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Gradual reopening of SPL locations to begin Aug 25

Saskatoon Public Library (SPL) is moving to Stage 3 of Our Path to Reopening beginning Aug 25.

In this stage, libraries will begin reopening in multiple phases. Reopening dates are subject to change depending on several factors, including the state of COVID-19 in the community. The planned reopening dates are as follows:

- Dr. Freda Ahenakew Library: Tue, Aug 25
- Mayfair Library: Mon, Aug 31
- Cliff Wright Library: Tue, Sep 8
- Alice Turner Library: Tue, Sep 8
- Frances Morrison Central: Mon, Sep 14
- Rusty Macdonald Library: Mon, Sep 14
- J.S. Wood Library: Mon, Sep 21
- Carlyle King Library: Mon, Sep 21
- Round Prairie Library: Mon, Sep 21

As locations reopen, they will have limited capacity and services. Facemasks are required for entry to the library for everyone over nine years old. Free masks will be available to patrons who do not have one.

After reopening, the services available at each library will include:

- Browsing of the collection. However, we ask patrons to make their selections quickly. Please continue to place holds online and over the phone as much as possible. There may be browsing restrictions in some locations.
- Computer use (one-hour maximum).
- Public printing, faxing and scanning.
- Public telephones.
- Public washrooms.
- In-person Outreach Worker support (at some locations).
- Contactless pickup remains available for those who need/prefer it.

“We’re thrilled to begin reopening library doors and welcoming patrons back into SPL locations in a safe and measured manner,” said Carol Cooley, SPL’s CEO. “This gradual approach to resuming in-person library services will allow us to keep health and safety as our primary focus while reintroducing critical library services that many residents have been missing.”

SPL’s [Path to Reopening Plan](https://saskatoonlibrary.ca/about/covid19service/) also allows for adjustments to be made, as necessary, as the organization moves forward. The library has been offering holds pickup services since mid-June, along with various other remote services. For up-to-date information on the services currently available at SPL, please visit: <https://saskatoonlibrary.ca/about/covid19service/>.

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