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      See attached.
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May 2020 Statistics

Numbers Snapshot
- 25,178 overall check outs, down 75%
- 16,216 digital check outs, up 53%
- 6 staff loaned to the Health Dept. for Covid-19 related projects
- 3 staff loaned to the Public Information Office for Covid-19 related projects
- 74 staff furloughed starting May 1st
- 24% increase in Consumer Reports page views
- 21% increase in AtoZ Databases record views
- 92% increase in Universal Class lessons viewed

Circulation

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e. Report of District Consultant

- State
  - Guidelines continue to be updated and released to us.
  - Two weeks ago the guidelines were updated to require that all libraries offer some sort of services be provided to the public, minimum curbside pickup, before the end of June. These guidelines also recommended that a reopening plan for future stages be finished also by end of June. We believe that means that future stages of reopening will have deadlines forthcoming, but this is currently unconfirmed by OCL.
  - Funding- A bifurcated budget was passed for 5 months, the remaining 7 months will be passed in November. Library funding was approved as flat for 5/12 months of the year. Libraries appear to be the only line within the department of education’s budget that was not flat funded for 12/12. At this time, OCL has not determined how this funding will be allocated between districts, systems, individual libraries, the state library, and OCL initiatives. However, leadership at OCL has warned libraries not to expect more than 5/12 of their funding from last year.
  - Standards - during the state of emergency, all standards were suspended (the governor says the state of emergency has not ended yet, some senators are saying it has, awaiting for clarification from OCL). However, OCL has indicated you must have some services by June 30th and implied that you needed to be working towards full standards in the very near future, although no concreate date has yet been given. Rumor says the 12% collections rule will be enforced for sure, (likely, because ebooks count towards that) hours open is iffy. I think once we hit August or September it will be back in effect. Rumor also continues to indicate, that waivers will not be issued.

- Advocacy
  - When the budget passed very quickly and unexpectedly, I did not send the advocacy email out to everyone. At the time, we thought we had 12/12 flat funding. Since that is not the case, we (SNOE) are working on the sheet again and will send it out shortly.
  - Expect more advocacy recommendations and events in future

- District Libraries News
  - All district libraries launched curbside service on June 15th. Many will be launching Lobby service in the next couple of weeks.
  - Reopening with limited services is tentatively planned for August in Crawford, PLEC is also leaning towards and August date. This assumes we are not given a deadline before then by OCL.

- DLC
  - A meeting of the District Advisory Council is scheduled for July to discuss the budget impact and to appoint members to the district continuing education committee and to the district PR committee.

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   b. News Articles

Erie County Public Library Accepting Book Returns

Patrons can drop their books off through the outdoor drop box, from there the books will be quarantined for 72 hours.
Thursday, June 4th 2020, 6:55 PM EDT
Updated: Thursday, June 4th 2020, 10:19 PM EDT
By Elspeth Mizner

The Erie County Public Library has begun to accept books and begin the process to accept book returns.

On June 3, the library first started to accept book returns with the book drop, from there the books will be quarantined for 72 hours and then checked back in.

Right now, the library is only accepting book returns.

Sheryl Thomas the Assistant Director of the Erie County Public Library explained, "the quarantine process is basically to allow and possible contamination of Covid-19 to die off and that insures the staffs safety and eventual patrons safety for when those items are checked out again."

All due dates are extended until July 1.

Curbside pick up will begin on June 15, where you can call and check out books over the phone and pick them up.

A limited lobby service will begin on June 29 and a full opening on July 13.

They also plan on doing summer reading programs but with an online format instead.


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Erie County Public Library to begin phased reopening
Starting in June through July
by Madeline Bruce  May 29, 2020 at 2:49 PM

The Erie County Public Library recently announced that it will begin a phased reopening process on June 1.

All Erie County Public Libraries have been closed since mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Due dates were extended for all items, and patrons who still had items checked out were not charged late fees. Now, the blanket due date for all outstanding items is July 1.

The phased reopening will start in June and continue through July. On June 1, all furloughed staff will return to work to begin what the organization deems a "tiered reopening." Throughout the coming weeks, more services will be offered at two-week intervals. This is to ensure that branches are opening as safely as possible, and any adjustments can be made if necessary.

Starting June 3, the library will begin offering reference services to patrons through phone and email. Returns will also start to be accepted on this date through the external book drop at all locations. To ensure proper disinfecting of materials, items will be quarantined.

Library facilities will remain closed to the public until June 29, with curbside service being offered to the public starting June 15. To reserve items for curbside pickup, patrons can call the library or use the online catalog at catalog.erielibrary.org.

The June 29 reopening of the libraries will include continued curbside pickup, as well as limited browsing. In the final stage of its phased reopening, all library facilities in the Erie County Public Library system will open on July 13 for most in-person services. This is, of course, reliant on local, state, and national guidelines. The library is also installing protective equipment at service desks and hand sanitizing stations throughout the branches. Staff will be encouraged to social distance upon returning to work, and patrons will also be encouraged to social distance once branches open to the public. To encourage social distancing among patrons, furniture will be moved in each facility.

Independent libraries, such as Waterford, McCord, and Albion, will also offer curbside pickup starting June 15 and have adopted the July 1 due date.

After a long-awaited reopening, the Erie County Public Library system is looking forward to serving its community again.

"In compliance with all guidelines, we are excited to begin the process of gradually reopening our library locations to ensure we protect all of our staff and patrons as much as possible," Blane Dessy, director of the Erie County Public Library said in a statement. "We want everyone to enjoy the library and to be assured that all health precautions are being taken."

For more information about library hours and the phases of reopening, contact your library directly or visit erielibrary.org.