



6-2-2020 UPDATE from the Library Director ON COVID-19

GOOD NEWS! Executive Order 2020-110, issued on June 1st, has removed some restrictions that have been in place, and this sets us on the path to reopening the Library. Actually, we've been on that path for the past many weeks, and we've been making plans for safely reopening in stages. There is still much work to be done preparing the building before we can open the doors to the public.

This week and next week, the drive-up book return will be opened during limited hours. Don't worry if you can't get to the Library during those hours. Overdue fines have not been accruing and will not be assessed during the month of June.

We will continue responding to email and messages sent through the website, and we will begin answering phone calls as of June 8th. That's also the date that you can begin registering online for the annual Summer Reading Program. Watch the website for those details.

Our plan is to have things in order to begin limited in-person services as of June 15th. Starting on that date, we expect to be open during our regular business hours but only for pick-up of previously reserved materials. You may continue to place requests through the online catalog, by email, and (soon) by phone. We will notify you when your items are ready for pick-up.

Because we must limit the number of people in the building, it is possible that you will have to wait in a line before entering. Also, remember that everyone entering the building is required to wear a face mask, and you must not come to the Library if you are ill.

You may also return items at the drive-up returns. Please keep in mind that returned items will be quarantined for safe handling, so they will remain on your account for a few days after you return them, but this will not cause any overdue fines to accrue.

At this time, we do not know how long this stage of very limited in-person services will last. When it is safe to do so, we will re-introduce more services, still in stages.

The Friends of the Library Corner Book Shop will remain closed for now. Please do not bring any donated materials to the Library, as the Friends and the Library are not able to accept them at this time.

We appreciate your patience and understanding over these many weeks of closure. It will be so nice to see you again at the Library!

Mary Ellen Mulcrone, Library Director