

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**June 10, 2020****SPL beginning contactless holds pick-up services on June 15**

Beginning Monday, June 15, Saskatoon Public Library (SPL) patrons will be able to place holds and arrange for pick-up of physical library materials.

This service is being made available at all nine of SPL's locations across the city from 10 am to 6 pm, Monday to Saturday. SPL will be continually monitoring this service and making adjustments as necessary moving forward.

Pick-ups will be by appointment, and information on making appointments will be included in the notifications patrons receive when their holds are ready.

Return slots will also reopen on June 15 so patrons can return materials they have been holding onto since libraries closed in mid-March. However, there will be no late fines charged for the foreseeable future and patrons are therefore encouraged to hold onto items for a while longer, if possible, so libraries are not overwhelmed with returns during the first few days.

"We know many of our patrons have been missing physical library items and we're thrilled to be able to start meeting this need in our community once again," said Carol Cooley, SPL's CEO. "This is the first step in SPL's gradual plan to resume and reimagine physical library services."

Libraries will not be permitted to reopen their buildings to the general public until Phase 4 of the province's Re-Open Saskatchewan plan.

For more information, visit: www.saskatoonlibrary.ca/holds-pickups.

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