

The Berlin Library is now open to the public! BPL staff wants to reassure our patrons that we are working hard to create a safe and welcoming environment for our patrons using guidelines of health officials. Our goal is to give public access to the library with as few restrictions as possible. We also want to do our part to help our community move in a healthy direction. Please know that we will continue to monitor the health situation and make adjustments, if they are necessary.

During this soft opening phase, we appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation with changes to our normal operations. The library is a very high-touch environment; therefore, staff are cleaning these areas is being several times a day and offering masks and hand sanitizer for everyone. We have many other precautions in place to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff. Here's what to expect when you visit the library:

- Curbside services will continue for anyone not wanting or able to come in the library. Patrons may call the library at 920-361-5420 or e-mail our staff at bplstaff@berlinlibrary.org.
- Masks will be strongly recommended to ensure a safe environment for all. Staff will wear masks when in public areas. It is appreciated for patrons do the same. Masks will be available for purchase.
- Library patrons are asked to maintain social distancing of at least six feet at all times.
- Children under the age of 13 should be accompanied by an adult, no children under the age of 8 will be permitted in the library without a parent.
- No extended stays or social gatherings are permitted. Patrons are asked to keep their visit to one hour or less. Please make your visit a quick in, quick out visit.
- Patrons may use the library to check out materials, use the public computers, Wi-Fi, print, make copies, and fax.
- All computer sessions are limited to one hour per patron, per day.
- Computer assistance will be very brief. Patrons may set up a technology appointment with our staff if needed. Masks will be required for both staff and patrons and social distancing will be kept if possible.
- The library meeting room is closed to the public.
- There will be no in-person library programs until further notice.
- All returned items will continue to be quarantined for 60 hours (4 days) before discharging. These items will not occur fines during quarantine.
- Free online resources will continue to be available for library patrons. This includes e-books, audio books, movie and music streaming through Overdrive/Libby and Hoopla, and many more.
- Free Wi-Fi is available 24/7 in and near the library building.

Our normal hours have resumed, which are Monday-Friday 9 am-8 pm, Friday 9 am-6 pm, and Saturday 9 am-1 pm. Curbside service will be offered during open hours.

BPL staff are excited to welcome back our patrons and are ready to serve your needs. Watch for more services and programs to resume when it is safe. If anyone has questions or concerns, please reach out to us.