

Message from the Director

June 12, 2020

As most of you are aware, on March 17th we made the difficult, but prudent, decision to close our building to the public for the immediate future. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continued to develop and the Library took this step to support the health and safety of the community we serve.

While we had to suspend our services as a public gathering space, the Library has continued to be present to the community through its online resources and curbside services. Since March 17th, library staff has been available to assist patrons between 10am and 4pm Monday through Friday. We added Wednesday evenings from 5pm-7pm in May and began Saturday hours (10am to 1pm) on June 1st. In addition to library materials, patrons have also been able to check out a laptop for on-grounds use (in their car or at a table outside the library). Newspapers have also been loaned out 1 per person.

As the COVID-19 restrictions are gradually lifted, the Library Trustees will be evaluating our services with the understanding that safety of staff and the public is paramount. The recent guidance provided by the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOEFRR) will be added into the items that inform the Library's phased reopening plan. We are currently at the **Curbside Phase** of that plan: loaning materials owned by Wadleigh Memorial Library, providing Notary and Passport appointments, checking out laptops, and furnishing copy, print, scan and fax services.

Wishing you all continued good health,

Betsy Solon

Library Director