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## **Drive-through Back-to-School Supply Giveaway**

*Rapides Parish Library and Healthy Blue Team Up for a School Supply Giveaway*

**[Alexandria, LA, July 13, 2020]** On July 29, 2020, your Rapides Parish Library will team up with Healthy Blue for the annual Back-to-School Supply Giveaway in an effort to help plant Rapides Parish students feet on a path to educational success. The event will begin at 9:00 am at Main Library in downtown Alexandria. In compliance with current health mandates, the giveaway will be conducted as a safe drive-through that limits social contact.

Director Celise Reech-Harper states, "With many students preparing to embark upon a school year fraught with uncertainty, your Rapides Parish Library strives to make a difference by safely offering supplies to facilitate education. Whether used at home or in a classroom, the Back to School supplies offered in our drive-through event provide a familiar foundation for educational success."

There are 500 school supply kits for school-aged children that have been provided by Healthy Blue. They will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis; the children must be present in the vehicle. Vehicles should enter through the exit of the library parking lot by turning left off of Washington Street. There will be signs indicating traffic flow to minimize traffic confusion.

The Rapides Parish Library administration and staff are committed to promoting lifelong learning and strive to provide the resources necessary to build a better brighter tomorrow for all residents of Rapides Parish.

*Rapides Parish Library is a community service promoting lifelong learning, enhanced quality of life, and literacy through print, audiovisual and electronic resources.*

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If you would like more information about this topic, please call Jennifer Hughes at (318)-445-2411 x 1060.