

Hello Everyone,

Here is the announcement you've been patiently waiting for:
Somerset Public Library will begin extending services to the public by appointment beginning Tuesday, July 21, while we prepare for further opening.

We look forward to serving you again and know you are anxious to have access our beautiful new library and all it has to offer. However, being that Somerset Library is known to be a very active community gathering space with many daily visitors and countless high-touch public areas, we will begin a very gradual approach to ensure we can manage the enthusiastic crowds and maintain a clean and safe library for you and our staff. We'll continue adding services as we're safely able to do so. We truly appreciate you understanding our efforts to ensure everyone's safety.

Starting Tuesday, July 21, you can call the library to make an appointment to come inside the library while we prepare for reopening. During this temporary, limited services opening we can safely provide these services when you visit:

- browse for books
- register for a library card
- pickup holds
- use a computer
- fax/copy/scan

Call 715-247-5228 for an appointment slot during these days and times:

Mon 10 AM-6 PM- Curbside pickup appointments

Tues 3 PM-7 PM- Scheduled inside appointments

Wed 10 AM-6 PM- Curbside pickup appointments

Thurs 11 AM-3 PM- Scheduled inside appointments

Fri 10 AM-6 PM- Curbside pickup appointments

Library staff is here and happy to serve you by phone from: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM, Mon-Fri.

Services we CANNOT offer during this time

- **No events or programs or gatherings of any kind.** Library programs will continue to be virtual and there will be no meeting room access.
- **There will be no access to children's toys** during this phase. Please supervise your children at all times if they join you.
- **Please keep your visit to 30 or shorter minutes.**

Thank you for your continued support. We love our library people and cannot wait to see you!
Thank you for your patience.

Cordially,

*The library staff &
Board of Trustees*

FAQS

HOW IS THE LIBRARY KEEPING ME SAFE DURING MY VISIT?

Cleaning will be completed by staff before each new appointment slot. Staff will also do their best to sanitize all high contact areas throughout the day. You will notice that some furniture and equipment have been temporarily removed to help keep the library clean. We have sincerely made every effort possible to make our building as clean and safe as possible for both you and our staff.

CAN I BRING OTHER PEOPLE WITH ME ON MY APPOINTMENT?

Though we love seeing our patrons we are temporarily limited to a small number of library visitors at one time. We ask that only two individuals from the same household enter the library together.

DO I NEED TO WEAR A FACEMASK WHILE VISITING THE LIBRARY?

Somerset Library staff will be wearing face masks to protect you. Please be courteous to our staff by wearing a face-covering too. The library will provide masks to individuals that need one. Upon entering the building please use our hand sanitizer and maintain a safe distance between other individuals not in your party.

WHAT ABOUT HOLDS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES?

Libraries in the MORE consortium are sharing materials again! Please keep in mind, wait times may be longer than normal due to a back log of requests and the quarantining of materials.

CAN I RETURN MATERIALS?

You may return materials via the outside book drop near the front entrance. Please take note that items will be quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours before we check them in. We will backdate the material so no fines will accrue on your account.

WHEN CAN I DONATE BOOKS?

We thank you for considering us for your book donations. Right now, we are simply not able to accept any donations but please do hang on to them. We will let you know when we can accept them again.

I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE COMING INTO THE LIBRARY, CAN I STILL GET LIBRARY MATERIALS?

For those not comfortable with entering the library building or following the before mentioned requirements, curbside pick-up will remain available.

HOW DO I RECEIVE THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHANGES AT THE LIBRARY?

Please check the library's website for the most up-to-date information.