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Orange County Library System Begins Phased Reopening

(May 11, 2020) Orlando, FL - In the weeks we have been closed to the public, Orange County Library System has been evaluating best practices for cleanliness and sanitation, so we are prepared to open to the public with health and safety in mind. Like many businesses and government agencies, our plan to resume regular services will happen in phases. Below is the plan for restoring services to the public, which began on May 6 with the opening of the library's call center. Our home delivery service resumes on May 11, and on May 18 the following branches will be open 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, for essential services only:

- Southeast, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL
- Winter Garden, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL
- South Trail, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL
- North Orange, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL
- South Creek, 1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL

The Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Dr., is undergoing a refresh and will reopen when the project is complete.

Essential services will be limited to returns, grab-and-go service and computer usage for up to one hour. Seating areas, charging stations and meeting rooms will not be accessible.

All customers will be required to wear face coverings while in the building.

Capacity will be limited to 25 percent.

On Tuesday, May 26, the following branches will also reopen, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, for essential services only:

- Chickasaw, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL
- Eatonville, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL
- Fairview Shores, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL
- Herndon, 4324 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL
- Hiawasse, 7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL

- Southwest, 7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL
- Washington Park, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A, Orlando, FL
- West Oaks, 1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL
- Windermere, 530 Main St., Windermere, FL

On June 1, the Orlando Public Library on 101 E. Central Blvd. will reopen, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, for essential services only. Customers will be able to visit service points at the Information Desk, Children's Library, Library Central, 3rd Floor and 4th Floor for staff retrieval of material and use public computers on the 4th floor for up to one hour per session. Restrooms will be open on the 1st floor only. The Melrose Center will remain closed.

Library administration will monitor these openings closely, and may make adjustments to the plan as necessary.

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