

Belleville Public Library eNews

August 2020

Dear Belleville Library Patrons,

Have you been watching the new library construction? I certainly drive by as often as I can. Seeing the building take form has been a bright spot during this challenging COVID time.

A Tour of the New Library

Recently I got a tour from the site supervisor. It was the first time I had been on site since the groundbreaking. The steel framing gave a real sense of what the space will be like.



I was immediately drawn to the sunny, bumped-out area on the south side. We had just been working with the interior designer to select that area's comfy chairs. My thoughts were on how much people would enjoy spending an afternoon there reading or working on their laptop.

Next, I located where the circulation desk would be and explored the staff space behind it. We wandered through the large area that will contain the Storytime Room, children's book shelving, and seating areas for parents with small children and school-age kids. The sun was shining through the windows all along the children's area. The views of Library Park and Old Library are a lovely tribute to our community's rich, 140+ year history of library use.

From the front door, we walked through the new community room. Then we went to the back hallway to peek into the bathrooms and training room. Have you noticed the concrete block structure on the northeast corner? These rooms are reinforced to provide storm shelter.

As we came back through the entrance into the Library, I marked where the public computers will be located and the walls for the Teen Area and the Quiet Reading Room. The Quiet Reading Room will have magazines and our local history collection. I bet the sofa and chairs in front of the fireplace will be a popular destination next winter.

Since my visit, the roof is going up and plywood sheathing is closing in the building. There are crews of plumbers, electricians, and HVAC installers at work. The windows are being delivered this week and will be installed soon. Here are some [photos](#) from National Construction.

It was so wonderful to finally be inside our long-awaited Library and Community Center. I feel so grateful for the many people who gave their time and financial support to make this happen for our community. I can't wait to welcome you when we open our doors early next year.

If you have questions, please call the Library at 424-1812. We will be happy to help you.

-- Bronna

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Summer Library Program ends July 31

- [Summer Library Program - for all ages](#)
- Log your reading time and redeem your tickets in the Beanstack Tracker App by Friday, July 31.
- Grand Prize winners will be notified on Monday, August 3, regarding how to claim their prize. We will also post a list on our Summer Library page.
- If children and teens read 2500 hours, a \$500 donation will be made to the Belleville Food Pantry.
- [How to Register family with Beanstack video](#)
- [How to log minutes and select tickets earned with Beanstack Video](#)
- Book Prize Pickup - kids who log 12 or more hours of reading earn a prize book. Pick up your book prize on either Aug 11 from 2 - 5 pm or Thursday, Aug 13 from 9 - noon. Ms. Michelle will be in the lobby or program room with her book prize carts. Only touch the book you choose. Please remember to wear masks. One family at a time, please.



Express Pickup & Curbside Pickup

[Learn more here](#) about:

- Express Pickup with no Appointment required
- Wearing a mask! One is required to enter our building per Dane County Order.
- Curbside Pickup appointments are still available if you prefer to remain outside of the building or are unable to wear a mask. Please call 424-1812 to schedule.
- [What other library services are available?](#)

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EXPRESS PICKUP

Lobby open - Pick up holds
NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

MON 1-7 PM
WED 9 AM-NOON & 1-5 PM
FRI 9 AM-NOON & 1-5 PM

 CURBSIDE APPOINTMENTS
ALSO AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT

Call the library if you have questions
and for more information

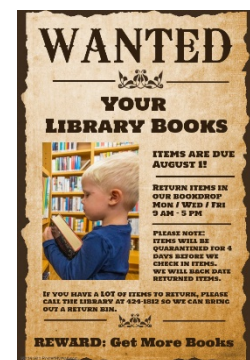

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Bring Back Your Books!

Wanted! Your Library Books! The items you checked out between March – June 2020 are due August 1. Please return your books in our outside book drop Mon/Wed/Fri from 9 am – 5 pm.

Please note that items will be quarantined for at least 4 days before we check items in. We will backdate returned items and no overdue fines will be charged for the quarantine period. If you have a lot of items to return, please call the library, and we will wheel out a return bin for easy returns.



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Library Materials Quarantine

Belleville Public Library and other libraries in the South Central Library System have extended the amount of time that we quarantine library items from 72 hours (3 days) to 96 hours (four days) based on recent research by Battelle Laboratory on the lifespan of coronavirus on common library materials. For more information, read about the [REALM project](#).

Round 1 of the testing showed that the SARS-CoV-2 virus was not detectable after three days on hardback book covers, softback book covers, plain paper pages inside a closed book, plastic book covers, and DVD cases.

The recently completed Round 2 testing found that after four days of quarantine in a stacked condition, the virus was not detectable on braille paper pages, glossy paper book pages and children's board books. Magazine pages showed a trace amount at four days. Testing was conducted under standard office temperature and relative humidity conditions.

Please do not disinfect library materials. If you are concerned, allow a few extra days of quarantine time before using them.

Free Internet Access

- Hotspots are available for checkout for one week to Belleville patrons. Call the library to be added to the waiting list
- Our WiFi is available 24/7 outside the building. Park along the street or in the parking lot. Connect to "Library Wireless"



Bringing the Library to You

- [Get a Library Card](#)
- [eBooks and Audiobooks with Libby and Overdrive](#)
- [Chapter Books, Graphic Novels, and Picture Books from Tumblebooks \(K – 6th Grade\)](#)
- [Virtual Book Discussion on Aug 27 at 7pm](#)

