

EVPL locations reopening on Monday, July 6

Evansville, IN, July 1, 2020 - Beginning Monday, July 6, the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library will continue its phased reopening plan by opening four EVPL locations and a computer lab to the public.

EVPL McCollough, EVPL North Park, EVPL Oaklyn, EVPL Red Bank, and a computer lab placed in the Browning Rooms of EVPL Central will reopen to the public for limited hours throughout the week. The locations will be open Monday through Saturday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Library users will be limited to the Browning Rooms and Browning Room Hallway at EVPL Central.

"We are very much looking forward to welcoming the public back into the library," said EVPL CEO-Director Scott Kinney. "During these past few months of unprecedented times, the support EVPL has received from our community as we have evolved and innovated new ways to provide library services to our users has been tremendous. Our teams have been diligently working to ensure our locations are healthy and safe for our community, and we are excited to once again invite everyone back to EVPL."

EVPL To Go, our contactless curbside pickup service, will still be available at all eight locations. EVPL To Go hours for all eight library locations will be 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday.

EVPL users will notice a few differences since they last visited the library. As the health and safety of staff and community are our top priority, EVPL buildings and procedures have been modified to minimize the risk of potential exposure. Plexiglass has been placed in hightraffic interaction areas, including circulation and information desks. Distancing reminders have been placed throughout library locations, and furniture has been rearranged. Computer stations have been shifted to ensure social distancing and will be regularly disinfected. Meeting rooms and study rooms are closed to the community and staff.

Here's what to expect at your next EVPL visit:

- All library users are encouraged to wear a face cover. Masks will be available for library users.
- Library users experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms are asked to not enter EVPL premises.
- Social distancing should be maintained.
- All printing must be picked up at the service desk.
- Toys, games, and puzzles will not be available.
- Multi-use print publications, including newspapers and magazines, will not be available at this time.
- Water fountains have been disabled. However, bottle-filling stations are being installed at all EVPL locations.
- Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available, and buildings will be routinely cleaned by EVPL staff.
- Materials must be returned to exterior drop boxes and will be quarantined for 72 hours before proper cleaning.

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library will continue to monitor and navigate these unprecedented circumstances with the health and safety of our community in mind. Decisions will be informed by the latest science-based information, local, state, and federal directives, as well as Library Policies and will be done in collaboration with the EVPL Board of Trustees. More information about the reopening process can be found at evpl.org.







Community members are encouraged to continue utilizing EVPL's digital collection, which includes thousands of eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, TV shows, music, and more, available 24/7.

The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library has served our community for more than a century. With eight locations throughout Vanderburgh County, immediate access to hundreds of thousands of digital resources, and a dedicated team of library professionals, EVPL strives to create opportunities for you to discover, explore, and connect with your library. For more information, visit evpl.org.

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