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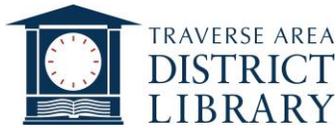
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We're opening our doors March 1!

(TRAVERSE CITY) - The Traverse Area District Library (TADL) is excited to announce that all network libraries (with the exception of East Bay Branch Library) will be open to the public Monday March 1. The size of the East Bay Branch Library does not allow enough space for social distancing and will remain at curbside service only. A table of hours for each location is as follows:

	Building Hours starting March 1, 2021	Curbside Hours
Main Library (Woodmere)	Monday - Saturday 10 am - 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday & Wednesday 3 - 6 pm Tuesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday Noon - 3 pm
East Bay Branch Library	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday and Thursday Noon to 6 pm Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10 am - 3 pm
Kingsley Branch Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday/Wednesday/Friday/Saturday 9 am - 3 pm Tuesday and Thursday 1 - 7 pm 	Same as building hours.
Fife Lake Public Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday and Thursday 9 am - 7 pm Wednesday and Friday 9 am - 5 pm Saturday 10 am - 2 pm 	Same as building hours.
Interlochen Public Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday and Thursday 10 am - 6 pm Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm 	Same as building hours.
Peninsula Community Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday and Thursday 10 am - 6 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 am - 4 pm Saturday 10-2 	Same as building hours.



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Please check each library's website through tadl.org to confirm hours and service level before you visit! The library websites are always the best reference for this information.

Library Director Michele P. Howard is looking forward to opening the library doors. "We've really appreciated everyone's patience and goodwill over the last few months," Howard said. "Our staff developed a fantastic curbside service program and it was great to see how popular it has become. It was the best way for us to serve as many people as possible while protecting our staff. But, we know how much people love our library and especially value browsing. We are happy to announce that we're at a point where we can open safely."

Mask-wearing is still a TADL policy. Howard would like to emphasize the Main Library's standing policies:

- Mask-wearing is mandatory everywhere in the library.
- People claiming a medical exemption must wear a face shield or use curbside service.
- No food is allowed.

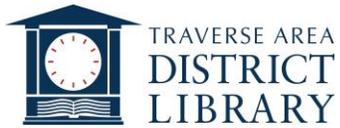
"These policies are in place to help keep everyone safe, both patrons and staff," Howard said. "We have worked hard throughout the pandemic to keep library staff healthy, because without enough library staff the entire community loses access - and we don't want to close again."

Since November the Main Library has filled nearly 16,000 requests through its curbside service, and averaged a delivery to a car every 90 seconds. Howard noted that curbside service will continue on a more limited basis because the program is so popular.

TADL has a full slate of activities planned, including a jazz cd sale (Main Library) and a student-scientist ExoLab project with the International Space Station. TADL will be sending out details on those programs later this week.

TADL provides dynamic resources and innovative services to stimulate intellectual curiosity, facilitate lifelong learning, promote literacy, and nurture personal enrichment. Circulating over 1,000,000 items each year, TADL provides a wide variety of services, including a broad collection of books, digital streaming and downloads, public computers, free WiFi, a Talking Book Library, and free programming for all ages.

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