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CRD Library Williams Lake branch reopens on Tuesday, August 25

WILLIAMS LAKE, BC - The Williams Lake branch of the Cariboo Regional District will reopen its doors to the public on Tuesday, August 25. However, COVID-19 safety precautions mean new rules will be in place to ensure physical distancing and limit occupancy at the branch. Additional safety measures include glass barriers at the circulation desk and a 72-hour quarantine for returned items. Some collections, such as newspapers and archival materials will not be available at this time.

How It Will Work

- A staff member will greet you at the door to explain what is available and to dispense hand sanitizer. Patrons are asked to limit their visit to the amount of time it takes to choose what they want to checkout and to enjoy their selections at home.
- Signage is in place to help navigate new traffic patterns in the library. A limited number of patrons will be permitted in the library at a time. If the library is at maximum capacity when you arrive please join the line outside the library.
- If you are concerned about handling library materials once you get home, set them aside for 72 hours before enjoying them.
- A limited number of public computers will be available for pre-booking and drop-in.
- The Curbside Holds Pickup service (with amended hours) and all digital services continue to be available. We encourage customers uncomfortable with visiting the library to take advantage of these continued services.
- Anyone who is sick or self-isolating is asked to refrain from visiting the library. Because of our focus on physical distancing and hand hygiene, masks are not required; however, visitors wearing masks are certainly welcome.
- The 100 Mile House and Quesnel branches are expected to open with similar restrictions in September. Work is underway to allow rural locations to open later in the fall.
- Open hours for in-person visits will be:
Tuesday – Saturday
10 am – 11 am - seniors only
11 am – 5 pm - all are welcome
(Children must be accompanied by an adult who stays with them for the entire visit)

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