

Curbside service still available at all Carroll County public libraries

(April 10, 2020) In need of something to read or watch to keep yourself occupied while staying at home? The libraries in Berryville, Eureka Springs, and Green Forest can help! Books, movies, video games, albums, magazines and more are available to borrow from the libraries using curbside service. Curbside service is now available Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM.

The libraries are committed to doing their part to keep our patrons, staff, and communities as healthy as possible during the public emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus. “It is a great benefit that our libraries are providing this service,” said Dr. Tyson Burden, a member of the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library Board. “The number one thing as a community we need for people to do is to stay at home. Everyone inside their home reading a book is doing exactly what we should be doing. Without materials to read or watch, though, it can be hard to keep one’s mind occupied, and then we could see people start to take more trips outside of their homes for any number of reasons. That is a problem.”

The libraries have developed a thorough protocol for handling materials during this pandemic. This protocol involves a three to seven-day quarantine of all returned items followed by a disinfection procedure before an item can be placed back into circulation. Patrons are encouraged not to return items if they are feeling ill.

Dr. Burden has reviewed all the Carroll County libraries policies and procedures in relation to COVID-19. “After intensive review of our libraries’ policies, guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the medical and scientific literature, I find our library policies to be in accordance with current scientific understandings. Our library policies and procedures are more than adequate to keep our staff and patrons safe based on our current knowledge of this virus.”

The Carroll County Library Board has committed to keeping the libraries providing as many services as deemed safe and responsible to do throughout this emergency. “I have heard from many about how grateful they are that the public libraries are doing what they can during these difficult times,” said Anita Engert, President of the Carroll County Library Board. The Board acknowledges, though, that under certain conditions one or more of the libraries may need to stop its curbside operations. The availability of cleaning supplies is one potentially limiting factor.

“The directors have reported they have enough cleaning supplies on hand to last for two more weeks of curbside service,” Ms. Engert shared. “If they cannot ensure that they will be able to purchase an adequate amount of additional cleaning supplies, the libraries will have to stop offering curbside service around April 24.”

For information about how you can borrow library items using curbside service, call or email your local library.

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Eureka Springs: 479-253-8754, [info@eurekalibrary.org](mailto:info@eurekalibrary.org)  
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