

Dunbarton Public Library
Library Closure FAQ
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Where can I find up-to-date information about library services:

Our website will have the most-up-to-date information about current services. The website is being updated continually as circumstances change. We will also note any changes on our Face Book page, which is open for all to view, no account or sign-in required, and our weekly newsletter.

Why did the library close?

As announced on 3/16/2020, the Dunbarton Public Library was closed to the public in an effort to help prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). The closure follows Heath Department, CDC, the New Hampshire State Library recommendations, and directions from the Town of Dunbarton.

What services is the library providing right now?

Our Virtual Library is open 24/7. Please check out our electronic resources. Information about our virtual programs can also be found on our website, newsletter and Face Book page. Wi-Fi is available in our parking area. At this time we are offering No-Contact Curbside Pickups, and limited In/Out Browsing by appointment.

When will the library fully re open? How will it reopen?

The library director and Board of Trustees has developed a phased plan for reopening the building. We are committed to heeding guidance from state and local officials about what is feasible regionally and locally. Our first priority is always the safety of our staff and patrons. We are currently in Phase Three, which offers the brief In/Out Service. Please check the library website (dunbartonlibrary.org) for service updates.

What should I do with the library items I borrowed?

On 6/10/2020, we started to offer a **No Contact Return Table** during reduced hours. The Book Drop remains closed. Please do not leave items on our doorstep or on the ramp. Materials should be returned only during our scheduled Return Hours.

Why can't I return my library materials to the Book Drop?

Our book drop is simply not large enough to hold all the materials that are currently checked out. If we opened the book drop bins to receive returns, staff would need to handle materials sooner than safely recommended.

Can I still donate books?

Due to COVID-19, donations are suspended until further notice.

Can I sign up for a library card while the building is closed?

YES! Email the library to request a card.

How do I talk with someone at the library if I have a question?

Please call the library. Leave a message if you are calling during closed hours. You may also email the library at dunlib@gsinet.net.