



6-8-2020 UPDATE from the Library Director

Library staff have returned to the building and are preparing it for opening to the public. This includes extra cleaning, installing barriers, signs, and other safety measures, and handling returned materials. It also includes receiving and processing new materials and gathering reserved items to prepare for circulation, as well as answering your calls and emails. We ask for your patience as we take all the steps necessary for a safe reopening of the Library.

This week, the drive-up returns will be open during regular Library business hours, unless we reach capacity and have to close them early. Don't worry if you can't get to the Library while the drive-up returns are open. You may hang on to library items until the end of this month without fear of overdue fines. **In an effort to relieve some stress that people may be feeling about fines, the Library Board of Trustees approved waiving *all overdue fines** that had accrued prior to now and up through June 30th.** The regular fine schedule will be in effect as of July 1st. (* Please note that fees for lost or damaged materials will not be waived.)

Beginning Monday, June 15th, we will be open for very limited services. Remember that during the first stage of being open to the public, **you may only come in to pick up materials that you have specifically reserved.** You may request items through the online catalog or by emailing or calling the Library during regular business hours. When your requested items are ready, you will be notified that you may come in to pick up your reserves. Only a few people will be allowed in the building at once. 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 according to the Governor's Executive Order, and you must not come to the Library if you are ill.

The Friends of the Library Corner Book Shop remains closed for now. The Book Shop needs to reopen much more slowly than the Library. Please do not bring any donated materials for the Book Shop to the Library. The Friends will not be able to accept donated materials for some time. Any materials will be thrown away if they are left in or on Library grounds before we announce that the Friends can safely accept them.

We encourage you to continue taking advantage of the wonderful digital resources offered through our website. This is also a good time to sign up for the Summer Reading Program offered for all ages. Details are here: <https://www.salinelibrary.org/summer-reading-all-ages/>

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Mary Ellen Mulcrone, Library Director