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Brentwood Library is “A True Treasure”

Although the Brentwood Library has been closed since March, it remains a busy place thanks to its online presence.

“We have found that our online program offerings are very popular,” said library manager Liz Fuller. “For instance, we had a song and dance children’s program on Zoom that we repeated on Facebook that attracted 430 viewers, which is like filling a big room in the Community Center.”

Other services are also popular. Checkouts of ebooks after the closing of the library doubled when compared to October 2018. In the four weeks following the closing of the library, nearly 6,800 ebooks were checked out.

In the year and a half since the library’s opening in September 2018, nearly 6,800 people have gotten library cards. That brings the total number of number of cardholders in Brentwood to 36,111, more than half the city’s population.

Since the new library opened, people have checked out nearly 375,000 items, including nearly 66,000 ebooks.

Ebooks, as well as magazines, newspapers, movies and several online resources for students are among the wealth of materials available online at <https://ccclib.org>. In addition, the Brentwood Library has scheduled short storytime videos for children online, and online programs throughout the county are available by visiting the website.

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“The Brentwood Library is a true community treasure. We are happy so many people take advantage of the resources the library offers online and look forward to the library’s reopening,” said Diane Alexander, President of the Friends of the Brentwood Library and the Brentwood Library Foundation.

The Friends of the Brentwood Library is funding online programming. “This is another example of community support as this money was raised in book sales at the Second Story Bookstore and at book sales. The community has supported these sales,” Alexander said.

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