



LIBRARY FAQ – PANDEMIC VERSION

Almost every area of our lives has been affected by the COVID-19 virus, including library usage. We at the library wish to provide as many services as safely possible and have adjusted our procedures as a result. We created a list of frequently asked questions to provide clarification about what we are doing in response to the pandemic and why we are doing it.

Q: Is the library open?

A: Yes, the library is open *by appointment* during the following times:

Monday-Thursday: 9am-12:30pm and 2pm-6:30pm

Friday: 9am-12:30pm and 2pm-4:00pm

Saturday: 9am-12:30pm

Q: Why is the library closed from 12:30 – 2:00?

A: The library closes so staff members can disinfect the library and eat lunch.

Q: Why do I have to make an appointment?

A: The library requires appointments in order to make visits as safe as possible for all.

More specifically...

Appointments allow the staff to manage the number of people in the library since we are limited to ten people at a time for social distancing purposes.

Appointments allow the staff to space out the time between visits which reduces the risk of spreading the virus.

Appointments allow the staff to safely schedule people who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons.

We want everyone to have access to the library, but don't want someone without a mask in the library at the same time as someone who is extra-vulnerable to the virus.

Appointments allow the staff to schedule people who need the same services at different times. For example, if multiple people need to use our fax, printer, computer or notary services, we can stagger the appointment times. This allows the staff time to disinfect surfaces between uses and reduces the amount of time people spend waiting.

Q: How do I make an appointment?

A: Call the library at 654-2330 and request an appointment time. Tell the staff how many people will be coming in, what services you need and if you are medically unable to wear a mask.

Q: What is the protocol when I come for my appointment?

A: Wash your hands and wear a mask upon entering the building. We encourage people to limit time in the library to fifteen minutes or less when possible. This helps us with our schedule and reduces potential close contact exposure. Please, do not come to the library if you are exhibiting symptoms, have tested for COVID and are awaiting results or if you or a member of your household tested positive.

Q: May I bring children to my appointment?

A: You may bring children as long as they follow the safety protocol of washing hands and wearing masks upon entering the library. Children under two do not require masks. Please be aware that our toys and crafting supplies are unavailable at this time.

Q: Why do I have to wear a mask?

A: We can all agree that we don't enjoy wearing masks. In order for the library to allow people inside, we must require masks. From the Illinois Department of Health Website (<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/mask-use>): "Everyone over the age of 2 who can medically tolerate a face covering over their nose and mouth must wear one in a public place when unable to maintain a safe distance (6 feet) from others". The library is a public place and, although we encourage people to maintain a safe distance from others, there are times when that is not possible. We continue to offer curbside pickup and home delivery if you prefer.

Q: When will the library return to normal?

A: As a public library, we must follow Illinois state guidelines. We will be "back to normal" when our region moves into Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan. We will reach Phase 5 when "either a vaccine is developed to prevent additional spread of COVID-19, a treatment option is readily available that ensures health care capacity is no longer a concern, or there are no new cases over a sustained period" (<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/restore>). In other words, it is going to be awhile. We must dig deep, be patient and support one another during this frustrating and challenging time.

Story Time Fridays @ 10am

Story Time will continue in October until it gets too cold to meet at the Civic Center Park. The Story Time in a Bag kits will be available for families to take home. Included in the bag is a book to keep and activities to do at home.

Bring a blanket and listen to stories & eat a yummy snack.

Pop-Up Book Sale

Thank you to our community that donated \$326 at the book sale! We are working with Riverdale School District to get books in the hands of children that need them.

Pumpkin Decorating

To help decorate Cordova, the Library has a limited number of pumpkins available. Please call 654-2330 to get a pumpkin. Then, share the pictures of your decorated pumpkins! Email us a picture at hello@cordovalibrary.com. On Facebook, share your location with Cordova District Library and we will see your creations.



Take and Make Mask Holder/Lanyard



Are you in need of a holder for your mask? We have made these lanyards for our masks. They are never far from us when we need them!

Call for your take and make kit today!
654-2330

New Sign

A big THANK YOU to the anonymous donor that provided all of the funds to update our outdoor sign.



The old sign had become dangerous to change the message. With the new sign, we can provide timely information about the library and community.



The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 6th @ 1pm at the Cordova Civic Center Pavilion (socially distanced).

We will be discussing 2-3 books that you would recommend for others to read. This will help make our reading lists until we can meet in person again.

Hours of Operation

Monday: 9:00am-12:30pm & 2:00pm-6:30pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-12:30pm & 2:00pm-6:30pm

Wednesday: 9:00am-12:30pm & 2:00pm-6:30pm

Thursday: 9:00am-12:30pm & 2:00pm-6:30pm

Friday: 9:00am-12:30pm & 2:00pm-4:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-12:30pm

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In our Community....

Cordova Township Cemetery

The Cordova Township Cemetery would like to announce that cemetery clean up is October 15th-31st. All decorations to be retained should be removed prior to these times. Graves can be appropriately decorated after November 1st.

Reminder—please do not park on the grass in the cemetery.



Cordova Township

Township Open House

Saturday, October 3rd

1:00pm-4:00pm

See the updates at the Road & Bridge Building
plus the Civic Center Building

Door Prizes

Refreshments

Financial Document Destruction
Bins @ Civic Center

Decorate Cordova for Halloween!

During this time, we all need a little happiness. So, let's decorate Cordova for Halloween! Decorate your windows and/or yards for Fall and Halloween. Take a picture and share it with us at hello@cordovalibrary.com. On Facebook, share your location with Cordova District Library!

Reminder....the Riverdale School District distributes Wednesday's lunch and 5 days of breakfast to students in Riverdale schools. The van is parked at the Cordova Library on Wednesdays from 11:30-12:30.

Cordova Baptist Church

What's happening at First Baptist?

The First Baptist Church is coming to life after a sleepy summer due to the pandemic. The Facebook Live broadcasts and limited in-person service will continue through the Christmas season but with a different pastor. We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Carmen Jordan will be with us starting November 1st and staying for a year.

Rev. McNeely will be with us on October 3rd and 25th with the 25th as his last Sunday. We have enjoyed his sermons and knowing him. He has chosen to work with hospice fulltime making way for someone new to follow.

Pastor Kathy Remley will be preaching Oct. 11th and 18th. She was our leader for 25 years making hers the longest pastorate in our 175 year history.

Please see Ann Genung's message below about food baskets this year.

Our constant prayer is for the pandemic to end quickly and finally.

Have a safe holiday season, and as your mother always said, "Wash your hands."

Merredith Peterson, Moderator

Hello! It's that time of year again. Before we know it will be time to prepare for the Christmas Food Basket drive. In the past the pastor of Cordova Baptist Church would be the lead to handle contacting recipients. With his leaving Ann Genung at the First Baptist Church will be leading. She is asking all Village of Cordova and residents of Cordova Township to call with names of those needing some extra assistance.

Please call the church phone line (309-654-2501) and leave a message with a contact name and phone. PLEASE let the recipient know you are giving out their phone info.

The Library is not accepting donations of lids.

River Cities Rotary has completed their project.

Thanks to all who donated!

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New E-Resource for Cordova Library!

The Cordova Library has added Overdrive/Libby to our E-Resource offerings. If you listen to audiobooks on your computer or a Kindle, you will use Overdrive. If you use a tablet or phone you will use the Libby app. Yes—you read that correctly. ***You can use your Kindle to check out books!***

In fact, we are so excited about being able to use a Kindle, we are giving one away! Fill out the coupon below and bring it into the library between October 1 and October 31st to enter into a drawing for a Kindle Fire HD8 and case. The Kindle Fire will allow you to utilize all of our E-Resources through apps. This includes Hoopla, Axis 360, Kanopy and Flipster.

Kindle Fire HD8 Drawing Ticket

October 1st– October 31st, 2020

Drawing on November 2nd

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Must be a Cordova Resident to win

To use Overdrive/Libby:

- ♦ Download the Libby app at either the App Store or Google Play Store.
- ♦ If using a Kindle, download the Overdrive app.
- ♦ On a computer, go to www.cordovalibrary.com and to our eResources page to find out more information.
- ♦ Use your Cordova Library card number and the PIN is the last 4 digits of your library card number.
- ♦ Enjoy reading or listening to books at home, in your car or anywhere else you may go!