



PHASE 5A (MODIFIED) – Phasing into Full Service

Preface

As of February 28, 2022, the Illinois State Indoor Mask Mandate will expire. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) states that “masking is a critical public health tool for preventing the spread of COVID-19, and it is important to remember that any mask is better than no mask.” The purview of the library board is that wearing a mask is strongly encouraged, but will be optional for library patrons. Library staff will continue to mask while on duty in compliance with workplace safety. It is the library board’s hope that each individual’s right to mask will be respected and that peace and safety will be maintained.

The following are services and procedures that the library will uphold until further notice.

Overview

- Library patron and staff safety are paramount.
- Plexiglass shields will remain in place.
- Library staff will continue to wear masks in compliance with workplace safety.
- Continued use of PPE as necessary
- Please note that due to limited staffing, not all changes will be made immediately, the continued kindness and patience are greatly appreciated.
- All parameters are subject to change per the Lake County Health Department, IDPH, and/or CDC guidance.

Library Hours and Services

- Library Hours
 - Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Curbside Pickup
 - Monday through Thursday; 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - Friday and Saturday; 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Homebound Deliveries
 - We will continue, please direct all inquiries to Alex Svec
- Limited computer use (6 computers in Adult, 4 in Children)
 - Due to social distancing guidelines, the number of computers will remain the same until the social distancing guidelines change
 - Computers will be available for 60-minute sessions
 - More computers will be available in the future

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- Seating available throughout the building
- The use of reusable bags resumes
- Water fountains will remain closed

Library Programs

- In-person programs will continue to be limited
- Virtual programs will continue to be offered

Meeting Room

- Will remain closed due to construction

The Friends of the Library

- Book Sale Room is open during library hours
- Suspension of donation acceptance still in place
- Suspension of volunteering still in place

Public-Facing Service Desks

- Service desks, copiers, fax/scan station, and printers will follow 6-foot social distancing guidelines
- Reference staff to offer limited computer assistance while observing social distancing measures
- Study rooms and Internet Cafe are open with limited capacity due to social distancing
- Computer time extension may be granted by staff
- Restoration of passive activities i.e. puzzles, coloring, and toys will be assessed on a continuing basis.

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