



City of Lewiston Press Statement March 17, 2021

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Starting Monday, March 22, 2021, the Lewiston Public Library, 200 Lisbon Street, will once again allow inside browsing of the first and second floors during specific hours. Patrons can enter the building during one-hour open blocks for in-library activities such as browsing, picking up holds, and using computers. These time limits will allow for safe access to the building while reducing the risk of COVID19 virus transmission from prolonged indoor exposure. The Library continues to work with city and public health officials to expand access as it becomes safe to do so.

The one-hour open blocks will be Monday-Thursday 11 am – 12 pm, 3 - 4 pm, and 5:30 – 6:30 pm and on Fridays and Saturdays 11 am – 12 pm and 3 – 4 pm. Staff will be tracking capacity limits in the building to ensure proper physical distancing and will remind patrons as the one-hour time limit comes to an end. Entry will be allowed throughout the hour, but the building will be cleared at the end of each block, so patrons should plan accordingly.

LPL To Go door pickup will still be offered throughout the day. Patrons can come to the Library at their convenience once they receive a hold notification. Staff will pack the items upon arrival and meet patrons at the Pine Street door. All requests for in-house items must be done in advance via phone or online at <https://minerva.maine.edu/>

Computer and copier usage will continue to be available on a first-come, first-serve basis during open blocks only.

The Children's Room will still be accessible by appointment only. Patrons are asked to continue using the outdoor book drops for all returns. Conference and study rooms remain unavailable at this time.

Staff will continue to be available all day for LPL To Go and to assist patrons by phone or email from 10 am – 7 pm Monday – Thursday and 10 am – 5 pm Friday and Saturday.

For more information, please contact the Library:
207-513-3135, lpreference@lewistonmaine.gov or visit <http://lplonline.org/>

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