



## **Press Statement October 20, 2021**

**For further information, please contact Library Director Marcela Peres, 513-3119**

The Lewiston Public Library, 200 Lisbon Street/corner of Pine Street, will be closed to the public on Wednesday, November 17th through Friday, November 19th, and will reopen on Saturday, November 20th. During the closure, the Library will continue its Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) conversion work. The Library invested in RFID technology for its 160,000-item collection, which will allow for faster checkouts and in the future, self-check stations for patron use. Each item in the collection will be given an RFID tag linked to the Library's catalog to improve findability and security of the collection.

During the closure, security gates compatible with the new technology will also be installed, and Library staff will continue with RFID tagging.

Online services will continue to be available 24/7 at [LibraryLA.org](http://LibraryLA.org). Interlibrary loan and LPL To Go, the Library's door side pickup service, will also be available during the closure. Patrons can come to the Library at their convenience once they receive a hold notification by phone or email. Staff will pack items upon arrival and meet patrons at the Library's Pine Street door. All requests for items must be done in advance via phone or online at <https://minerva.maine.edu/>.

For updated information or questions regarding the closing, please contact the Lewiston Public Library at 513-3135, [LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov](mailto:LPLReference@lewistonmaine.gov), or visit the Library's website at [lplonline.org](http://lplonline.org).

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