

East Ridge City Library

We know that many have been anxiously awaiting the reopening of the East Ridge City Library (ERCL). We also know many envision that ERCL will return to operating as it did prior to the COVID-19 situation. ERCL is making efforts to be a safe place and help prevent the spread of COVID-19. To that end, ERCL will be opening in phases. We ask for your patience during these times as we work together towards returning to normal.

All materials due after March 16th have been extended to May 18th. Patrons can return materials through the outdoor book return.

Phase 1: Staff will begin no contact curbside service on Monday, May 4th with reduced hours.

Phase 2: Patrons will be allowed back in the building with restrictions and limited hours. This will be done in a controlled manner, limiting the number of people in the building at one time to 10 (including staff). In order to maintain proper social distancing, only 3 computers will be available to the public.

- There will be a time limit of 45 minutes on computers and computers will be limited to use for only census, unemployment, work or school related activities.
- Staff will not be able to provide one on one help on the computer at this time.
- There will be no daily shared materials (newspapers, magazines) which can not be sanitized properly according to guidelines.
- Seating areas will not be available during this phase due to the restriction on the number of people allowed in the building.
- Patrons are encouraged to wear masks in the building and practice proper social distancing in the aisles while retrieving materials.

Phase 3: The library will be open to the public, business as usual.

Please note:

All returned materials will still be quarantined for 72 hours before returning to the shelf during phases 1-3. Computers will be sanitized by staff after each patron. All frequently touched surfaces (counters, door handles, etc.) will be sanitized regularly by staff. Virtual programming will continue until social distancing requirements are lifted.

The library will closely follow all the governor's, CDC, and local health department recommendations. As far as the timing, there is no set time limit on any of these phases. The safety of our staff and patrons is a priority at ERCL.

We look forward to seeing you back at ERCL!

Sincerely,

East Ridge City Library
Board of Directors