



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 COVID19 policies and procedures, effective March 1, 2021.

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

RESTRICTIONS/MODIFICATIONS

- ***NEW*** There is no longer any maximum time limit in the library facility. The two-hour time limit is removed.
- ***NEW*** In-person programming for Story Time resumes Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Story Time is offered at 10:30AM or 1:30PM for pre-school age children and their parent/guardian.
- ***NEW*** Although the current Health Directive Measure calls for 100% occupancy for gatherings, the Library's meeting room occupancy will continue to be at 50% or 35 persons due to the size of the room and the difficulty trying to remain socially distanced in such a small room.
- ***NEW*** Although the current Health Directive Measure calls for 100% occupancy, the Library's Creation Station (makerspace) occupancy remains limited to 20% or five (5) people. In addition, everyone in the Creation Station is required to wear a face mask because of the small size of the room and the difficulty to socially distance.
- The water fountain remains unavailable.
- Curbside Service remains available for no-contact library materials pickup. Go to the following link for more information and instructions: <https://www.ci.north-platte.ne.us/73215/curbside-pickup-your-library/>
- Teens Explore continues every Thursday at 4:00PM for students ages 12-18.
- Do not enter the library if you are sick, someone in your household is sick, or you are caregiving for a COVID positive person, or are in quarantine because you have had a direct contact exposure.
- 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. Per Governor Rickett's recommendation, facemasks and social distancing of six feet or more is encouraged.

- 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.
- 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 will continue to 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.