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### **Belleville Public Library Expands Access to Electronic Resources for Residents Due to COVID-19**

**Belleville, Ill. – March 17, 2020** – While the Belleville public libraries are temporarily closed to the public to encourage social distancing practices during the COVID-19 pandemic, all electronic resources and databases are still available and access has been expanded for patrons.

The library has temporarily increased the number of items that can be checked out from five to 10 per patron, and several educational and recreational tutorials have been added to the Niche Academy. Tumble books has opened its entire content catalog for free until August. In addition to TumbleBookLibrary, Belleville library patrons will now have access to TumbleMath, TumbleBookCloud, AudioBookCloud and RomanceBookCloud.

In an effort to provide access to as many Belleville residents as possible, the library is temporarily establishing electronic resource library accounts. If you do not currently have a Belleville Public Library card and you live within the city limits of Belleville, call the library at 618-234-0441 or visit [www.belleville.net/505/Library-Cards](http://www.belleville.net/505/Library-Cards) to submit your information.

The electronic resources card will be active for 30 days and allows unrestricted access to all the library's electronic resources. These temporary accounts are for adult patrons only and limited to one per household.

Additionally, during this shutdown, no library items are due (keep your items until we reopen), no fines will be assessed, and requests remain in active status until services resume.

To learn more, visit [www.bellevillepubliclibrary.org](http://www.bellevillepubliclibrary.org).

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*The City of Belleville, Illinois, incorporated in 1814, is the St. Clair County seat and the largest city in southern Illinois. With a current population of 44,478 (2010), Belleville is home to the longest contiguous main street in the United States, excellent education and healthcare organizations, and thriving businesses and neighborhoods, including three National Historic Districts. Mayor Mark Eckert runs the municipal government along with elected officials including City Clerk Jennifer Gain Meyer, Treasurer Dean Hardt, and 16 aldermen representing eight city wards. The vision for the City of Belleville is one where all sectors of the community work together to help the city grow and prosper and to become a model for other communities to follow.*