

For Immediate Release

Hours extended for limited in-person services at all locations

Evansville, IN, March 8, 2021 – In continuation of the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library's phased reopening plan, hours for limited in-person services will be extended at all EVPL locations beginning Monday, March 15.

"We are pleased to announce our new hours," said EVPL CEO-Director Scott Kinney. "After an unprecedented year, we are excited to offer library users more time to visit our locations. We look forward to continuing to safely provide EVPL resources and services to our community, and expanding our in-person service hours is the next step in that process."

The public may visit EVPL locations Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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 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.
- <u>AskEVPL</u>: Chat with an EVPL team member to get quick help.
- <u>EVPL's Business Central</u>: Create a resume, practice interview skills, and connect with resources for small business owners.
- <u>EVPL's Education Central</u>: 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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