



To all the good people of Thornton,

It has been a long and grueling four months, but I am excited to say that as of Tuesday, July 14th, 2020, the library will be reopening with regular hours for our patrons. Even though we are opening up our doors, there are a few procedures we are asking the community to comply with so that our patrons and staff members remain safe and healthy as you return to visit your library.

1. In order to enter the library facilities, patrons **MUST** wear a mask. In Illinois, masks are required for anyone 2 years of age or older. If you do not have a mask, please ask and one will be provided for you. At this time, we have to limit in-person visits to 30 minutes as well as limit the number of people in the library at one time to 15 people (including staff). In addition, we ask that you always practice social distancing when possible and remain 6 feet away from others while in the library. Please do **NOT** visit the library if you have a temperature or are sick. This is in accordance with phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan instituted by Governor Pritzker.
2. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age. We ask that the adult remain with the child at all times while in the library.
3. Please do **NOT** reshelve any items. When removing an item from the shelf and deciding not to check it out, there will be a designated area to place that item instead of reshelving it yourself. The staff will need to perform the necessary cleaning procedures before putting the items back in their proper place.
4. Currently, the library stacks are under construction to make finding what you are looking for easier. So, when you enter the library, make sure to watch your step.
5. Two computers will be available for patron use. In order to use a computer, you **MUST** call the library ahead of time to reserve a time and a computer. We are requesting that you call at least 24 hours in advance to make a computer reservation. Appointments will be scheduled every hour, at the top of the hour, and will be limited to 45 minutes. This will give staff time to clean the computer and area before the next use. The last reservation each day will be an hour before closing time. There will be no exceptions.
6. As of right now, we are not accepting any donations. As much as we appreciate your contribution, we cannot accept donations at this time.
7. There will be no group activities taking place within the library until further notice.
8. If you wish to use the library, but are not quite yet ready to come inside, we will continue to offer curbside service for your convenience. Please follow the curbside service guidelines.

Our goal is to make your library experience safe and enjoyable. We look forward to having our patrons back beginning July 14th, 2020.