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Library Expanding In-Person Services

Stratford, ON, August 28, 2020 – As part of its phased approach to reopening, the Stratford Public Library is expanding in-person services. Starting Tuesday September 1st, the library collection will be open for browsing by appointment. And beginning Tuesday, September 8th, the MakerSpace will also be available by appointment. Computer and Wi-Fi use by appointment launched in mid-August.

“We are delighted to invite customers back into our library!” says Julia Merritt, CEO of the Stratford Public Library. “We have a number of new safety measures in place and are limiting the number of customers in the library at one time, so the experience will be a little different in this ‘new normal’. However, we’re very much looking forward to being able to offer more of our regular services.”

To reserve a time for any of these services, bookings may be done by visiting www.splibrary.ca/appointments, calling 519-271-0220 or emailing askspl@pcin.on.ca. All visitors are required to have a library card to ensure accurate contract tracing. Visitors are also requested to wear a mask or face covering as per requirements by the Huron Perth Public Health. If you do not own a mask, the library will have them available.

Currently available at SPL:

- Hours of Service: Monday to Thursday 10am-8pm, Fridays & Saturdays 10am -4pm
- Curbside pickup of holds, and 24/7 Book Drop
- Online browsing and booking services
- Telephone and Email service to answer questions and manage accounts – ask for a custom reading selection!
- Book Club Kits available for borrowing

- Online video programs for children and youth
- App-based reading challenges for ALL ages
- Inter-Library Loan service, for province-wide materials access

For additional details about which services are currently available, please visit splibrary.ca/reopening

The Library's website and social media channels will be updated with new information as it is available. The Stratford Public Library would like to thank the residents of Stratford for their patience as we work to create sustainable solutions for providing service during the pandemic.

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For more information about the Library's Reopening Plan, contact Julia Merritt at jmerritt@stratford.ca.

