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Dear Patrons,

The Tulare County Library is happy to announce our reopening plan. We are relieved to hear the latest information including the Governor's announcement of a statewide reopening planned for June 15, 2021. Tulare County and many others in California are now in the Orange Tier. Also, many Californians are now eligible for the vaccine.

The Library is completing our project to assist with self-service in our branches. This includes the installation of new and upgraded equipment and implementing the new guidance to prepare for changes in service. The week of May 18, 2021 we will begin reopening some Library Branches with limited hours and capacity using necessary safety measures. Soon after most other branches will be reopening. We plan to continue pick up service as part of reopening.

As we head toward Summer Reading, we are glad our branches' reopening will allow patrons to once again browse, check out, use computers, ask reference questions, print, and copy. In-person programs, including story times and most Summer Reading events, will continue to be virtual. Some programs will be held outside, including library pop-ups at community meal sites for children and teens as part of the Lunch at the Library.

In addition, the Library will be conducting branch hours surveys to determine the most effective branch hours for each community once we return to full service.

Please continue to follow the safety recommendations from the State and Tulare County Health Department [www.tchhsa.org](http://www.tchhsa.org) to reduce the potential spread of this virus.

Follow Tulare County Library on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and now on YouTube for more information and resources. Many of our branches are available to follow on Facebook too.

A continued thanks for your patience and understanding. We look forward to welcoming you back inside our buildings.

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