

FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER



Updates on Our Reopening Plan!



We are thrilled to announce the Dickinson County Library Board has approved metrics that will determine when the Main and Solomonson branches may move to Phase 5 of the library's Phased Reopening Plan! **This move is contingent upon weekly COVID-19 case numbers in Dickinson County; average new case growth must remain at or below .7% or active cases must remain at or below 18% of the total for the branches to move to and remain in Phase 5.** If not, the branches will remain in or revert to Phase 4. The North Dickinson Branch will remain in Phase 4 due to restrictions from the North Dickinson County School. Please go to www.dcl-lib.org to view our complete Phased Reopening Plan and follow us on Facebook for weekly updates on our current phase!

So what does "Phase 5" mean? It means that patrons may enter the building without an appointment! However, there will be guidelines in place to ensure the health and safety of patrons and staff. These guidelines include:

- Anyone age 2 and older entering the building **MUST** wear a mask or face covering. If you do not have one, we can provide one for 25 cents. If you are medically unable to wear a mask, please call **BEFORE YOUR VISIT** and we will provide an alternate accommodation.
- Patrons looking for books are encouraged to limit their browsing time to 15 minutes or less. For your safety, please touch only the items you intend to checkout.
- A limited number of computers are available, to allow for social distancing. Computer time is limited to 1 hour per patron per day.
- Seating in the adult reading area has been reduced, toys have been removed from the children's room, and the drinking fountain will not be available.
- Meeting rooms may be available, but with reduced occupancy limits.
- Curbside service will still be available in Phase 5 for patrons by request. Please call your local branch for details.

Hours for the remainder of 2020:

Main & Solomonson Branches: Monday-Friday, 10 AM-6 PM; Saturday, 10 AM-1 PM

North Dickinson Branch: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 10 AM-3:30 PM

****PLEASE NOTE****

The library is a public space, and as such, there is a potential for risk of exposure to COVID-19. We will attempt to mitigate this risk with cleaning, but everyone must properly wear a face covering at all times, practice social distancing, avoid touching the face, and practice good hand hygiene.

Hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes will be available for patron use.

The Dickinson County Library helps the community find its story!

Limited In-Person Programs Return!

We're slowly allowing some limited in-person library programming, while continuing to focus on our amazing virtual programs! Read on for details!



Bow Wows & Books



Bow Wows & Books is back, but with a few changes. **Kids of all ages** will be able to read to therapy dogs Thor and Clara through a screen set up at the door to the children's room at the Main Branch. You and your child will be outside in the courtyard while the dogs and their handlers will be in the children's room. Our first session was Monday, September 21 from 4-6 PM. We will announce more dates on our website at www.dcl-lib.org and our Facebook page! Please call 906-774-1218 to make an appointment, as we have limited time slots to allow for cleaning.



Read & Ride Program



Attention all **tweens and teens (ages 10-18)**!

We now have two exercise bikes you can utilize at the Main Branch. Each bike comes equipped with a desk, so you can read a book or use our iPad mini with earbuds while you ride! A few rules: no vigorous exercise, no loud music/audiobooks, no food or drink. This is meant to be a light exercise while you enjoy our materials! Remember, masks must be worn at all times while in the building. Please call the Main Branch at 906-774-1218 to reserve your spot!

Check out our Virtual Programming!



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Spectacular Science Saturdays-
STEM Projects for Kids in
Kindergarten-Grade 2!



Fun Take-Home Craft Kits for
Adults and Teens



Tween Tuesdays-Fun Activities
for Kids in Grades 3-8!



And Much, Much More!
Follow and Subscribe to
Catch Them All!

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are focused on connecting with our patrons by creating and posting amusing and informative virtual programs to our Facebook and YouTube pages! Videos will be posted on both sites at various times throughout the fall and will continue to be available after their premiere. All videos are free to watch, and you do not need to have a Facebook account or YouTube account to view them.

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