

We grow smarter communities, one person at a time.

2020 Benefits Enrollment

The Metropolitan Library System has self-insured group medical insurance coverage with in-network and out-of-network benefits. There are employee only or employee with dependents coverage options available for employees who work 30 hours a week or more. Enrollment must be completed by June 11, 2020.

When enrolling it is important to consider if you have access to another health plan (i.e. through a parent or spouse), you should compare the cost and coverage of each plan and choose the plan that best fits your healthcare needs, Benefits Manager Stephany Dowd said.

Benefits are effective July 1, 2020

- Employee only = \$104.96
- Family (Employee Plus Dependents) = \$352.20

What's new in the 2020 plan year?

- The cost increased 1.1%. Employee only coverage is \$1.14 more per month. Employee plus dependent(s) coverage is \$3.84 more per month.
- Telehealth services were added 03/16/20, subject to applicable office visit co-pays (\$25.00 for primary care visit and \$50.00 for specialist).
- COVID-19 testing is covered at 100%, just present your health insurance card to the health care provider and they can verify the coverage.

Helpful Plan Benefits to Consider Using:

- Flu Vaccines: Vaccines are available at all pharmacies paid at 100%.
- Flex Spending Account: If you have reoccurring medical, dental, prescription and/or vision expenses, enrolling in the flexible spending account is a great

way to save taxes on your income as deductions are made pre-tax.

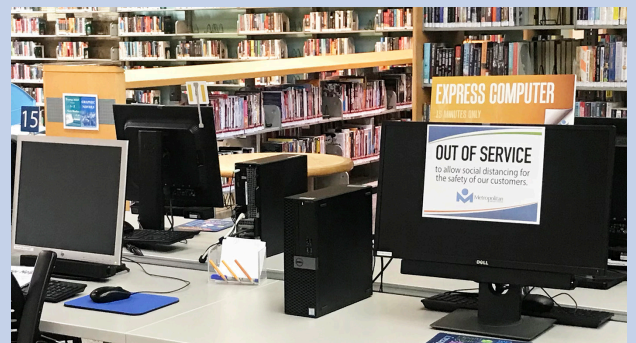
- MyDecision: Staff have 100% paid benefits through MyDecision providers. Before scheduling a surgery or diagnostic testing, call (844) 289-9963 to get in touch with a MyDecision provider.
- Mother and Child Program: Enroll in the Mother and Child Program and get access to a prenatal nurse throughout the pregnancy to keep you both healthy.

Have questions about enrollment or benefits? Call Stephany Dowd (ext. 3737) Denise Courts (ext. 3742) or Kasandra Dewbre-Burrows (ext. 3739).

Marketing the Library Reopening



The second phase of library reopening began June 1, 2020. As we all continue to navigate uncharted territory together, the marketing department would like to invite you to [email us](mailto:marketing@metrolibrary.org) (marketing@metrolibrary.org) with your ideas and feedback on what we can do to best reach customers at *YOUR* branch.



Summer Programming Goes Digital

As Summer Reading takes off amidst COVID-19, we have found new ways to reach our customers without sacrificing some of our most beloved summer program collaborations including collabs with the Oklahoma Museum of Art, The Science Museum of Oklahoma and the Arts Council.

Neighborhood Arts

This year many Neighborhood Arts performances were pre-recorded in advance of their release on social media. However, each week one of our performers will live stream throughout the week on the Arts Council Oklahoma City and the Metro Library social media platforms. Below is the complete schedule.

Arts Council Oklahoma City Live Streams @ 10am

June 2-5	Sugar Free Allstars
June 8-12	Alegria Real
June 16-19	Lucas Ross
June 22-26	Wood Willow
June 29-July 3	MICROgiant
July 6-10	Mister Puppet
July 13-17	Dustin Cooper
July 20-24	OKC Improv

MetroLibrary Live Streams @ 3pm

June 2-5	Alegria Real
June 8-12	Sugar Free Allstars
June 16-19	Lyric Interactive
June 22-26	Lucas Ross
June 29-July 3	Mister Puppet (all prerecorded videos)
July 6-10	RACE Dance
July 13-17	OKC Improv
July 20-24	Dustin Cooper

Metro Library live streams will alternate platforms:

- Monday/Wednesday/Friday - Facebook Live
- Tuesday/Thursday - Instagram Live

All Arts Council Oklahoma Live streams will be on Facebook Live.

The prerecorded videos will go live on the first Monday of the originally scheduled weeks:

June 1	Sugar Free Allstars (10am) AND Alegria Real (3pm)
June 15	Lucas Ross (10am) AND Lyric Interactive (3pm)
June 22	Wood Willow (10am)
June 29	MICROgiant (10am) AND Mister Puppet (3pm)
July 6	RACE Dance Collective (3pm)
July 13	Dustin Cooper (10am) AND OKC Improv (3pm)

The prerecorded videos will be left up until at least August 31. A few of the performers are allowing us to leave their videos up longer, per their contract.

Science Museum of Oklahoma

Customers will have the opportunity to explore STEM programming in new ways this summer with programs from the Science Museum delivered online. Customers will register on our website, pick up a kit at their local library with supplies and tune in online for a live learning experience. Programs include fairy gardens, Studio Ghibli Bath Lab, Anti-Dragon Defense System, Monster Master Class, The Wonderful World of STEM, A Discovery of Witches, Outlander and Myth and Magic Extravaganza.

Oklahoma Museum of Art

This year OKCMOA goes Pop Power with art inspired by masters from Warhol to Koons. Artists will have the opportunity to try their hand at sculpting. Programs will be presented online. Like the Science Museum programs, customers will pick up a kit from their local library in advance. Programs include Pop Power Sculpture for Kids and Pop Power Sculpture for Teens.



Pride Programming

June is Pride Month! This month (and throughout the entire year) we support the LGBTQIA+ community by making our libraries a resource for our customers to access the very best in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, pansexual, genderqueer, queer, intersex, agender, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) literature. We will also offer programs celebrating the LGBTQIA+ experience including a book club and a story slam. All events will be listed on the website at <https://metrolibrary.org/pride>.

Book Club

Customers can join a virtual chat discussing popular titles *Let's Talk About Love* by Claire Kann, *Upright Women Wanted* by Sarah Gailey*, *Girl Mans Up* by M-E Girard*, *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic* by Alison Bechdel*, *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong, *How We Fight For Our Lives* by Saeed Jones and *Redefining Realness* by Janet Mock*.

June 23, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

<https://www.metrolibrary.org/events/pride-book-club>

Pride OKC StorySLAM

A live storytelling event in which all participants tell stories about pride. All stories must be true, told without notes, and must be told in 7 minutes or less.

June 28, 7pm-8:30pm

<https://www.facebook.com/metrolibrary/>

Pride Storytimes

June 10, 9:30am

June 23, 6:30pm

June 24, 9:30am



Race and Equity

The Social Media Team, together with the Senior Management Group, has put together a statement in support of ending racism in our communities. Julie also sent an email to staff recognizing the events that have unfolded in our country and our communities saying, "My heart breaks for those who have lost loved ones and I feel anger in support of those who suffer from racism and inequity".

We will continue to find new ways we can reach our customers and give them access to the information they need to work towards equity in our communities.

What's Next?

The social media team has put together some graphics with diverse reading suggestions and reading suggestions addressing race and equity. Book rivers have been created to help customers browse these materials more easily.

Strategic Planning and Projects has put together a page on our website with information including links to our curated book collections and resources for customers who want to further explore the topic of race and equity. You can visit that page here at <https://www.metrolibrary.org/statement>.

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For Teens












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HELLO!

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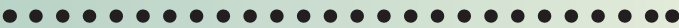
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COMING UP

June 18
Commission Meeting at Midwest City Library

July 3-4
Library closed for Independence Day

July 16
Commission Meeting at The Village Library

New York Times Remote Access Now Live

The New York Times is now available with a library account from anywhere!

To access offsite, customers can click the New York Times link on the Download and Stream page of our website to redeem a 24-hour pass to nytimes.com. Customers will need to register for a free account or login using an existing account with their email address. The pass also gives them access to nytimes.com and the app.

For customers accessing New York Times in the library, nothing has changed. They can simply navigate to nytimes.com and login using their account.

Nytimes.com provides access to articles from 1851-1922 and 1981-present, but it's designed more for everyday use catching up on recent events. For research purposes, ProQuest's Historical Newspapers database provides full coverage of the Times from 1851-2012 and ProQuest's U.S. Major Dailies database provides coverage from 1980-now.

For more information on how to use NYT remote access, checkout [this video](#).

