

Newtown, CT: The Cyrenius H. Booth Library will open its doors to the public on a limited basis beginning Wednesday, September 2. Currently, the library offers contactless pickup of books and other items, browsing of popular materials on the library patio, and 24/7 access to digital resources.

For contactless pickup, patrons may place holds through its online catalog (available at <https://booth.biblio.org/eg/opac/home>) by email through help@chboothlibrary.org or by calling the library at 203-426-4533. When your order is ready, you will be contacted to schedule your pickup. The book and audiovisual drop is open for returns of library materials. All returns are quarantined for a few days and are then backdated before checking in.

With this next step in reopening, the library will continue to offer contactless pickup of materials and will also welcome a limited number of people into the building for computer use appointments and to browse the collections for checkout. Sessions will last 45 minutes and will be offered during set times. This will allow staff to clean and sanitize work stations and high-touch surfaces in between sessions.

After check in, you may proceed directly to your area of choice for collection browsing or your designated computer area, and leave the building when your session is over. Certain areas of the library will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

To make an appointment for browsing or computer use, call us at 203-426-4533 or email us at help@chboothlibrary.org. Printing and faxing will also be available. The library will accept reservations one business day in advance. If you have an appointment, please wait outside the library at the main accessible entrance (the sliding doors) until 5 minutes prior to your scheduled time slot. Upon entering the building, you will be checked in at the greeting area.

Masks are required to be worn while inside the library. Those who cannot or will not wear masks will be served by reasonable accommodation. Hand sanitizer will be available upon entering the building. Everyone is expected to maintain social distancing while in the building. If you have accessibility needs, please let the library know when scheduling your appointment.

All new requirements and procedures are in accordance with the State of Connecticut's guidelines for reopening. The staff of the Cyrenius H. Booth Library are excited to take the next step in safely restoring services in support of the community of Newtown. We've been there for you, you've been there for us, and together we will continue to get through this.