



Libraries Leading the New Normal

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COVID-19 United States Cases by County Johns Hopkins University

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Top 50 Confirmed Cases by County

1,214,178 confirmed
Los Angeles

521,233 confirmed
Maricopa

488,249 confirmed
Cook

434,352 confirmed
Miami-Dade

370,223 confirmed
Harris

292,967 confirmed
Riverside

289,773 confirmed
San Bernardino

288,216 confirmed
Dallas

267,728 confirmed
San Diego

264,721 confirmed
Orange

248,748 confirmed
Tarrant

232,730 confirmed
Clark

231,077 confirmed
Kings

230,868 confirmed

Last Updated on:
2021-03-21

Confirmed by Pop

Confirmed

Deaths by Pop

Deaths

New Cases by Pop

New Cases

Inpatient Occ.

ICU Occ.

Tribal Nations

Data is updated once per day to allow the system to pull county-level data. For the most up-to-date confirmed cases and deaths, please see the COVID-19 Global Map. New York City borough deaths data does not include Probable COVID-19 deaths, as this data is not reported.

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Top 20 Counties by Number of Deaths

22,797 deaths
Los Angeles

9,573 deaths
Cook

9,544 deaths
Maricopa

9,485 deaths
Kings

9,131 deaths
Queens

6,111 deaths
Bronx

5,725 deaths
Miami-Dade

5,610 deaths
Harris

4,607 deaths
Orange

Confirmed

Deaths

600k

400k

200k

0

2020-01-22

2020-04-29

2020-08-05

2020-11-11

2021-02-17

DEVELOPING

Multiple people dead, including police officer, in Colorado grocery store shooting: Officials

 Business discounts on **60 million** supplies
Start saving today. →

When will life return to normal? COVID experts consider what summer, fall might look like

Mass vaccinations this summer could give way to a 'new normal' by fall.

Old Normal

- Wealth, health, education gap in communities of color
- Digitally disconnected communities in rural and urban settings
- Increasing partisanship and xenophobia
- Rise in disinformation and social anxiety
- Attacks on science and sustainability

Failures of the Knowledge Infrastructure

- To be clear these problems are rooted in racism, classism, and economic disparities and we must tackle these as a society, but...
- We are key parts of the knowledge infrastructure of this country - and it is failing

The Knowledge Infrastructure

- Sources: Information and data storehouses
- People: Citizens, students, experts, neighbors that seek to make meaning
- Technologies: (Digital) tools used to produce, remix, access, distribute, and hold information and data
- Policies: The rules that define what is allowed from what is possible

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- False Sense of Transparency

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TECHNOLOGY

The Librarian War Against QAnon

As “Do the research” becomes a rallying cry for conspiracy theorists, classical information literacy is not enough.

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RECOMMENDED READING

You Probably Don't



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- The vital need for diversity: the richest learning comes from the richest sources
 - Rabbit holes and QAnon - a problem of our own making?
 - Reduction of scientific voices in public health (from local to national)
- The vital need for compassion (not empathy)
 - We have now seen the every day lockdowns of too many of us

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- Data of the Producers of the World Rise Up!
- It is Time for Self Sovereign Systems
- Ethical AI
 - Accountability | Value Alignment | Explainability | Fairness | User Data Rights

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- It is time for universal broadband
- Revitalizing the public good
 - Copyright reform/rethinking
- Future of the Big Deal? MIT Libraries and PLOS agreement

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GOAL 1

Help create a strong and resilient economy.

Outcomes:

- Community leaders view us as a vital part of what makes our community more livable and attractive to business and economic development.
- Artists, designers and makers have access to the tools, resources and knowledge needed to turn their talents and passions into business opportunities.

GOAL 2

Strengthen community cohesion.

Outcomes:

- Residents have access to safe spaces and trusted, competent facilitators that encourage courageous conversations.
- We support problem-solving at the local level, empowering residents with the knowledge and skills they need to advocate for themselves and fully participate in democracy.
- We are a part of what attracts, grows and retains talent in Columbia and Richland County, building partnerships with welcoming, vibrant community groups.

GOAL 3

Transform educational outcomes for youth.

Outcomes:

- Beginning and struggling readers and their caregivers gain valuable support, knowledge and inspiration from the resources and expertise on our team.
- We support teens, helping them build confidence and skills as they achieve their personal, professional and educational goals.

GOAL 4

Increase equity, inclusion and opportunity.

Outcomes:

- Regardless of a person's circumstance, neighborhood or background, the library is an accessible and supportive community anchor.
- We are part of an ecosystem of service providers and advocates for marginalized and underserved communities, eliminating barriers and strengthening support for those who need us most.

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The “New Normal” Agenda for Librarianship

Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion

- Universal Broadband & Digital Equity
- Workforce Development and Training
- Expanding Voter Access to Democratic Participation
- Ensure the Health and Well Being of Our Communities
- Essential Crisis Response Capacity

It is Up to Us

- We must be weavers of communities and mighty platforms for the stories of our members
- We must be the vital social infrastructure that engenders trust through principles and transparency, not through the illusion of neutrality
- We must repair the knowledge infrastructure of the country and through it, the country itself

Coming in May

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FORGED IN WAR

How a Century of War
Created Today's Information Society



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