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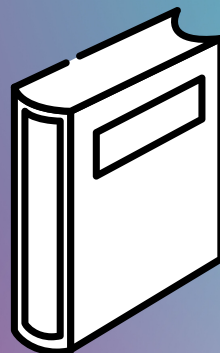
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**THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME,
WE ARE BERKLEY STRONG.**

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accepted
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of June 15



Curbside
pickup and
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June 22

MATT'S MOMENT

BY MATT CHURCH, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

In the words of the Grateful Dead, "What a long, strange trip it's been." When we closed the library's doors on March 16, we had no idea we wouldn't be returning to the building for another three months. We've been working hard during the closure to keep the library connected to our community. We've been able to keep our community engaged with the library's digital resources (www.berkleymich.net/elibrary); staff have made wellness calls to seniors in the community; Berkley residents have been registering for library cards remotely; our youth team has presented weekly online storytimes and shared craft ideas to make at home; and library staff have put together video reviews for books and movies and shared recommended title lists. We've certainly stayed busy and made the best of the closure.

Returns will be accepted at the library starting the week of June 15. We'll be forgiving library fines for quite a while as items are returned, so please take your time getting things returned. Curbside pickup and local delivery will begin on June 22. Details on how that will run will be shared soon.

This year's Summer Reading Program will be a virtual one! You can learn more about the various programs and events we have scheduled throughout the summer at www.berkleymich.net/summerreading. I'd like to give a BIG thank you to both the Friends of the Berkley Public Library and Vibe Credit Union for their continued support of the Summer Reading Program.

During the closure, we added a new movie streaming service called Kanopy. Fantastic selection of indie films, documentaries, and international films. Learn more at www.berkleymich.net/elibrary.

We look forward to serving our Berkley community more directly as we move forward. Public and staff safety are the main drivers in our decision making as we reopen. Thank you all for your support while the library was closed. We've missed you all dearly!

VIRTUAL SUMMER READING

BY DANA THOMAS

Exciting things are here this summer! With sponsorships from Vibe Credit Union and the Friends of the Berkley Public Library, the library has planned many great virtual activities for each age group (youth, teen, and adult).

There are so many different things happening for everyone to enjoy—from movie nights, storytimes, book clubs, workshops, and more. These virtual events will be hosted online through a variety of platforms, including Facebook, Zoom, and Hoopla.

Although the Berkley Library remains partially closed to the public, we are still committed to offering exciting reading programs to the community to help everyone have an amazing and fun summer.

To find all of the information and registration links for the virtual summer events and activities, [click here](#). Sign up today!



2020 Membership Dues Postponed

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the Berkley Library being partially closed to the public, the FBL have decided to suspended membership dues until March 2021. The Friends of the Berkley Library are still committed to sponsoring and assisting with the library programs. We will still accept and encourage new members to join during this time. New members can fill out our [online form](#) and mail it to the Berkley Public Library.

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