

Phase 3 Reopening: Revised

This phase has been revised to reflect updated CDC guidelines for face masks as well as the observation of multiple data points at the time of revision. These data points include vaccination rate of county residents, the infection rate, as well as the number of daily cases and hospitalizations. This criteria can be seen at the end of this plan.

*Open for Limited Capacity Services, Reduced Hours
June 1st*

- Service continues at current reduced hours
- Limit to approximately 10 patrons in library at a time
- 30 minute visits or less are encouraged
- Social distancing in effect. Patrons are expected to keep a distance of at least 6 feet from others.
- All holds picked up through drive up window
- Masks strongly recommended, staff will continue to wear a mask when in contact with patrons
- Library Board Meetings may take place in-person in the large meeting room spaced at least 6 feet apart upon agreement by library board members and director. There may be an option for attending virtually as well.
- All programming continues through drive-thru window, virtually, or as passive programming in library space, and outdoor programming as determined by staff.
- Toys not yet available in children's area

Data Criteria

COUNTY POPULATION	DAILY NEW CASES PER 100K	INFECTION RATE	POSITIVE TEST RATE	ICU CAPACITY USED	VACCINATED (1+ DOSE)	VULNERABILITY LEVEL
33 ● Polk Co. 44,000	● 24.5	● 0.82	● 9.5%	● ---	● 41.0%	● Very Low

Data Retrieved May 20, 2021

As can be seen in the figures above, 2 of the three top criteria are considered 'medium' risk level, while one data point (daily cases) remains in the 'high' risk category. Taking all points into account the library will consider our risk level as 'medium' for the purposes of the Covid-19 reopening plan.

Note: this data changes on a daily basis, the plan to reopen the library may change at any given time should these data points change significantly. Decisions to halt or delay reopening will be under the discretion of the library director and the library board president.

**Dear Community,
We Need Your Help to Stay Open**

While COVID remains prevalent in our area, we continually monitor our service levels, hours and precautions. Our ultimate goal is to continue serving our community the best we can in a safe manner. To do this, we are asking for your help to ensure safety and manageable workflows for our library staff. We want our staff to continue being healthy so we can remain open and serving you. Please know that at any given time we are working with reduced staff in the building to reduce exposure. While the library is typically a welcoming gathering place for our community, during this phase, we discourage hanging out in the library. Please consider the following points when visiting the library.

- If you or a family member are sick, experiencing symptoms of illness, or in quarantine, keep the library materials you have and safely stay home.
- We strongly encourage curbside pickup for your already requested materials from our drive-thru window. The process is quick and easy for your convenience and reduces exposure.
- Our curbside services can also assist with printing or faxing documents. Please ask if this would benefit you.
- Request materials online and we will notify you when they are ready.
- We encourage you to ask us to pull themed or specific materials for you. We are here to help and know our collection quite well. We may even be able to locate some different items that you may not have thought of. Any of these materials can be picked up through curbside as well.
- Please consider continuing to wear a mask or facial covering while in the library space.
- Reduced capacity limits remain in place for everyone's safety.
- We also ask that you keep your library visits to a limited time to mitigate exposure.
- While in the comforts of your home, don't forget to explore our eBook collections and check out our virtual programs posted on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please stay safe and well.

Library Reopening

The Library is open with social distancing, capacity limits, and reduced hours. During this phase we will continue to offer curbside services and virtual and outdoor programming.

Public Open Hours:

Monday- Wednesday, Friday – 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday – 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday **(DRIVE-THRU ONLY)** – 10:00 am - 1:00 pm