Welcome back! We are now open for Browsing and Borrowing

Dear Patron,

I hope this finds you and your family well and enjoying these last glorious days of summer. Our staff has returned to the library and has been adapting our services and innovating procedures that offer safe library experiences for our community.

On Monday, August 24th, we began our next phase of reopening with Browsing and Borrowing by Appointment. Patrons are invited to return to the library building by appointment to browse our collection for 30 minute sessions. Masks that cover both the nose and mouth are required for anyone entering the building and we also ask all to keep a 6-foot distance between you and another person. If you have any signs of illness, have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days, or have been in contact with someone confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 within the past 14 days, please remain home. For more information and directions for Browsing and Borrowing, [click here](#).

Providing a safe environment for our staff and patrons has been and will remain our central priority. The following safety measures are in place:
- Masks that cover the nose and mouth are required to be worn at all times (except for children under 2)
- Social distancing markers and signage are in place throughout the building.
- We are quarantining all returned materials for 96 hours.
- All materials must be returned via our Book Return which is open 24 hours.
- We have increased our daily cleaning and disinfecting of the building.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.
- The HVAC system has been upgraded with Merv 13 filters.
- Sneeze guards have been installed at all service desks for additional safety.
- All public seating has been temporarily removed.
- In the Children's Room, toys, puzzles, and games have been temporarily removed.

During this transition period, we will continue to offer Curbside Book Pick-up. [click here for more information](#) All Programming will continue to be virtual with lots of cooking programs, exercise series, book discussions, story times, family game nights, crafts and lots more exciting activities. This summer we hosted 150 programs with over 2300 people participating virtually! Please check our website, our Instagram Page and our Facebook Page for program updates.

Thank you for your continued support, and we all look forward to seeing you back in the library!

Sincerely,
Charlene Noll
Director, Hillside Public Library