

To all Friends of Norway Memorial Library,

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of our lives. At the very least, it has impacted our routines.

Norway Memorial Library is following the guidance of Governor Mills, the Maine CDC, Maine State Library, and the American Library Association.

It has been challenging for libraries everywhere to see basic library services are suspended. We know it has been equally challenging for our users who regularly visit the library to borrow materials, attend programs, use study rooms and public computers, play games, make crafts, and much more.

We have directed users to online resources and activities but know that adequate internet service is not consistent in our service area. We are also aware that not all users have or desire to use technology to replace print materials and in-person gatherings.

When we are able to unlock our doors, we anticipate things being different. We ask for your patience and understanding as we all navigate a new way of doing things together. We are making every effort to safely and gradually resume services using best practices for doing so and look forward to the day we can see you in the library again.

Sincerely,
Beth Kane, Library Director



NEWS: A Battelle Laboratory study of how long the COVID-19 virus lives on library items (books, plastic book jackets, DVD cases, the delivery bags and totes used to transport interlibrary loans, etc.) is expected to announce results in mid-August.

Statewide interlibrary delivery services halted in March. Items will begin to be returned to owning libraries in June and at this time, it is expected that deliveries will resume in July. When possible, online requesting of materials from non-NML libraries will be restored as libraries in the Minerva consortium resume service.



The library's Wi-Fi is on 24/7 and extends to our parking lot.



The Friends of NML Quilt Raffle
Chickadees and Winterberries
in honor of Maine's Bicentennial

Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All proceeds go to the Friends of NML and help them in their mission to promote awareness of the vital role of the library, assist in strengthening its resources, and enhance its services.

To purchase tickets, send payment to The Friends of Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268 and include a note with name, address and phone number for the person or people for whom you are buying tickets.

Electronic Resources

These resources are worth knowing about! To access them, find links on the library's website.

<https://www.norway.lib.me.us>

CloudLibrary: ebooks and audio books for all ages

Digital Maine Library: global newspapers, magazines, reference materials, genealogy resources, Gale Legal Forms, Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center, Chilton Library, Value Line, Pronunciator language learning, and much more!

Annual Used Book Sale News

During the May meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Norway Memorial Library, the difficult decision was made to cancel this summer's annual used book sale.

As we discussed the logistics of the sale, and the preparations leading up to it, it became evident that we would not be able to proceed.



If you have collected books to donate, thank you. If possible, consider holding on to them until next year.

Missing library programs?

We are too! Use this link to find virtual library events happening in Maine. Events are for all ages and open to everyone.

Statewide Virtual Library Events Calendar
<https://maine-msl.libcal.com/calendar/pubevents/>

Planning to Resume Services

Similar to the way Maine has planned phased reopening of businesses, Norway Memorial Library (NML) is planning a phased return to services. It is informed by the guidance of three checklists released by the state of Maine. They are the checklists for General Guidance, Public and Community Buildings, and Public Libraries.

The intention of this work is to resume services in ways that allow staff and patrons to minimize likelihood of spreading the virus.

Parking Lot Pickup Beginning June 1

NML's version of curbside service is "Parking Lot Pickup." During this time, NML cardholders will be able to request items from NML's collection using Minerva, the online catalog, by email sent to norlib@norway.lib.me.us, or by calling (207) 743-5309 ext. 1.

When you email or call in your request, please provide your name, phone number, the items you would like, and day and time you would like to pickup. Staff will receive requests and prepare items for pickup within one business day. Pickup will be available Monday through Friday 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

When picking up library items, go to the library parking lot off Greenleaf Ave. Park in the indicated area near the parking lot book drop box. Remain in your car. Library staff will place your items on a table. You will then exit your car and pick up your items. Any returning items will be placed in

one of our book drop boxes (located on the library's front porch and along the driveway to the parking lot). Staff will not handle returning items during a pickup transaction.

Building Open with Restrictions (Date TBD)

When the library reopens its doors to the public, there will be restrictions in place. They are informed by the checklists cited above. Parking Lot Pickup will continue during this time.

We will:

- Ask visitors to wear face coverings (Exec. order #49 FY 19/20).
- Ask all visitors to practice physical distancing of 6 feet from individuals not part of their household group.
- Limit of number of visitors in the building at one time.
- Limit amount of time visitors remain in the building.
- Ask visitors to "look with their eyes and not with their hands." When browsing, items that are touched but not checked out will be placed in quarantine and unavailable for loan for 7 days.

Full policies and procedures will be available in public view at the entrance and in a few locations in the building.

Above all, remember that we are working to resume service in a way that is safe and workable while adhering to guidelines. We thank you for your patience and look forward to seeing you soon.

What about Summer Reading Program?



Beanstack

This question has been on the minds of librarians everywhere.

Now more than ever libraries want to support school-aged children and their families in maintaining and developing their readiness for successful classroom experiences.

Through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Maine State Library is making Beanstack available to Maine libraries. Beanstack is a web-based library presence where participants can register and log their reading and activities to earn badges.

NML will use Beanstack to run a summer program for children this year. We will create challenges to keep kids engaged in books and stories that interest them and activities that inspire their curiosity and keep them active.

Completing library-created challenges to earn badges will help students see all they are achieving, building confidence and esteem.

Let's hear it for summer reading and activity fun!



HAPPY
SUMMER

Accessing Library Services

Please visit our website for links to the Minerva catalog, Digital Maine Library, Tumble Books resources, and more. <https://www.norway.lib.me.us>

Visit our Facebook page and "like" us to receive information and links to virtual programs, library news, and updates.

Request enough items to save multiple trips for Parking Lot Pickup service.

If you have reference questions, need assistance selecting materials to borrow, have a library card in need of updating or need a library card, call us at **207-743-5309**, Monday - Friday, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

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