The Houghton Lake Public Library’s Reopening Plan.

*Executive Order 2020-110 allows libraries to reopen in phases starting June 8th.

Starting Monday June 8th our library is prepared to accept books via the outdoor book drop and open to scheduled curbside item pick up services from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Library will be posting step by step instructions for using our new service later this week. Our in-building hours will start as Monday thru Friday 9:00am to 5:30 for the first few weeks. Library staff is prepared to answer phones and help patrons reserve their books and pick up times. If you are comfortable placing your items on hold via our website, feel free to do so. We know everyone is ready for some fresh reading material so please be patient while the staff gets your items together.

Once we feel the building is safe for patrons and staff, the library will be able to open to a limited number of public guests. At that time the meeting room will be closed to outside events/reservations, seating will be restricted, and computers will be limited. There may be time limitations placed on in-building activities such as browsing time and computer services. Cleaning of handles, hard surfaces, and bathrooms will occur throughout the day following CDC guidelines. Per Executive Order 2020-92 “any individual able to medically tolerate a face covering is urged to wear a covering over his or her nose and mouth—such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief—when in any enclosed public space.”

Returned items will still be held for 72 hours before reshelfing. This means we may have an item in our building, but patrons may have to wait 3 days before pick up. Please call to verify the item is ready for you.

The MeLCat service is still suspended at this time limiting our ability to get materials from other libraries. The library will make an announcement once it is back up and operating.

As the state’s Covid-19 numbers improve and more restrictions are lifted, the library will expand the number of patrons able to use the library at one time. All appropriate safeguards will be used.

The Houghton Lake Public Library Board and Staff are very excited to be ready to serve our patrons again. If something changes before our Reopening on Monday June 8th, we will post it here so please check for any revised plans.

Please remember we have WIFI in the library’s parking lot 24/7, a variety of electronic services, and staff available through email and Facebook messenger.

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