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UPCOMING EVENTS

Storytime Live
Friday, September 18, 2020 -
3:30pm

Storytime Live
Monday, September 21, 2020 -
10:30am

Bilingual Storytime Live
Monday, September 21, 2020 -
3:30pm

Virtual Ukulele Jam
Monday, September 21, 2020 -
7:00pm

Storytime Live
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 -
10:30am

Bilingual Bedtime Stories Live
Tuesday, September 22, 2020 -
7:00pm

Video Tutorials

Need Help?
chat live now

Ventura County Library has made many adaptations to cope with Covid 19. When the libraries had to close their doors, the eLibrary proved to be invaluable. During the month of April, checkouts of eBooks increased 80%. In response, the library system made considerable investment in increasing the eLibrary offerings.

In May, The Ventura County Library website rolled out a new look under the banner "**Your Library at Home**" featuring pages of interest to kids, teens, and adults. It is a one-stop-shop for individuals, parents, and teachers looking for librarian curated lists of online resources for distance learning as well as for fun.

If you find using Your Library at Home intimidating, look for the "Video Tutorials" and "Need Help?" Live Chat buttons on the right side of the screen -- as shown in the image at the top of this page. Just click to learn how to make the most of what the library has to offer.

Librarians began live-streaming and recording storytimes, including bilingual storytimes and STEAM themed storytimes. One of the storytimes has logged 6,000 views!

Storytimes are available at the Ventura County Library facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Ventura-County-Library-68759970694/>) and the library's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/vencolibraryVideo>)



Ventura County Library deployed its small fleet of 3D printers in the fight against the spread of Coronavirus and teamed up with staff from the Blanchard Community Library and community partners to print and distribute face shields for medical workers.

In June, the library resumed lending out physical materials –with patrons using the online catalog to request items with curbside pickup. During the hours for curbside pickup, you can also speak to a librarian on the phone or chat online through the vencolibrary.org website.



In August, Ventura County Library Foundation presented a fundraising event: Author Talk with New York Times Best-Selling Author Lisa See. This virtual event was hosted in partnership with CSU Channel Islands, Ojai Valley Libraries Friends and Foundation, Montecito Bank & Trust, Mustang Marketing, and Barnes & Noble. Tickets were available with a \$50 donation. Each guest received a signed copy of Lisa See's **The Island of Sea Women** in the mail following the event.

Funds raised will support the urgent demand for STEAM: Chromebooks, WiFi hotspots, eBooks and Homework Tutoring. The event was very successful, raising \$5,000. A recording can be viewed at <https://www.vencolibrary.org/one-county-one-book>. Lisa See's *Island of the Sea Women* was chosen for One County One Book this year. The library sponsored Zoom discussions of the books. Films providing cultural context created by California Lutheran University were available to view through the Library's website.

Watch our website for more fundraising events from the Ventura County Library Foundation.