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The North Baltimore Public Library

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Monday - Friday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday Closed



A Letter From the Director

Dear NBPL Library Patrons,

As we enter a new phase of our reopening process I want to thank you for your continued support. We are committed to our mission and to the safety and health of our Library Patrons and staff. Our Library spaces may look a little different when you enter inside, as we continue to follow COVID guidelines and provide the safest services possible.

Changes to our services are on the way:

Holds – Our borrowing system is back up and running full speed. You are now able to borrow items from libraries all across the county and state.

Masks-All patrons are required to wear a mask upon entry to the Library. We are practicing social distancing and have barriers up to stop the spread of germs. We also have sanitizing stations for patrons.

Quarantining items-When you return items they will remain on your card for 5 additional days. This is so we can properly quarantine the items. Due to the quarantine storage and limited gathering sizes, we will **NOT** be renting out the Wolfe Community Room until further notice.

Construction-Sometime around September 8th construction will begin in front of the Library, we will be getting new sidewalks,

curbs, and drainage. We will have both our front and back entrances open during this time.

New Programs-Please follow us on Facebook and YouTube to see our new virtual programming planned for fall. We will have adult and children’s crafts to go and study zones for children from first grade through college. We ask that you please call to make an appointment for a study zone, as spaces will be limited.

Digital services- Don’t forget we have eBooks, audiobooks and more on our Libby and Overdrive Apps. You can also access Flipster on our website or through the Flipster App for access to over 83 magazines. You can learn new skills on Lynda.com to help further your career or just sharpen your skills. Our website also allows for access to Chilton’s online for your automotive care needs. Please call the Library if you need to update any card information or if you have questions.

We are open Monday through Friday 10 am -6 pm. We ask that you check our website and Facebook for updates. Curbside service is still available during operating hours.

Stay well! We look forward to seeing you,

Sincerely,
Holly Ryder
Director





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September 2020



Children's Events for September

Safety for library visitors and staff is still our number one priority! We will maintain a limited number of visitors at a time, enforce optimal spacing for social distancing and mask-wearing, as well as sanitizing throughout the day. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as we do our best to move forward!

Now that school has started, we will be returning to Library programs after Labor Day! Hooray! We are looking forward to starting a Tuesday and/or Thursday morning Preschool Story Time to be held outside. It will be limited to 5 children accompanied by 5 adults and we will do our best to space ourselves out to maintain a safe distance. Since there is a limited number of children who may attend, please call for Cheryl (Library 419-257-3261) or email cheryl@nbpubliclibrary.org for more information.

A weekly virtual Story Time will begin Monday, Sept. 14. It will be pre-recorded but posted on Facebook and our website at 11 am. Ms. Cheryl will greet everyone on Facebook Live at that time to introduce the Story Time and say hello!

We are currently offering "Minute to Win It" family bags to pick up on Tuesdays during the month for a whole lot of family fun! While trying the activities, be sure to snap some pictures and send us an email!

For all of the students out there who might need a change of scenery from the home front, we will begin offering Study Zones. For children in 4th grade and under, there will be 5 tables set up in the Children's Room. Two have internet-connected computers. Each table will be limited to 1 person or 3 members of the same family. Homework help will not be available from Library staff. To reserve ahead, you may call the day of to be sure space is available. Students will be limited to an hour.

We are looking forward to planning even more virtual experiences this fall! And we'd like to offer individualized options for after school time, such as crafts, Lego play, and using our new Kevin Welch

Memorial Gaming Area. (Unfortunately, we set up the area early in March and were only able to try it out once before closing!) It features a new Smart TV and our Xbox Kinect gaming system – where the kids will find many opportunities for future fun!



Friends of the NB Library Fall Book Sale

Oct. 6th (Tues.) – Members Only Preview
from 3-6 pm

Oct. 7th – 9th – 10 am to 6 pm

Oct. 12th – 16th – 10 am to 6 pm

Volunteers will be needed! See sign-up sheet mid-September!



Take It Make It

With the need to keep participants safe while adhering to the COVID-19 protocols, our adults crafts program will look a little different this fall. We are announcing the September craft project will be a Take It, Make It project for adults and teens. With so many people complaining about losing sleep from worry and stress, we will be making stress dolls (2 different kinds). All the materials needed and complete directions will be included in the kit. We are limiting participation to 15 so stop in to pick up your kit before they are gone. We will be having one adult craft per month and hope to get back to in-person meetings after the first of the year.