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Dear library advocates and community,

Although doors are temporarily closed, OC Public Libraries continues to strive to give you free access to available services through other channels. OC Public Libraries cardholders can access robust digital services and online resources 24/7, including thousands of [eBooks](#), [eAudiobooks](#), [magazines](#), [movies](#) and more.

Those without an active OC Public Libraries card can still [apply for an eCard](#) to gain access to online databases and downloadable eMedia. The [eCard application](#) is available now on OC Public Libraries' website at [www.ocpl.org](http://www.ocpl.org). The eCard is now available to children, teens, and adults. OC Public Libraries is working daily to upgrade and expand services by providing [eLearning resources](#) for all ages and engaging in digital outreach among all of OC Public Libraries' social media platforms.

OC Public Libraries continues to increase the eBook collection and invites you to download eBooks and eAudiobooks through the *Libby* or *OverDrive* apps. Alternatively, cardholders may visit the [OverDrive](#) page on the OC Public Libraries' website (under the *eLibrary* tab) and read directly from their browser while connected to the internet or WiFi.

Other free online resources accessible through your OC Public Libraries card/eCard are:

- [Hoopla](#) – in addition to digital movies and television shows, *Hoopla* provides a wide selection of eBooks, eAudiobooks, and comics.
- [Rita Recommends](#) - if students or families would like book recommendations, [Rita Recommends](#) is at your service. Fill out the custom questionnaire, and you will receive five personalized book recommendations tailored just for you by library staff.
- [Universal Class](#) – with over 500 online continuing education courses, *Universal Class* is an online resource providing a variety of classes to serve educational and entertainment needs for patrons of all ages.
- [eLearning](#) – an exciting new service, *eLearning* provides links to fun, free educational resources, games and family-friendly activities with new content being added regularly.
- [ReferenceUSA](#) - New, current, closed and historical business database, jobs/internships postings, healthcare physicians and dentist and U.S. consumer/lifestyle listings.

For a full list of free electronic and digitized resources available to patrons, visit the eLibrary page at <http://www.ocpl.org/elib>.

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