

Hello, this is Diane Urbani de la Paz with What's Out There, ways to connect with art and culture while staying close to home, for the week going forward from November 13, 2020.

I'm happy to report the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock is reopening for short, sweet visits in person. You can walk inside the library, quickly browse the books and DVDs, and pick up any items you've already requested on the library website. This in-library public access is open from noon to 5pm Tuesday through Saturday.

If you need to use a computer now, the library is taking reservations for half-hour sessions on theirs. See the website, <https://jclibrary.info/>, to reserve your time slot between noon and 4pm Tuesday through Saturday. Or – and this is pretty amazing –you can check out a laptop computer for use outside the library.

The Jefferson County Library website has all of the details for this new policy. Up to 20 people can come inside the building at a time. Everybody age 5 and older must wear a mask fully covering the nose and mouth. When it comes to returning books, those go in the drop box outside, as before. Then those books go into quarantine. So: happy browsing, reading, DVD-watching, and computing, courtesy of your public library, at 620 Cedar Avenue in Hadlock.

Musicians from Port Townsend and all across the North Olympic Peninsula play together in a public concert going up on the Internet this week. The Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra is presenting an ensemble of 10 artists, performing Johannes Brahms' Double Concerto and Felix Mendelssohn's Octet, in a one-hour show recorded for your viewing and listening online. Port Townsend's Marina Rosenquist is among the violinists in the chamber group, while the guest soloists are cellist Olivia Marckx and violinist Charlotte Marckx of Bellevue, also known as the Sempre Sisters. Al Bergstein, Michael delaGarza and George Rezendes of Port Townsend did the video and audio production. The link to the premiere of this concert, along with more information, can be found at <http://portangelessymphony.org/>.

I continue to explore the local dining landscape. This past Saturday night, I went for curbside pickup at Hillbottom Pie, the pizza and soup joint at the foot of the wooden stairs on Tyler Street, in downtown Port Townsend. To begin, a house salad. Normally I think ho-hum about a "house salad," but the Hillbottom version is a refreshing thing, with a variety of lettuces, kalamata olives, and garbanzos. And it is a house salad big enough for two to enjoy. We then experienced the earthy and simple pizza, with a crust that is thin and puffy around the edges. This was not a fast pie, mind you, but it was worth the wait.

And that is the story for What's Out There. I'm Diane Urbani de la Paz, here for you on KPTZ. Thanks for listening.