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The North Platte Public Library will be reopening to the public on May 11, 2020, with some modifications and restrictions. These changes will allow persons to return library materials and checkout new materials. It also meets the needs of those who need access to the internet or wifi.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Hours for general public: Monday-Friday: 9:00AM – 5:00PM – all public are required to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.
- Hours for vulnerable population: 8:00AM – 9:00 AM. It is expected and encouraged that the vulnerable population use hand sanitizer and wear masks during their visit.
- Saturday and Sunday: Library is closed – the book drop will be open.

RESTRICTIONS

- Library is only open to individuals that are ***14 years of age and older.***
- ***Only one person per household*** should enter the library at a time.
- ***A time limit of 30 minutes per visit per day*** will be enforced.
 - Holds may be placed 24 hours ahead of your visit to limit your time and interactions at the library – please allow 24 hours for staff to pull your requests before your visit – items may be requested using the following methods:
 - Online catalog at <http://catalog.nppl.online>
 - By phone at 308-535-8036 X3301
 - By email to library@ci.north-platte.ne.us
- All persons visiting the library will need to check in and out with a library teammate before entering the main area of the library.
 - All persons will be asked 3 questions and be required to use hand sanitizer. Masks are encouraged.
 - **What is your first name?** We ask this so you can be paged over the intercom if you exceed your 30 minute visit.

- **Have you been traveling outside of the state?** If so, please wait 14 days before entering the library. We ask this because of a [Department of Health and Human Services Alert on 3/23/2020 for Recommendations to returning out-of-state travelers](#).
- **Have you or anybody in your household been sick or running a temperature within the last week?** If so, please wait 10 days from symptom onset, plus 72 hours symptom free before visiting the library. We ask this because of [CDC Guidelines for What to Do If You Are Sick](#).
 - The Library will provide hand sanitizer and all persons will be required to use the sanitizer at the check in station prior to entering the main area of the library. This is for the safety of all citizens to limit contamination of library materials by the virus.
- Only one chair will be located at each table to encourage social distancing. All comfortable seating has been removed from the library main floor.
- All library materials must be returned through the book drop (not the front desk). The library's book drop will now be open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. All returned library materials are put through a 72 hour quarantine.
- ALL second floor services, including computers, genealogy, periodicals, young adult collections, faxing, and photocopying services are unavailable to the public.
- Three or Four Standing computer stations will be available for a 30 minute visit. No computer assistance can be provided due to social distancing guidelines.
- Materials and services normally performed on the second floor may be requested at the front desk and staff will retrieve materials for you. Photocopying and faxing services must be completed by staff while the person requesting these services remains on the first floor. Second floor services are subject to staffing availability.
- ALL group programming is cancelled until further notice, due to social distancing guidelines. This includes Story Time, Wee Read, Summer Reading Program, Teens Explore, and adult luncheon series; and room rentals for non-library group activities.
- Many great online resources can be accessed through the library's website and Facebook pages.
- The Creation Station is closed until further notice; except to library staff, who continue to make facemask parts for Great Plains Health.
- Public Restrooms will be open, however they are only cleaned once a day and should only be used in an emergency situation.
- All library staff will be wearing masks and may be further protected as their comfort level dictates.
- All account holders are encouraged to limit the number of items they have out to no more than 20 (7 of which can be DVDs) at any given time due to the quarantine process delaying the item check-in process up to 72-96 hours. Full check out receipts will have recently returned items on the list.

The North Platte Public Library reserves the right to modify (stricter or loosen) these restrictions based on Health Care Directives from the West Central District Health Department and/or City of North Platte Administration.

You are using the library at your own risk. The North Platte Public Library is not responsible if you contract the Coronavirus. We are taking all precautions to protect our staff and our patrons.