Dear Community,

We're excited to let you know that we are operating our libraries and virtual programs during this time. As we continue to add to our growing collection of eResources and offer new virtual programs, we’ll love to hear your feedback. If you haven’t done so already, please take our short survey. Let us know how we can better serve you!

Although the closure of our buildings has been extended to the end of May in response to the San Mateo County Health Department’s new health order, below are highlights on ways we’re still here for you, fostering online exploration and connection.

Lynda Online Courses Are Back

In a time when online learning is needed more than ever, we are excited to bring Lynda.com back into our collection of eResources. San Mateo County Libraries cardholders can now access Lynda. Learn new skills in areas such as software and web development, photography, design, marketing, and other abilities. Take our short survey to offer us feedback on why we’re able to bring it back.

Coming Soon — Virtual 1:1 Assistance

Stay tuned for an exciting new service starting next week — Virtual 1:1 Assistance. Our knowledgeable staff will provide school person-to-person help with technology-related issues, including but not limited to downloading eBooks, troubleshooting devices, or accessing our online resources. We plan to respond to your emails as readers’ advisory, too! You’ll be able to book an appointment and get the answers you’re looking for. Check our blog for the latest news on the launch of this exciting new service.

Ancestry Library Edition Now Available from Home

Ancestry Library Edition is a powerful genealogical tool that allows you to research your family history and gain insight into the lives and times of your ancestors as well as other historical figures. It’s a dynamic, constantly growing database, compiling census records, city and county directories, school yearbooks, passenger lists, military records, passport applications and other source materials. And now you can freely access Ancestry Library Edition from home thanks to ProQuest and its partner Ancestry who have temporarily expanded access to library cardholders remotely.

Event Spotlight: English Conversation Club

It’s a great time to focus on advancing your education and career aspirations, San Mateo County Libraries offers Online High School, a nationally accredited program that the online adult GED has been an accelerated high school diploma—now GED—while gaining course credits. It is one of high-demand employment fields across a wide spectrum. We are currently seeking qualified residents to enroll in the free program.

Event Spotlight: Instant Check Out With Kanopy Films

Learn how to use Kanopy, our free movie streaming service for all ages. We’ll show you how to access critically acclaimed independent films, documentaries, and quality children’s programming with your library card.

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