

DEMAREST FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY FOR OPERATION DURING THE PANDEMIC, 2021

The library is open to the public at a reduced capacity (in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order) as of April 26, 2021.

The library will be open for indoor services:

Sundays: 1pm to 5pm

Mondays through Fridays: 9am to 4pm

The library will offer senior-only hours on Mondays through Fridays from 9am to 11am. Only patrons 65 and older may enter the library during those times.

The library will continue to offer curbside pickup while open. We will offer additional curbside pickup only hours:

Mondays and Thursdays: 4pm to 8pm

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 4pm to 6pm

Occupancy and Length of Stay

The maximum number of patrons in the library is **16** and visits are limited to **30 MINUTES**. Visits to the Children's Room are limited to 2 families at a time for a maximum of **15 MINUTES**. From 9am to 11am Mondays through Fridays, **only seniors 65 and up are allowed in the library.**

Safety Measures and Policies

- **Stay at home if you're sick.** Anyone who has a fever, cough, chills, or is otherwise not feeling well, and/or anyone self-quarantining should not visit the library.
- **Enter through the Stelfox Street doors only.** The Insley Street door will remain locked.
- **Wear a mask.** Face coverings must be worn at all times in the library. Face coverings must completely cover a patron's mouth and nose. Cloth or surgical masks, bandanas, and scarves are acceptable. Hats, shirts, or other clothing are not acceptable face coverings.
- **Kindly sanitize.** Please use the wall-mounted hand sanitizer dispenser upon entering. Additional hand-sanitizing stations are located throughout the library.
- **Limit your stay.** Toys and most furnishings are not available. The library is limited to 16 patrons at a time and patron visits are limited to 30 minutes.
- **Follow social distancing guidelines.** Keep 6 feet of distance between other patrons and library staff whenever possible. Please follow staff directions to ensure adequate spacing.
- **Returning items.** While the bookdrop will remain open, **you may now return items inside** the library while we're open for indoor services. Please follow staff directions when returning items.
- **Children visiting the library.** The unattended children age has been temporarily raised to 14 years-old. All children aged 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- **Children's Room restrictions.** The Children's Room is open on a limited basis. Two individuals or households/families may visit the Children's Room at once for a maximum of fifteen minutes.
- **Computer use.** One computer is available for use up to 30 minutes, by reservation only. A second computer has been designated for quick usage of no more than 5 minutes.
- **Gatherings.** Gatherings of any kind, including social, study groups, and tutoring sessions are not permitted.