

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

The library is open to the public at a reduced capacity as of April 26, 2021.

## **The library is open for indoor services:**

Sundays: 1pm to 5pm

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: 9am to 8pm

Tuesdays and Fridays: 9am to 5pm

Saturdays: 9am to 1pm

## **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.
- **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.
- **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. When the construction on the Insley St. foyer is completed, the unattended children age will be lowered to 10 years-old. Underage children will be asked to leave the library.
- **Children's room capacity.** In consideration of the ongoing pandemic and the lack of vaccine for children under 12 years-old, no more than 20 people will be allowed in the children's room at any time. If we reach capacity, visits will be limited to 1 hour.
- **Gatherings.** Gatherings of any kind, including social, study groups, and tutoring sessions, including unpaid, are not permitted.