

## MCKINLEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Dear Library Patrons,

Thank you for your tremendous support during this public health crisis. As businesses and organizations throughout Ohio begin to reopen this month, McKinley Memorial Library is preparing to restart library services in the safest way we possibly can. Your health and safety, along with the health and safety of Library staff, continue to be our top priorities.

As our state moves toward a re-opening of business based on Governor DeWine's <u>Responsible ReStart Ohio</u>, the Library's plans feature a slow, cautious, and phased-in return to service. We want to make sure we have the quantity and types of supplies needed and that we have developed protocols and procedures in order to conform to best practices for operating during a pandemic.

## We will reopen the book and AV return boxes on Wednesday, May 20.

We are expecting a flood of returned items, and we will do our best to safely empty the book and AV return boxes as frequently as possible. Please note the following items:

- As recommended by the Ohio Library Council, all returned materials will be quarantined for 4 days before being checked in, sanitized, and put away.
- If the return boxes are full, please do not leave your items. Any items left outside of the return boxes or outside the library building may get damaged.
- All returned materials during the pandemic will not accrue fines, even if returned late.

We plan to begin Curbside Service on Monday, June 1. Please watch for details about this new service!

While all in-person Library programming has been canceled through August, Virtual Programming will begin soon, including an all-ages Summer Reading and Activity Challenge.

Additionally, please remember that we have many wonderful resources and services you can use online:

- Digital books, movies, and music, available 24-hours a day from OverDrive, Libby, and Hoopla
- Research Databases such as Ancestry.com, Lynda.com, and Transparent Languages
- Suggestions for reading, listening, and viewing; tech help; and reference questions by emailing <a href="mailto:mckinley@mcklib.org">mckinley@mcklib.org</a>, calling (330) 652-1704, and soon-to-come chat at <a href="www.mcklib.org">www.mcklib.org</a>

While we are happy to be able to serve the public in these new ways at this time, we are sad that we cannot yet open our doors. There is no substitute for the relationships we have developed with all of you, and we can't wait to restore full library service as soon as we can do so safely.

I hope you are staying well and safe. On behalf of the staff, we miss you and can't wait to see you again.

Michelle Alleman

**Library Director**