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ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES TO RETURN TO CURBSIDE ONLY SERVICES

Orange County, VA – Effective Wednesday, January 13, 2021, the Orange County Public Libraries will return to curbside only services. Due to recent spikes in COVID-19 cases in our community, the Orange County Library Board of Trustees elected to scale back services to ensure the safety of the community and employees.

The hours of operation for all three (3) branches of the Orange County Public Libraries will remain mostly unchanged in order to provide as much service as possible. Hours of operation are as follows:

Main Library Branch

Address: 146A Madison Road, Orange, VA 22960
Phone Number: (540) 672-3811
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wilderness Branch

Address: 6421 Flat Run Road, Locust Grove, VA 22508
Phone Number: (540) 854-5310
Monday & Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 12:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gordonsville Branch

Address: 319 N. Main Street, Gordonsville, VA 22942
Phone Number: (540) 832-0712
Monday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Customers can receive multiple curbside services including:

- Checkout of library materials
- Activation of a new library account (Bring a photo ID and proof of address)
- Payment of library fines affecting card status
- Printing of materials submitted to the library through its PrinterOn service



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To find resources or suggestions for materials without browsing, please go to <http://www.ocplva.org/search-assist/>. The Library staff are also available to help customers select books and other materials to place on hold. Please call the front desk and a staff member will be happy to assist you. Give the staff member information about the types of books you enjoy (e.g. thrillers, historical fiction, Amish romances), and they'll do their best to help you find books you'll love to read.

The Library Director and staff also encourage usage of the library's extensive digital collections, now including over 1 million items. Links to the several platforms offered including *Overdrive*, *Hoopla*, and *Freading* are located on the library's website <https://www.ocplva.org> under E-Branch. Digital services do require a current library card and PIN, which is usually the last 4 digits of a patron's phone number. Staff can assist with renewing expired cards via phone to enable access to these materials.

The return of library materials will continue to be through the library's book returns only. Library materials will continue to be quarantined for seven (7) days before being checked in by library staff. Items remain checked out on a customer's account while resting in quarantine and check-in is backdated to account for our delay. Please do not renew items in quarantine, it will create charges that otherwise would not occur.

The Library Board of Trustees and staff are monitoring conditions and plan to re-open the buildings when appropriate. Based upon projected conditions, we anticipate the curbside only service period to last at least a few weeks. The library's curbside service information page can be found here: <http://www.ocplva.org/curbside-service-info/>.

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