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Digital Library Access

Natchitoches, LA, April 7, 2020 – While the Natchitoches Parish Library (NPL) is closed through April 30, you can still visit it virtually. Patrons have access to the NPL's digital checkout services, containing thousands of e-materials, via Hoopla and Libby. Movies, TV shows, books, audiobooks, music, and comics can all be viewed online or downloaded to your devices. All you need is your library card number and PIN. The NPL has staff checking its Facebook page daily to help patrons in accessing existing accounts and creating new ones.

Hoopla can be accessed at hoopladigital.com or through the Hoopla app for Android, iOS, Roku, and Apple TV. With Hoopla, each library card can check out up to 15 items each month. All materials are always available on this service, no matter how many people are accessing the same thing.

Libby, by Overdrive, can be accessed at overdrive.com or through the Libby app for Android and iOS. Libby allows users to check out up to five items at a time or place a hold on items that have no digital copies/licenses available. You can also send books and audiobooks to your Kindle device from within the Libby app.

Both apps automatically return items when due so there is no need to remember a due date!

If you require help accessing these or any digital library services, contact the NPL via their Facebook page or email alan@natlib.org.

Here are just a few of the titles accessible through Libby/Overdrive.

Station Eleven, by Emily St. John Mandel: An audacious, darkly glittering novel set in the eerie days of civilization's collapse, *Station Eleven* tells the spellbinding story of a Hollywood star, his would-be savior, and a nomadic group of actors roaming the scattered outposts of the Great Lakes region, risking everything for art and humanity.

Kirsten Raymonde will never forget the night Arthur Leander, the famous Hollywood actor, had a heart attack on stage during a production of *King Lear*. That was the night when a devastating flu pandemic arrived in the city, and within weeks, civilization as we know it came to an end.

Twenty years later, Kirsten moves between the settlements of the altered world with a small troupe of actors and musicians. They call themselves *The Traveling Symphony*, and they have dedicated themselves to keeping the remnants of art and humanity alive. But when they arrive in *St. Deborah by the Water*, they encounter a violent prophet who will threaten the tiny band's existence. And as the story takes off, moving back and forth in time, and vividly depicting life before and after the pandemic, the strange twist of fate that connects them all will be revealed.

The 5th Wave, by Rick Yancey: After the 1st wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the lucky escape. And after the 3rd, only the unlucky survive. After the 4th wave, only one rule applies: trust no one.

Now, it's the dawn of the 5th wave, and on a lonely stretch of highway, Cassie runs from Them. The beings who only look human, who roam the countryside killing anyone they see. They have scattered Earth's last survivors. To stay alone is to stay alive, Cassie believes, until she meets Evan Walker. Beguiling and mysterious, Evan Walker may be Cassie's only hope for rescuing her brother—or even saving herself. But Cassie must choose: between trust and despair, between defiance and surrender, between life and death. To give up or to get up.

This Is How You Lose the Time War, by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone: Two time-traveling agents from warring futures, working their way through the past, begin to exchange letters—and fall in love in this thrilling and romantic book from award-winning authors Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone.

In the ashes of a dying world, Red finds a letter marked "Burn before reading. Signed, Blue."

So begins an unlikely correspondence between two rival agents in a war that stretches through the vast reaches of time and space. Red belongs to the Agency, a post-singularity technotopia. Blue belongs to Garden, a single vast consciousness embedded in all organic matter. Their pasts are bloody and their futures mutually exclusive. They have nothing in common—save that they're the best, and they're alone. Now what began as a battlefield boast grows into a dangerous game, one both Red and Blue are determined to win. Because winning's what you do in war. Isn't it? A tour de force collaboration from two powerhouse writers that spans the whole of time and space.

The following titles are available through Hoopla.

Color Out of Space, starring Nicolas Cage: After a meteorite lands in the front yard of their farm, Nathan Gardner (Cage) and his family find themselves battling a mutant extraterrestrial organism as it infects their minds and bodies, transforming their quiet rural life into a living nightmare. Based on the classic H.P. Lovecraft short story, Color Out of Space is "gorgeous, vibrant and terrifying" (Jonathan Barkan, Dread Central).

Avatar—Book I, Water (Animated TV show): With the Fire Nation on the brink of global domination, a young girl and her brother discover a 12-year old Airbender who reveals himself as the Avatar. Will this irresponsible kid accept his destiny in time to save the world?

The Great British Baking Show (TV show): The ultimate baking battle in which passionate amateur bakers compete with the goal to be named the UK's best. Each week, the bakers tackle a different skill, the difficulty of which increases as the competition unfolds.

The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe, by C.S. Lewis (Audiobook): Open the door and enter a new world.

Narnia... the land beyond the wardrobe door, a secret place frozen in eternal winter... a magical country waiting to be set free.

Lucy is the first to find the secret of the wardrobe in the professor's mysterious old house. At first her brothers and sister don't believe her when she tells of her visit to the land of Narnia. But soon Edmund,

then Peter and Susan step through the wardrobe themselves. In Narnia they find a country buried under the evil enchantment of the White Witch. When they meet the Lion Aslan, they realize they've been called to a great adventure and bravely join the battle to free Narnia from the Witch's sinister spell. Performed by Michael York.

Lumberjanes Vol. 1, by Noelle Stevenson: At Miss Qiunzella Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet's Camp for Hardcore Lady Types, things are not what they seem. Three-eyed foxes. Secret caves. Anagrams! Luckily, Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley are five rad, butt-kicking best pals determined to have an awesome summer together...and they're not gonna let a magical quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way! The mystery keeps getting bigger, and it all begins here.

Follow the NPL's Facebook and Instagram accounts for daily information updates, live storytimes, the Children's Book Challenge, and ideas for other things to do at home during the stay-at-home order.

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About the Natchitoches Parish Library

Knowledge. Connection. Community. The Natchitoches Parish Library serves the public and community through its competent and friendly staff by providing services and programs aimed at meeting the informational, recreational, and educational needs of our patrons. We seek to provide a beneficial and usable collection of information and activities to connect Natchitoches Parish residents to the world.