

Woods Memorial Library

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June 20, 2020 update

Like other Town employees, **library staff may resume working at the library during the week of June 22, 2020**, although they may continue to work from home as necessary.

At this time, the library building will remain closed to the public. Our Library Reopening Working Group is preparing further plans, policies, and procedures for offering limited public services in a manner that protects staff, patrons, and the broader community as much as possible. **The current plan is to start outdoor pick-up and return of materials beginning on July 7, 2020**; this is subject to change should circumstances warrant.

All procedures and policies developed by the Library Director and Board of Library Trustees will follow regulations and consider guidelines issued by relevant sources including the Town of Barre, Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Library System and Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (issued on May 22, 2020), and the C/W MARS library network.

We ask that patrons keep borrowed material at home. The book return will remain locked. **If items are left outside the library, patrons will be responsible for any damage or loss.** While items continue to have a due date of July 1, 2020, **there will be no fines for overdue materials during the time of our closure**, whether they are from our library or other C/W MARS libraries.

Library staff will continue regularly checking the library's voicemail, email, and Facebook during hours we would normally be open. Staff will not be returning phone calls from their personal phones, so please provide an email address for a faster response. Please be patient if we do not respond immediately; we will contact you as soon as possible.

In the meantime, library staff, C/W MARS, and libraries across MA continue to offer resources and programming online. Please visit [OverDrive](#) for access to e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines provided by C/W MARS, other [online resources](#) provided by Boston Public Library, and Massachusetts Libraries' [calendars of virtual events](#) for online programming.

We will continue to provide updates on our website, Facebook, and voicemail message.

For any questions or concerns, or for assistance navigating online resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to the library. We are here to help you.

Please stay healthy and safe!

Woods Memorial Library Staff & Barre Board of Library Trustees