

I spy in the library

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We're excited to have patrons back in the library!

Currently, we have the southwest doors (the ones by the outside bookdrop) open for entry. The other two are not available. When you walk into the library through the southwest doors, there is a cart with a bin on it. Please place the books you would like to return in the cart. The outside bookdrop is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. The library quarantines all materials for 72 hours before they are checked in and put back on the shelves or sent to their lending library.

Beside the library cart, there is also a map indicating the route through the library. We ask that you make your way into the library through the southwest doors and exit via the hallway door by the children's area.

What you may not spy is the free or the sale tables. During this stage of reopening, the book sale and the free table will not be available. We are currently not accepting donations of books or magazines. We kindly request that you not place donations of books or magazines in the book drop. You may not spy the magazine exchange by the circulation service desk as we have temporarily suspended it.

While you make your way toward the service desk, you will see indicators on the (new!) carpet to stand if there is a line to the service desk for checkout.

Another item you may not spy is the new magazines. They are upstairs and ready to be checked out. We are currently not checking out the daily newspapers. They are located on the new magazine display for reading.

Computer use is available for hour increments when we are open. The Memory Lab will be available this week for appointments as well. Check out our website for more information on how to set up an appointment.

You may notice that we do not have chairs available for sitting. During this phase of reopening, the library is browse and go.

As you may your way around the service desk, you'll notice our "Imagine Your Story" Summer Reading Program Beanstalk! Jack will be climbing up as our circulation goes up throughout the reading program. To the left of the Beanstalk is a cart with free books for everyone participating in the summer reading program and above it the teen's Make and Take.

As you stroll to the children's room, you'll notice, it's a little different! During the closure, the children's desk was moved to the other side of the room and the walls were painted a splashy color. It's a wonderfully happy color.

The children's room has a weekly Make and Take. At the desk is the Summer Reading Program ballots to vote on different items for the room. What you may not spy during this phase are toys or puzzles to play with as well as chairs and couches. Computer use in the room is currently unavailable as well. Items from the children's room must be taken back to the service desk for checkout.

As we work through our reopening phasing, we hope to begin to slowly open up library services and hours. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we ensure the safety of patrons and staff. As always, we look forward to seeing you in the library soon!