

Rearranged Our Collection

Normally, weeding our collection is an ongoing process completed throughout the year. But we took this opportunity to weed our entire Youth Services collection, rearrange the location of materials to highlight new items, and added more new materials. We've moved our Games spinner racks to the end of the kids computer area; put like things together such as DVD's, CD's, and audiobooks; put all youth Spanish language materials in the same area; youth graphic novels are grouped together and more. We can't wait to help you find whatever materials you're looking for, but meanwhile don't forget to use our Holds Request service and check out the new kids' books now.

New Public Computers

We're installing two new Express computers in our Business Center area, and two new Online Catalog computers, one each in our Youth and Adult collection areas. Ella's Friends donated the funds for the two online catalog computers, the three table units for *all* of the computers as well as a new Large Print bookcase for the library. If you're looking to volunteer with the library, joining our Friends group is a terrific way to do so. Some fund-raising events in the past include an Art Auction, Pumpkin-Decorating contest, and their annual Book Sale. New ideas are always welcome, and they're a fun group. Send an email to EllasFriends109@gmail.com to indicate your interest.

Paperback Book Exchange

We kicked off our rolling paperback book exchange a week after we closed. One of our patrons suggested a "Kids shelf" which we added the second week. Each time the rolling cart is outside, we have about 10-20 people take some off the cart. For this exchange; keep them, pass them on, or bring them back. It is available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM - 1 PM, weather permitting.

Return Your Materials to the Library

The library's vestibule/entryway will be open on certain days and times:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays

10 AM - 1 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays

4 PM - 6 PM

All materials returned to the library will be quarantined a minimum of 72 hours. Why three days? This is based on the most recent scientific data regarding the "life" of the coronavirus on paper, cardboard, and plastic. Materials will be checked in after the quarantine; no fines will be imposed at this time.

Safety Guidelines

The library has instituted the following guidelines to ensure safety in the library during the COVID-19 crisis:

- Hygiene procedures for cleaning/disinfecting common areas
- Requiring staff to wear protective gear, such as masks, while administering services
- Encouraging staff to monitor for symptoms of the virus and/or testing, if needed
- Health and hygiene reminders posted

The library will provide all staff of the Library with up-to-date training on proper hand washing procedures, safety and sanitation protocols related to COVID-19.

Sign up for All Types of Projects - for Kids, Families, Teens and Adults!

In April, Miss Janelle started posting some terrific craft/STEAM projects using things everyone had around the house. And beginning the week of June 22nd, the library will supply "kits" for families to pickup for more fun, creative projects to make. Pam, our Crafter's Circle leader, has been creating card-making packets for patrons who sign up online. Watch the Calendar of Events at ellajohnsonlibrary.org for more enjoyable programs!