

Santa Monica Public Library Reopens for In-Person Service



Great news! On Tuesday, June 1, 2021, the Santa Monica Public Library begins a phased approach to reopening, starting with limited in-person services at the Main Library.

What can you look forward to? At the Main Library there will be limited in-person browsing of the first-floor collection, holds pick-ups, computer use, checking out materials, and in-person interaction with staff.

We are excited to safely welcome you back to the Main Library for in-person services, another significant milestone in our recovery. The best way to make the most of your time at the Library is to plan your trip: wear a face mask, know the books or resources you'd like to check out or explore, and if there are any questions you have about returning to the Library, reach out to one of our dedicated Library staff.

The City and the Library are committed to a safe facility for patrons and staff. Library spaces were reconfigured to provide safe and welcoming environments while aligning the Library with the best practices of public libraries throughout California and the rest of the country.

In July, services will expand when the doors of the beloved Ocean Park Branch open through a unique self-service model, allowing patrons access to the Library collection, self-checkout of items, holds pick-up, and public computer use.

Curbside Pickup Service will continue at the Montana Avenue Branch and Pico Branch Libraries throughout the summer.

To help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19, we ask that when visiting the Library, you maintain a 6-foot physical distance, wear a face mask over your mouth and nose at all times, follow posted signage, and adhere to Library capacity limits. Most importantly, if you are feeling sick, please stay home. The health and safety of Library patrons and staff is of immense importance to us.

We invite you to explore the [virtual programs](#) we have available for all ages and the many digital services that are available 24/7 in our [Online Library](#), and to enjoy our physical collection of books, movies, and music using [Curbside Pickup](#).

Please reach out if you have questions. Staff are available to assist you 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of each month, and Thursday, 2:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Staff can be reached at 310-458-8600 or reference@santamonica.gov.

Please take care and know your Library is here with resources to help you through these challenging times. We would like to thank you for your continued support and patience as we transition to expanding services and look forward to working together as a community.

Sincerely,
Patty Wong
Director of Library Services