

HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Patron Social Distancing Policy

Due to the Public Health emergency caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and requirements put in place by Executive Order and the Barry-Eaton District Health Department, the Hastings Public Library (the "Library"), has enacted policies to help keep patrons and staff safe.

The Library has implemented the following social distancing requirements that patrons must follow while in the Library building:

- Patrons and family groups (including children) must remain 6 feet (or approximately 2 meters) away from staff and other patrons and family groups (including children) using the library. The library has marked the floor in frequently used areas to assist in gauging appropriate distance. Please use these markings.
- Patrons must comply with posted signage and visible markers while moving through the library. Some changes have been made to alter traffic flow to reduce possible contact with other patrons and staff.
- Chairs at tables and other seating areas have been modified or removed to reduce close contact. Please refrain from moving chairs or tables, or disturbing covers or barriers.
- Respect the safety of the staff and keep 6' of distance between you and them.
- Plexiglas barriers have been installed to protect patrons as well as staff, please do not walk around or lean over them.
- There are Hand Sanitizer Bottles/Stations located throughout the library. Please utilize them as often as you wish.
- If using library equipment (computers, copiers, online catalog stations, self-checkout machines, etc.) patrons are required to wipe down all touched surfaces (keyboards, monitors, control panels, etc.) with the sanitizing wipes provided near the equipment. Please discard the wipes immediately after use in the waste receptacles provided. Staff is available to assist.
- If utilizing touchable, climbable, or rideable items in the children's area, patrons are required to wipe down these items after use with the sanitizing wipes provided near the equipment. Please discard the wipes immediately after use in the waste receptacles provided. Please do not permit children to handle wipes. Staff is available to assist.
- Public bathrooms are open. Please adhere to hygiene requirements and appropriately wash hands after entering the bathroom. Please leave the stalls as you find them. Capacity of bathrooms may be limited. If there are any problems or concerns with the bathrooms, please notify available staff.
- Anyone requiring assistance or accommodations with regards to these policies, are requested to contact library staff.

This policy, as with other patron behavior policies, will be enforced in the manner described in the Patron Code of Conduct, available on the Library's website and in hard-copy at a service desk.

Patrons refusing to comply with this policy may be asked to exit the library.

This policy is in effect whenever social distancing is required by Executive Order or other lawful directive.

Patrons with questions regarding this policy are asked to contact the Library Director.