



The Athenaeum of Philadelphia Reopens!

The Athenaeum of Philadelphia reopens our doors to members and patrons on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. We have created new safety protocols for staff and patrons.

Library visits: Monday-Thursday, 10 am - 4 pm

Research visits: Beginning September 15, Tuesdays 10 am - 2 pm By Appointment Only

RDIC: Monday-Thursday, 10 am - 4 pm By Appointment Only

Work/Study space: Monday-Thursday, 10 am - 4 pm, Reservations needed

Programs & Events: Fall Online Speakers Series

We ask anyone coming by the Athenaeum to **wear a mask and practice social distancing**. If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, please stay home and come back on a different day. We are so happy to see you but ask that you limit the length of your visits in order to protect your health and that of other patrons and staff.

The Athenaeum has hand sanitizer and wipes available throughout the building and new touchless faucets in the restrooms. Please wash your hands on entering the building and clean or sanitize them throughout your visit.

We will have limited seating and no coffee/tea service for the time being. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the building so you can keep your mask on at all times.

Getting Books

Athenaeum members may browse for books and other reading material in the upstairs library.. Shareholders may request books from the University of Pennsylvania for delivery to the Athenaeum. You may place requests for books using your account in Franklin (franklin.library.upenn.edu), the University of Pennsylvania online public access catalog where the Athenaeum's materials are listed. If you do not have an account, please email **Jill Lee** to place your requests. Please expect delays. Your requests may take two weeks or more.

We continue to provide vestibule pick-up and drop-off of materials for those who prefer contactless service. Materials will be on a **table** in the vestibule with a post-it with your name on it, or in a bag with your name. Please do not touch items that are not for you. Books can be returned to the **cart** in the vestibule. Please wait for notification that your items are on hold for you before coming to pick them up. Currently returned materials are quarantined for 72 hours, so they will not be immediately available for re-circulation. We appreciate your patience. If you prefer not to enter the building, you may return your books by mail. Please return the materials you borrowed before quarantine, as other members may be waiting for them.

Shareholders may still receive books and other items by mail. Email Jill for requests. **We continue to order ebooks.** (pat.axis360.baker-taylor.com/) Contact **Lois Reibach** for assistance.

Work-Study Space

Athenaeum members who would like to use one of our tables for study or work may do so by appointment only. We are limiting the number of people at a table or in a room to maintain social distancing and room capacity requirements. You may reserve a space by contacting **Tess Galen**.

Research Services

Research visits will recommence on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. All visits will be by appointment only. Please contact **Bruce Laverty** at least one week in advance to schedule your visit. To ensure the safety of staff and patrons, only one researcher will be admitted at a time, with exceptions for members of the same household.

RDIC Services

To schedule a scanning or printing service appointment, please contact **Jim Carroll** or **Mike Seneca**. Staff will provide you with further information when you schedule your appointment.

Speaker Series

Our popular speaker series continues online this fall. You can find the full list of events and links to register on our website <http://philaathenaeum.org/events.html>.

We regret our inability to host small groups, meetings, or classes for the duration of the COVID19 pandemic. We are aiming to bring as much of those programs as possible to you using Zoom.

For assistance, below is our STAFF DIRECTORY:

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