

Returning Library Materials

The Lighthouse Point Library Drop Box is open for returning library books. ONLY materials checked out from the Lighthouse Point Library should be put in the drop box. Materials checked out from other libraries are not accepted. Please remember returned Library materials will still show on your account AT LEAST 72-HOURS after you place them in the drop box. This 72-hours is when the materials are disinfected (Lysol, Clorox, and UV wand) and are placed in quarantine. **After the 72-hour quarantine, items are checked in as of the date they were placed in the drop box.**

Steps We Take To Disinfect Returned Library Materials

- Step 1:** The Lighthouse Point Library is ONLY receiving returned materials through the outside drop box.
- Step 2:** Multiple times a day, staff members wearing gloves and face coverings empty the outside drop box and clean both the outside and inside plastic covers of returned books, DVDs, and audiobooks with disinfecting wipes (Lysol, Clorox, etc.). The materials are then dried with paper towels. Items may also be left fanned open in the sunlight (UV) for a while (weather permitting). Staff then clean the drop box and book carts with disinfectant spray. During this process, an auxiliary drop box 6 feet or more away from staff members may be used to receive patrons' returns.
- Step 3:** All returned materials are then moved into a 72-hour quarantine area and are sanitized with a high intensity UV wand. This is especially helpful for items like DVD disks and CDs disks which cannot be cleaned with chemical solutions. The UV wand the Library uses is the HygenX Vray High Intensity Portable and Cordless UV-C Sanitizer. This industrial grade product kills 99.9% of bacteria (including coronavirus). A link to the manufacturer's information is below.
- Step 4:** Just to be extra safe at the end of the 72-hour quarantine all items are sanitized AGAIN with the UV wand.
- Step 5:** Returned items are then ready to be checked-in, shelved, and released to the next patron on the reserve list.



Research On Disinfecting Library Materials

'Fake spit' tests shows library materials free of coronavirus after 3 days June 25. USA Today

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/06/25/fake-spit-tests-show-library-materials-free-coronavirus-after-3-days/3256112001/>

Libraries Strive to Stay 'Community Living Rooms' as They Reopen. June 11. New York Times.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/11/books/coronavirus-library-reopening.html?smid=em-share>

IMLS Research Partnership To Address Safety Guidelines for Library, Museum Materials. June 3. Library Journal

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=imls-research-partnership-to-address-safety-guidelines-for-library-museum-materials>

Is it safe to borrow library books? Your COVID-19 questions answered May 20. "The virus on a book should be completely inactive after 24 hours," according to Dr. Colin Furness, an infection control epidemiologist and assistant professor at the University of Toronto.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/covid-questions-library-asthma-1.5570160>

IMLS, CDC Offer Guidance for Disinfecting Returned Library Books April 2. "A study published in The Lancet showed "no infectious virus could be recovered from printing and tissue papers after a 3-hour incubation."

<https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=IMLS-CDC-offer-guidance-for-disinfecting-returned-books-library-journal-coronavirus-covid19>

National Institutes of Health: March 17. Covid-19 is detectable in aerosols for up to three hours, up to four hours on copper, up to 24 hours on cardboard and up to two to three days on plastic and stainless steel. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/new-coronavirus-stable-hours-surfaces>

UV Wand: HygenX Vray High Intensity Portable and Cordless UV-C Sanitizer

<https://www.hamiltonbuhl.com/hygenx-vray-high-intensity-portable-and-cordless-uv-c-sanitizer-kills-99-of-bacteria/>



Library Takeout Service

Library takeout service gives patrons access to the entire library collection in a safe manner while the City Hall/Library building is closed to walk-in visitors. Patrons may reserve print books, DVDs, and audiobooks through the online catalog at lighthousepointlibrary.com or by calling the library at 954-946-6398 Monday – Friday from 10am to 4pm (closed holidays). Once staff have retrieved the requested materials from the shelves, they will call the patron to confirm a pickup time.

Bagged and labeled items will be available under the covered walkway (outside of the Library) at the selected pickup time. Patrons with special needs may request “curbside pickup” (weather permitting). This service permits staff to bring library items out to the trunk of a patron’s car. This allows patrons with special needs to remain in their car, and both the staff member and patron to maintain social distancing.

Youth ONLINE Library Programs

The last day for this year’s national summer reading campaign is July 31st. Fall Library youth programs will be offered ONLINE and will feature STEAM, Story Arts, Story Time, and Hour of Code. Please check lighthousepointlibrary.com in August for the Library’s Fall (September – November) Youth Programming Dates.



Materials Return/Outdoor Drop box

Lighthouse Point Library materials may be returned in the outside drop box. Materials checked out from other libraries and book donations should **NOT** be placed in the Lighthouse Point Library drop box. **Please remember due to cleaning and quarantining returned items, Library materials will still show on your account AT LEAST 72-HOURS after you place them in the drop box.** No late fees will be assessed during the 72-Hours.

eBooks and Digital Audiobooks

Are available 24/7 at lighthousepointlibrary.com

If you need help with the Library’s online resources Library staff are happy to help. Call the library at 954-946-6398 Monday – Friday from 10am to 4pm.

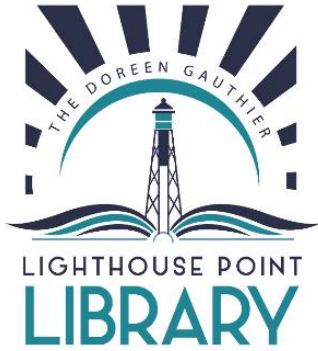


Library Building

The Lighthouse Point City Hall and the Library are currently closed to the public. Additionally, all Broward County Library buildings are also **closed** to the public. Library and City staff continue to work tirelessly preparing the building for a “new normal”. Staff are available Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed holidays) to assist you by phone. Please call the Library at 954-946-6398 or check us out online at lighthousepointlibrary.com.

Donation of Books and Materials

No book or materials donations are being accepted. The Friends of the Library are currently unable to accept any book or materials donations. Due to safety concerns, any donation left outside of the building, in the drop box, or on the grounds must immediately be sent to the dumpsters.



Lighthouse Point Library 24/7 Access at lighthousepointlibrary.com

Go To Catalog

Enter your Lighthouse Point Library card number
The password is your phone number



eBooks and streaming audiobooks via computer, smartphone, or tablet:

The Lighthouse Point Library has over 9,000 eBooks and 1,000 streaming audiobooks through Overdrive. To access these visit lighthousepointlibrary.com and select the eBook quick link on the home page. We are part of the South Florida Library Information Network (when you are selecting libraries). If you need assistance downloading an eBook please call the Library.



Online access to the Sun Sentinel, Miami Herald, Palm Beach Post AND newspapers from across the nation.

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National Geographic Magazine archives, National Geographic Traveler, and National Geographic Kids, are all included in this collection along with eBooks geared toward kids.



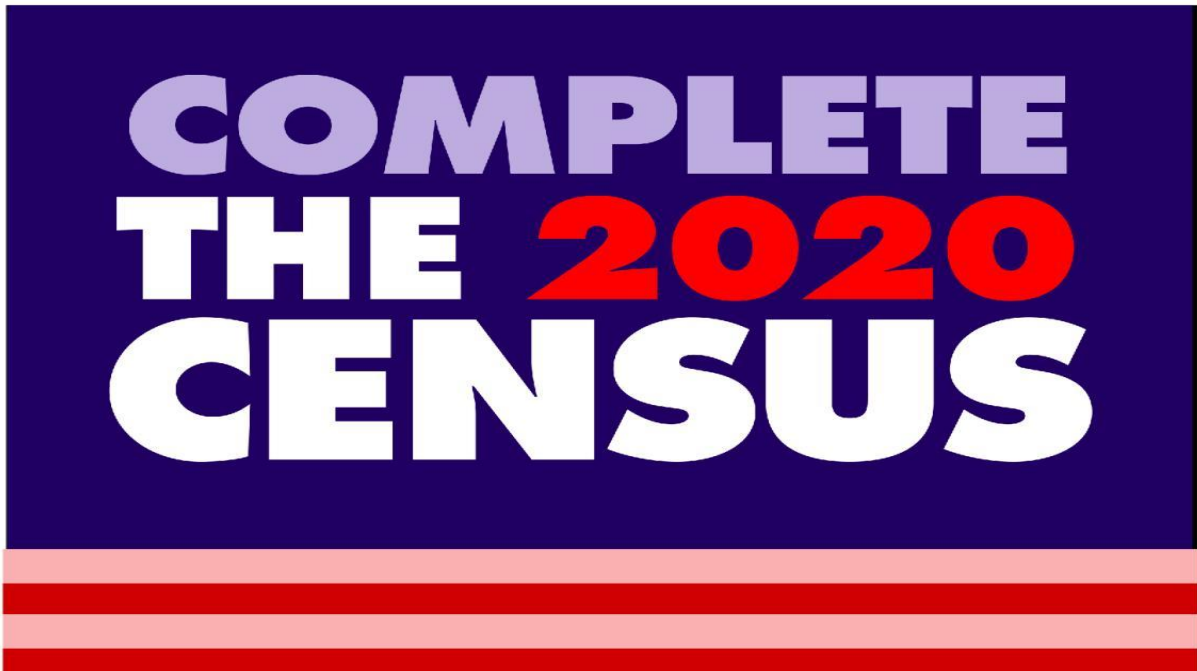
Gale Legal Forms has an extensive searchable collection of free legal forms for the state of Florida. Warning: Public users should consult an attorney in their state for serious legal matters.



Worldbook Online targets learning and fun by grade level. Early World of Learning (preschool), Kids (elementary users), Student (upper-elementary and middle-grade users), Advanced (high school) and Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos, a beginner's Spanish/English language reference tool.



The Florida Electronic Library (FEL) is a gateway to electronic magazines, newspapers, almanacs, encyclopedias and books, and the Ask a Librarian reference service.



Online

<https://my2020census.gov/>

By Phone

In English: 844-330-2020

Spanish: 844-468-2020

Chinese (Mandarin): 844-391-2020, Chinese (Cantonese): 844-398-2020

Vietnamese: 844-461-2020, Korean: 844-392-2020, Russian: 844-417-2020

Arabic: 844-416-2020, Tagalog: 844-478-2020, Polish: 844-479-2020, French: 844-494-2020

Haitian Creole: 844-477-2020, Portuguese: 844-474-2020, Japanese: 844-460-2020

By Mail

Paper Census questionnaires were mailed to homes in April.

Census Takers

Census Takers will visit homes that did not reply to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.

<https://2020census.gov/en/census-takers.html>