

All Garland Libraries Are Closed

Due to coronavirus concerns, all Garland Libraries are currently closed.

All book drops are closed for returns and items will not accrue fines during this closure. Interlibrary loan service is also suspended.

However, the library is offering the following services:

- Northeast Texas residents can get 60-day e-library cards for accessing e-books and online resources. A valid email address is required. Visit the library website at www.Library.GarlandTX.gov.
- Online resources, such as HelpNow's online tutoring, Mango Languages, Brain HQ, the Gale Virtual Reference Library, and Universal Class online courses are available online.
- E-books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, and comics can be checked out through our website or through the OverDrive, Libby, and RBDigital apps.
- Free, public Wi-Fi is available 24/7 outside of each location.

Please visit the library website for updates, or follow us on social media—[Facebook.com/GarlandLibraryTX](https://www.facebook.com/GarlandLibraryTX) or [@GarlandLibrary](https://twitter.com/GarlandLibrary). Direct any questions to lib-support@garlandtx.gov.

News from the Friends

If you have not yet become a member of the Friends of the Nicholson Memorial Library System, please consider joining. Membership forms are available at all library locations. Benefits of becoming a Friend include a special library card identifying you as a 'Friend,' early access to the annual book sale, communications about all Friends-related activities, and the knowledge that you are supporting your libraries. Any questions regarding the Friends may be sent to: folgarland@gmail.com.

We know that many anxiously look forward to the Friends Annual Book Sale, so we are excited to announce this year's dates. They are: Thursday, Sept. 10 (Friends Early Access), Friday, Sept. 11, and Saturday, Sept. 12.

The Friends will be implementing a change to the annual book sale in 2020. All books will be scanned prior to the book sale. So, starting with this year's sale in September, **NO BARCODE SCANNERS** will be allowed on Members Only night (Thursday).



Downloadable Books & Reading

OverDrive

Enjoy a downloadable collection of more than 65,000 audiobooks, eBooks, and Kindle books, that can be used on a PC, Mac, smartphone, or tablet.

Apps are available for iPhone, Android, and Windows Mobile.



Pressreader Newspapers

Access thousands of newspapers daily, plus 90 days of back issues from national and global publications. Over 100 countries in 60 languages provide papers that can be translated from their original language into more than 16 languages. Local papers include *The Dallas Morning News*, *Star Telegram*, *Houston Chronicle*, and *San Antonio Express News*.

RBdigital Comics

Enjoy 30-day checkouts of more than 1,500 comics and graphic novels. Choose from Disney Comics' beloved characters and stories such as *Frozen*, *Star Wars*, and *Mickey Mouse*; Marvels' *Captain Marvel*, *Spiderman*, and *The Avengers*; and other publisher brand favorites like *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, *Transformers*, *Hellboy*, and *My Little Pony*. Read in the RBdigital app or a desktop browser.

RBdigital Magazines

Access complete full-color digital magazines including more than 50 popular magazines like: *Us Weekly*, *Newsweek*, *Food Network*, *HGTV*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, *Wired*, *Woman's World*, *Cosmo*, *Vanity Fair*, *Taste of Home*, *Yoga Journal*, *Golf Digest*, *Highlights* and more. Stream magazines from your PC or Mac, or download magazines to mobile devices for offline reading. Enjoy mobile apps for iPad, iPhone, Kindle Fire, and Android.

Homework Resources

Credo Reference Collection

The Credo Complete Core Collection is the ultimate general reference resource for researchers at any level. Gather background information on your topic from more than 1,000 full-text encyclopedias and subject handbooks, as well as 500,000 images and audio files, and 1,000 videos.

Gale Virtual Reference Library

GVRL is a database of encyclopedias and specialized reference tools that all ages can use. These reference materials once were accessible only in the library, but now you can access them online from home 24/7. There is no need to check out and, with unlimited simultaneous access, no waiting.

HelpNow

Need help with schoolwork? Get access to free, online tutoring. Tutors are available for grades K-Adult in math, science, social studies, language arts, reading, literature, and more. Spanish-speaking tutors are also available. Tutoring is available 7 days a week from 3 to 10 p.m.

Science in Context

Science in Context contains more than 200 science projects and millions of full-text articles drawn from national and global newspapers, magazines, and journals.



Education

[Adult Learning Center](#)

The Adult Learning Center can help you pass the GED or the U.S. Citizenship test with test coaching, practice exams, and helpful resources. You can also get assistance with writing resumes and cover letters, or connect with an expert to learn MS Word, Excel, or PowerPoint. Experts are available 7 days a week from 3 to 10 p.m.



[BrainHQ](#)

Built by top neuroscientists, with exercises proven in dozens of published studies to make real and lasting improvements in brain function, BrainHQ is your personal brain gym. BrainHQ has more than two dozen brain-training exercises organized into six categories: attention, brain speed, memory, people skills, intelligence, and navigation. Accessible on most internet-connected devices, and through the iPad app.

[Mango Languages](#)

This linguist-approved software teaches real conversations in more than 70 languages and makes it fun. You will build language proficiency and cultural understanding around real-world communication skills that you'll actually need. Popular languages include Spanish, French, English, Japanese, German, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Korean.

[Testing & Education Reference Center](#)

Testing & Education Reference Center (TERC) offers practice tests for academic exams, such as the STARR, GED, SAT, ACT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, and Accuplacer. Users can also prepare for vocational exams like the ASVAB, the postal exam, NCLEX, PCAT, PANCE, the real estate licensing exam, cosmetology tests, law enforcement exams, and the firefighter test. TERC also contains a college planning center, and basic skills tutorials.

[Universal Class](#)

Universal Class contains courses in more than 30 subject areas, many offering continuing education units (CEUs). More than 500 courses are available, all designed and led by professional instructors. Universal Class includes videos, assignments, quizzes, and options for social media interaction with classmates. Patrons may take multiple classes and learn at their own pace.

Do-It-Yourself

[Chilton Automotive Library](#)

Find repair, maintenance, service information, and specification tables for thousands of domestic and imported models of cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs from 1940 onward. Get diagnostic trouble codes, descriptions, probable causes, step-by-step routines, specifications, and troubleshooting guides.

[Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center](#)

Discover "how-to" instructions for virtually every hobby with full text for more than 1,500 leading hobby books and craft magazines that cover Arts & Crafts, Collecting, Home & Garden, Indoor Recreation, Kids' Crafts, Model Building, Needlecraft, and more. Includes a Crafts Spotlight and Featured Video.

[Home Improvement Reference Center](#)

You can explore user-friendly "how-to" information covering a range of home improvement and repair projects and view full-text content from leading magazines, images not found anywhere else online, and videos of popular home repair projects.



[Small Engine Repair Center](#)

Use the definitive online tool for small engine repair assistance, covering ATVs, commercial mowers, farm tractors, generators, motorcycles, boats, outdoor power equipment, personal watercraft, and other small engines.

Virtual Programming:

Facebook Live Storytime schedule:

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and more from home! Tune in with your kids and help maintain their early literacy skills.

Toddler Storytimes (18-36 months):

10 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Preschool Storytimes (3-5 years):

11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Wee Read (birth-18 months):

10 a.m. Thursdays

Family Storytimes:

2:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Yoga Live@ the Library

Learn basic breathing and stress release techniques from a professional yoga instructor on Facebook Live.

Thursdays at 2 p.m.

More Events Coming Soon!

Follow us on social media and stay tuned for more virtual programs.



Connect with the Library during the Closure:

By Phone:

Central Library

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| Children's | 972-205-2517 |
| Reference | 972-205-2502 |
| Circulation | 972-205-2524 |

North Garland Branch

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| Children's | 972-205-2804 |
| Reference | 972-205-2803 |
| Circulation | 972-205-2802 |

South Garland Branch

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| Children's | 972-205-3934 |
| Reference | 972-205-3931 |
| Circulation | 972-205-3920 |

Walnut Creek Branch

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| Children's | 972-205-2585 |
| Reference | 972-205-2587 |
| Circulation | 972-205-2586 |

Online:

Through our Website at
www.Library.GarlandTX.gov

On Twitter
[@GarlandLibrary](https://twitter.com/GarlandLibrary)

On Facebook
www.Facebook.com/GarlandLibraryTX

Email:

Lib-support@GarlandTX.gov

