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MPL PIVOTING SERVICE TO CONTACTLESS PICKUP THROUGHOUT SYSTEM
COVID-19 data prompts shift in operations to ensure community safety

MILWAUKEE, WI (December 2, 2020) – Beginning tomorrow, Thursday, December 3rd, Milwaukee Public Library will shift operations at Central Library and all neighborhood branch libraries from in-person service to curbside materials pickup only. This is a result of the 7-day rolling average positive case rate for COVID-19 exceeding 15% in the City of Milwaukee.

To ensure the health and safety of our patrons and our staff, MPL will remain in a curbside service model until the positive case rate remains at or under 15% for at least 7 days. MPL will continue to offer robust virtual programming for all ages, and complete online resources including e-books and periodicals, homework help, and hundreds of databases and information sources.

Patrons can request materials [online](#) or by calling Ready Reference at 414-286-3011.

Patrons are encouraged to stay connected to mpl.org for updates and follow MPL on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn) for the latest information on programming and other virtual offerings.

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About the Milwaukee Public Library

Milwaukee Public Library is an anchor institution that helps build healthy families and vibrant neighborhoods – the foundation of a strong Milwaukee. Since 1878, Milwaukee Public Library has been a free provider of education and information for residents of Milwaukee and beyond. With 14 locations, and nearly three million items in circulation, MPL offers free access to a rich collection of materials both physical and digital, access to technology, classes, exhibitions, programming and more. From toddlers to scholars, MPL serves more than one million patrons who come through its doors annually and many more around the globe who use its resources at www.mpl.org. To offer this wide array of free programming, MPL relies on both public and private funding. Learn more about how to support Milwaukee Public Library at mpl.org/support.