

Park from A1

History was also on hand for younger readers. The kit explores the prehistoric story of dinosaurs in Oregon.

"So kids get to learn a little bit more about the natural history of their state and have something to do to alleviate the boredom and not be constantly inundated with screen time," said Chitow.

The Library in the Park event has come following a year of COVID-19 restrictions which have significantly limited the library's services.

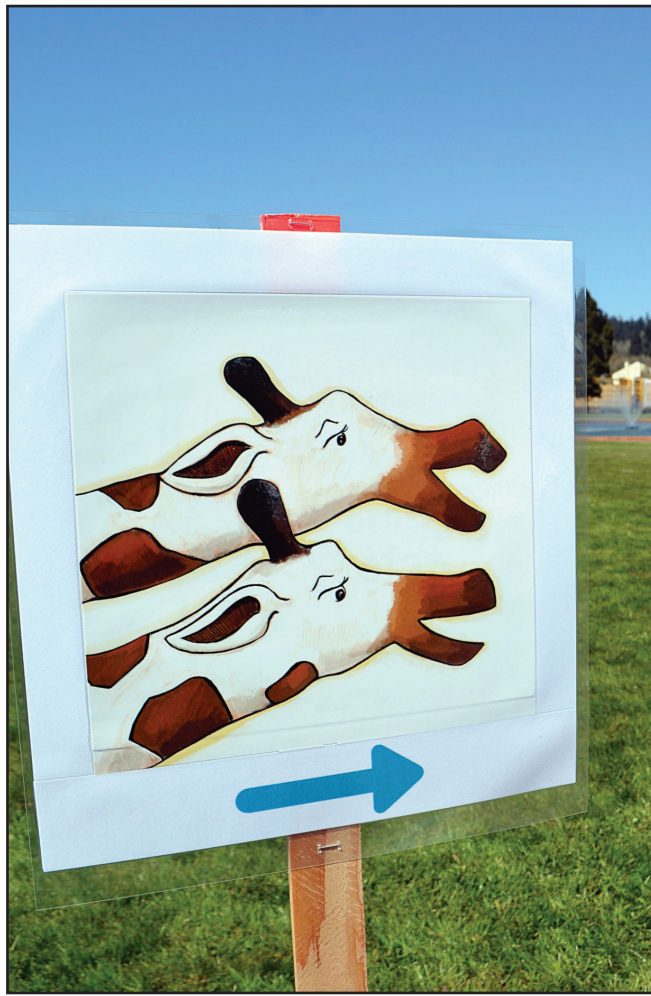
Closed last March, the library has since tried to accommodate the public

within the boundaries of health and safety guidelines by offering limited computer services and curbside pickups.

Gradually, the library hopes to see more staff return as well, though there's still no telling when exactly the library will see a reopening. Providing COVID rates continue to drop, there is hope doors will open within the next few months.

"[We're] also trying to figure out what the library's new normal is going to look like," said Chitow, as library staff plan for summer activities.

The library is also providing services through



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Readers can browse books in the pavilion (right) or participate in a Storywalk (above and bottom right) through Bohemia Park.

an app called "Libby," which allows the public to borrow and read eBooks and audiobooks from the library for free. The virtual library can also be accessed through Overdrive or Gale eBooks simply by entering one's library card number and PIN.

"It's just an entire world of books in your pocket," said Chitow.

In addition, the Cottage Grove Public Library is trying to accommodate those who

cannot leave their house by offering "Books on Wheels," a delivery service for homebound residents in town.

To book a curbside pickup, call 541-942-3828, email holds@cottagegrove.org or log in with an online account at cottagegroveor.gov/library to request items.

Curbside services are limited to 15 items per pickup and can be located on the east side of the library building next to the outdoor book drop.



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