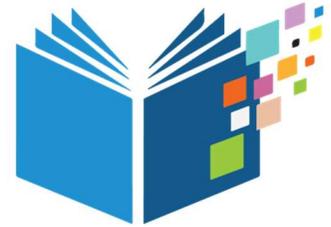


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**SOUTH INTERLAKE
REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Opening Our Libraries to the Public – Phase 2 for SIRL

A message from the Director....

As we go into our second phase or re-opening, welcoming patrons back into the library, we want to assure you that safety for both staff and patrons is our top priority.

During our first phase of reopening, starting in May, we brought back only a few staff and did contactless pick up only. This was to allow those that were really missing the library to get their hands on a library book and to re-introduce copy and fax services. As the COVID-19 situation in the province has continued to improve we are now ready for the next phase and we've brought back almost all our staff and will be expanding services.

Beginning **June 30th** we will be opening our branches at reduced hours with strict health and safety measures in place. You will be able to pick up holds, access the collections, and get copy and fax services as well as schedule time to use a public computer. The library will look a little different as we've removed all seating and most tables. We will continue to offer contactless pick up in the mornings for those that are not yet ready to come inside. We still request that all returns be placed in the book drop.

To ensure the health and safety of our patrons and staff, we are encouraging short visits to our spaces, and we request that you sanitize your hands when you enter, physically distance from staff and each other and not visit if you're not feeling well. We are not yet able to invite you to stay for longer periods of time to read, study or use our wifi inside. In-person programs are still suspended for right now but we will be offering a number of on-line programs in July and August.

We thank you for your patience and continued support. We are looking forward to seeing you and getting back to the important work of delivering library services!

Darlene Dallman
Director
South Interlake Regional Library