

Press Release

Jacksonville Public Library Reopening on Monday June 1

The Jacksonville Public Library plans to reopen to the public on Monday June 1. The library will have a scaled reopening with incremental easing of physical distancing measures, as advice and regulations allow. Below are the measures that will be in place upon first opening.

To Help Prevent the Spread of the COVID-19 Virus, the Jacksonville Public Library Has Implemented the Following Temporary Guidelines

- Seniors (60 and over) only from 9 AM to 10 AM Monday – Saturday.
- A mask or face covering is required to be worn while inside the library building.
- Please attempt to maintain 6 feet social distancing from others.
- Maximum occupancy is 50 patrons at one time. To help with this guideline, only the west side entrance will be available for public usage.
- Please limit your time in the library building to one hour per day.
- Please limit the number of people in your group to 4 or fewer.
- The library will close at 6 PM, rather than 9 PM, Monday through Thursday.
- A limited number of public computers will be available for public use to ensure proper social distancing.
- The children's play area will be closed and toys will not be offered.

- The conference room and the meeting room will be closed for both library programming and public usage.
- The Special Collections Room will be closed to the public. Staff will pull needed items for patrons.
- Library staff will practice proper hygiene techniques, including frequent hand washing.
- Frequently touched surfaces, such as desktops, railings and computers will be disinfected regularly.
- In order to ensure social distancing and the one hour time limit on being in the building, most chairs will be removed.
- All returned library materials will be quarantined for 72 hours and then disinfected before being placed back into circulation.

Thank You Very Much for Your Cooperation and Understanding!

As restrictions on social distancing and the number of people allowed to gather ease, whenever that may be, the library will gradually ease the above restrictions and begin to open up our meeting spaces, open more computers, put chairs back etc...

We will be following the Governor's orders on when the move from Phase 3 to Phase 4 will take place.

We very much look forward to welcoming the public back to the library!

Chris Ashmore

Jacksonville Public Library, Director