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## RPL branches to start reopening July 9

Regina Public Library is re-opening library branches.

Glen Elm, Regent Place, Albert, Connaught, and Prince of Wales Branches will re-open on July 9. Central Library, George Bothwell Branch, Sherwood Village Branch, and Sunrise Branch will re-open on July 13.

“We’re pleased to return to our physical locations,” Jeff Barber, Library Director and CEO, said. “Library staff are looking forward to seeing customers once again.”

Customers will experience significant changes such as the removal of some furniture, installation of sneeze guards, revised floor plans, and the application of one-way traffic paths at several locations.

“Our primary focus is to provide our customers with computer access, and access to materials through browsing and holds pickup,” Barber said. “We are limiting opportunities for people to stay and gather in the library at this time.”

The library will offer browsing and borrowing of materials, access to computer stations, Dunlop Art Gallery physical exhibitions, access to the Digital Media Studio, art rental and return, musical instruments lending, Book Club in a Bag, and modified Literacy and Outreach Services. Curbside pickup will be extended to all branches starting Monday, July 13.

Additional services will be added as it becomes safe for their return.

At the same time, RPL continues to encourage use of online services. “Social distancing is still important, and the library has lots of online offerings to keep you entertained while staying safe,” Barber said. “Watch a movie, learn a language, read a book... all free, and all available from our website.”

Overall use of digital library content has increased 50 per cent during the 15 weeks of the library’s closure: over 150,000 ebooks, eaudiobooks, magazines, movies, TV shows, and training courses were streamed and downloaded during that time.

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