



Homer Twp. Public Library

RE-OPENING PLAN

Governor Pritzker has issued the ***Restore Illinois Plan** to describe the levels of risk and recovery regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Coronavirus pandemic is fluid we may move up or down the library re-opening plan dependent on the Governor's strategies and recommendations from the CDC.

Phase One / Two

*Rapid Spread / Flattening

- Stay-at-home and Social Distancing plans are put into place by the State of Illinois
- Library building closed; staff to shelter in place; remote work in place to provide virtual/digital services
- eBooks and library services offered virtually 24/7
- Book donations not accepted/Book Drop closed

Phase Three

*Recovery

- Library building remains closed; Library staff return to work as scheduled under specific safety protocols
- Book drop open; returned items are placed into 7-day quarantine
- Donations now open; all incoming items placed into 7-day quarantine
- 7-day Curbside Pickup of materials & photocopies: Mon/Tues 10-2, Wed 3-7, Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun 10-2
- Free Craft Kits and Free Book Bundles offered during Curbside pickup on Tues/Sat @ 10am
- Virtual Fall Reading Club: Reading is Delicious begins Oct 1
- eBooks and library services offered virtually 24/7
- Library story times, book discussions, and other programs offered virtually
- **NEW!** Scholastic Teachables Grades preK-8 Curbside pickup of weekly units begins September 8

Phase Four – CURRENT as of September 26, 2020

*Revitalization

- Library building open for limited browsing and computer use to Homer cardholders only; social distancing enforced; entrance monitored; face mask or protective covering required. A limited number of people will be allowed in the building at one time (25 visitors/staff; as required); seating restricted
- Specific hours for vulnerable patrons may be established and continue into phase five
- Study, Quiet Reading, Community Rooms, Youth Computers/iPads & Play areas closed
- 7-day Curbside Pickup continues: Mon 3-7, Tues 10-2, Wed 3-7, Thurs 10-2, Fri 10-2, Sat 10-2, Sun 10-2
- eBooks and library services offered virtually 24/7; story times, book discussions, & programs all virtual

Phase Five

*Illinois Restored

- Gradually return to regular service hours and full services dependent on the guidelines issued by governing bodies and health authorities.
- Library building open for longer browsing and computer usage with limits of one patron per table and other social distancing plans; seating restricted; face mask or protective covering required. Continued limits on number of peoples allowed in the building at any one time
- Curbside Pickup may be phased out: Mon 3-7, Tues 10-2, Wed 3-7, Thurs 10-2, Fri 10-2, Sat 10-2, Sun 10-2
- eBooks and library services offered virtually 24/7
- Bookmobile and Outreach Service may begin
- All safety precautions continue; provisions may still need to be in place regarding facial coverings/masks, social distancing, etc. based on recommendations from the Illinois Dept of Public Health