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Woodbourne Library Reopens

Washington-Centerville Public Library will reopen its Woodbourne Library location effective Monday, June 22 for limited hours and services. The Library will be open Monday-Friday, 10 AM – 6 PM, with 10-11 AM designated for seniors and at-risk populations, and Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM. “We’ve missed our patrons and know they are eager to once again browse and check-out physical materials,” says Library Director, Liz Fultz.

The Library will be open for browsing and check-out, but many services and all in-person events will continue to be unavailable. Library visitors will also notice changes throughout Woodbourne Library that promote safety and discourage congregating. “We have taken extreme care in preparing Woodbourne Library to reopen. Several new protocols have been implemented to ensure a safe library experience for our visitors,” says Ms. Fultz. The Library is following state-mandated safety requirements and recommendations, including:

- Wearing facial coverings (staff)
- Installing plexi-glass barriers at service desks
- Following enhanced cleaning protocols
- Promoting good hygiene habits
- Limiting the number of visitors in the Library to ensure social distancing
- Quarantining materials for 3 days before recirculating
- Removing ‘high touch’ toys and interactives from the children’s room
- Removing workstations and furniture to discourage congregating

“We want to be honest about what to expect. Like so many other organizations, we are not back to business as usual. We ask for patience as we take this next step forward in reinstating library service,” comments Ms. Fultz.

Library visitors are asked to do their part to help make the Library a safe place. Maintaining at least 6 feet physical distance from staff and other patrons, staying home if they feel ill, wearing facial coverings and observing signs and floor markings are all things highly recommended when visiting.

Reopening Woodbourne Library is the latest step in a slow, phased approach to reinstating library services. Over the past month, the Library has reopened exterior book drops to allow for returns, implemented appointment-based services like curbside hold pickup and computer reservations, and offered assistance via phone, email and live chat. Even while closed to the public, the Library continued to serve citizens with digital materials like eBooks, eAudios, and streaming video and music, free access to online learning tools, and a variety of online program offerings for all ages.

For more information on Washington-Centerville Public Library, including how to access digital resources, or for updates on library operating hours, visit wclibrary.info.

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