

Forest Park Public Library Quarantine Plan

An essential part of the Library's vestibule pick up service plan is finding a way to safely and effectively handle library materials.

At this time, no one is exactly sure how long the COVID-19 virus survives on different materials. Different medical experts and organizations have suggested time frames ranging from three to seven days of quarantine.

Out of an abundance of caution, we have created the following plan to keep our staff and community safe.

1. All items must be returned through the Drop Box outside of the building. No items will be returned to staff members.
2. Staff members will wear protective gear (masks and gloves) to place items from the Drop Box onto carts.
3. Carts will be organized by date and quarantined for seven days in the Community Room.
4. Once items have been quarantined for seven days, staff will check items in and either fulfill holds or reshelve the items.

Items will remain on the patron's library card until they are checked in. However, no fines will be accrued during our Fines Free for Now initiative. The Library does not have limits on the number of items checked out or on hold for adults and has extended the limits for kid and teen cards temporarily.

We are keeping up with the latest information and will update our plans as new developments are announced. We are basing our plan off of the Reopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums (REALM) research partnership between OCLC, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and Battelle as well as information from the Center for Disease Control and the State of Illinois.

We appreciate your support and flexibility as we navigate this uncertain time. This information could change as we learn more. Stay up-to-date on procedures by following the Library on Facebook or signing up for our e-newsletter.

For complete information on FPPL Vestibule Pick Up and safety, go to fppl.org/vestibulepickup. If you have questions, please contact us at 708-366-7171 or email at askus@fppl.org.