

The wearing of masks in the library and elsewhere by everyone is vital to reversing the explosion of positive novel coronavirus cases in the city, county, state, nation, and worldwide. All library patrons have an option to use library resources safely while adhering to the mask policy. For those who do not wish to go inside due to health concerns, curbside pickup is available behind the library. This option has been, and remains, the safest option for all involved.

When the library was closed to walk-in traffic in March, this service became available and was well utilized with lines stretching around the corner at pickup times. This remains the best option for all involved. Items can be located online, holds placed, and pickups scheduled through a simple phone call to library staff. Library staff can assist patrons with searches if they need or desire it. Patrons arrive at the pickup time, a masked staff member comes outside, items are handed off, and this transaction frequently occurs in under ten seconds.

It is the responsibility (and the law) of everyone to protect the health and safety of staff, ourselves, and other patrons during this COVID-19 deadly global public health crisis. No contact and minimal contact options need to be maintained and increased for the duration of this emergency. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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