

Library Re-Opening on August 12th

The Nevins Library will be re-opening to the public on Wednesday August 12th. While our Curbside Services have proven very popular, we know that there are many patrons who need some of the additional services that can only be provided with access to the amenities of the Library building. The staff has been working hard to create a plan for opening that will maximize the safety of patrons and staff in the building, and make sure that we can provide excellent quality in those services that we can offer. To that end we will have limited hours, and more restrictions than our patrons are normally used to. We will be following enhanced cleaning protocols, enforcing social distancing, and good health practices including requiring everyone over age two to wear masks. We will constantly be re-evaluating our hours and services, with a mind to increasing them as we feel able to do so.

We will dedicate the first hour of each day we are opening to welcoming senior citizens and other at-risk patrons. Computers will be available, though due to the need to space them out, we will have fewer available than normal. Having fewer computers means we will need to more strictly enforce time limits, and we will require reservations for computer use. We have also set limits on the numbers of people that can be in various areas of the library at any one time. Again, to ensure this safety measure, we will be requiring patrons to check in and check out at the Main Door and limit their visit time. If the building reaches capacity, patrons may have to wait outside. Please plan extra time for your visit.

We will be continuing to provide Curbside Service for pick-up of books and materials five days a week. Patrons who know what they want to borrow are urged to continue to use that service, and to reserve items for pick up in the on-line catalog, or by calling us on the phone.

To help you understand these new, and hopefully very temporary guidelines, below is a checklist of things to expect when you visit the Library this summer:

- Each patron will be allowed a maximum of one hour in the Library.
- No Food allowed. Closed Beverages will be allowed, but not near computers.
- Masks REQUIRED. Masks & Gloves will be available at entrance. Anyone who cannot wear a mask will be offered the reasonable accommodation of Curbside Service.
- Materials Browsing is Walk-In, Computers require a reservation for guaranteed usage.
- Each table will have one chair.
- Study Room, Trustee Room and Garden Room will remain closed, used for furniture storage and materials quarantine.
- Meetings cannot be booked by any groups.
- Curbside Service is available whenever the Library is open.
- A “greeting table” will be placed at the entrance, and a Greeter will keep door counts, offer you masks and directions.
- If a floor is full, patron(s) will be asked to queue on ramp with six ft. distancing.
- Children 7th grade and up will be allowed in the Library without an adult, though the one-hour restriction is enforced. Younger children may be accompanied by a teen in 9th grade or up.

- There will be no toys available in the Children's Room.
- The Garden and Grounds are open to all.

HOURS beginning August 12th:

- **Monday** Curbside only 9am – 6pm (Appointments 10am – 5:45pm)
- **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** Building Open - 9am-6pm
 - 9am – 10:30am Seniors & Other At-Risk Populations
 - 10am – 6pm Open to all
- **Friday** Curbside only 9am – 3pm (Appointments 10am-2:45pm)
- **Saturdays & Sundays** CLOSED

We appreciate that this service will be a significant adjustment in expectations for both patrons and staff. We ask patience and kindness from our visitors, and will welcome you back to the building with enthusiasm and gratitude for your support. Your health and that of all our patrons and staff is our top priority. We look forward to seeing and serving you again. Please keep an eye on our website (www.nevinslibrary.org), or sign up on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to get more information about the Library and our plans for re-opening.