

Warrenton graduation is Saturday

Warrenton High School seniors will graduate Saturday morning, May 30, in a 10 a.m. commencement at the high school football field.

Families will be seated on the football field in blocks of eight chairs, with 6 feet separating each block. About 200 graduates will be spaced along the surround-

ing track and will do a "victory lap" as they receive their diplomas, school officials said.

The ceremony was designed to account for social distancing needs during the COVID-19 outbreak, and will omit several traditional elements of the graduation for that reason.

Scenic Regional libraries reopening June 1

Scenic Regional will reopen all branches to the public on Monday, June 1. While the branches will operate with their regular service hours, there will be restrictions.

Some public computers will be available; however, every other computer will be shut down to provide proper social distancing. Software has been installed which will allow staff to assist patrons on the public computers remotely—from behind the service desk.

Other restrictions will include a limit of two people per branch study room; Xbox gaming consoles will not be available; toys in the children's areas will be placed in storage; and the Clevertouch devices in the children's areas will not be available. The library will not offer any in-person, live programming or public meeting room reservations until after July 31. Passport and notary services will be unavailable indefinitely.

The library's self-check systems will be

available, but staff's ability to assist patrons on the devices will be very limited in order to assure their safety.

In addition to restrictions, several safety precautions have been put in place for library staff. All library staff are required to wear masks while at work. Patrons are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask when visiting the library. Protective acrylic shields have been installed at all the service desks and hand sanitizer dispensers placed in the lobby of each branch.

The library will continue to offer curbside service once it reopens for patrons who are still uncomfortable entering the buildings due to coronavirus, or those who want to utilize the service for any other reason. Patrons will be able to call or email their local branch whenever the library is open and have items pulled from the shelves or placed on hold, and then pick them up. Staff will bring the items to the patron's vehicle.

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