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Oshkosh Public Library set to begin phased reopening plan

July 31, 2020 - Oshkosh Public Library has announced its next phase in reopening to the public. Under guidance from county and regional public health data and following CDC guidelines, the library will begin offering computer access by appointment only starting Mon., Aug. 3. Patrons can call the library at 236-5205 to reserve a time slot during regular business hours.

“Access to computers and the internet is crucial to our friends and neighbors who are working to recover from the substantial economic impact of COVID-19,” said Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, library director. “We will be giving priority to those who are searching for employment, filling out applications for assistance, seeking business grants and loans, or any other activity that supports a return to some sense of normalcy.”

Access is limited to 10 people at a time (including staff) on the library’s Second Floor. On weekdays, the first two hours of the day are reserved for senior citizens and those who are especially vulnerable to infection. During this time, eight people in total will be allowed in the area.

Following each use, computer stations will be sanitized. Patrons are asked to use available hand sanitizer both before and after their visit.

Patrons should not come to the library if they are experiencing fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste or any other flu-like symptom consistent with COVID-19 infection. Appointments will be rescheduled.

Important notes about the library’s services

- Free printing, faxing, photocopying, notary service and battery device charging by appointment
- Public WiFi and wireless printing can be accessed from the parking lot.

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- Plexiglass shields have been installed at all service desks.
- Browsing for materials is not allowed inside the library. Curbside Pickup services are available to receive library materials.
- All items must be returned to the outdoor book drops on Mount Vernon Street. Staff cannot accept returns.
- Masks are required.
- Please respect social physical distancing.
- Returned items will be quarantined for at least 96 hours. Late fines are not being charged.

For more information, please contact the library at 236-5205, 236-5208, reference@oshkoshpubliclibrary.org, chat service at oshkoshpubliclibrary.org, or by text at 315-8838.

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