

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 The Library Takes 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.) and paper towels. Staff then also cleans the drop box 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: Returned materials are then moved into a 72-hour quarantine area to where they are fanned out. Book carts are then disinfected and made ready for the next user.

Step 4: At the end of the 72-hour quarantine all items are inspected again to make sure they are clean and dry.

Step 5: Returned items are then ready to be checked-in, shelved, or released to the next patron on the reserve list.

Please note select items may also be sanitized with a standing high intensity UV wand for 2 minutes per area. The UV wand the Library uses is the 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 Materials Disinfecting Resources

Ongoing Updates

Reopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums (REALM) Information Hub: A COVID-19 Research Project. Date is Ongoing. <https://www.webjunction.org/explore-topics/COVID-19-research-project.html>

COVID-19 Resources for Libraries and Museums Information Hub. Date is Ongoing. Institute of Museum and Library Services. Date is Ongoing. <https://www.imls.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/covid-19-resources-libraries-and-museums>
Florida Library Association COVID-19 Hub. Date is Ongoing. <https://fla.memberclicks.net/fla-covid-19#Timeline>

Public Library Association COVID-19 Hub. Date is Ongoing. <http://www.ala.org/pla/issues/covid-19>

American Library Association COVID-19 Hub. Date is Ongoing. <http://www.ala.org/tools/covid-19-recovery>

Chronological Order

Brushing Dust Off Books: Public Libraries During COVID. October 07. Pasadena Voice.

<https://www.pasadenavoice.com/stories/brushing-dust-off-books-public-libraries-during-covid,32024>

Please Stop Microwaving Your Library Books: A COVID-era public service announcement. September 21. Book and Film Globe (great photo of burnt book!). <https://bookandfilmglobe.com/fiction/please-stop-putting-your-library-books-microwave/>

Northeast Document Conservation Center research on collections, disinfecting, and specific concerns about COVID-19. September 18 (full research pending). <https://www.nedcc.org/free-resources/preservation-leaflets/3.-emergency-management/3.5-disinfecting-books>

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). COVID-19 and the Global Library Field. Hub of resources. September 15. <https://www.ifla.org/covid-19-and-libraries>

Schools work to allow safe access to library books. September 4. Intermountain Catholic (process of classroom visits covered). <http://www.icatholic.org/article/schools-work-to-allow-safe-access-to-library-books-70314115>

GUIDANCE FOR MANAGING FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY COLLECTIONS SAFELY DURING COVID-19. September 3. <file:///C:/Users/ckeyes/Downloads/Guidance-managing-depository-collections-safely-during-covid-rev-09032020.pdf>

HOW TO DISINFECT BOOKS: A DISCUSSION. Aug 26. Book Riot. <https://bookriot.com/how-to-disinfect-books/>

CDC - Cleaning and Disinfection for Households Interim Recommendations for U.S. Households with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). July 10. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html>

'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>

Little free Library Books, May 22. Books during pandemic <https://littlefreelibrary.org/best-practices-at-little-free-libraries-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>

Is it safe to borrow library books? Your COVID-19 questions answered May 20. CBC News <https://www.cbc.ca/news/covid-questions-library-asthma-1.5570160>

IMLS, CDC: On Staff Safety, Handling Paper In COVID-19 Pandemic. April 8. Library Journal

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=imls-cdc-on-staff-safety-handling-paper-in-covid-19-pandemic>

IMLS, CDC Offer Guidance for Disinfecting Returned Library Books April 2. School Library Journal.

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

How to Sanitize Collections in a Pandemic March 27. American Libraries

Magazine. <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/how-to-sanitize-collections-covid-19/?fbclid=IwAR3LnShC17mfqulOYusIjdDFiBNRqyx2xouGZQcoKx6JvjPgFifrGCGsU>

Handling Library Materials and Collections During a Pandemic, American Library Association, March 26.

<http://www.ala.org/alcts/preservationweek/resources/pandemic>

National Institutes of Health: March 17. National Institute of Health. 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>



Library Takeout Service

954-946-6398 Monday – Friday 10am to 4pm

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. 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.



Fall Youth ONLINE Library Programs

Fall Library Online youth programs are OPEN for registration! Enjoy Story Time, STEAM, Coding, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, and Build A City. Visit lighthousepointlibrary.com (Programs) for details. Select programs have take home project elements.

Ask-A-Librarian

Need help with a research question for school? How about the address for your State Senator? Ask-A-Librarian! Available by phone during takeout 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.



Materials Return/Outdoor Drop box

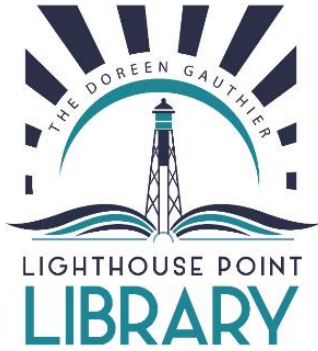
Lighthouse Point Library materials may be returned in the outside drop box. Materials checked out from other libraries and book donations should **NOT** be placed in the Lighthouse Point Library drop box. **Please remember due to cleaning and quarantining returned items, Library materials will still 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.

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.

Library Building

The Lighthouse Point City Hall and the Library are currently **closed** to walk-in visitors.



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The password is your phone number



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