond Election.

Library Recognized with 2020 Cultural Diversity Award

We are excited to announce that our World Language Storytime program won the 2020 Cultural Diversity Award. Presented by the National League of Cities, the Arlington Public Library was chosen for "demonstrating quality and innovation in the many aspects of cultural diversity."

Storytimes are provided in the most commonly spoken languages in Arlington: Vietnamese, Arabic, French, Chinese, Japanese, and Portuguese, in addition to storytimes already presented in English and Spanish. This series is funded in part by a grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Curbside Services Continue

Pick up items, activity kits, printed documents and more

Touchless curbside services will remain available even as Library locations begin to reopen. Curbside service began in April and we are excited to continue curbside service as a safe, easy way to access materials. These options are a great way to enjoy Library resources on the go or from home.

Item pick up, document printing, book returns, and activity kit pick up are available curbside at all our locations, Monday to Saturday. Hours may vary throughout the summer, so we encourage you to check our website for up to date information at arlingtonlibrary.org

Free Summer Meals

Multiple meals provided every week for ages 0 to 18

The Arlington Public Library and CitySquare are providing free lunches to Arlington's children this summer. Children ages 18 and under can pick up multiple meals on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Join us at the Downtown Library at 10:30 a.m., the East Arlington Branch at 12:15 p.m., or the Southeast Branch at 2:30 p.m. for a pack of breakfasts and lunches.

CitySquare is a federally funded non-profit organization. Since 2016, the Arlington Public Library has worked with CitySquare to provide more than 18,000 free meals to children in our community. See more on page 10.

PICK UP ITEMS IN TOUCHLESS TRANSACTIONS WITH FREE CURBSIDE PICK UP



**Books, DVDs and
most other items**



**Document
printing**



**Arts and crafts
kits**

Get your items in easy, touchless transactions!

Curbside pick up is now available at all our locations. Learn more at arlingtonlibrary.org/curbside

PLEASE FOLLOW THE CITY OF ARLINGTON'S **COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES**

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hands often.**

Lávese las manos o use antibacterial
frecuentemente.



KEEP *Everyone* SAFE



Imagine Your Story

Summer Reading Challenge

May 30 to August 1, with the Arlington Public Library

How to participate

This year, we're offering more options than ever. You can pick the level of participation that makes sense for your family. Join us online at arlingtonlibrary.org/src to learn about participating digitally!

Children and teens can enjoy weekly challenges designed just for their age and reading level. Adults will tackle a book and attend an event over the summer.

From weekly challenges delivered to your inbox, to online events, to fun ways to join us through social media, we'll have lots of ways to participate--whether in our buildings or from your own home!

Weekly Prizes

Ages 0-12, complete weekly challenges to enter prize drawings. You'll also get a book to keep!

Ages 13-17, complete weekly challenges to enter themed prize drawings each week.

Adults, read a book or attend an event to enter our weekly gift pack drawings.

Events

Find our events beginning on page 7. Programs may be cancelled or moved to a registration-based model at any time.

Thank you to our sponsors!



Financial sponsors



In-kind sponsors

Each week, our events have a different, fantastic theme! Our events will fit these fairy tale themes each week.

Dragon's Lair
June 1-7

Hall of Heroes
June 8-14

Magic Market
June 15-21

Pirate Lagoon
June 22-28

Quest Cavern
June 29-July 5

Wizard Academy
July 6-12

Gnome Country
July 13-19

Enchanted Forest
July 20-26

Giant's Castle
July 27-August 1

Virtual events in June

Join us from home for these free online programs! Events on this page take place every week in June. Find us at the following accounts. Registration is required for events on Zoom, so please sign up online to attend.



Mondays

Art is for Everyone, 2 p.m.

Enjoy free art workshops from local artists. This series is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.



Virtual Art Storytime, 2:15 p.m.

Inspire your young artists with a book and an art activity to do at home.



Tuesdays

Virtual Baby Storytime, 11:15 a.m.

Bond with your little one from the comfort of home with songs, stories, and fun tips.



Bluebonnet Book Reviews, 12:30 p.m.

Join us reviews of the Texas Bluebonnet Books with Ms. Morgan, one of the Texas Library Association's Bluebonnet Committee members.



Wednesdays

Virtual Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a entertaining story and songs each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at home.



Thursdays

Virtual DIYers, all day

Get creative in these virtual workshops! Supply kits may be available, or try recycled materials from home.



Virtual Disability Play Group, 11 a.m.

Join us for a different sensory-friendly activity each week. From DIY sensory bottles to gentle sing-alongs, this program is designed to support families at home.



Virtual Art Workshop with Rafael Lopez, 3 p.m.

Learn to make art with author and illustrator Rafael Lopez.



Fridays

Cuentos en español (virtual), 10:30 a.m.

Esta hora de cuentos involucra a niños con historias cortas, juegos con los dedos, y canciones ... completamente en español virtualmente.



The virtual events on this page are only offered once!

Don't forget to register ahead of time for our live events on Zoom. Library staff will send you the access information for these events.

**Tuesday, June 2
Arlington in World War II: Looking Back after 75 Years, 7 p.m.**

Learn about Arlington's wartime contributions.



**Wednesday, June 3
Virtual Library Youth Ambassadors, 4 p.m.**

Teens, don't miss this virtual meeting of our advocacy group.



**Friday, June 5
Virtual Science Tellers presents "Dragons: Return of the Ice Sorceress" (ages 5-12), all day**

Enjoy high-energy storytelling and live science experiments.



**Friday, June 9
Dungeons & Dragons 101 (An ArlingCon 2020 event), 7 p.m.**

Learn all about D&D from home.



**Thursday, June 11
Virtual Night Owls:
Creative Writing for Teens, 7 p.m.**

Teens, create new characters and develop new worlds with other young writers. We will work on our writing in this online workshop.



**Friday, June 12
Inside the Make Up Industry (An ArlingCon 2020 event), 7 p.m.**

Learn what to expect from a make up industry insider.



**Saturday, June 13
ArlingCon, 10 a.m.**

ArlingCon is going virtual! Find a full day of free pop-culture fun, all online.



**Tuesday, June 16
Virtual Fantasy Trivia Night, 7 p.m.**

Join us for online trivia challenges all about famous fantasy literature.



**Friday, June 19
Virtual Explore A Magical Market (ages 5-12), 2 p.m.**

Put on your engineering hats for a spellbinding time building your own miniature market.



**Tuesday, June 23
Print your Family Tree, Poster Size, 7 p.m.**

Learn to use our large-scale printer for your family history research. You can schedule an appointment to print your family tree after the presentation.



**Wednesday, June 24
Virtual Mindfulness for Teens, 4 p.m.**

Mindfulness is a great way to stay in the moment and experience the value of slowing down. Teens, learn how to practice mindfulness with tips and activities to do on your own.



**Thursday, June 25
Virtual Night Owls:
Creative Writing for Teens, 7 p.m.**

Teens, create new characters and develop new worlds with other young writers. We will work on our writing in this online workshop.



**Friday, June 26
Cross Stitch: Working with a Pattern, all day**

Learn the basics of working with a pattern, including different stitches and techniques you'll find useful.



In-Person events

We hope to return to in-person events soon!
Please visit us to see what is available at
arlingtonlibrary.org

To ensure the health and safety of participants, registration may be required and only registered attendees may attend. One caregiver may accompany registered children.

Our events will adhere to social distancing and cleaning guidelines, and we encourage our patrons to wear masks.

Dragon's Lair, June 1-7

Hall of Heroes, June 8-14

Magic Market, June 15-21

Pirate Lagoon, June 22-28

Quest Cavern, June 29-July 5

Virtual book clubs



Book clubs are meeting virtually through Zoom. Stay connected with other book lovers in your community with these lively discussion groups. Please register ahead of time to receive the access information.

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Tuesday, June 9
Northeast Bookworms, 6:45 p.m.

We'll discuss *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro.

Wednesday, June 10
Southwest Morning Reading Group, 11 a.m.

We'll discuss your recent reads in this social meeting.

Wednesday, June 17
Good Grounds Book Club, 11 a.m.

This group doesn't keep a set reading list. Instead, bring what you've been reading recently to discuss.

Thursday, June 18
Southwest Spine Crackers, 6:45 p.m.

We'll discuss *The Library of Lost and Found* by Phaedra Patrick.

Night Out Book Club, 7 p.m.

We'll discuss *The School for Good and Evil* by Soman Chainani.

Tuesday, June 30
Club de Lectura en Español, 7 p.m.

Nuevo club de lectura de habla hispana.



FREE MEALS FOR KIDS & TEENS

May 20- August 7
Monday & Wednesday

Downtown Library, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

100 S. Center St.

East Arlington Branch, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

1624 New York Ave.

Southeast Branch, 2:30-3:45 p.m.

900 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd.

Children must be present to receive meals.

Los niños deben estar presentes para recibir comidas.



COMIDA GRATIS PARA NIÑOS MENORES DE 18 AÑOS

20 Mayo - 7 Agosto
Lunes y Miércoles

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VIRTUAL ARLINGCON

Attend from home!

June 13, 2020

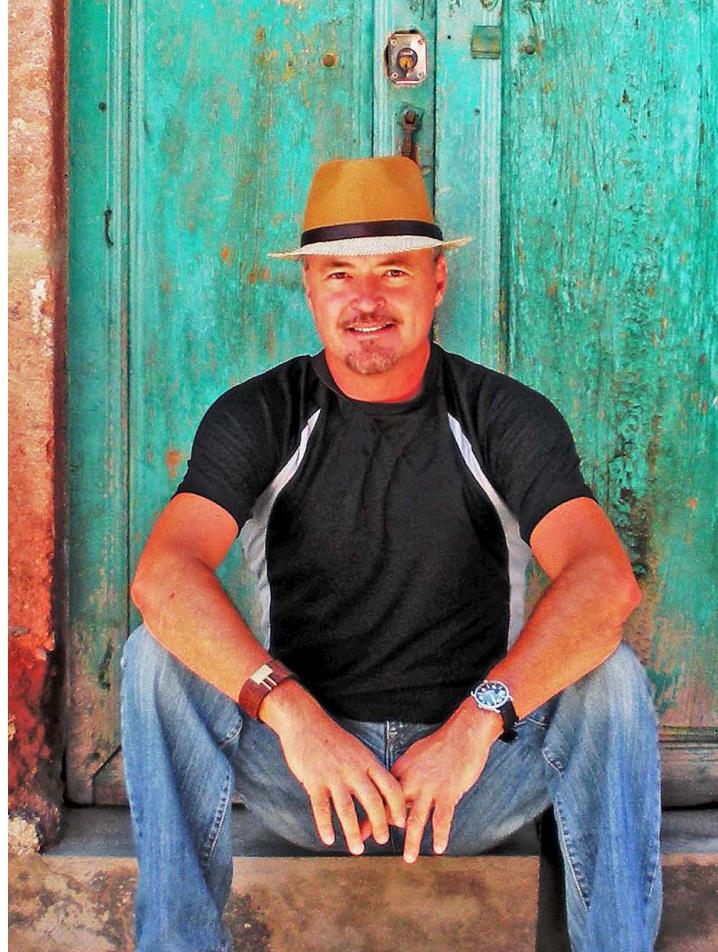
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Free to attend

No registration

Events for all ages



VIRTUAL **Rafael López** ART WORKSHOP

Children's author and illustrator Rafael López is presenting free virtual workshops every week. Join us on Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Supplies are provided. Register online to attend.

This event is made possible by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.





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ONE



Free art workshops with the **Arlington Public Library**

Join us on Facebook (@ArlingtonTXLib) for workshops taught by these local artists.



June 1, 2 p.m.
with **Tschaner
Sefas**



June 8, 2 p.m.
with **Alli Rogers**



June 15, 2 p.m.
with **Sumbal
Mushtaq**



June 22, 2 p.m.
with **Sara
Easter**

Science Tellers presents **Dragons: Return of the ICE SORCERESS**

Friday, June 5, all day

Join us on Facebook (@ArlingtonTXLib) for this exciting and educational program, combining high-energy storytelling with interactive science experiments.

This event is designed for children ages 5 to 12 and their families, and is made possible by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.



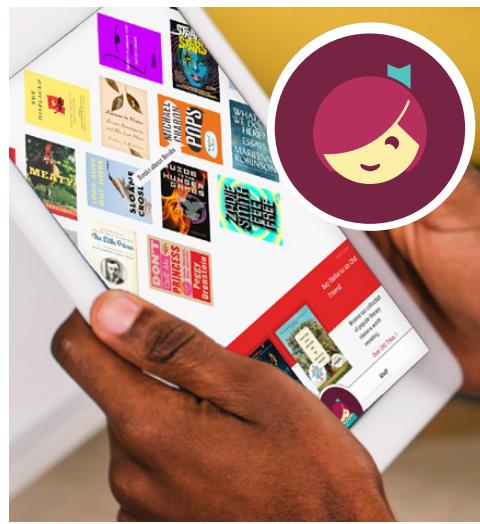
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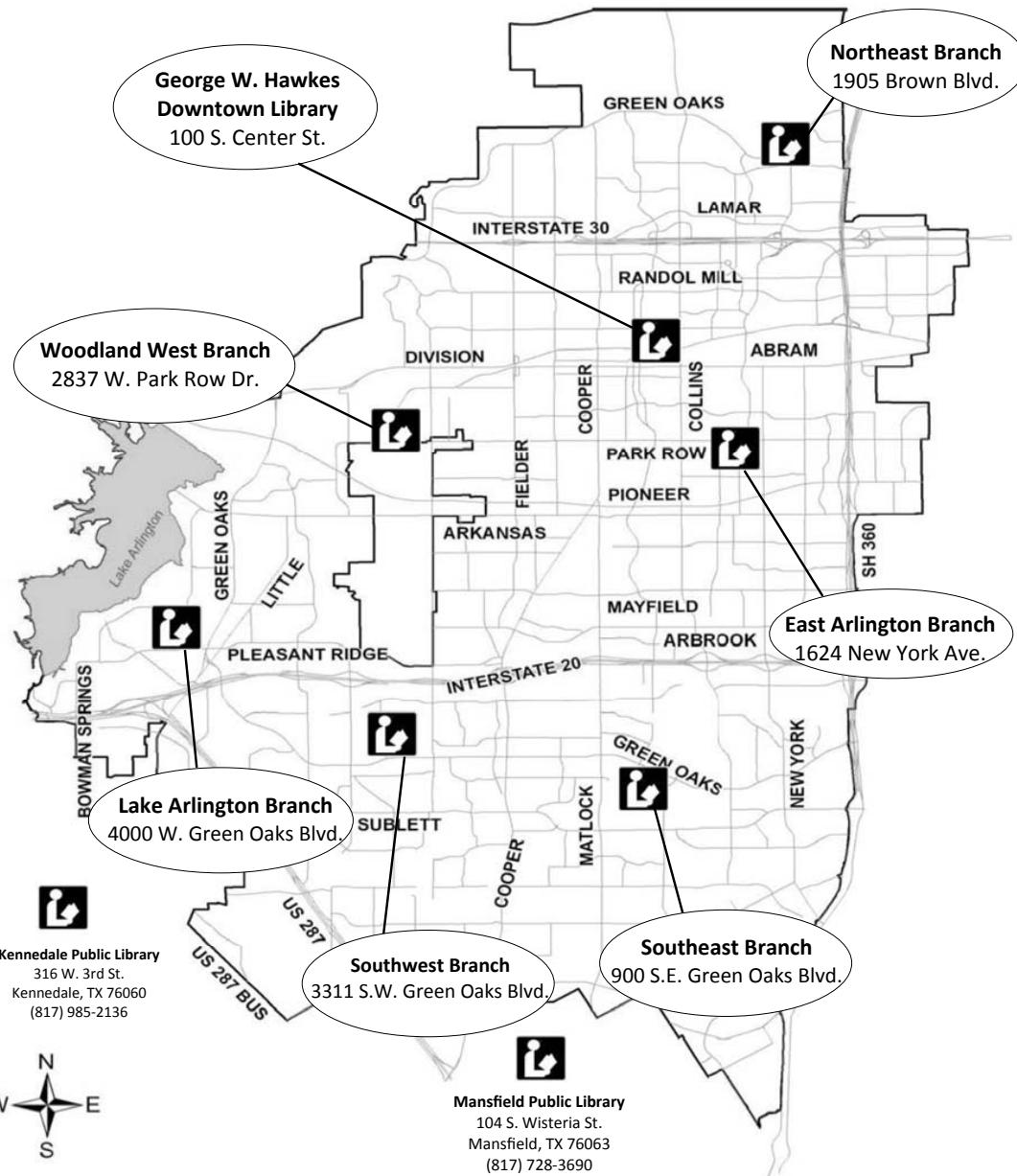
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Library Locations

To see our current hours, please visit us at arlingtonlibrary.org, or give us a call at **(817) 459-6900**.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All locations will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

EXPECTATIONS FOR BEHAVIOR

We expect that users will comply with all requests from Library staff. If you do not, we reserve the right to suspend your privileges and/or your access to the facility.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Arlington Public Library routinely takes photos and video of participants and visitors in our programs and facilities for promotional purposes. Be aware that by participating or utilizing our facilities, you are granting the City of Arlington and its agents the right to use and publish your image or your minor child's image, and that no monetary remuneration will be given.

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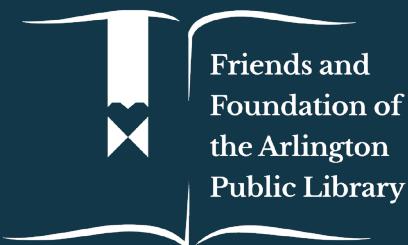
El uso de cubrebocas es recomendable.

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Wash or sanitize hands often.

Lávese las manos o use antibacterial frecuentemente.



Join the **Friends & Foundation of the Arlington Public Library**

Show your support of the Arlington Public Library by joining the Friends and Foundation. The FFAPL brings together people who share an interest in libraries, with the goal to promote public awareness and community support for the library system. Show your support of the Arlington Public Library by joining the Friends and Foundation today. Memberships start at just \$20.

arlingtonlibrary.org/ffapl

Join us on social media for all the updates! As our service model continues to evolve, you'll see up-to-date announcements on our social media accounts. We also have lots of fun with online storytimes, craft tutorials, live workshops, and more. Follow us to enjoy it all.

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