



Extra Cleaning

Diane Disbro, Union branch manager for Scenic Regional Library, wipes down headphones Monday, March 16, at the library. Later that day, Scenic Regional Library announced that, as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), it was closing all nine branches from Wednesday, March 17, through at least Saturday, April 4. Previously, the library suspended outreach and events and heightened cleaning procedures.

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Scenic Regional Provides Wi-Fi During Closure

The Scenic Regional Library System will be providing Wi-Fi while its branches are closed.

Wi-Fi can be accessed in the branch parking lots.

Users do not need a password or library card to access the Wi-Fi.

Resources Still Accessible Amid Library Closures

Patrons of the Scenic Regional Library System will still have access to its resources despite the library closures in the area.

Scenic Regional has tens of thousands of digital resources, such as e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, streaming video and music.

Digital items can be accessed for free with a library card.

Items can be checked out and downloaded, viewed or listened to on smartphones, tablets, laptop or desktop computers.

For instructions on how to access digital materials, visit <http://sceniclibrary.org>

Library Story Time

The Union branch of the Scenic Regional Library's preschool story time will continue in a virtual format while the library is closed for the coronavirus pandemic.

The sessions will be

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. The story time will repeat Saturdays, also at 10 a.m. These will be held virtually until at least May 13.

Find out more by going to facebook.com/unionlibrary.

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Nine Area Libraries Are Closed

Scenic Regional Library has closed all nine branch locations to limit the spread of coronavirus.

The libraries will remain closed through at least Saturday, April 4. All meeting room usage, programming and outreach will be suspended until Wednesday, May 13.

Citizens are encouraged to check the library website, www.scenicregional.org, and the branch Facebook and Instagram accounts for updated information.

Due dates on all materials will be extended until the library reopens. All holds will remain in place, but be suspended until the library reopens.

Patrons can access a variety of online resources remotely, including eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming content such as movies and TV shows, digital magazines, digital music, and so much more, on the library website www.scenicregional.org.

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Scenic Regional Libraries To Offer Curbside Service

■ Starting May 18

The Scenic Regional Library system will reopen in phases, as recommended in state and federal guidelines.

The system is currently preparing to enter phase one and will offer "contactless" curbside service at all branches starting Monday, May 18.

Patrons can call or email their local branch and have items pulled from the shelves or holds placed, and then schedule a time to pick them up.

With "contactless" curbside, patrons will walk up to a table outside the library and pick up their items from a box with their last name on it. The items will already be checked out onto their card.

Patrons will remain 6 feet apart in line while waiting to pick up their items and approach the pickup table one person at a time.

Curbside service hours will be from 1 to 5 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays; from 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridayz and Saturdayz.

Curbside service will not be available on Monday, May 25, because of Memorial Day. Patrons' phone calls will only be answered during curbside service hours.

Due to staff time constraints, there will be a limit of 10 items to be pulled or requested per cardholder.

The curbside service will run until Saturday, May 30. Additional information about curbside service, including branch contact information, can be found at www.scenicregional.org/curbside.

The library plans to enter phase two and reopen to the public, with restrictions, on June 1. The library will not offer any adult or children's programs, or allow groups to reserve its public meeting rooms until July 15.

All items checked out from the library prior to June 1 will be due on June 15, including those checked out through curbside service.

All library items will be quarantined for 72 hours prior to checkout to ensure that they are no longer contaminated with coronavirus.

Staff members will not accept donations for the book sale or payments for bills from patrons during curbside service. However, there will be a cart available for patrons to return items while picking up curbside items.

The library closed all branches March 18 in order to slow the spread of coronavirus. The library has continued to offer extensive digital services during its closure, including e-books, e-audiobooks, and digital music, along with weekly virtual story times and some virtual adult programs.