

Croton Free Library

SHELF LIFE - Quarterly Newsletter, Summer 2020

To our patrons,

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many changes to the Croton Free Library’s service ever since it was determined that it was in the best interests of the community to close our doors on March 15th. Nevertheless, the Library adapted to the circumstances and has offered enhanced online programming, online performances, and increased availability of digital materials as we were all encouraged to stay at home for the sake of remaining safe and healthy.

I am happy to announce that the Croton Free Library has re-started limited services to our patrons. We now offer curbside pick-up six days a week for items placed on hold from our Library and, as of July 1st, from the other libraries in the Westchester Library System too. We ask that when a requested item becomes available patrons **call the Library to schedule a pick-up time**. We are not able to accommodate unscheduled walk-ups at this time. The safety of our patrons and the community is our top priority, so please be patient as we work to prepare the building to allow patrons in the Library as well.

As you can see from our 2019 statistics, the Library is a place to share everything from books to experiences, which is why we are determined to provide a safe environment even if it takes some time. We’ve all worked hard and sacrificed to bring down the spread of COVID-19 in our community and we want to keep it down. We are offering very special [online programs](#) over the summer as well as our first [summer reading](#) program for all ages. Continue to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) or check our [website](#) for the latest on what’s happening at the Croton Free Library.

Have a safe and healthy summer,
Jesse Bourdon,
Library Director

Curbside Pickup is Here

2019 ANNUAL STATISTICS

Circulation

Adult Book Circulation	41,130
Children’s Book Circulation . . .	38,935
Adult Audiovisual & Other	16,971
Children’s AV & Other	3,618
Digital Materials.	12,738



HOURS

Monday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 Friday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday Closed

The Croton Free Library now offers curbside pickup of library materials (books, DVDs, CDs).

1. Place holds for Library materials and wait for a notification (email/phone/text) saying your items are available.
2. Call the Library to schedule a pickup time with staff.
3. Call the Library when you arrive for pickup (914) 271-6612.
4. We will checkout your holds at the time of arrival and place all items on the pickup table for contactless pickup.

RETURNS

Library materials should be returned in the outside book drops. They will be quarantined for three days before they are checked-in and removed from your account. No late fees will be incurred during the quarantine period.



DUE DATES

Due dates will resume July 1. Items will be checked-in fine-free during our Amnesty period. Please be aware other Westchester Libraries may have differing policies.

Items Loaned to Libraries 20,949
Total Items:134,341

Programming

Adult Program Attendance 2,247
 YA Program Attendance 407
 Children’s Program Attendance . 12,107
 All Other Program Attendance . . . 229
Total Attendees: 14,990

Services

Visitors 177,360
 Reference Transactions 14,965
 Public Computer Sessions 6,006
 Library Cards Issued 565
 Museum Pass Use 400

Current Exhibitions



[Visit the Gallery Online](#)



PRINT JOBS

1. Send an attachment to crotoncirc@wlsmail.org (sorry we cannot accept unformatted links).
2. Subject as "Curbside Printing."
3. Copies will be in black & white unless specified otherwise. The fee will be added to your library account.

HOMEBOUND SERVICES

Home deliveries are available on a limited basis for our Homebound Service patrons. Call or email the Reference department to inquire (crotonref@wlsmail.org).

THINGS TO KNOW

- **Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing** while using any in-person Library service.
- **All holds and items will be placed on the pickup table.** If there is a line, please stand by the social distancing markers.
- **Placing Holds & Notifications** - You can get ready for Curbside Pick-up by visiting our [catalog](#) to place holds on items and make sure your notification preferences are up to date. To reset your PIN number by email [click here](#). (**Update 7/1/20** - Items owned by other Westchester Libraries are now available for request and holds.)

We thank the community for their patience and support and look forward to connecting everyone to more services in future reopening phases. Please continue to enjoy the many online resources and programs available on our website and social media.

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