

Update: Library Services Available

Due to staffing needs related to opening the Remote Learning Program this year, our librarians needed to be temporarily assigned to classroom teaching. We recognize that this caused some upset and challenges for staff and families alike, and we want to be sure that everyone in our community knows that our intention is to fully restore all library positions for the 2020-21 school year.

In the meantime, we also want our families to know about the provisional supports and services that Alameda Free Library, as well – on a limited basis – our own schools, are providing during the pandemic, including:

1. [Reserving and picking up library books at the Main Library](#)
2. [Limited book delivery service](#) (specifically for people who cannot leave their homes due to health reasons)
3. [Audio and eBook access](#)
4. [Homework and research support](#) (including via Tutor.com)

More library information for parents and teachers is available [here](#); more information for teens, specifically, is available [here](#). Information about virtual events during the pandemic (including story times, performances, and craft projects) is available on the library's [events page](#).

Students do need to have library cards to access these services and supports; information on getting a library card during the pandemic is available [here](#).

School Site Services

Although most elementary librarians were reassigned, Lynn Kinsey, who normally works Maya Lin School's media specialist, is offering enrichment library education to 4th and 5th graders through a Library Google classroom. That instruction includes:

- Lessons, videos, and read alouds covering a variety of topics, including literary genres, digital citizenship, and coding
- Using Padlet so students can share text, videos, or photos of their ideas/ work

For this year, both the Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School and Alameda High School are also providing part-time supports, including:

1. Limited book checkout
2. Some ebooks and audiobooks

Using their Clever portal, AUSD students can also access SORA, which allows students to access ebooks and audiobooks from both their school and local public library. No library card is required to access these collections. (See the flyer below for more information.)

Both schools plan to have resources for checking out books and providing research assistance in the second semester (more information to come on those provisions)

Please see the [AHS media center web page](#) and the [EHS Research Resources web page](#) for details.

Physically opening the library spaces at the two high schools cannot happen until public health conditions improve.

"We are deeply grateful to the staff of Alameda Free Library for making these resources available to us," says Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi. "Like public school districts across the country, AUSD has been working hard to support its students during this difficult time. These type of expertise and support is invaluable."



Open a world of reading

Sora offers the ability for students to explore digital books from Northern California Digital Library (Alameda Free Library)



Here's how to access titles from the library through Sora:

- 1 Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.
- 2 In Sora, enter your setup code: **alamedaca**
- 3 Under your Profile, select **Add a public library** and enter Northern California Digital Library
- 4 When you are ready to borrow a title, sign in with your district Clever account.

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