



September 1, 2020

Dear Muncie Community Families and Students,

Muncie Public Library (MPL) is set to open for customer visits beginning Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Kennedy Library and Maring-Hunt Library will be open from 1-5pm daily to allow short visits of 30 minutes or less to find books, pick up holds, make copies, and receive reference assistance. Connection Corner and Carnegie will be open by appointment only.

MPL will provide library service while working to keep our community safe by encouraging short 30-minute visits. A practice we are calling Grab & Go! Our goal is to get customers in and out with their desired items efficiently and safely.

- MPL requires masks for all employees and customers entering our facilities. Masks should cover the nose and chin at all times.
- We are still in a pandemic and those uncomfortable coming inside the Library to pick up books or documents, we will continue to offer our curbside service, MPL To Go!
- MPL requires that all children 12 and under be accompanied by an adult caregiver at all times. **If you have depended on the library as a location for your child to spend time after school, before going home or waiting for a ride, you will need to make other arrangements.**
- Physical social distancing requires MPL to limit the number of customers entering branches at any given time.
- Study tables and computer stations will accommodate one user at a time. In-person tutoring, group project work, hanging-out, and socializing are not allowed.
- Youth Services will have a limited number of computers to use for homework only.
- Games and toys have been removed from the Youth Services areas.
- We can provide customers of all ages with a **Custom Collection of books and other materials** upon request. Ask a Youth Services Librarian or visit the [library website](#) for more information.
- All library programs will be online. This includes virtual story times, DIY game ideas, craft and how-to videos.
- Take and Make kits will be offered for pick up at the library for children, tweens, and teens.
- Reference service is available in-person, by phone, or via email.
- We will always provide free Wi-Fi from our parking lots daily from 6am-10pm.

MPL follows COVID-19 guidelines as defined by local, state, and federal health officials. These guidelines are subject to change based on health and safety guidelines, please visit [www.munciepubliclibrary.org](http://www.munciepubliclibrary.org) for the latest information.

We look forward to seeing you soon and thank you for your support of Muncie Public Library. If you have questions or comments, reach us at [munpublibrary@gmail.com](mailto:munpublibrary@gmail.com) or leave me a phone message!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Akilah S. Nosakhare". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Akilah S. Nosakhare, Director

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