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DELAWARE LIBRARY IS WORKING TO REOPEN WITH SAFETY IN MIND

Library to remain closed until further notice, will reopen in phases

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Delaware, OH: The Delaware County District Library (DCDL) sent the following email to the public on April 30, 2020 from Library Director George Needham:

When we began this journey into sheltering at home nearly seven weeks ago, we entered a new world of unknowns. Now that we're looking toward the future, we're exploring how to resume services. At the forefront of that discussion is the safety of our staff and patrons.

At this time, we are not reopening to the public on May 4 as we had earlier hoped. However, we are working to establish guidelines for how and when we can.

When the Delaware County District Library does reopen to our public, it will occur in phases. Those phases first include welcoming our staff safely back to our buildings. Then we will examine our reopening to the public based on three conditions:

1. All library employees will be trained to **provide service safely**
2. **Sanitation supplies must be sufficient** to keep the library materials and facilities properly disinfected
3. Research from trusted organizations (Battelle) must **confirm the adequate length of time to quarantine** returned materials

This is but a chapter in our story. Thank you for being a part of it.

For ongoing information about the Delaware County District Library and its policies or procedures, please visit www.delawarelibrary.org/press-room where updates will be posted regularly.

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