



Powhatan County Public Library

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Powhatan County Public Library Pauses In-Person Services

POWHATAN, VA – With rising Covid-19 cases in Powhatan County, out of an abundance of caution, the Powhatan County Public Library Board has voted to pause in-person library service beginning Monday, December 7, 2020 and until further notice. While the library building is closed Library-Wifi, Book Return, and e-branch resources will continue to be available 24/7. The library's Books to Go, and Curbside Print Services will remain available during library business hours, which are currently Monday – Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. All planned holiday virtual library events will go on as scheduled, including our Holiday Movie Night Kits, which will be available via Books to Go Service.

With Books to Go, patrons may reserve print materials, DVDs, and audiobooks online or by phone. To take advantage of this service, patrons have two options: place items on hold online through the catalog at www.powhatanlibrary.net or call the library at 598-5670 to request items. Online hold placement is available 24/7. Phone service is available during library business hours. Holds placed after 4:00 p.m. (online or via phone) will be available on the next business day. Whether the hold is placed online or via phone, Library staff will contact patrons by phone when their items are available for pick up at the Library.

All Books to Go items are packaged in a new paper bag labeled with the patron's last name. The bag will be placed on a table at the main entrance of the Library. The existing limit of 10 holds per cardholder per day and the 50 item checkout limit per card will remain in effect.

To utilize curbside print/copy service patrons may submit one printing/copying request per day for up to 10 pages of black and white printing at no charge. Requests may be submitted via email to print@powhatanlibrary.net. Staff will notify the patron via email when the print request is ready for pickup on the table at the Library's main entrance.

With the exception of Sunday and Friday, Library staff are available 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. via phone or online chat to provide service and support to patrons. The Library book drop is open 24/7 for patron convenience; however, patrons are asked to return mobile hotspots and backpacks in the bin below the Books to Go table at the library's entrance during business hours.

All returned items continue to be placed in quarantine after return before they are returned to circulation. Fines are waived through January 30, 2021. The Library remains unable to accept donations at this time.

For details, please contact Powhatan County Public Library at 804.598.5670 or library@powhatanlibrary.net.

About Powhatan County Public Library

Powhatan County Public Library is an innovative resource serving as a community center, providing access to technology, engaging activities, and excellent customer service.

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