



The Monmouth County Library is pleased to welcome patrons into our **Library Branches**. Due to our 25% capacity limits, we encourage short browsing and study time. There is limited seating available; please be mindful of others wishing to use the library. You may be asked to wait before entering a building. Please maintain social distancing guidelines while in the library particularly in the book stacks and at the public service desks. Internet computer use is by appointment only. All patrons and staff will be required to wear face coverings over their mouths and noses at all times as per NJ Executive Order 157.

Meeting rooms, quiet study rooms, magazines, and newspapers will not be available during this phase. Family visits with children should be brief and limited to choosing take-home materials. Children's play items, craft materials, and Early Literacy computer stations are presently unavailable.

We look forward to seeing you in the library and thank you for all your patience and support during this time.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Reopening

1. When are libraries open?

Please check the web site for hours of operation by branch. Visit monmouthcountylib.org for Door Side and in-library service hours at library locations.

2. Can I use a computer?

Computer usage is available by appointment only, one session per day, maximum 60 minutes, without exception. Call your branch to schedule an appointment or use the computer reservation station in your branch.

3. Can I print?

Printing is available from library computers and from the mobile printing app. Contactless mobile printing service is available from kiosks at selected locations. The kiosk accepts change, one-dollar, and five-dollar bills. To use our mobile printing, go to <https://monmouthcountylib.org/mobile-printing/> and then retrieve your print job at the library self-serve kiosk.

4. How do I return my library materials?

All items must be placed in the book drop located outside the library. Items will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before processing. During this time, items will remain on your account but you will not be charged fines.

5. What about fines?

All branches are open, please follow current borrowing policies. Items may show as overdue in your account while quarantined. Following the quarantine period of minimum 72 hours, items will be scanned and the quarantine fines will disappear.

6. Can I come to the library to study?

Public seating has been limited to allow for social distancing. There is one person per table. Please do not move furniture. Food and drinks are not allowed inside the library. Quiet study and meeting rooms will not be available. Tutoring activity, group study and educational pods are not permissible.

7. Can I borrow a magazine or newspaper?

We are not circulating magazines or newspapers at this time.

8. Why do I need to wear a face covering?

NJ Executive Order 157 requires workers and customers to wear cloth face coverings over your mouth and nose while on the premises, except where doing so would inhibit that individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age. If you are unable to wear a mask, library materials (books, DVDs, etc.) can be brought to you outside/at the door. Reference assistance is available by phone, email and chat. Let us know how we can help you.

9. Can I donate books or other items?

We are not accepting donations of any materials at this time.

10. Can I volunteer at the library?

At this time we are not accepting in-person volunteers. However, there are some opportunities in our Virtual Young Adult department. Check our Events calendar for more information.

11. How can I get a library card or renew my expired card?

Monmouth County residents living or owning property in one of our member municipalities are eligible to apply for a library card. Please email your name, phone number, and an attached image of identification that includes your name and street address, preferably a current valid driver's license to: mcl@monmouthcountylib.org. Validate and pick up your card when notified that it is ready.