

April 19, 2020

Dear Placentia Library District Patrons,

We hope this Sunday message finds you and your family safe and healthy. Today marks exactly one month since we had to close the library - what a month it has been! That's over 20,000 smiles we have missed!

Today also marks the first day of National Library Week (NLW), April 19 -25, 2020. It was first created by the American Library Association (ALA) in 1958, and observed in public, school, academic and special libraries across the nation. ALA believes NLW "is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support...As the impact of the COVID-19 crisis continues to evolve and change the work of libraries and library workers, libraries are proving resourceful and resilient." This year's original theme, "Find your place at the library" was amended to "Find the library at your place." Regardless of the emergence of the coronavirus, you can still find your place at the library. The landscape has changed from a physical building to a virtual connection but we are still here for you.

In celebration of NLW, the Placentia Library District would like to hear from our patrons. **We want you to be part of our National Library Week history.** Please share your stories of how the library is helping you during this difficult time or tell us what fun activity you and your family have been doing during the stay-at-home period. All submissions will become part of a historical storybook that will be available in the history room for everyone to enjoy.

Help us put together our COVID-19 stories on how we are getting through this together!

Here's how it works:

Step One: Let's bring your stories to life!

- Children, Teens, and Adults are invited to participate.
- All types of creative outlets are welcome including written submissions, social media posts, text GIFs, poems, photo, or simple comic/graphic designs!

Step Two: Be Creative!

- If you don't already, follow the Placentia Library on Facebook (@PlacentiaLibrary) and/or Instagram (@Placentialib)
- Write, post, or create your story on how the library is helping you during COVID-19. Tell us what fun activity you and your family have been doing during COVID-19.
- You may download a template to create your story

Step Three: Enter submission!

- Post your story on Instagram or Facebook, use hashtags: **#placentialibrary #NLW2020 #gettingthroughthisogether** and make sure to Tag the Placentia Library (Please be sure your account is not private to allow us to view your submission)
- You may E-mail your submission to information@placentialibrary.org
- Entries must include:
 - First and Last name
 - Age Group (Children, Teen, or Adult)
 - Written story AND/OR , Image, Gif, Comic, Drawing, Poem (no videos)
 - Who should be credited for entry or note anonymous.
- 1 Entry per person.
- Submissions will be accepted through May 31st.

We can't wait to read your stories and share with our community! Thank you for your participation and continued support of libraries.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Contreras
Library Director