



Building Re-Opening Guidelines

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We are Happy to Welcome the Community to the East Islip Public Library

The Library is open regular hours, Lobby Pick-Up and Virtual Programs will continue at this time.

- Monday – Thursday: 9am – 9pm
- Friday: - 9am – 6pm
- Saturday - 9am – 5pm

To ensure that everyone may continue to enjoy the Library in a respectful & responsible manner, please adhere to the following:

- All staff, patrons, and guests over the age of two must wear face masks that cover both the nose and mouth. Those without a face covering will not be permitted inside the Library or will be asked to leave.
- Keep a 6-foot distance between you and another person, wherever possible.
- Limit your time in the Library to no more than 1 hour whenever possible.
- If you have any signs of illness, have been sick within the past 24 hours, have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days, or have knowingly been in contact with someone confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 within the past 14 days, please stay at home.

For your protection, we have prepared the following measures:

- Due to health and safety concerns regarding COVID-19, the Library will only accept returns in the book drop. This excludes electronic devices, such as mobile hotspots and Chromebooks. Those items must be returned in-person, inside the library at the circulation desk.
- Returned items (books, DVDs, electronics, etc.) will be quarantined for 24 hours before being re-shelved.
- Protective barriers have been installed at service desks.
- Installed hand sanitizer stations in the building.
- Limited public seating.
- The number of public computers has been reduced and there is a 1 hour limit.
- Toys, puzzles, games, iPads, and other loose items have been temporarily removed from the Children's Department.
- No activities, meetings, events, programs, group gatherings of any kind, this also includes tutoring.

- Meeting Rooms and Program Rooms are currently closed to the public.
- Quiet study rooms will be open to the public, with limited seating, on the second floor beginning March 1, 2021. Masks covering mouth and nose are required at all times while in these study spaces as well as throughout the library.

In addition:

- All staff are wearing face masks.
- All items from the *Library of Things* will be wiped down with disinfectant after they are returned.
- At this time, we will not be accepting donations of books, dvds, or any other items.
- We have heightened our cleaning and disinfecting of bathrooms, as well as surfaces such as desks, keyboards, doorknobs and railings.
- In addition to multiple daily cleanings, the library is thoroughly cleaned every night.

We are continually reviewing and implementing state and county guidelines.

These protections will be in place as long as there are state and local requirements.

Although the Library will be operating differently during this time, we are committed to providing our community with the best customer service.

We thank you for your patience, cooperation and ongoing support.