

LIBRARY RE-OPENING

September 8, 2020

The day after Labor Day

Good news! The library will be re-opening to the public on September 8, 2020. We will still have certain policies in place which are listed below. Thank you all for your patience and we look forward to seeing you all then!

RE-OPENING DAY, **September 8, 2020.**

HOURS: **Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

PHONE: **(228) 863-0711**

Note: The hour between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm will be used for cleaning and sanitizing the library. Saturday hours will resume at a later date as we adjust to the new normal.

CURB-SIDE SERVICE is still available and will continue to be offered once we are open. Patrons may call ahead to request up to (5) five items per patron. We will pull the items and check them out to you prior to pick up. Please have your library card ready when you call and be prepared to show either your library card or ID at pick up. When you arrive at the library, please call the library to let us know you are here. *Our phone number is (228) 863-0711.*

MASKS & TEMPERATURE CHECKS - Masks must be worn to enter the building. Touchless, self-scanning temperature scanners will be placed at each entry door. Visitors must check temperatures as they enter the library.

25 VISITORS - There will be a limit of 25 visitors allowed into the building at a time. This may be adjusted as we examine the traffic flow of patrons.

RETURNING BOOKS – Please bring your items to the circulation desk, scan in your items and place them into our quarantine bins. All returned items will be quarantined for 7 days then returned to the shelves.

OUTSIDE BOOK RETURN - The outside book return *is* open, however, items returned in the book drop will *not* be checked in until *after* the 7-day quarantine so please be aware that *you may receive automated text or email messages about your items while they are in quarantine.* To avoid this, items will need to be brought into the library and scanned in at the desk.

HOLDS AND INTER-LIBRARY LOANS – Holds are still possible. You may call and request items to be put on hold or set items on hold through our online card catalog. Returning items that have holds will be quarantined *before* being available for check out by the next patron. Inter-library Loans are again available upon request.

MEETING ROOMS - The meeting room and the teen room will remain closed as a quarantine room for returning items. No groups will be meeting for the time being and the book sale is closed. We will address adding group meetings back as soon as possible.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN - We are making a temporary change our policy to state that children aged 16 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Children will not be allowed to be dropped off at the library. Children are also required to wear a mask and have their temperatures checked upon entry.

STORY TIME – Story time is temporarily cancelled. We will have Craft Bags available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SOCIAL DISTANCING – Social distancing will be required throughout the building. Please pay attention to the directional signage.

COMPUTERS BY APPOINTMENT – To allow library staff to sanitize computers between users, computers will be available *by appointment only*. Usage time will be limited to one (1) hour with the option to extend if no one is waiting for access. A limited number of computers will be available to provide for social distancing. *Please call to set up an appointment. Our phone number is (228) 863-0711.*

FAXES AND COPIES - Faxes and copies will be available however, staff members will be required to wash hands after each exchange.

Again, thank you all for your patience. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Denise L. Saucier, Director