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Browsing Resumes at SDG Library
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As Labour Day approaches, the SDG Library is preparing to expand access to their resources.

Beginning Tuesday, September 8, the six branches that are currently open for limited access will also allow patrons to have short stays to browse collections and use their own devices in-branch. Branch capacity continues to be reduced at this time, so visits will be limited to 30 minutes.

Additionally, the hours of operation at the Lancaster and Crysler branches will be increased as of September 8, to better accommodate safety measures required. Curbside pick-up service will no longer be available at these branches.

This expansion of SDG Library services is in addition to those that were re-opened in mid-August, which included access to public computers, printing, photocopying, and faxing, and other services available at Alexandria, Crysler, Ingleside, Lancaster, Morrisburg and Winchester branches.

The SDG Library MakerLab (Finch Branch) will also be available by appointment for public use. Patrons looking for space to undertake do-it-yourself projects can contact the branch directly to make arrangements.

"Our patrons have been patiently waiting to be able to browse our collections again, as well as be able to access our resources," said Susan Wallwork, Community Librarian. "This is a natural progression from our last stage."

The Library will continue to take a phased-in approach to re-opening, with the next stage planned for Monday, October 5. At that time, curbside pick-up services are planned at Chesterville, Iroquois, Long Sault, the MakerLab (Finch), Maxville, and Williamstown branches. "This approach has allowed us to carefully consider the impacts and adjust our plans along the way," said Ms. Wallwork.

What to Expect When Visiting

The health and safety of our staff and the public is very important to the SDG Library. When visiting Library branches, members of the public and staff are required to wear face coverings as directed by the EOHU and practice physical distancing. Time limits and other restrictions may be in place. Please follow all directions provided by Library staff and posted in the branches. For more information on what to expect when visiting, please visit www.sdglibrary.ca/limited-branch-access or contact your branch directly.