

BARABOO PUBLIC LIBRARY

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REopened For Business

On Tuesday, May 26, the library reopened to the public after a closure period of 60 days.

After the initial order to close to the public, library staff conducted two days of curbside pickup of library materials before operations were completely closed. When staff members were allowed back into the building on April 27, curbside pickup service resumed.

While curbside pickup is still available, the reopening of the library means that patrons are welcome to drop in and use public computers, pick up items on hold, use mobile printing from their own device, make copies, send faxes, browse and check out materials in the library collection, use free WiFi, and manage their library accounts with the help of staff members.

There are some visible differences in library operations during the initial phase of reopening. Only the entrances on the front, 4th Avenue side of the library are open. This includes the accessible elevator entrance. There is still a table in front of the library for patrons wishing to continue using curbside pickup of materials.

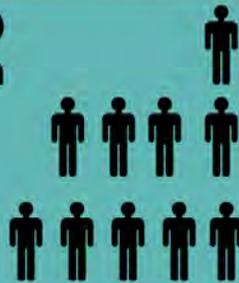
All items for return must be taken to the book return slot at the back of the library. No returns will be accepted at the curbside pickup table or inside the library. Materials that

patrons return to the library go directly into a quarantine holding area for 72 hours before they are checked in. Patrons will not see a change in items checked out to their accounts for that period of time. When the items are checked in after their quarantine period, however, the check-in will be back-dated to when the items were returned.

At this time, there is a limit of 10 patrons allowed in the building at any given time. This limit might be adjusted in coming days, but patrons can

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Use only the front entrance of the library.



Return all materials to the book return at the back of the building.



Wearing a mask and practicing good hand hygiene are recommended.



Maintain 6 feet of social distancing at all times.



Curbside Pickup is just a phone call away: 608-356-6166.



A small number of computers are available for patron use.



WiFi, faxing, making copies, and mobile printing from your own device are available.



call the library at 356-6166 if they are concerned about current limitations and conditions.

At this time, the number of computers for patron use is limited, as is the amount of time allowed for computer sessions.

Much of the furniture has been removed from reading and computer areas to allow sufficient space for social distancing for staff and library patrons. Patrons inside the library are expected to maintain 6 feet of space between themselves and others. It is recommended that patrons wear a mask to help protect themselves and others in the vicinity.

Although staff members will periodically sanitize surfaces in the library, it is also recommended that patrons practice good hand hygiene, and bear in mind the possibility that any surface they touch could contain germs.



Megan Olson and Elissa Kelly stand ready to help behind the barrier at Adult Services.

Some services will take time to return to normal. Delivery service is gradually being ramped up between the 63 libraries of the South Central Library System. At this time, we anticipate that we will begin to receive two deliveries per week, beginning June 1. As our usual number of deliveries per week is 5, the wait time for receiving items on hold, even those appearing on a patron's account as "in transit", may be lengthy and unpredictable.

The Youth Service Summer Reading Program will begin June 1, with READO game cards and bookmarks available for pickup or download from our website on that date.

Announcements of changes in service levels and program additions will be posted on the library's Facebook page at facebook.com/baraboopl/ and the library website at baraboopubliclibrary.org.



Elissa Kelly cleans the keyboard at one of the workstations behind the acrylic barrier at the Adult Circulation desk.



Beth VanCurine processes library items behind the barrier in Youth Services.



Gretchen Roltgen adds a patron item to the hold shelf.