

March 23, 2020

"Hoping for the best, prepared for the worst, and unsurprised by anything in between."

*-I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

The 2020 Census is underway and households across America are responding every day. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted 2020 Census operations. [Please click here](#) for further information or [here](#) to begin filling out your census form.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) has opened an online option to offer assistance with the preparation of your taxes. You will need between 20 and 30 minutes to complete and submit the form. VITA will then schedule a one hour time slot on the portal to have a phone or video interview to complete and go over your return. [Please click here](#) for further information ([en espanol](#)). [Click here](#) to begin the process.

Mayor Rilling is providing daily Norwalk-area specific updates on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Please [click here](#) to read his latest update. Statewide updates can be found [here](#).

## **LIBRARY INFORMATION**

Now that you've read, watched and listened to all you can stand, use that library card to learn some new things while you are quarantined. Here are three of my favorites.

### **[Rosetta Stone](#)**

We have for you the Cadillac of online language learning. You can use this time of confinement as a time to *aprender*.

### **[Hoonuit](#)**

Online how-to training on hundreds of software applications including MS Office 365, Adobe Creative, and Google docs.

### **[Universal Class](#)**

Yes, they have online courses in accounting, real estate, alternative

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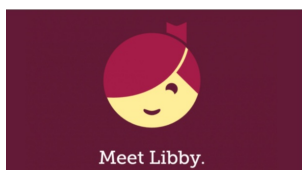
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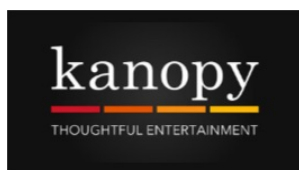
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### **I don't have a card to download content or access online learning through the Library, can I get one now?**

Absolutely! You can fill out the [online form](#) to apply for a library card and get a barcode within 48 hours right to your email. When we open again, the library card will be waiting for you.

**How can I stay updated with Library announcements?**

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**How can I get in touch with the Library if I need help downloading an item or have a reference question?**

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**Can I borrow an item when the Library is closed?**

Borrowing items from Norwalk Public Library as well as through Inter-Library loan is suspended. Fortunately, we have an incredible collection of eBook, eAudioBooks, movies, magazines, music, learning opportunities and much more available to download or stream with your library card. [Click here](#) for a complete list.

**Can I still participate in the Children's Room March Madness Tournament of Books?**

Absolutely! [Click here for the voting ballot](#).