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EVPL expanding hours, reintroducing more services

Evansville, IN, May 14, 2021 – The Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library is pleased to announce expanded hours for in-person services at all EVPL locations beginning Monday, May 17. These hours will be EVPL's operating hours going forward.

In addition to extended hours, library users will be able to reserve meeting and study rooms at EVPL locations. Reservations can be made 30 days in advance on <u>EVPL's website</u>. Room reservations will have a 30-minute buffer between sessions to allow for cleaning by staff.

Modified in-person programming will return to EVPL following the launch of <u>the Summer Reading</u> <u>Celebration, Our Summer: Reading is Delicious, on Saturday, May 22</u>. EVPL will also continue to provide virtual programming. All programming information is listed on the library <u>events calendar</u>.

EVPL will also be introducing new resources and services to the community with its new EVPL <u>Read Sensory Room</u> and <u>Preservation Studio</u>. Available by reservation or by visiting the READ Center at EVPL Central, the READ Sensory Room is a safe place for children with sensory processing differences or other challenging conditions in need of a calm, sensory-friendly space. The Preservation Studio is a free "do-it-yourself" space for community members to archive and digitize personal mementos. Both will begin accepting appointments for reservation on Monday, May 17.

"We are pleased to continue expanding our resources and services," said EVPL CEO-Director Scott Kinney. "Increasing our hours and bringing back in-person programming is something the EVPL team is very excited about. We are looking forward to safely providing our community with resources and services they have loved and missed during this past challenging year.

Expanded hours are:

EVPL Central

Monday – Thursday | 9:00 am – 8:00 pm Friday | 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sunday | 1:00 – 5:00 pm EVPL East, EVPL Stringtown, EVPL West

Monday – Thursday | 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Friday | 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

EVPL McCollough, EVPL North Park, EVPL Oaklyn, EVPL Red Bank

Monday – Thursday | 9:00 am – 8:00 pm Friday | 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Saturday | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

<u>EVPL To Go</u>, our contactless curbside pickup service, will continue at all EVPL locations, operating from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and during open hours on weekends.

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 <u>evpl.org</u>.

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