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Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Library! As part of our phased reopening plan, we are on schedule for reopening on June 29th for limited access and services at the library.

We are pleased to announce that the main floor of the Library will re-open for limited services on June 29th. Our approach may look and feel a bit different in the COVID-19 environment, but we are looking forward to seeing your faces, even if they are masked!

The Library will be open for *20-minute* visits to the Library for quick browsing and checkouts and the use of computers, printer, and copy machine. Notary services are available by appointment only. Meeting rooms and the Café will remain closed until further notice.

During this phase of reopening we are limiting the number of patrons in the building to no more than 50% of our normal comfortable browsing capacity on the main floor. We also request that anyone using the Library do so wearing a cloth mask or face covering. Masks will be available to patrons who request them. Currently, we are requesting that patrons not gather or congregate in the Library.

Our contactless “Library-to-Go” pickup service will continue for patrons picking up items they have placed on reserve.

All Library materials should be returned to the outside book drop so that we can assure they are quarantined for 72-hrs. For more science-based research regarding viruses and materials surfaces, please click [here](#) for an article from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, who have been conducting a study on the subject.

***Additionally, we are adding designated hours for seniors and other high-risk users. Tuesday -Friday from 10:00 AM to Noon. Mask-use is required during those hours.**

Visit our [COVID-19 resources and services page](#) on our website listed under [Library Resources & Services](#).

Our new hours of service beginning June 29th:

Monday: 12:00 PM – 6:00PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – High Risk Users; **Mask Required**
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Wed.: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – High Risk Users; **Mask Required**
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Thurs.: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – High Risk Users; **Mask Required**
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – High Risk Users; **Mask Required**
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM – 2:00PM

“Imagine Your Story: Fairytales, Fantasy, Mythology and Folktales” the Library’s Summer Reading Program for children, youth and adults is in swing and we are looking forward to seeing you for our June 25th virtual kickoff with the Lee and Madbury Libraries! Please see our [website](#) for more information about the Summer reading program and a great lineup of interesting programs for adults as well!

We have worked very hard at the library to increase the accessibility, breadth, and depth of our collection. If you have not already, please check out our digital resources! They have become very popular and we are getting rave reviews about them! More information can be found regarding our digital resources on our Books & Media [page](#).

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you might have about our services and access. We can be reached by phone at (603) 868-6699 or email at durhampl@gmail.com.

Thank you for all your patience and support for the Durham Public Library during this time. We WILL get through this together!

Respectfully,

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