



**MILWAUKEE**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCH LOCATIONS TO RESTORE SOME SERVICES**  
*Patrons will be allowed to return to the stacks, children's areas to browse and select materials*

**MILWAUKEE** – Milwaukee Public Library has announced a planned restoration of certain services beginning Monday, June 7, 2021. On that day, patrons will be allowed to resume browsing materials in the stacks for both children's and adult materials in all branch locations. Browsing remains restricted at Central Library while staff prepare spaces for a safe and healthy return by August.

**“It has been over a year since our patrons were able to browse and select their own materials,”** said Milwaukee Public Library Director Joan Johnson. **“While we were delighted to be able to safely offer materials pickup and computer usage, browsing the stacks is one of the things we know our patrons miss the most.”**

While the City of Milwaukee health orders requiring masks expired June 1, staff and visitors to any City of Milwaukee building will continue to be required to wear a mask, and that includes libraries. Social distancing requirements and capacity limits also remain in place. Currently, MPL locations are capped at 25% capacity based on floor space. Allowing browsing will double the amount of available floor space for patrons to visit so total capacity will increase.

Curbside service remains an amenity for patrons by request, but community spaces and other meeting rooms continue to be closed and in-person indoor programming remains paused.

For more information, please visit [www.mpl.org](http://www.mpl.org) and follow the library on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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**About 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 more than 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).

