



The Monmouth County Library is pleased to welcome patrons into our libraries. Due to our 50% 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. All patrons and staff are required to wear face coverings over their mouths and noses at all times as per NJ Executive Order 157 (as amended by NJ Executive Order 219).

Meeting rooms, quiet study rooms, magazines and newspapers are not available at this time. 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?

Public computers are available for one session per day for 60 minutes to allow adequate time to accommodate as many patrons as possible. Limited extended time is based on availability.

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 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 or book drop in the library. As of May 19, 2021, items will no longer be quarantined.

5. What about fines?

All branches are open; please follow current borrowing policies.

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, but we have online access to more than 3,000 magazines and newspapers.

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.

9. Can I donate books or other items?

Please refer to the donation policy at www.monmouthcountylib.org.

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. Visit any branch with identification that includes your name and street address to register for a card. Existing cardholders may renew via email by sending 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.