



## SCHMALING MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Fulton, Illinois 61252

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Dear River Bend Parents,

During this time of uncertainty, the Schmaling Memorial Public Library, like so many other institutions, has closed our building to the public. The Library is, however, available for phone service and curbside pickup of library materials. These materials may be requested via phone call or through the online PrairieCat catalog. When calling to request materials, you don't even have to have something specific in mind (although it does help if you do). Our trained staff can assist you and your child in finding reading and entertainment materials that are right for you. We also have many great digital resources available. You can check out the library's website (<http://schmaling.lib.il.us>) for great digital resources. We also post photos weekly of the newest materials available at the library. The library's Wi-Fi is still on and is accessible from our parking lot from 8am to 8pm every day for those who do not have Wi-Fi access. We also post a weekly storytime on our Facebook page, which is accessible to anyone.

Many of you may be wondering about accessing e-books at this time. There are 2 ways to do this through the library:

- 1) You may use Biblioboard.com, which is a **FREE** ebook site that is available to anyone who is physically within the state of Illinois and is accessible **without a library card**. Biblioboard includes a collection called RAILS for Schools, which holds curations for children, teachers, and parents. This is a more limited collection and does not hold a lot of popular works.
- 2) The Library subscribes to eRead Illinois, which is a shared collection of tens of thousands of popular e-books and e-audiobooks for all ages. This collection requires a valid Schmaling Library card to access.

If you or your child already has a valid Schmaling library card, they have access to eRead Illinois. Please email the library at [fulpublib@mchsi.com](mailto:fulpublib@mchsi.com) or call **815-589-2045** and schedule a time to pickup instructions on how to set up your account and download the Axis360 app.

**ALL RIVERBEND STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHMALING LIBRARY CARD AT NO COST TO YOU, REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU LIVE.**

If your child does not have a Schmaling Library card and you wish them to have access to eRead Illinois e-books during this time, you may call or email the library to request a library card for your River Bend student and/or yourself. You will then be contacted to schedule a time to pick up the library card. We can also issue student cards digitally. If you wish to apply for your child to receive a digital library card for access to eRead Illinois during this time, please email the library at [fulpublib@mchsi.com](mailto:fulpublib@mchsi.com), with the subject "Digital library card for River Bend student." Include the following information in the body of your email: Student name, student grade level, student date of birth, Parent name, phone number, and address. We will verify your student's enrollment at River Bend and reply to your email with their digital library card information and information about accessing eRead Illinois. While you may not receive the information the same day, we will get back to you as quickly as we are able. You will be contacted and asked to pick up your child's physical library card when it is available.

Stay Healthy!

Sincerely,

Britni Hartman, Schmaling Library Director