



We are thrilled to have launched Phase 1 of our reopening with Curbside Delivery of reserved library materials.



With hundreds of reserves already picked up, it appears our patrons are eager to get back to reading library books!

The process is straightforward. Reserve library materials online (or call us Monday - Saturday) to reserve via telephone. We ask you limit your requests to 5 per card so that we have time to get to everyone's request. When you receive reserve notification, click on the link in that email to create your pickup appointment.

When your appointment is set, we will bundle all your reserves together, sign them out on your card and have them ready for curbside pickup. We have a designated parking space. If you are



walking, please wait for your bag to be placed on the table and mind physical distancing precautions. If you do not see a staff member, call the library or ring the doorbell on our notice board.

The Book Drop is open for your library returns.

All items will be placed in quarantine and wiped down with disinfectant prior to check in. To that end, we have set a 72 hour grace period for fines.

As an example: If materials are due June 18, please return them by that date. It will take a few days for us to check them in, and these items will still appear on your card—but there will be no fines accumulating for 72 hours after the due date.

Since March 13th, we have been renewing all library materials on a 4 week cycle. No fines have been incurred.

If you have an email address on your account, you would have received "coming due" notifications so that you had an idea of what is still out on your card. If you need assistance with any of this information, please call us and we'll help you sort it out.

We look forward to speaking with you again!

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We are looking forward to offering an altered TD Summer Reading Club at the library this summer!



Although we won't be able to gather together for story times, we will continue to encourage a love of reading by offering themed book bundles, including crafts and activities, for our TDSRC participants. Registration will open online for children 15 months and older on Thursday, June 4 and for participants who register by June 22 we will be offering a special summer kick-off event. Our virtual Pizza Party will be held on Thursday, June 25, in partnership with Valley Heritage Radio and Domino's Pizza. Participants will pick up pizza party packages at the library and then head home to enjoy their pizza and call in music requests to Valley Heritage Radio between 4:30 and 6pm. Start practicing your dance moves now, because we will be asking you to send us videos that we can post on our Facebook page.



TDSRC participants will also receive a hat when they register and will be able to collect their own custom-designed buttons when they return each book bundle. Collect six buttons over the course of July and August and receive a goody bag! Curb-side pickup allows us to offer this program, but we will miss spending time with our young patrons so... we encourage you to schedule one-on-one Zoom meetings with us over the summer to chat about what you've been reading and how you've been spending your time. We will happily take story requests!





Curbside Service is currently available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with 4 appointments available for each 15 minute block. This schedule is subject to expansion, especially when we start adding our TD Summer Reading Club Book Bundle program to the mix.



Patrons frequently ask when we will be opening our doors. This will depend on directives from the province and at this point we do not have a definitive answer. We are currently planning for the second phase

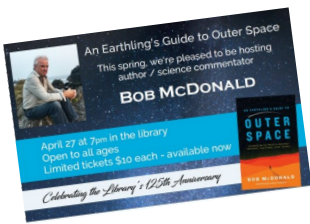
in the library's reopening blueprint. It will include limited access to the facility and will likely involve making appointments for public computer access (including printing and copying services) and for browsing the collection. The total number of people allowed onsite at any given time will be dictated by guidelines from Renfrew County Health Unit. We are realigning seating areas and computer terminals in anticipation of limited library access. We will ensure the safety of staff and the public prior to the implementation of Phase Two.

At an undetermined time, restrictions will be lifted and we will once again be a vibrant community hub. At that point, there will no longer be time limits nor appointments required for browsing etc. Some programming will resume and we be able to open our community rooms for smaller group meetings.

We'd also like to curate an Art Corridor Exhibit for this final reopening phase featuring the projects that have kept you busy during the COVID-19 lockdown. This exhibit will feature a bit of everything. Photos of the delicious baking or that new garden you created; a painting you completed; the sweater you learned how to knit; the quilt you finished—the possibilities are endless!



Complete our [online form](#) to let us know if you'd like to participate and we'll be in touch!



We'd like to thank everyone for being so patient in receiving your online ticket purchase refund for recent cancelled events. Our vendor, Brown Paper Tickets, is still working through a backlog of thousands of cancelled programs across Canada. They assure refunds will be issued soon. Remember to hold onto your physical ticket for a refund when we reopen. If you choose not to ask for a refund, then we gratefully accept your donation.



Did you know that the library is a registered charity and can issue charitable tax receipts for monetary donations? Generous contributions from bequests as well as organizations such as the Scharf Family Charitable Trust have enabled the library to augment book purchases, offer free children's programming, purchase mobile shelving units, a sound system and other resources. Community organizations and businesses have also been kind to the library in past years. The Library Board appreciates all donations, large and small and is proud to inform that 100% of donations are earmarked to the stipulated cause and not used in administrative costs associated with the library's operations.



The Men's Shed had completed construction of all of the Little Lending Libraries purchased with funds raised at the library. Look for the latest installments at McLean Avenue Park, Veteran's Park and two in McNab Township (one at the municipal offices and the other at a location to be determined).

Please note, while the library is closed, we are not accepting used book donations. You may wish to consider visiting one of the Little Lending Libraries and leave a donated book or two for others to enjoy.

In the next edition of our newsletter, we'll share some fantastic research from the Archives celebrating the library's 125th anniversary!

*125 years in the making
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