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Way Public Library
July 1, 2020

Connecting you to the community and the world.

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Here's what's happening

We missed you!

First, we would like to thank you for your patience and support during these extraordinary times. Closing our doors due to Coronavirus and with such little notice was a jolt to you and us alike. Our staff, however, was undaunted. They packed up their laptops, took them home, and went right to work brainstorming inventive ways to continue delivering services to you.

Though no substitute for face to face interaction, it is our hope that you were able to join us as we expanded our online presence. We increased ebook and other digital offerings, created new virtual content, engaged on social media, answered questions via phone and email, and developed an appointment-based Curbside Pickup Service so that you could check out fresh reading materials in print format.

Now we are anxious to see you and serve you in person again!

We're reopening our doors

On Wednesday, July 1, 2020, Way Public Library will reopen its doors. Due to the ongoing health emergency, in order to make this happen we have implemented some temporary modifications to hours and services. So, even though it's not a return to "normalcy" by any means, it is a big step in the right direction.



Modified hours of operation

Temporary Hours

Including special hours reserved for at-risk groups

Monday-Thursday 9am-7pm

Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 11am-3pm

Closed on Sunday



Please note that on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays the time from 9am-10:30am is reserved strictly for those age 60 and over and anyone who is immunocompromised.

Safety measures implemented

Policies and procedures to keep you safe

The safety of our community and our staff has been our number one priority as we have prepared for reopening the building. Careful planning and much work has gone into creating an environment which meets the stringent safety standards outlined by the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC.



Some very significant changes will be apparent as soon as you enter the building. Please read the following important information so that you will be prepared for the new policies and procedures in place during this phase.

1. If you feel sick or are exhibiting symptoms, please stay at home until you have fully recovered.

2. Appropriate face coverings must be worn by all staff and all patrons age 3 and older at all times inside the library. For everyone's safety and in consistence with recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC, a face covering requirement has been added to the Library's Rules of Conduct. The complete Rules of Conduct may be found on display in the library and on our website.

According to the CDC, an appropriate face covering should fit snugly against the side of the face, covering nose and mouth with no gaps, and be secured with ties or ear loops.

For those unable to or unwilling to wear a face covering, reasonable accommodations will include delivery of CORE library services (checkout of materials and reference service) via digital services and curbside pickup.

3. Please practice social distancing of at least 6-feet

apart from others at all times. Visual reminders are in place to help you. Interior traffic patterns have been modified; please observe all directional signs. The children's play area is not available, and some furniture has been removed to reduce congestion. Plexi-glass shields have been installed at service desks, computers, and the self-checkout station.

4. Occupancy of the building is limited to 60 guests at a time. This rule is in effect to facilitate social distancing.

5. Wash or sanitize your hands often, and refrain from touching your face. Hand sanitizer stations are located throughout the main level.



6. If you are returning items to the library, please deposit them in one of the exterior book drops, the exterior audiovisual slot, or in the new, special book drops located just inside the library's outer doors. The book drops at the Circulation Desk are not in use until further notice. Please do not hand your returning items to library staff or place them on the Circulation Desk.

There is a designated table in the Circulation Lobby for the return of Beyond Books items and cake pans.

7. When browsing, unwanted items that have been handled must be placed on one of several conveniently located "re-shelving" carts. Items will be collected by staff and placed into quarantine for the recommended interval before returning them to circulation.

Though we can't eliminate all risk, we have carefully followed recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC to put rigorous safety protocols into place. This includes frequently scheduled cleaning and sanitizing of high-touch surfaces, quarantining of all returned library materials for four days (96 hours) before check-in and return to the shelves, contactless checkout options, and extra training for staff members.

Other temporary changes to expect

1. A limited number of public computers are available and will be sanitized regularly.

Staff members will be able to assist with logging in to computers, however, assistance with specific tasks or websites may not be available due to



social distancing measures. Computer usage is limited to an initial 90 minutes per individual per day. An extension of up to 90 minutes of additional time may be available if no one is waiting for a computer.

Free wifi remains available throughout the building and in an area covering a large portion of the parking lot.

2. Statewide delivery service for items requested from other libraries is resuming soon, but when it does, full operations will be a gradual process.

3. The Quiet Study Room is closed to the public while it is being used to quarantine returned library materials.

4. The lower level of the library is off limits for the time being.

5. All library programming will continue to be virtual rather than in-person for the time being. Public meeting spaces in the building remain closed, but community members are encouraged to sign up to [reserve a free virtual Zoom meeting room](#) on the library's website. Way Library's Zoom Rooms can accommodate up to 100 participants for up to two hours.

6. We are currently unable to accept any donations of books, DVDs, CDs, or other physical materials.

7. Challenges and uncertainties related to the Coronavirus persist. As circumstances change we will adapt our policies and procedures accordingly. For the most up-to-date information, keep an eye on our website and our Facebook page.

Not quite ready to come into the library?

We can still help you!

If you don't feel comfortable about coming to the library just yet, we understand, and we can help you!

WE ARE
HERE
TO HELP

You can contact us by phone at 419-874-3135 to get any answers you need. You can use our [Curbside Pickup](#) service to check out fresh reading materials. You may use our [Ask-A-Librarian](#) feature on our website 24/7. And you are also welcome to call 419-874-3135, extension 354 for a technology help consultation with one of our tech experts.

Just let us know how we may be of assistance.

New Services and Activities

Do you know about these features?

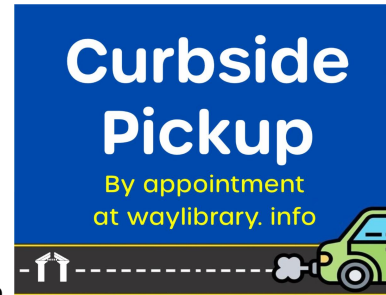
We are happy to report that many of our virtual programs, as well as Curbside Pickup, will continue after the building is open. To stay up to date on what we are offering, visit our website and click on the icon labeled [From Stay-at-Home to Way-at-Home](#).



Curbside Pickup Service

By appointment

Way Library is checking out books, as well as other items, using contactless curbside pickup.



There are three easy ways to request materials and schedule your curbside pickup appointment. Get all the details on our [website](#).

Summer Reading Club for ages 0-adult

"Imagine Your Story" -- through July 30--

It's not too late to join our annual summer reading program. Sign up now for "Imagine Your Story," a special program of reading and virtual events inspired by fairy tales, folklore, and myths.



Children, teens, and adults can celebrate this year's theme online by tracking their reading, playing games, unlocking digital badges, and earning raffle tickets for exciting prizes.

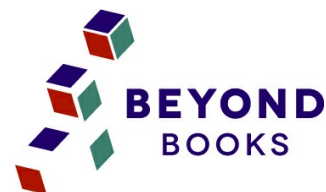
Register today at waypl.readsquared.com or on the free downloadable READSquared app.

The Summer Reading Club is supported by the generosity of Way Public Library Foundation & Friends.

Beyond Books

New items added to collection!

Check out a life size [Human Brain](#) model on a base to use for anatomical study.



When you need a study break, use our [Baseball Bases](#) to set up a friendly game with your buddies.

Beyond Books items can be reserved using our Curbside

Pickup service if you prefer a contactless checkout.

Binge Boxes are here!

Start planning your next movie night

Would you like to try something different on movie night? Request one of our new Binge Boxes.



A Binge Box is a binge-worthy collection of several movies centered around a theme and packaged in a box together for a checkout of 14 days. Our growing collection features themes like "Hole in One!"-golf themed comedies and dramas; "Best Western"-westerns from Butch Cassidy to Unforgiven and everything in between; "Black History"-historical dramas featuring Black American heroes such as Nat Turner, the Tuskegee Airmen, Jackie Robinson, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and more; "Stop Saving Matt Damon"-a collection of movies featuring Matt Damon as the protagonist. Naturally, he's always in a pickle.

Search the catalog for [Binge Box](#) to see all the collections available, and place your holds today!

Imagination Library

A new book every month

You can now enroll your child in Wood County's Imagination Library!

The Dollywood Foundation has mailed well over 100 million free books to children all over the world. A special initiative by Governor DeWine and a generous donation from Way Public Library Foundation & Friends makes it possible for you to [join the program](#).



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We also share photos, host book discussion groups and other events, and feature fun, engaging content. [Join us now!](#)