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Scenic Regional Library to offer curbside service

Scenic Regional Library will reopen in phases, as recommended in state and federal guidelines. The library is currently preparing to enter phase one and will offer contactless curbside service at all branches between Monday, May 18, and Saturday, May 30.

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. 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 public meeting rooms, until July 15.

Curbside service hours will be Mondays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, 3 to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Thursdays, 3 to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Curbside service will not be available on Monday, May 25, due to 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. 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 assure that they are no longer contaminated with coronavirus.

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.

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 on 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 storytimes and some virtual adult programs.

Watch for MoDOT mowing crews

Spring rains and warm temperatures bring seasonal growth on Missouri roadways. The Missouri Department of Transportation urges motorists to use caution when encountering tractor mowers near the shoulder of interstates and other busy roadways.

"Our mowing focuses on visibility and safety," said MoDOT State Maintenance Director Natalie Roark. "Please watch out for our crews, slow

On rural two-lane roads, crews may use a protective "follow" truck to alert motorists they are approaching slow-moving mowers. Drivers are advised to use the following tips to safely pass mowers:

- Be alert for trucks and tractors with lights flashing and moving slowly, 2 to 5 mph.
- Slow down and focus on the road ahead of you. Put your cellphone down and avoid other distractions.

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