Dear Brentwood Community,

As we all live through the effects of the pandemic that have reconfigured our communities, our nation, and our world, the Library Board of Trustees and I are committed to protecting the health and safety of our patrons and staff from unnecessary COVID-19 exposure. In accordance with Governor Cuomo’s “New York on PAUSE” and related Executive Orders, the Brentwood Public Library remains temporarily closed so as to limit the exponential spread of this disease.

Although we may be closed, our library staff is hard at work to provide programs and services remotely. Our librarians are reachable during regular library hours to answer your questions through email or web chat on our website. We have many resources available 24 hours a day, including an expansive digital collection of books, movies, music, magazines, and learning software. Our talented library staff are all working continuously to convert our popular programs into online formats and launch and develop new programs for all of us to have a way to be together. Please visit our website’s program calendar for a growing list of our programs and events with some of your favorite librarians and programmers.

The Brentwood Public Library, along with other Suffolk County libraries, loaned our 3D printers to the Suffolk County Library System in order to make face-shields for healthcare workers fighting the COVID-19 virus. The protective gear created by our 3D printers has been donated to the Brentwood Legion Ambulance Service and to Stony Brook University Hospital.

We would like to thank our staff for embracing the virtual environment and for their continuing efforts to provide new and innovative services. It is our hope that everyone stays safe until our community is back to full operation.

Know that we are thinking of you, and wishing you and your families good health and safety.

Please stay connected and up to date on ways the library can help by following us on social media and visiting our website at www.brentwoodnylibrary.org.

Thank you, and stay safe.

Tom Tarantowicz
Library Director
Even during these trying times, the Reference Department is here for you. We are available to answer your reference questions through the virtual chat feature on our website. We can help you discover digital materials, answer your questions or just chat!

Look for all of our online programs on the Library Events calendar on our website. We’re offering Crafty Tuesdays with Theresa, Fridays with Rob Scott, Adult Anime Night, Adult Coloring Club and more! If you’re looking to learn a little something while you’re home, tune in to our Live from BPL! Digital Lectures or our Throwback Thursday History programs. And don’t forget our book programs!

We have also set up Facebook groups centered on Genealogy and History, Gaming and Learning English that can be found by visiting the Brentwood Library’s Facebook page. Whatever you may be looking for, the Adult Reference Department is here for you. Please come spend time with us!

The Career and Business Center is available online to assist you with resume and cover letter writing, job searches, employment applications and filing for unemployment insurance. We are available through our virtual chat and by emailing careercenter@brentwoodnylibrary.org. We are also offering classes on how to use our online learning platforms Universal Class and VIP Learning.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Need support? Our bilingual social worker is available by phone Mondays, 4:00-7:00 pm and Saturdays, 9:00 am-5:00 pm for short-term counseling and assistance.

Phone: (631)-647-0156
Email: maria.garcia@fsl-li.org

The Community Legal Help Project is assisting people over the phone. Nassau Suffolk Law Services will be returning calls during business hours. If you cannot get through, please leave a message with a good time to receive a callback. The call will be from a private number.

Phone: (631)822-3272

Need health insurance? In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency the NY State of Health announced that a Special Enrollment Period will be made available for New Yorkers. Eligible individuals will be able to enroll in insurance coverage through the NY State of Health Marketplace, nystateofhealth.ny.gov, through May 15, 2020. If you need assistance applying, navigators at the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, hwcli.com, can help.

Phone: (516)505-4426
**FEATURED ONLINE SERVICES**

**Hoopla** – Need something to read or new music to listen to? Hoopla has an amazing lineup of new e-books, audiobooks, comics, movies, tv shows and music.

**Libby by Overdrive** – Browse, checkout, download and stream tens of thousands of eBooks and audiobooks with Overdrive on your computer or the Libby app on your mobile device.

**Flipster eMagazines** – Flipster offers a great selection of current popular magazines, including current issues of *Food Network Magazine*, *Us Weekly*, *People*, *Good House Keeping*, *Highlights* and more!

**Brainfuse Homework Help** – HelpNow offers live one-on-one tutors for homework help in English and Spanish from 1:00-11:00 pm. Brainfuse also includes practice tests, a writing lab and test preparation. Help is available for all grade levels and subjects.

**Freegal** – All cardholders have download and streaming access to over 15 million songs including today’s top hits, yesterday’s favorites and a rich collection of classical, jazz and world music. Enjoy 3 hours per day of ad-free streaming access.

**Pressreader** – Pressreader offers access to over 7,000 newspaper and magazine titles from 120 countries in 60 languages the day they hit newsstands. View through the web or download the mobile app.

**Rosetta Stone** – Access this popular, interactive language learning software from your computer or smartphone!

**Odilo** – Lea libros electrónicos en español. Acceda con su tarjeta de la biblioteca de Brentwood. Lea libros utilizando su teléfono, tableta o computadora.

**Universal Class** – Are you interested in learning something new or brushing up on your skills? Universal Class allows you to take courses at your own pace in many different interest areas.

**VIP Learning** – VIP Learning le permite tomar cursos de capacitación y formación profesional en línea de forma gratuita. Puede aprender mecánica, belleza, cocina, construcción, pintura y mucho más.

Visit our website for a complete list of our digital resources. [BRENTWOODNYLIBRARY.ORG](http://BRENTWOODNYLIBRARY.ORG)
STAYING CONNECTED

CHAT WITH US

Our librarians are standing by to answer your questions online. Chat is available Monday to Saturday during normal library hours on Facebook Messenger and our website.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Sign up for our e-newsletter to stay up-to-date on our programs, digital resources, and library news. On our website look for the link in the “How Do I” drop-down menu or at the bottom of the page.

NO CARD? NO PROBLEM.

We are proud to be part of an effort organized by the Suffolk County Library System to produce face shield headbands for healthcare workers. The Brentwood Public Library has loaned its three 3D printers to this joint effort to produce this important protective equipment. Face shields have been donated to Long Island hospitals and The Brentwood Legion Ambulance Service.

If you or a family member don’t have a library card, register for a temporary card at search.livebrary.com/selfreg or look for the link on our website. This temporary card will give you immediate access to most online library services.

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HOW TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS

Visit our website, brentwoodnylibrary.org, and hover over the “Programs & Events” drop-down menu and select “Library Events” to find our complete list of programs. If you need assistance registering please click on the “web chat” link or icon. Unless specifically mentioned, all online programs are free of charge.

• Children’s programs are available to Brentwood Library cardholders, ages 12 and under.

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