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EXPANDED HOURS, WALKTHROUGH BROWSING, AND COMPUTER USE COMING SOON
Extended curbside hours begin June 29 at all locations, staggered services later

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Delaware, OH: The Delaware County District Library (DCDL) sent the following email to the public on June 24, 2020 from Library Director George Needham:

The Delaware County District Library is ready to announce the next phase in our steps for reopening to our public. Thank you for being patient with us during this process. We're working hard to expand our menu of services, keeping the safety of our staff and patrons at the forefront of our plans.

Expanded Curbside/Drive-Up Hours

Beginning **June 29*** at all DCDL locations, **curbside and drive-up window hours of operation will expand**. The new curbside/drive-up hours at all locations will be:

- Monday*, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*(Ostrander Branch Library will remain closed on Mondays)
- Tuesday, Thursday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Walkthrough Reopening

As part of our [phased reopening](#), we're also introducing **walkthrough browsing hours** and **limited public computer use**. While we wait for additional protective equipment, we'll stagger the introduction of these services.

Walkthrough browsing means that you can still **briefly browse our collection** to find your favorite books, magazines, games and DVDs. However, **no seating, toys, study rooms or other attractions** that may have encouraged you to linger or form gatherings in the library prior to the pandemic will be available. This will be open to patrons during the same hours as the extended curbside services. Branches will open their doors:

- **June 29:** Delaware Main Library, 84 E Winter St., Delaware
- **July 6:** Orange Branch Library, 7171 Gooding Blvd., Delaware
- **July 6:** Powell Branch Library, 460 S Liberty St., Powell
- **July 7:** Ostrander Branch Library, 75 N Fourth St., Ostrander

Computer Services

We know that the closure of our libraries and other businesses has disproportionately affected communities where internet and computer access is unavailable or extremely limited. I am happy to announce today that within our walkthrough browsing reopening phase, we are also opening our **public computers for limited use**.

- Begins in conjunction with each branch's walkthrough browsing start date
- Open **Monday* through Saturday**: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sessions will be limited to **50 minutes**
- **Advanced reservations** will be required, **call beginning June 29**
- More details will be made available as we approach our opening date

Summer Reading Club

Finally, though things look a little different, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that our [Summer Reading Club](#) is more important than ever this year. Reading helps students keep their skills sharp over the summer, and DCDL offers a fun component for adult readers, too.

- **Track your reading progress** with [our log](#) or on your own
- Attend one of our many [virtual events](#) each week
- Stop by to [collect your prizes](#) - they'll be available as each branch reopens for in-person browsing

More Than Curbside

If you're not ready to come in to see us yet, that's ok. We're still here to serve you in a variety of ways and our curbside service will remain in place as long as there is demand. Give us a [call](#), [email](#) or online [chat](#) to:

- Place item **requests**
- Receive help with our **digital collection**
- Hear reading **recommendations**
- **Search the internet** or research resources
- **Print** documents

Check [our website](#) for even more details on our reopening phases and our pledge to keep you and your families safe.

Thank you,
George Needham, Director

For detailed information about the Delaware County District Library curbside and drive-thru procedures and policies, please visit www.delawarelibrary.org/reopening. All COVID-19 updates can be found at www.delawarelibrary.org/press-room.

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