

Ayer Library
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Ayer Library Reopening

The Ayer Library has been closed since March 16th, 2020 due to COVID-19 under the recommendations of the Governor of Massachusetts, the Town Manager, and the Ayer Library Board of Trustees.

During this time, the staff of the Ayer Library has continued to serve library patrons by maintaining contact through phone messages, emails, and online postings and through providing virtual Storytimes for families and other at-home activities which can be viewed on our Facebook page. The library staff has been hard at work to supply as much digital content as possible to patrons, by purchasing more ebooks through Overdrive/Libby and adding new online resources like RBDigital which provides movies, tv shows, digital comic books and e-audiobooks, and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. The staff has also taken advantage of this time to clean, tidy, and undertake some much needed improvement projects on the library building itself. These changes to the building include updating furniture, installing new circulation desks, and redesigning the library space.

Now that the stay-at-home order has been lifted, the Ayer Library is looking to reestablish more in-person services to the community. Our main concern at this time is the continued safety and wellbeing of our staff and patrons. As such, it will be a slow process of reopening and allowing patrons back in the building.

Starting on May 26th, the library staff will be allowed back into the building and will be working to establish curbside services in the near future. During this time, our phone lines will be open and manned throughout the day. The outside book drops will be open starting on June 2nd and will be open Tuesday through Friday 10:00am to 5:00pm. We encourage everyone to return any and all Ayer Library materials at that time, although fines will remain suspended until further notice. All items will be quarantined before they are put back into circulation. The staff is being provided with PPE, so they may work safely and effectively with the materials and each other. We are looking to start Curbside Services on June 9th, and will be sending out more information shortly.

The Ayer Library staff will continue to keep everyone informed as we move forward. If anyone has any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact the Ayer Library at 978-772-8250 or through email at ayerlibrary@cwmars.org. We will continue to update our Facebook page and website (www.ayerlibrary.org) with any major changes.

Everyone please stay safe; we miss you and hope to see you soon.

The Ayer Library Staff