

Library News

Re-Opening (With Restrictions) – The Two Harbors Public Library opened to the public again starting July 20th, 2020. However, you will notice a few changes. We are asking that patrons wear masks while on the library premises, as well as to maintain social distancing guidelines. If you are feeling unwell, or have been exposed to somebody who is feeling unwell, please stay home and wait to visit the library until a future date. Staff will also be spending more time behind the plexiglass barrier and less time assisting patrons side-by-side at the computers and copier.

Please note that the Library is still quarantining returned materials. Therefore, when you return materials, always use the outdoor bookdrop, even when we are open. This keeps library materials from entering the main library building before their quarantine period is over. Please also note that this means items will still be checked-out on your account for a few days past their return; we'll be very lenient with fines during this period.

Only half of the library computers are currently available in order to keep space between computer users; all computer users will be required to sign-up at the staff desk in advance, and we ask that patrons wait to use the computers while staff clean the workstations between users. We've also removed all headphones for now, so if you wish to listen to something on the computers, you will need to provide personal headphones.

All of the children's toys have temporarily been removed from our Early Learning Play Area. We have also removed some of the library furniture and many of the handouts we had previously offered. This is to help ensure that we are offering a clean space and plenty of distance between tables. We look forward to being able to return all of the educational play materials at some point in the future, and staff will gladly fetch an informational brochure from storage if you ask.

We ask that you not use the games available for checkout in the library, nor read the magazines while still in the library. Rather, please check them out and enjoy them at home. This helps ensure they have had a proper quarantine period between users.

The number of people allowed in the building at one time is currently limited by state restrictions. Therefore, we ask that you try to keep your visit brief. Please feel free to browse the stacks and use our computer stations, but try not to spend too much time inside reading and socializing, as this may prevent other library users from being able to visit.

We've missed serving you all, so we're glad that we're finally able to open our doors once again. Please follow these guidelines to help keep us open and serving you in the future.

New Service Hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays – 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays – 11:30 am – 7:00 pm