



**What services does the library offer right now? (Hint: A lot.)**

We are still in opening Stage 3 during the current health crisis, and while a cursory look inside the library will tell us that things aren't exactly how they used to be, quite a lot is. It's true that the Children's Wing is closed for play (but open for browsing) and that the Community Room is currently used as storage for the cushy chairs (and more) that we used to sit on while hanging out. We are using the first floor mostly, the upstairs being reserved for studying, and the basement for our book sale. Our still-friendly librarians are shielded by plexiglass. Everyone you see inside is wearing a mask (including you, Dear Patron).

**Note about browsing with children:** feel free to do so with children older than five who are wearing a mask or younger than that if in a stroller.

But we will all be much happier concentrating on all that we can do that feels very normal. A big part of that is knowing our current hours: **Monday through Thursday from 9 – 7, Friday from 9 – 5, and Saturday 10 – 2.**

Director Pamela Williams points out that the pandemic, "has returned us to our roots, getting reading material into the hands of our patrons." We can all check out books via curbside and lobby pickup or entering the library to pick up reserved books. **(Everyone entering the building must wear a mask.) We can browse!** That's such a book lover's pleasure. Please call and let us know when you'd like to come browse so we can be sure we won't be over-crowded. (It is also ok to just show up, and librarians will accommodate you **if possible** then.)

Keeping to the theme of getting our hands on books, the **Friends of the Library used book sale** (starting at 50 cents a book) is still being refreshed and updated weekly and open for browsing and purchasing by appointment only. Donated books are also being accepted for possible sale in the basement.

**MeL (Michigan's electronic book request system) has just recently come back on line.** We needed enough libraries once again able to provide the loans to other libraries first. Click on MeL on the library's homepage, have your library card number at the ready, and the rest is easy to follow. We can order a book more than one year old that we don't own to be delivered to our library by courier. Our library resources extend far beyond our own bricks and mortar. I have yet to search MeL for a book I couldn't find.

Then there are **digital resources available through Overdrive** – again, link to it from our homepage. We can reserve or call up immediately if available e-books and audiobooks. Try the popular Libby App on your phone or other device to make it even easier.

Interested in magazines and even more audiobooks? **Don't forget RB Digital.** (FYI, there are going to be some changes later. When we know more, we will pass that along to you right away.)

We still are happy to assist patrons in **scanning, faxing and printing as well as using one of our computers.** Give us a call to tell us when you'd like to come by for those services.

Rest assured, critical library services are up and running and ready for you.

Meantime, here are three other notes of interest. One is that **Louise Penny's new book** comes out September 1. I know I'm not alone in welcoming this news. It is set in Paris (if you happen to recall the end of the last book in the Gamache series, this won't surprise you) and called **All the Devils Are Here.** It has garnered universal acclaim already from the various critical sources that receive advance copies.

The second note is about **overdue books.** Please return any pandemic books. Fines are now enforced.

The third note is just a temporary oddity caused by the summer of the pandemic but still interesting. For the first time on record, more adults completed their summer reading cards than children did. You've been reading! While we've been here for you, you've been here for us.

**See you (at a respectful healthy distance) at the Library!**