

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Valued Library Customers & Houston Community,

The safety of our customers and staff is the number one priority of the Houston Public Library. With the COVID-19 outbreak now an increasing community concern, we have made the difficult decision to close our libraries through the end of March and cancel programs and events through the end of April.

We are committed to minimizing the impact and inconveniences caused by the closure by providing continued access to our wide variety of online resources that are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and by **making changes** that will allow broader community access.

Looking forward, The Houston Public Library will continue to evaluate its response to COVID-19 by working closely with the Mayor and the city's health officials. And, we will continue to look for innovative solutions to provide the best service possible to our community.

Customers can access trusted resources about COVID-19 and keep updated about any changes to library services through <u>our website</u>. You can also follow the Library on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to provide you with the best services possible within this COVID-19 environment.

Please take real good care of yourselves and stay safe.

With Warm Regards,

Rhea B. Lawson, PhD, Director