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The North Platte Public Library is announcing its current COVID19 policies and procedures, effective April 15, 2021.

HOURS OF OPERATION

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

RESTRICTIONS/MODIFICATIONS

- ***NEW*** All persons visiting the library are encouraged (no longer required) to use hand sanitizer before entering the main area of the library. Hand-washing and social distancing of six feet or more is encouraged.
- ***NEW*** If social distancing is not possible **and** the interactions between people last more than 15 minutes in duration, facemasks are encouraged.
- ***NEW*** The Library's meeting room occupancy will increase to 100% or 70 people.
- ***NEW*** In-person adult luncheon programming resumes. Library programming for Story Time and Teens Explore continues at their regular days and times.
- ***NEW*** Library staff may wear a mask or not, as their comfort level and ability to socially distance dictates.
- ***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. During Equipment Certification, both the staff member and person(s) being certified, are required to wear a facemask. During Open Build, provided social distancing is possible, a face mask is not required; however, everyone (staff included) should have a face mask readily available in case interactions last longer than 15 minutes.

- ***NEW*** The water fountain is now available.
- 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/>
- 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.
- The second floor library collections and services, including Computer Services, are available. Due to social distancing guidelines, computer availability and technology assistance continues to be 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.