

October/November 2020

Ballot Drop-Off at the Learning Center

All three Carlsbad City Library locations will serve as official Mail Ballot Drop-off locations for the 2020 Presidential General Election from Tuesday, Oct. 6 through Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Your signed, sealed and dated voter mail ballot envelope can be dropped off via drive-thru service during these hours:

Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.



On Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 3, hours for dropping off voter mail ballots will be 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Questions regarding the Mail Ballot Drop-off program should be directed to the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters (858) 565-5800.

Carlsbad City Library locations:

Carlsbad City (Dove) Library, 1775 Dove Lane,
Georgina Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive
Carlsbad City Library Learning Center, 3368 Eureka Place

Libraries Now Open for Computer Use

All three Carlsbad libraries are now open for computer use and printing. Computers and printing will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Learning Center.

- Computer use is for 1 hour per day.
- Black & white printing is \$0.20 a page, cash only.
- Other parts of the library are closed.
- Please remember to wear a face covering at all times and stay 6 feet away from others.

Hours for computers and printing at the other two Carlsbad libraries are:

Georgina Cole Library
Monday & Wednesday
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Carlsbad City (Dove) Library
Tuesday & Thursday
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Additional Library Services

We also have other services available to tutors and learners:

- Free books through our Build Your Home Library program
- Zoom training
- Free *Learning Upgrade* phone app
- Book club

- News Crew reading group
 - Citizenship study materials
 - Voting resources
- And more!

Please call us at (760) 931-4510 or email literacy@carlsbadca.gov to learn more!

Introducing News Crew

Join us at our weekly News Crew meeting, Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Zoom. Here, with Library Assistant Sandra, we will discuss current events and articles from *News for You*, a publication with easy-to-read news stories.

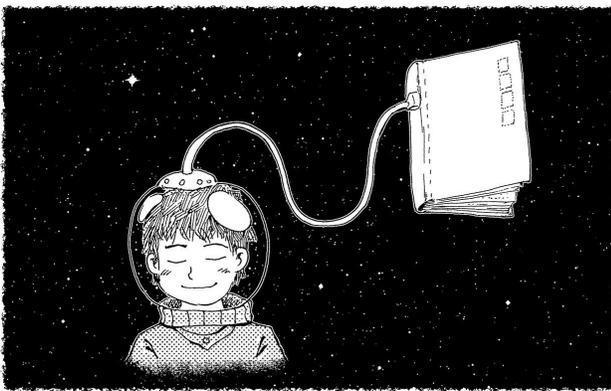
We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity for reading practice with Learning Center staff.

If you would like to join, please call the Learning Center at (760) 931-4510.



The Benefits of Reading in Difficult Times

Let's face it—times are tough, and many of us may struggle to find a healthy coping mechanism to reduce our stress. The good news is, there are proven, research backed benefits that show reading may help!



Reading has been found to:

- Strengthen connectivity in our brains
- Increase our ability for empathy
- Increase vocabulary
- Fight age-related cognitive decline
- Reduce stress
- Promote a good night's sleep
- Provide a healthy escape that may alleviate depression
- Increase life expectancy up to two years

So next time you're feeling a little "blue," grab a book and take your mind to a healthier space.

Source: <https://www.healthline.com/health/benefits-of-reading-books#what-to-read>

Learning Upgrade

Learning Upgrade is a phone app that allows you to independently improve your literacy skills. This app was specially developed for adult learners and is used in literacy programs all over the country. Lessons include games, songs and repetition to help teach literacy concepts.

You can download this app free using our literacy program's class code. *Learning Connection* may also be accessed on a computer or tablet. Please contact us for more information and to get signed up.

100 Hours Achievement

Congratulations to our pairs who reached the 100 hours mark during one year of tutoring sessions!

Elizabeth B. and Jin L.