

For Immediate Release

EVPL resuming limited in-person services, continuing contactless services

Evansville, IN, February 2, 2021 - In continuation of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library's phased reopening plan, limited inperson services will begin at all EVPL locations on Monday, February 15.

"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have relied on the guidance of health and government officials to make decisions regarding the direction of our services," said EVPL CEO-Director Scott Kinney. "We hope that we can offer limited in-person services and continue to safely serve our community. For those who wish to continue contactless services, we have thousands of eMaterials in our collection as well as curbside pickup for physical materials."

The public may visit EVPL locations Monday through Friday from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

EVPL buildings and procedures have been modified to minimize the risk of potential exposure. Plexiglass has been placed in high-traffic 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 still closed to the community and staff. Library visitors are expected to wear a face covering, per the state mandate.

<u>EVPL To Go</u>, our contactless curbside pickup service, will continue at all locations operating from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Saturday.

In addition to EVPL To Go and limited in-person hours, there are several other digital and virtual resources offered by the library:

- <u>EVPL Digital Programs</u>: A wide range of Storytimes, Tutorials & DIYs, Book Discussions, and more.
- <u>EVPL Recommends</u>: A personalized recommendation service to virtually browse the library.
- <u>Book-A-Librarian</u>: Get personalized reference or technical assistance.
- AskEVPL: Chat with an EVPL team member to get quick help.
- EVPL's Business Central: Create a resume, practice interview skills, and connect with resources for small business owners.
- EVPL's Education Central: Find trusted resources for students, teachers, and educators.

Library users are encouraged to continue to utilize EVPL's digital collection, which includes thousands of <u>eBooks</u>, <u>eAudiobooks</u>, <u>movies</u>, <u>TV shows</u>, <u>music</u>, <u>and more</u>, 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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