



North Platte Public Library ✧ 120 W 4th ST ✧ North Platte NE 69101

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EFFECTIVE DATE:
November 16, 2020

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The North Platte Public Library is announcing its current policies and procedures, effective November 16, 2020.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Monday-Friday: 9:00AM – 6:00PM
- Saturday and Sunday: Library is closed.

RESTRICTIONS/MODIFICATIONS

- ***NEW*** The Library's meeting room occupancy is limited to 25% of the rated occupancy or a maximum of 19 people. All meetings must be approved by the Library Director.
- ***NEW*** The Creation Station (makerspace) continues to be open for certification and training. However, due to the small size of this room, everyone in the Creation Station must wear a face mask. Small group makerspace workshops are cancelled through December 31, 2020. The Creation Station room capacity is now limited to fifteen percent (15%) or three (3) people. Please call the library at 308-535-8036 X3320 to make an appointment to certify/train on a piece of equipment or schedule open build time.
- ***NEW*** All in-person Library programming has been cancelled through December 31, 2020. We encourage all parents to consider watching our online programming for pre-school age children on the Library's Facebook page.
- All persons visiting the library are required to use hand sanitizer before entering the main area of the library. This is for the safety of all citizens to limit contamination of library materials, computer keyboards, and library surfaces from the Coronavirus. Face masks and/or face shields are strongly encouraged and recommended.
- There continues to be a maximum time limit of two (2) hours in the library facility. Patrons using computers in the Library's Technology Learning (TLC) Center have a once a day maximum time limit of 60 minutes. If you need additional time (for employment applications, educational coursework, filing taxes, and similar), please communicate that to the Library Staff member in the TLC.

- All library staff are required to wear masks when working with the public or working in a public area; and may be further protected as their comfort level dictates.
- The second floor library collections and services, including Computer Services, are available. Please note that due to social distancing guidelines, computer availability and technology assistance is limited.
- Social Distancing of six feet or more is encouraged and recommended whenever/wherever possible. Face masks and/or face shields are strongly recommended.
- The Book Drop is open twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. All returned items and donations must be returned in the book drop and go through a 72 hour quarantine process.

The North Platte Public Library reserves the right to modify (stricter or loosen) these provisions of service 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 coronavirus or any other communicable disease. We are taking all precautions to protect our staff and our patrons.