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Dear Library Patrons,

In light of the NJ public health emergency being lifted, Clifton (and other local) schools going mask-optional, and in consultation with the Clifton Health Department, masks will be encouraged but optional for public and staff to enter the library. The Children's Department is still requiring masks for attendees of indoor programs. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Hours:**

Public walk-in hours are back to their regular schedules, though subject to change at any time if circumstances dictate:

Main Library, 292 Piaget Ave:

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Allwood Branch, 44 Lyall Rd:

Monday - Wednesday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Thursday - Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

A starting date for Sunday hours at the Main Library has not yet been set at this time.

**Services:**

- A limited number of **library computers** are available, spaced out and with a 2-hour max time limit for the day (= 1 hour session minimum, extended to 2 hours total if no one is waiting). Computer use will be largely self-service. Staff will try to answer basic questions from afar but will not be expected to provide help that requires close contact to read the screen and interact.
- We will be expanding the number of **tables and chairs** available for studying, reading, Wi-Fi use, etc. in upcoming weeks. The quiet study room at the Allwood Branch is open, and we aim to have the Main Library's available soon.

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- The **community rooms** in the Main Library and Allwood Branch are available for booking. Booking in the Main Library will be limited to full room only, and rooms in both buildings will be with a limited capacity to allow spacing out.
- **Browsing, holds pickup, reference questions and library card services, self-service copy machine, FAX machine (at Main Library).** If anyone picking up materials is still in need of **contactless pickup**, arrangements can be made with the circulation staff. Returning of materials may be done in indoor or outdoor bins (available 24/7).
- **Homebound services** have resumed. Please fill out the form on the Homebound page of our website or phone Joel in the Main Library (973-772-5500) to inquire.
- **Board of Trustee meetings** are in person. The schedule for March 2022 - February 2023 can be found on the Board of Trustees page of our website.

Operational decisions are made in discussion with the Board of Trustees and in consultation with the city health department. We are continuing to review policies and practices so please check often for updates.

We continue to have a revised Public Behavior Policy in effect so that we can implement restrictions if needed. At the current time, we have eased our restrictions so that:

- As of March 7, masks are encouraged but optional (except in Children's Department programs)
- Children 10 and under may be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 years or older
- There is no limit on number of children per caregiver.

We ask that you still respectfully:

- Do not enter the building if you are feeling unwell or are quarantined
- Maintain a socially distant 6 feet from anyone not from your household when possible.

Please phone either building to speak with a staff member if you have further questions or would like to prepare yourself before your in-person visit.

Main Library telephone: 973-772-5500

Allwood Branch telephone: 973-471-0555

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