



# Library News!

Good afternoon, Patrons and Community Members.

I hope that this finds you and yours safe and well. It's been a little while since I've sent out an update, so I want to do so today to remind you of the services we are currently providing while our building is closed to the public, and to preview some things that we are working on that will launch soon.

Our number one goal is to assist you with your informational, educational, and recreational needs. That can encompass any number of things, but we're ready for your questions – big or small. Due to the current circumstances, to keep our staff and community safe, we can answer those questions on the phone or via email: 732-583-9100, or [info@matawanaberdeenlibrary.com](mailto:info@matawanaberdeenlibrary.com). Your request will be sent to the right library staff member and we will get back to you quickly.

Staff members are in the building Tuesday through Saturday, from 9am-1pm and from 2pm-6pm. We are working split shifts to keep our staff members safe, so the hour between 1 and 2pm is a shift change time reserved for cleaning and transition. You can certainly leave a message or send an email anytime, and we will get back to you during our next shift. At this time, staff is not in the building on Sundays or Mondays.

## **Don't forget about all of the services that we are providing outside of our four walls:**

- If you are in need of internet access, you can park in the lot behind our building and use the WiFi we have extended into that area.
- If you would like to borrow books, DVDs, magazines, CDs, audiobooks (and more!), you can place items on hold and we will call you to arrange a Porch Pick-up appointment. Call us for more information or check out the FAQ on our website.
- If you want FREE access to ebooks, eaudiobooks, streaming music, movies, online comics, homework help, arts and crafts, small business assistance, tech and other job prep classes (and more!) – check out our electronic resources page: <https://www.matawanaberdeenlibrary.com/pages/resources.php> We have resources for all ages and interests!
- If you have specific technology-related questions, we have computer tech assistants at the ready Tuesday-Saturday from 2-6 and Friday-Saturday from 9-1 – they can help with access to our online resources, and do limited tech troubleshooting if you have issues with your computer or other devices.

- If you need a library card, complete this brief form and we will issue you a provisional card so that you can access our Porch Pick-up Service, and our online resources:  
[https://lmac.ent.sirsi.net/client/en\\_US/lmxac/search/registration/\\$N/SYMWS/true?](https://lmac.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/lmxac/search/registration/$N/SYMWS/true?)
- If you would like to participate in our online library programs, please check the events calendar on our website:  
<https://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/M/MATA/ekp.cfm?curOrg=MATA&CFID=3467133&CFTOKEN=7a9dc8b4614796e0-129F45D8-D4AE-528A-535032EA1748D5D2> We have a wide-range of offerings for babies through seniors presented live via Zoom!
- If you or someone you know would like to be on our call list and receive updates of our services via phone, please call us - we will add you to our list and keep you informed of any news.

**And watch for these new additions to our services (COMING SOON!):**

- Our librarians are happy to have a phone conversation with you to recommend items for your reading/watching/listening pleasure, but we will soon be launching a page on our website just for browsers – listings of new materials in every category imaginable (for all different ages) that patrons can view by their covers, and then click for a synopsis, and click again to place a hold. This should be ready in the next week or so, and will be updated on a bi-weekly schedule.
- Our Youth Services team is working to put together a back-to-school guide for parents and students navigating virtual or hybrid school this September. This will be available before the start of the school year. Along with the guide, our librarians are anxious to assist with school-related resources, answer any questions we can, and provide support materials whenever possible.

If you have any questions about any of the above, or you have a need that is not covered in the services we are currently providing, please don't hesitate to call or email: 732-583-9100 or [info@matawanaberdeenlibrary.com](mailto:info@matawanaberdeenlibrary.com).

Stay safe and well.

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