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**BUCHANAN DISTRICT LIBRARY REOPENS TO THE PUBLIC JUNE 22 WITH LIMITED HOURS**

Buchanan District Library began welcoming back patrons for curbside service on June 8, and is now excited to announce the library building will be open for limited access starting **Monday, June 22**.

“Our staff have been working hard to make the necessary changes to the library in order to offer access to patrons in a way that protects the health and safety of everyone involved,” said Meg Paulette, library director. “We’re now ready to reopen in a limited capacity that follows the Governor’s guidelines.”

The library will be open **9am–6pm, Monday through Friday, and Saturdays 9am–2pm**. The first hour of each day (9am–10am, Monday through Saturday) will be reserved for vulnerable populations (people over 60, pregnant women, and those with chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease). **Curbside service will continue and is an option for all patrons who wish to check out materials without entering the library.** Returns will be accepted inside the library, by using the drop box, or through curbside service. Services like copying and faxing will be available. Computer access will be by appointment only at this time. Please call the library at (269) 695-3681 to schedule a thirty minute time slot to use a computer.

**Temporary Hours**

Monday—Saturday, 9am–10am for **vulnerable populations**

Monday—Friday, 10am–6pm open to general public

Saturday, 10am–2pm open to general public

**DUE TO CAPACITY LIMITATIONS NO MORE THAN 25 PATRONS WILL BE PERMITTED INSIDE THE LIBRARY AT A TIME**

**What to expect when you visit the Buchanan District Library**

Returning patrons will notice a few changes when they visit the library. Library spaces, policies, and procedures have been adjusted to prioritize the health and safety of visitors and staff.

- Plexiglass barriers and 6-foot distancing markers have been added at the circulation desk, and furniture has been rearranged or removed to encourage social distancing
- Materials returned or handled by patrons will be quarantined for 72 hours before returning to circulation
- Toys and tablets will not be available in the children’s area
- Multi-use print publications including newspapers and magazines will not be available at this time

- Water fountains will not be available
- Hand sanitizer, wipes, and disposable masks will be made available throughout the library
- Staff will routinely clean high-touch surface areas
- The library must maintain 25% of building capacity, and any patrons beyond that capacity will not be allowed inside
- All library staff will wear masks whenever in a public area of the library or providing curbside service

**Patrons are asked to help us keep the library a safe and healthy place for our community by following these requirements:**

- All patrons are required to wear a face-covering during their visit\*. If you do not have one, a mask will be provided by library staff upon entry.
- Patrons experiencing any [COVID-19 related symptoms](#) should not visit the library
- Patrons must maintain 6 feet of distance from one another
- Patrons are asked to complete their library tasks as in a timely manner and exit the building—spending extended time inside the library to work or study will not be permitted at this time. Patrons are reminded that wi-fi extends beyond the building and they can work outside when weather permits. Tables will be provided outside during open hours for patrons to use.

*\*Children under the age of 2 are not required to wear a mask. Patrons who are not able to wear a face-covering due to medical reasons will be encouraged to utilize curbside service.*

**Welcome back to the Buchanan District Library! We can't wait to see you.**