

Phased Reopening After Temporary Closure

Worth Public Library continues to monitor the recommendations and guidelines of government and public health officials regarding COVID-19. To ensure it is operating as safely as possible, the Library is taking a phased approach to resuming services. Check this page regularly for updates.

Services Starting Monday, July 27th

The library building will be open to the public with limited hours for Grab and Go services and computer appointments. Twenty-five patrons will be allowed in the building at any one time. A mask/face covering for all patrons 2 years of age and older will be required upon entry and at all times while in the building.

We have removed most chairs and tables to achieve physical distancing. Please do not sit on the floor or on any remaining tables.

Task chairs at computer tables are for computer users only and may not be moved to other areas.

Adult computers will be available to adult Worth Library cardholders by appointment and will be limited to 45 minutes per day per person. Youth computers are not available at this time; they will be available by appointment (homework only) when school begins.

Copying and printing will be available. For your safety and ours, computers and copiers are self-service only and staff will not be able to provide assistance or instruction. We are not able to make change (coins or bills) at this time.

All library materials may be returned in the outdoor bookdrop.

We are not accepting donated materials of any kind. Please do not put such items in the bookdrop or bring them into the library.

Public Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, closed

General Information:

- If you are sick or exhibiting signs of COVID-19, please do not come to the library!
- A mask or face covering that covers the nose and mouth is required for all patrons 2 years of age and older while in the building
- Patrons must practice physical distancing while in the building.
- Similar to grocery stores, we ask that you make an effort to touch only those items you intend to borrow.
- We will do our best to sanitize frequently touched surfaces regularly but strongly suggest you follow CDC guidelines and wash or sanitize your hands during and after your visit.
- For your safety and ours, please maintain physical distance and stand behind barriers while interacting with staff at our public service desks.
- We are encouraging short stays (45 minutes or less) in the Library to enforce physical distancing.
- Restrooms and the elevator may be used by one person or one family at a time.
- We are not able to provide change (coins or bills) at this time.

Available Services:

- Curbside delivery
- Books, audiobooks, magazines, videos, and hotspots are available for checkout. Unfortunately you may not stay and read at the library.
- Adult computers are available by appointment for Worth Library cardholders and limited to 45 minutes per day per person. Call the library to make an appointment (708-448-2855 x 4)
- Computers, printing and copying are all self-service; staff will not be able to instruct or assist you.
- WiFi is accessible in the library's parking lot.
- Reference and reader's advisory services are available by phone and e-mail only. Contact Adult Services (708-448-2855 x 2), Youth Services (708-448-2855 x 3) or send an e-mail to reference@worthlibrary.com

- Library card renewals and applications are available by appointment (contact Laura Monday at 708-448-2855 x 6)

Services that are not available:

- Faxing
- Scanning
- Charging stations
- Meeting room use
- Drinking fountain
- Newspapers
- Socializing, meetings, loitering, and tutoring sessions in our public areas are not allowed.
- In-person library programs. All programs are being offered online.
- Toys, puzzles, games, crayons, and kids' Kindles
- Youth and Young Adult computers
- Museum Adventure Passes (We do not know when participating institutions will honor passes.)

FAQ's

What if I feel I cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition?

We understand that not everyone can wear a face covering. While we cannot permit you to enter the building without a mask, we will provide curbside pickup of your materials, and our online resources are available at all times. Follow this link for online resources: <https://www.worthlibrary.com/online-resources/>

Why are my items still showing checked out when I returned them yesterday?

We are quarantining all items for a period of 4 days before checking them in. After their quarantine period, they will be checked in fine-free and will no longer appear on your record.

How can I arrange for curbside pickup?

See our website: <https://www.worthlibrary.com>

How can I renew my library card?

Expiration dates have been extended until September 8.

I don't have a library card; how can I apply for a library card?

Applications will be accepted Thursdays and Fridays by appointment. Two current forms of identification showing a current Worth address are required. One form must be a photo i.d. Follow this link for more detailed information:

<https://www.worthlibrary.com/get-library-card/>

Contact Laura Monday (708-448-2855 x 6) to schedule an appointment.

How do I make a computer appointment?

Appointments may be made for the following time slots: 11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., 12 p.m. – 12:45 p.m., 1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m., 2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m., 3 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. and 4 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. – 11:45 p.m., and 12 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. on Saturday. Appointments start on the hour and end at 45 minutes past the hour to allow time for sanitizing. No guest passes, headphones, or flash drives will be sold at this time.

Can I borrow a Museum Adventure Pass?

Many participating institutions require reservations and pre-payment of admission and parking fees. We do not know if their reservation systems accept the passes. When we have that information, we will post it on our website and Facebook page.

Is it o.k. to return all library items in the outside bookdrop?

Yes. Any library item that fits in the bookdrop slot can be returned in the bookdrop. If your item is too large for the slot, please return it inside. Call 708-448-2855 x 4 if you need assistance. We are not accepting donated items of any kind.

What is meant by "Fine Free for Now"?

This is a temporary initiative. No fines will be charged on materials checked out at the Worth Public Library. We will give patrons advance warning before this ends.