Returning to the Library

Are you wondering if it is safe to return to the library? We have taken many precautions in order to maximize the safety of staff and visitors, but like any public place, there is an inherent health risk anytime people are gathered in shared spaces. Here are some specific ways in which we are expanding our safety efforts:

- The library is professionally cleaned five days per week.
- Library staff is cleaning high touch areas throughout the building every two hours.
- Public computers (keyboard, mouse, monitor, desk, and chair back) are cleaned after every user.
- Self-check computer stations (mouse, monitor, receipt printer, counter) are cleaned every hour or two depending on usage.
- Masks covering nose and mouth are required for everyone age two and older who are medically able to tolerate it, while in the library.
- Library staff and visitors are required to maintain six feet of social distance from others when practical.
- Anyone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should stay home.
- Twelve bottles of hand sanitizer are placed throughout the public areas of the library.
- Two bottles of hand sanitizer are placed at the library’s entrance and exit.
- Sneeze guards are in place around the circulation desks.
- Seating has been removed throughout the library to help maintain social distancing.
- Returned items are quarantined for seven days (current recommendation from Reaching Across IL Library System) before checking in and reshelving.
- Items touched but not selected for check out are quarantined for seven days before reshelving.
- Library hours are limited.
- There are special hours for senior citizens and at-risk visitors.
- Most of the aisles are marked for one-way traffic to minimize contact with others.
- Parking Lot Pick Up service is available for a contactless way to receive library materials.