



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

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The North Platte Public Library is announcing its current policies and procedures, effective December 24, 2020.

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

RESTRICTIONS/MODIFICATIONS

- ***NEW*** The Library facility is currently open at 75% occupancy.
- ***NEW*** Although the current Health Directive Measure calls for 75% occupancy for gatherings, the Library's meeting room occupancy will continue to be at 25% or 19 persons due to the size of the room and the difficulty trying to remain socially distanced in such a small room. All meetings must be approved by the Library Director.
- ***NEW*** Although the current Health Directive Measure calls for 75% occupancy, the Library's Creation Station (makerspace) occupancy remains limited to 15% or three (3) people. This is due to the small size of this room, the difficulty in socially distancing in this room with shared equipment, and extended length of time spent in this room. In addition, everyone in the Creation Station must wear a face mask because of the inability to socially distance. 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 literacy programming has been cancelled through January 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.
- 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.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- ***NEW*** The AARP Tax Assistance program will not be offered at the library January-April 2021 due to the reduction in Library hours (no Saturday hours) and the inability to provide socially distanced waiting areas.
- ***NEW*** The North Platte Public Library is excited to offer a new learning event for the people of North Platte. During this time of social distancing and unusual circumstances (pandemic), the North Platte Public Library plans to offer a “Trout in the Classroom” experience here at the Library. All ages are welcome to participate. If you have an interest in nature, biology, animals, conservation, art, writing or fishing, please consider signing up for our Trout Club! Nebraska Game and Parks, together with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Aquatic Education Program have published and provided the format and content for this unique trout curriculum. When you register (January 4-8, 2021 at the Library), you will be given a journal that will be used throughout our time together studying trout. Young Adult Librarian, Shelly Deardoff and Interim Children’s Librarian, Chris Green, will be guiding and instructing students and the general public through the entire Trout in the Classroom Experience. January kicks off our experience when the rainbow trout eggs arrive. We look forward to sharing this experience. It will be fun, informative and hopefully instill a love and respect for our natural surroundings.

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.