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**MPL EXPANDS CONTACTLESS MATERIALS PICKUP OPTIONS BY ADDING TWO BRANCH LOCATIONS**

MILWAUKEE, WI (**May 12, 2020**) – The Milwaukee Public Library (MPL) announced today that it will expand outside pickup options by adding pick-up service at the Tippecanoe branch library (3912 S. Howell Ave.) and Washington Park branch library (2121 N. Sherman Blvd.). Patrons can request materials by calling 414-286-3011 starting Tuesday, May 12 at noon, pickups will begin Thursday, May 14.

“Last week, we were pleased to be able to offer physical materials to our patrons again, and by adding two branch locations –one on the south side, and one on the north side, we can give patrons even more options,” said Library Director Paula Kiely. “We continue to take great care to minimize risk and ensure that patron and staff safety remains top of mind under this pandemic. We look forward to the day we can reopen our doors to the public. In the meantime, we encourage people to visit us online at [mpl.org](http://mpl.org) for lots of virtual programming and a host of valuable and free online resources.”

**Hours of operation (to call in requests, and pick up materials at all three locations):**

Mondays and Tuesdays: Noon – 8:00 PM

Wednesdays – Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**How to request materials from all three locations:**

Call (414) 286-3011 to request up to five items from Milwaukee Central Library’s Drive-Up service window on Eighth Street between Wisconsin and Wells Avenues, or either of the two branch locations. At this time, patrons cannot place requests for any material via CountyCat online or mobile app. MPL also cannot accommodate requests for items from other libraries to be sent to the Central Drive-Up or the branch locations.

**How to pick up materials:**

Patrons will receive an appointment time to pick up materials when they make their requests. Materials must be picked up by the cardholder or parent/guardian at the Central Library Drive-Up window in a vehicle. No walkups will be accommodated. At the branches, patrons pick up by walking to the front doors at the main entrance where they will be directed. ADA accessibility is also available.

**When to return materials:**

All library materials will be due June 15 or later. No materials will be accepted for return before then at any location

**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](http://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](http://mpl.org/support).