Mid-Continent Public Library to Resume Select In-Branch Services on June 16

Library Continues Curbside Service, Allows Public Computer and Printer Usage

Greater Kansas City, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library will resume select in-branch services beginning Tuesday, June 16. The first hour of in-branch service will be reserved for customers ages 60+ and other members of populations vulnerable to COVID-19. Curbside service, which the Library launched on May 18, will continue to be available for customers to pick up items they have put on hold.

During this next phase of Library service, customers will be allowed inside MCPL branches for no more than 90 minutes per day. Limited public computers will be available for use (these will be spaced to comply with social distancing recommendations and cannot be used longer than 60 minutes per customer) as well as printing, copying, and faxing services and indoor use of Wi-Fi (as always, Wi-Fi is available outside each of the Library’s branches 24/7).

Customers are asked to maintain social distance while utilizing all available Library services and are encouraged to wear masks inside the branches. Customers without masks may be asked to put on a Library-provided mask if they need staff assistance while using a public computer. Services that are still NOT available include:

- Browsing the shelves
- In-person Library events (Virtual events are available on MCPL’s social media pages; Dial-A-Story, a phone-based storytime, is available at 816.701.6904)
- Meeting room usage
- Gathering in large groups
- Picking up Summer Library Program prizes (these will be mailed to participants)
- Using children’s computers

Library services will end one hour prior to each branch’s normal closing time to allow for additional cleaning. In addition, MCPL staff will regularly clean high-touch surfaces throughout the day and will continue to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) while working with customers and Library materials.

All returns must continue to be placed in the outdoor book drops. Returned items will be retrieved from the book drops and quarantined for at least 72 hours before being checked back into the Library’s collection. This time
will not count against due dates (items will be backdated to reflect their actual return date), and fines will not be assessed until July 1.

A date has not yet been determined for adding more physical services. Library leaders are continuing to develop a plan for the next phase and will send an announcement as soon as this is finalized. More information about the Library’s available services can be found at mymcppl.org/COVID.

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