Beaumont Library Is Now Offering Public Computers and Home Delivery

by Luren Dickinson, Library Director

With the number of virus cases leveling both nationally, statewide, and here in Riverside County, Beaumont Library has been expanding its in-library services over the past few weeks.

On October 18, public computers were made available by reservation for 30-minute sessions. At the same time, the maximum number of simultaneous visitors in the library remains at 15. Curbside pickup ended on October 31, but district residents requiring home delivery can request it as of November 1.

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Beaumont Library’s public computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis by signing up at the Reference Desk or calling the library at 951-845-1357 to put in a reservation.

The keyboard for each of the public workstations is covered with flexible plastic that can be cleaned, along with the mouse, between uses. Automatic hand sanitizer dispensers are also mounted in key locations throughout the building for personal safety.

Although photocopying will not be available at this time, printing can be done from the public computers or wirelessly from patron devices. Printouts will be released from the Reference Desk after payment is made through the change machine, which accepts coins and bills.

All prints are black and white at a cost of 10 cents per page. Beaumont Library does not have color printing, and it does not provide faxing or scanning services at this time.

As with all visitors, computer users must comply with state and county restrictions that require face coverings to be worn while in the building. Also, once finished using the computers they may not remain in the library to browse if they have exhausted their 30-minute time limit.

$5,000 “Crisis Collection” Grant Awarded to Beaumont Library

A $5,000 grant for e-materials was awarded to Beaumont Library this fall through the Southern California Library Cooperative as part of its FY20/21 funding program.

This money is meant to “address the increased demand from [the] community for e-resources as people practice physical distancing and access to physical library collections is restricted during the pandemic.”

This is the second such $5,000 grant award received by the Library. The earlier funding was part of SCLC’s FY19/20 program and was received during the spring at the height of the COVID-19 epidemic.

The first $5,000 was used to greatly increase the size of the Library’s Overdrive collection, consisting of e-books, as well as e-audiobooks. If
the average item purchased cost about $20, this means than an additional 250 e-materials were added to Overdrive at that time.

The current $5,000 must be spent by December 15, and that means another 250 e-items will be added to Overdrive by year’s end.

The best way to access the Overdrive materials is by using the “Libby” app, which can be downloaded for free from Google Play or the App Store. It can be used on your cell phone, tablet, computer, or other reading device. And Overdrive is the only public library e-book service that works with Amazon Kindle.

One of the best things about Libby is that you can very easily put it on multiple devices and it will keep track of where you stopped reading even if you switch another device! The app also allows you to look up word meanings, search the text, and highlight key phrases.

Another important thing to remember is that Beaumont Library is part of an Overdrive resource sharing group of public libraries in Southern California. Included are San Bernardino Public Library, Whittier Public Library, Moorpark City Library, and Camarillo Public Library.

All you have to do is input each of these libraries into the Libby app with just a couple of clicks, alongside Beaumont Library, and you will have five collections to choose from, not just one.

Recently, Overdrive and RB Digital (formerly Recorded Books) joined forces as part of the same company. They will be combined into the Overdrive database very soon to make an even more robust collection.

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Library Hours
Sunday—1 to 6 p.m.
Monday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday—CLOSED
Thursday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops
There are no scheduled stops at this time
Check the Library’s website for dates and times for “Social Distance Storytime at the Park” at Noble Creek

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