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PRESS RELEASE

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R.H. Johnson Library temporarily shorten hours

With usage down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the R.H. Johnson Library will be closing two hours earlier than usual, starting July 28.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (instead of 4 p.m.) Tuesday through Saturday, effective July 28 through Aug. 29. The change is being made as COVID-19 cases have been increasing in Sun City West, resulting in fewer visitors to the library. In addition, a few of the library's volunteers have decided to put their volunteerism on hold until the situation improves, a decision the Rec Centers fully supports.

Although in-person visits are down, the library has seen an uptick in members using digital services such as Overdrive ebooks, downloadable audiobooks and Zinio digital magazines. Universal Classes, which are free virtual classes on a wide variety of subjects, also are available. These digital services are free to members with a valid rec card.

The library's digital and virtual resources are a great way for snowbirds to continue taking classes and accessing materials, including audiobooks which are popular with our traveling residents. Visit scwlibrary.com and click on the yellow links to create accounts and access these services.

In addition, the library is offering curbside pick-up for those who are uncomfortable coming into the library to retrieve their items. Books, DVDs, magazines and puzzles may be reserved through the digital reservation system; members will be notified when their items are available and can come pick them up in the circular driveway (at the doors near the outside book drop).

Call 623-544-6130 for more information on digital services and other library information.