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### **Book Returns Open at All Santa Monica Public Library Locations**

*Santa Monica, California* – The Library is pleased to announce that the exterior book returns will be open to accept books and materials beginning 9:00am on Monday, June 15, 2020 at all Santa Monica Public Library locations.

Due dates on the 57,000 plus items currently checked out have been extended to September 1, 2020, but we encourage patrons to begin returning their items so we can manage the volume of returns more efficiently. All items will undergo a minimum 72-hour quarantine before they are shelved. Depending on the date of return, and the location's hours of operation, it may take a few days for the Library account to reflect the return. No fines will be assessed during this period.

The reopening of the book returns represents the beginning of a phased approach to providing library services to support the health and safety of our community. No book donations will be accepted at this time.

The Library plans to launch curbside service, our no-contact check-out/pick-up service in mid-July. We look forward to announcing the details of that program soon.

Watch for registration information for Santa Monica Reads All Summer our new online summer reading and Santa Monica Reads program which runs June 22 - September 7, 2020.

To control the spread of COVID-19, the Library buildings remain closed to the public as required by the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department. We appreciate your patience as we work towards reopening and providing safe, supportive access to Library materials and

resources. Until then, we encourage you to visit our [Online Library](#) and access the Library's many digital services that are available 24/7.

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Questions? Feel free to call us at 310-458-8600 or email [reference@smgov.net](mailto:reference@smgov.net). Staff are available Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm, and look forward to connecting with you!

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