



Bernville Area Library Newsletter

Library to open for Pickup service only

Curbside/Foyer Pick-up Service

Now that our county has moved to the yellow stage of the Covid-19 BACL has started reopening procedures. BACL will be initiating a foyer pick-up service for holds and orders. Do you have questions on how this will work? Read below for some of the answers.

When can I start using pick-up services?

BACL will start providing these services on June 15, 2020. Patrons using this service must schedule an appointment to pick up their items to avoid contact with other patrons. We appreciate your patience during this time.

How do I schedule a pick-up?

Beginning the week of June 15, 2020, patrons are welcome to place items on hold by using our online catalog. If you need help with this please call us during our open hours at 610-488-1302. You may also call to request items. When the materials are available, BACL staff will call to schedule an appointment for pick up. The following information will be needed to place holds 1. Name and Phone number. 2. Library card number. 3. The titles with authors name if applicable that you would like to check out.

What can I expect at my pick-up appointment?

Patrons will be given a 15-minute time slot in which to access their newly checked out items. Materials will already be checked out to their account and will be waiting in the vestibule on a table for pick up. The library itself, will remain closed to patrons in order to limit contact. No other patrons will be scheduled during the same time period; however, BACL is asking that masks be worn during the pick-up as a precaution. BACL requests that you limit the number of people that pick up items and that you pick your items up promptly to allow us to get the items out for the next patron.

How do I return materials?

BACL asks that all returns be placed in our drop box so that we may quarantine the items appropriately before sending them on to the next patron. Please note there will be delays with items being checked in due to the quarantine times.

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What if the title I want is at another library?

BACL is unable to reserve items from other libraries at this time.

Do I need a library card?

Yes, patrons must hold a library card from a Berks County library. New patrons that do not have a library card, can create one using online registration or by contacting the library at 610-488-1302. Staff will need to receive a copy or picture of a valid photo ID and current home address within Berks County to issue a new card.

Can I come into the library to browse and pick out items in person?

Unfortunately, we are not permitted to allow anyone other than staff, entry into the building at this time. Please note that this also means there is no patron access to library restrooms during pick-up times.

Can I drop off my donations during this time?

NO! Please do not drop any donations off at this time. We do not have the space at this time to quarantine them and they will be discarded.

What will you be doing for Summer Learning this year?

The summer learning program will be online. We will be using a program called READsquared. We are currently getting this set up and will update you as we are ready for you to use it.

What hours will you be open?

Monday and Wednesday 11-3

Tuesday and Thursday 4-8

Friday closed

Saturday 10-2

Sunday 2-6

New items in the library are listed on our website. Let us know if you would like to be placed on a hold list for them. Also do you have favorite authors, let us know and we will make sure you get on a list to get their books as soon as possible.

If you have other questions give us a call at 610-488-1302 or email baclstaff@berks.lib.pa.us and we will get back to you as soon as we can.